



## Beirut

### Facts & Figures

Population: 2,000,000

Foundation: 3000 BC

Climate: Mediterranean, hot summer, pleasant spring and fall, mild rainy winter

GMT Offset: GMT +2 hours



Beirut is the capital and largest city of Lebanon with a population of over two million. Over-looking the Mediterranean Sea and flanked by the Lebanon mountains, the city offers astonishing views and experiences. Beirut's coast is diverse; rocky beaches, sandy shores, and cliffs side by side. The city enjoys a Mediterranean climate with hot and rain-free summers, pleasant fall and spring seasons, and cool, rainy winters.

Beirut's history goes back more than 5,000 years. The culture of Beirut has evolved under the influence of many civilizations and peoples, including Phoenician, Greeks, Romans, Arabs, and Ottomans. This history of cosmopolitanism is a point of pride for the Lebanese.

### Courses

AMBergh Education offers, together with a prominent language institute in Beirut, Arabic language courses in Lebanese Colloquial Arabic and Modern Standard Arabic to international students. Courses in Lebanese Colloquial Arabic, the Levantine dialect, are available in group courses and individual lessons. Courses in Modern Standard Arabic are available on an individual basis.

Lebanon offers great opportunities to practice your Arabic skills with the friendly Lebanese people in a beautiful setting near mountains and sea. The course programmes

are of different lengths and intensities and are designed to meet the needs of students with different language skills, from absolute beginners to very advanced. You will be taught by highly qualified and friendly staff in the heart of down town Beirut. All this provides you with the perfect environment to improve your language skills considerably.

### Group courses, Levantine Dialect

Colloquial Arabic, the Levantine Dialect, is the subject of group courses. The Language Institute has extensive knowledge of teaching Colloquial Arabic to foreigners and has developed its own curricula. The curricula are in Arabic - English. Unless you are an absolute beginner, you will be asked to participate in a placement test upon arrival. Books, including CDs, are purchased directly at the school at a cost of approximately \$20-40 per level.

You will study the Levantine Dialect in a class of 2-5 students. The length of group courses is four weeks, with new courses starting every month.

### Individual courses

If you choose to take an individual course, the programme can be tailored to meet your specific needs. You have the opportunity to influence the pace and content of your learning experience. You can choose to study Modern Standard Arabic or Lebanese Colloquial Arabic, or a combination of both.

### Accommodation

We offer accommodation in a student room, in an apartment or in a hotel. Accommodation is generally reserved from Sunday prior to the start of your course until Saturday following the end of the course. Extra nights of accommodation 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. Payments for excursions are made locally.

- Skiing and winter sports
- Hiking and trekking
- Beaches and Seaside
- Caves
- Zahlé – The Bride of the Bekaa Valley
- Tyre (Sour)
- Sidon (Saida)
- Jounieh
- Chouf Mountains
- Byblos (Jbail)
- Bekaa Valley
- Baalbek – the 'Sun City'