

The image shows a close-up of a highly detailed wooden archway, likely from a Moroccan building. The arch is carved with complex geometric and floral motifs, including interlocking lines and stylized leaves. The wood is a warm, light brown color. The arch is set within a larger frame of similar carvings. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

أَهْلًا مَرُوحًا

USEFUL INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

From the tramway station in Avenue de France Agdal, you go always straight on Fal Ould Oumeir Street in the direction of Badr Mosque. When you see a restaurant called *Le 28*, take the right and continue straight. After 300 meters, you will find on your left the *Adélis* Restaurant and the school is in the building in front of it.

There will always be a member of the staff at the school during business hours, from 9.30 AM to 3.30 PM.



Emergency numbers

In case of an emergency, even if the school is closed, you can contact any of the staff members. In Rabat, the emergency number for Police is 19, Police force (Gendarmerie) is 17, Fireman is 15 and Ambulance is 15.

Currency

The currency in Morocco is the Moroccan Dirham (DH or MAD).

1 US\$ = 8.23 Dhs ; 1 € = 11.22 Dhs.

How to get to the school

All accommodation options are located within a short distance of the school. Taxis in Rabat are blue and all taxis have a meter inside (insert). Always remember to ask the driver to turn the meter on as soon as you get inside the taxi in case he hasn't. The "Big Taxi" is meant for longer rides, it is white and the fee is 5 Dhs. Basic fee for collective taxi costs 5 Dhs. The basic fee for shared taxi is 5 Dhs. Public Buses cost 5 Dhs. The tramway costs 6 Dhs.

CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

Class hours

After your welcome, you will be given a series of tests (oral and writing) to determine which level of classes will be most appropriate for you. Also, other administrative tasks will be completed.

You are expected to come to the school at 9:30 AM the first day of class and please remember to bring your passport with you. In case there is only one student in a level, instead of pushing him/her into a lower or higher level, we prefer to organize a private course of an hour and a half per day for MSA and one hour for MCA.

Lessons are held Monday through Friday and the schedule is as follows:

- MSA: From 9:30 AM to 11 AM (break from 11 AM to 11:15 AM)
- Intensive MSA: From 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM (lunch break from 12:45 PM to 1:30 PM)
- Extra Linguistic Activities in MSA from 1.30 PM to 3.30 PM
- One-to-one Classes: Students are welcome to take one-to-one classes all year-round.

Students can request the most suitable time for their courses (Monday-Friday, subject to teacher availability). In special cases, courses can be held on Saturdays as well.

Evaluation and Certificates

There are two exams, one at the end of the first two weeks of class and one on the last day of class. A certificate will be given on the last day of class. For those unable to attend the final day, arrangements will be made to send the certificate via mail. The certificate will show the number of class hours completed, the total number of course hours, the level and type of course taken, and a final evaluation of student progress. For special classes and seminars, the certificate will be given and signed by Ahlan Rabat and any co-partner.

What will my certificate represent?

Your certificate will indicate that you have studied the Arabic language and that you have achieved a certain level of ability in that language. Many universities will award credit for the course but it is up to each student to confirm the policies and requirements of their university. In order to avoid any confusion, we suggest that students contact the administration of their Universities before they register.

Extra activities in Rabat and Morocco

Rabat is a strategic location and the capital of the country. It is the administrative city of Morocco. The "Imperial Cities" (Rabat, Meknès, Fès, and Marrakech) are in a range of maximum 4 hours. Tangier is an international and cosmopolitan city, from its strategic position (across from Spain), you can see the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. The city's atmosphere is a harmony of the Andalusian, Spanish, and Arabic styles, cultures and architecture.

All major moroccan cities are connected by train. The main station will be found in the center of the city. Sometimes there will be two stations in a city like in Casablanca.

If you come in winter and you love skiing you can go to Ifrane (around 3 hours from Rabat), which it's considered the Switzerland of Maghreb.

