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Do the pilgrims, men and women, have to visit the grave of the Messenger (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) and Bagee', Uhud and Quba', or is it only men who have to do that?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

It is not obligatory for the pilgrims, men or women, to visit the grave of the Messenger (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) or al-Baqee', rather it is haraam to travel with the purpose of visiting graves in general, and visiting graves is haraam for women even if they do not travel for that purpose, because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "No journey should be undertaken for the purpose of visiting any mosques except three: my mosque, al-Masjid al-Haraam and al-Masjid al-Aqsa." Agreed upon. And because he (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) cursed the women who visit graves. It is sufficient for women to pray in al-Masjid al-Nabawi, and to send many blessings upon the Messenger (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) in the mosque and elsewhere.

And Allaah is the Source of strength. May Allaah send blessings and peace upon our Prophet Muhammad and his family and companions. End quote.

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