Information About the Summer Language Program

Morocco, beneath the country of Spain, is geographically the gateway to Africa. Morocco combines the traditional souks in Fez and Marrakech, camel caravans in Tarazoute, beautiful sandy beaches in Agadir, and not least the legendary film "Casablanca" with Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergmann. In the midst of the oriental flair and the many cultural attractions, there is the "everyday life" which most tourists barely notice. Unless they have the wonderful opportunity to be invited into a Moroccan-American family. The participants of our work camps have the opportunity to get to know Morocco more in depth than most.

Program:

If you fly into the airport in Casablanca, we will make sure you get picked up. Please share with us your arrival details (airport / flight number / arrival time) by e-mail.

After arrival, you will be treated to a welcome drink with the other participants and teachers in the work camp. Here you will have the opportunity to get to know everyone and to ask any questions that may have come up.

Next, you will be placed with a family or in a hostel. Lunch and dinner is cooked for you and again there is the possibility to ask questions and begin getting settled in.

Our partner organization is experienced in performing work camps. Every effort will be made to ensure your satisfaction.

Lessons:

You will teach classes in English, German or French, depending on which language you have decided upon. Lessons will take place from Monday-Frid 9.30am-12.30pm.

How the lessons are structured is largely up to you and we have found that each individual has their own different teaching ideas to make up a successful lesson. The students in your class come from poor backgrounds and cannot afford to attend expensive language lessons at an academy. Therefore they greatly appreciate the efforts of volunteers. It is also a chance for them to see beyond their own country as most are unable to leave their homeland. The lessons offer an opportunity for you and the students to experience cultural exchange.

We will ensure that those with a higher level of language proficiency will be able to develop their skills further, but don't worry, we also offer beginners' courses so every level is catered for! Around 10.30am there will be a short break to relax.

Afternoons are free for you to spend time with the participants or prepare for your lessons, relax or get to know the town etc. At the weekend, our team organises excursions to the surrounding markets, beaches, the famous Moschee Hassan 2 etc. Let yourself be amazed!

Food:

The food included with the accommodation. You will together with the other participants each morning in front of the school and have breakfast. After school, there will be lunch and, in the evening, a warm meal. The exact details will be explained upon arrival. Please also let us know if you do not eat meat, then in addition to the usual salads, we will provide more cooked vegetables.

Arrival:

You will be responsible for your travel arrangements to Morocco. Our team will then meet you at the airport in Casablanca, see also Schedule (above).

Pocket Money:

The board is of course free of charge for you. If you do have extra wishes, you should bring a little spending money things like Cigarettes and visits to cafes and souvenirs).

Disease:

Please inform the work camp leader about possible health problems and about foods that you can not eat due to allergic reactions. Please remember to bring enough medication with you that you might need.

Insurance:

Prior to travel abroad, please choose insurance for the duration of your stay. For students, there are cheap fares e.g. in STATRAVEL travel agencies. You can purchase insurance when booking the flight in any good travel agency. You might be covered by parental insurance, but please verify this prior to arrival. The camp organization is not liable for any claims.

Sports:

In sports and games such as beach sports, horse riding, and swimming, you have to decide whether you can participate. You are responsible for your own activities while in the program.

Participant Contribution:

Please transfer as soon as possible the participation fees to the following account: German-Moroccan League eV / Berliner Sparkasse account number: IBAN DE40 1005 0000 0190 4227 50

This is to cover your participation costs.

Other:

If you wish more information about the land of Morocco, we recommend the travel guide "Marokko" by Erika Darr, published, "Reise Know-How". Before your trip start, we also organise a preparation day at the weekend where you can gather information about the country, its people and culture, and ask any relevant questions.

We are always available to answer any questions by email, please contact Rachid Bouriat at rachid.bouriat@dml-berlin.de