



## Alexandria

### Facts & Figures

Population: 5,000,000  
Foundation: 331 BC  
Climate: Mild winters, hot summers  
GMT Offset: GMT +2 hours



Alexandria, the second largest city in Egypt, known as "The Pearl of the Mediterranean", has an atmosphere that is more Mediterranean than Middle Eastern. Its ambience and cultural heritage distance it from the rest of the country although it is actually only 225 km. from Cairo.

Founded by Alexander the Great in 331 BC, Alexandria became the centre of culture for centuries, and it remained Egypt's capital for nearly a thousand years. Alexandria was known because of its lighthouse (Pharos), one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World; its library (the largest library in the ancient world); and the Catacombs of Kom el Shoqafa, one of the Seven Wonders of the Middle Ages.

### Courses

AMBergh Education in co-operation with the leading language institutes in Alexandria offer Arabic language courses for students of all abilities, ages and backgrounds. The courses, which are on offer all year around, are combined with many activities offered by the school. Cultural experiences provide students with valuable insights into daily life in Egypt as well as rich opportunities for language practice.

Ten course levels of both Modern Standard Arabic and Egyptian Colloquial Arabic cater to students ranging from

absolute beginners to highly advanced. You can combine your language course with other courses such as Calligraphy, Media Arabic, Economics, Political Science, Business, History, and Poetry to name just a few.

### Individual Courses

Taking an individual course gives you excellent opportunities to steer the pace and content of your lessons. You can choose to study Modern Standard Arabic or Egyptian Colloquial Arabic, or a combination of both. The tutors are very good in adapting lessons to meet the needs of their students. One-to-one tuition guarantees fast progress and focuses on developing those language skills, which are important to you. We also offer more specialized courses designed for those who seek special language skills.

### Group courses, Modern Standard Arabic & Colloquial Arabic

*Modern Standard Arabic (MSA)* is the written language of Arabic. It is developed from Classical Arabic which is the language of the Holy Quran. MSA is the language of newspapers and the media. It is a living language drawn up by educated people and intellectuals.

*Egypt Colloquial Arabic (CA)* is the spoken dialect of Egypt. Colloquial Arabic is grammatically simpler and has a less voluminous vocabulary than Modern Standard Arabic (MSA). It is the language spoken in the streets, among friends, families, and colleagues. The Egyptian Colloquial Arabic is commonly understood in the Arab countries, partly due to the spread of popular Egyptian soap operas and movies.

### Accommodation

We offer accommodation in an apartment, in a convent or in a hotel. Accommodation is generally reserved from Sunday prior to the start of the course until Saturday following the end of the course. Extra nights before and after the course can be arranged at an extra fee.

### Excursions

In addition to the courses, you are offered tours and excursions to enhance the experience of learning Arabic and Egyptian culture. Payments for excursions are made locally.

- The beaches of Alexandria
- The cafes of Alexandria
- Anfoushi Quarter
- Kom el-Shoqafa Catacombs
- Roman theatre (Kom el Dikka)
- Ras al-Tin Palace
- Qaitbay Fort
- Pompeii Column
- The Graeco-Roman Museum
- Alexandria Library
- Old Alexandria