

Question:

Can you please tell me the evidence to say we cant travel without a mahram for more than 24hrs? also, if someone goes to a university, which is in different town, then what happens? does the father or brother need to visit on regular basis?

Can a female go abroad without a mahram, say if she is alone or with her mother?

**Answer:**

Reported by Al-Bukhari, that the Messenger muhammad (saw)said:
"Women are not to travel except with a Mahram"

And Ibn Hajar in Fath al-Bari, Kitab jaza' al-sayd chapter 26 (Women's pilgrimage), in commenting the hadith: "Women are not to travel except with a Mahram."

But If she is a non-Muslim who became Muslim, or a slave who was freed, and or a Muslim woman escaping from Dar Al-Hard it is allowed for her to travel as Safar Al-Dharura). See Fath al-Bari, 1989 ed. 4:93, al-Mughni 1994 ed. 3:168, and Nayl al- awtar 4:291.

Most the Islamic School of thought agreed that if a woman travel (Safr Al-Fareedha) Obligatory traveling for Hajj it is a permit for her travel with a sister who accompany her trustworthy Mahram.

However, It is permissible for a Muslim woman to travel less than 24 hours by plane, bus or train, which is safe in her property and Deen by all means, and she is going to be recieved at the end of her Journey by her Mahram such as her husband, father, son or brother etc...

Otherwise the woman's travel (24 hours+ without a Mahram) is haram and becomes halal only on condition that she travel with her husband, or a male Muslim mahram such as her father, her son, or her brother; or at least one trustworthy woman accompany her Mahram. This is the overall view of the fuqaha'.

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