

Salah of Traveller

It is mandatory for the travelling person to shorten his four-rak'ah salah – which are the Duhr, 'Asr, and 'Esha' – by performing them in two rak'ah.

Criteria of traveller salah

...This can be done if the following eight criteria are met:

1. That the designated distance is travelled

The distance should not be less than a total of eight parasangs including the return journey – and each parasang is approximately 5.5 kilometers.

Case: If the town has a surrounding wall then that constitutes the starting point [of the journey], and if not, the distance travelled is calculated from the last houses of the town/city.

Case: If the distance travelled is less than eight farsangs, or if the traveler does not know whether or not his journey covers eight farsangs, he should not shorten his salah.

2. That one's intention is to travel the designated distance

One should have the intention of covering the distance of eight farsangs [or more] at the outset of his journey.

One who intends to travel a distance of eight farsangs, [when leaving the town/city] must shorten his salah if he reaches a point – known as *hadd al-tarakhus* – where the walls of the city are no longer visible, and the adhan cannot be heard.

3. That one does not retract from the intention

If one changes his mind, or become hesitant [about continuing the journey] before covering a distance of four farsangs, he would be required to complete his salah.

4. That one does not cross the district of one's residence

5. That the journey is not for a prohibited purpose

6. That one is not a nomad who constantly roams the land in search of pasture and water.

7. That one's job does not involve frequent travelling

8. To reach city limits

That one leaves his hometown [or the place where he intended to stay for ten or more days] and reaches *hadd al-tarakhus*.