Throughout the year you can visit wonderful towns like Asilah, a former Portuguese colony located on the Atlantic Ocean, or Chefchaouen, a mountain town in the north. It's unique because all of the houses are white and blue or violet, and the people speak French, English, Spanish and Arabic! There are also very beautiful cascades near to Chefchaouen, in a village called Akchour.

The Sahara desert is 8 hours from Rabat. The cities of Merzouga and Ouarzazate are world-famous for being the settings of popular movies like: "The Gladiator", "Indiana Jones" and "The Mummy". You can get there by bus or by car. In this beautiful setting, you can sleep in nomad camps, ride camels, watch the sunset and try some nomadic cuisine.

A number of interesting activities are also organized by Ahlan also during the week, including cultural visits, walking tours of the old city, debates and cook-along nights. If you want to organize your own trips or activities around Morocco and you need some help, or if you need advice, contacts or suggestions on how to spend your free time, don't hesitate to ask our staff for help.

We are available for you 24/7.

Suggestions from the students for particular activities are more than welcome.

LIVING AND ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation

All apartments are furnished and equipped with kitchen facilities (oven, dishes, cutlery, refrigerator, washing machine etc.) If, upon your arrival, you find that there is anything additional you require please contact the apartment manager right away or any member of the staff and your needs will be addressed as quickly as possible. Apartments do not include sheets or towels so you will need to supply them yourself.

If you find something broken or missing when you arrive, you must inform us immediately so that the apartment manager can be informed. On the last day of your stay an apartment manager will inspect your accommodation to make sure that nothing is broken or missing and that the apartment is clean. Any broken or missing items will have to be paid for before leaving and you will be charged for cleaning expenses if the house is not left in decent conditions.

Students also have the option of staying with a Moroccan family in a beautiful riad in the center of the Medina. You can choose to book a single or double room in a riad. Double rooms will be shared with another student. It is like a shared flat between students and the Moroccan family. Students can of course use the kitchen and all the other facilities. In the riad you find an open space with sofas and tables in the ground floor and the rooms are in the ground floor and second floor, sometimes with a balcony. There is also a beautiful terrace with sofas in the third floor.

Take care of the environment

The future of the Earth depends on your everyday choices.

We don't charge students for electricity or water bills, but we appreciate thoughtful students: don't use more electricity than need and please turn off the lights, television and other electrical devices when you are not in your apartment. Also remember that in Rabat there is a water shortage, so we ask you to be careful and don't use too much water or it will run out, in order to avoid unpleasant situations such as not having enough water for the shower.

ARRIVAL IN RABAT

Documents

In Morocco, generally most students will need their passport and a visa, which can be attained at the airport upon arrival. When asked to fill in the motivation for your trip to Morocco, you must write down "Tourism".

This visa remains valid for 3 months.

For an address, put the address of your apartment. Keep in mind that you may need a visa to visit other countries in the region.

Before your departure always check with your country's authorities.

What should I pack

During the summer, the climate in Rabat is generally hot, but it gets colder at night and you may need a light jacket. Most Moroccans are not accustomed to seeing people wearing the casual or revealing styles worn in the west. To show respect for the local population and to prevent harassment of any kind, women are advised not to bring/wear low necked blouses or dresses, miniskirts, halter tops, or any other garment that will leave your mid-section exposed. Students can bring a variety of attire, but should be prepared to adapt according to their surroundings.

Ahlan Rabat center and its associates cannot be held responsible for any problems that may arise for any failures to respect this warning.

On private beaches in touristy areas near Rabat, you are free to wear a bikini or other bathing suit without issue. You can ask any staff member to show you where these places are. In the winter, the weather is not as cold and rainy as in Europe, but we still advise you to bring heavy clothing.

Please also note that not all houses in Rabat have a central heating system like the ones in Europe or US, sometimes you will just find a little electrical or gas heaters. We suggest that you also bring heavy clothes to wear at home if you are here during the coldest months (December - February).