



Meknes

Facts & Figures

Population: 540,000

Foundation: 8th century

Climate: Cool winters and hot summers

GMT Offset: GMT +0 hours



Meknes, the 'City of the Hundred Minarets', is located in northern Morocco, on the verge of the Atlas Mountains, between Fez and Rabat. The original community from which Meknes can be traced was an 8th century Kasbah. The Berber tribe of Miknasa settled here in the 9th century and gave the city its name. Meknes became one of the four imperial cities, and the capital of Morocco under the reign of Moulay Ismail between 1672 and 1727.

Nowadays Meknes is more of an agricultural centre with a population of a little more than half a million. In the old medina of Meknes (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), one can find a beautiful Koran school from the 14th century, grand mosques, busy *souqs*, and an endless list of skillful craftsmanship. The El-Hdim Square is one of Meknes' highlights where musicians, story tellers, physicians of traditional medicine, and snake charmers entertain locals as well as visitors. The square is also well worth a visit - here you can enjoy a fresh mint tea on one of its terraces after walking the labyrinth streets of the medina. Meknes is less of a tourist spot than its sister cities, and as such is a bit of a hidden jewel in Morocco.

Courses

AMBergh Education in co-operation with the leading language institute in Meknes offers Arabic language courses for students of all abilities, ages and

backgrounds. Six levels of courses in Modern Standard Arabic and Moroccan Colloquial Arabic are on offer all year around, and cater to absolute beginners as well as highly advanced students. The programme can be tailored to suit your needs.

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 Moroccan 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 (MSA) is the written language of Arabic. It is developed from Classical Arabic which is the language of the Holy Koran. MSA is the language of newspapers and the media. It is a living language used predominantly by educated people and intellectuals.

Intensive group courses

During the summer months May-August and winter months December-January, intensive Arabic courses are available. The courses are taught in 4-12 week blocks in the summer and 3 weeks in the winter. You can enroll for a minimum of two weeks.

Semester group courses

During September-November and January-April, semester courses are available. The entire course duration is 13 weeks. You can enroll for a minimum of two weeks. You need to start your course at the given start date in September or January.

Accommodation

We offer accommodation with a family or in a guest house. Accommodation in Meknes 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, as well as gaining insights into Moroccan culture. Payments for excursions are made locally.

- Volubilis
- Bab Mansour gate
- Dar El Makhzen palace