

Destination Overview Page



Rabat is the capital of Morocco and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here, tradition meets modernity, East meets West. Rabat is a beautiful city of unique neighborhoods and strong communities, strewn with royal mausoleums, a grand palace, countless mosques, ancient walls and fortresses, beautiful beaches and stunning gardens. Students will have the opportunity to explore the cultural differences they experience, consider their own identities and discuss what they learn along the journey, with the goal of developing educated, compassionate global citizens.



Morocco, Service Learning Program

The program is based in Rabat, Morocco. Rabat's physical beauty is complemented by the cosmopolitan nature of the local population and reinforced by the languages and diversity of the people. In this politically stable location, students will have the opportunity to understand the perspectives and identities of the diverse people of Morocco. From Muslim to Jewish, nomadic desert dwellers to cosmopolitan students in the city, and influences from Africa, the Middle East, and Europe, Morocco is a fascinating location to study culture, identity and diversity.

Learn about the UN Sustainable Development Goals and learn how we can support these goals locally via community engagement. Working with the local high school, we will join in classes, organize and engage in enriching activities such as workshops and seminars, helping with English language and other activities that will help us get to know local students and learn about their way of life. At the same time, we will share information about ourselves, and what our lives look like, as we exchange our cultural experiences.



Head to the Rif Mountains and explore Chefchoaun, the blue city!

Accommodation in Rabat is in a comfortable riad, a traditional Moroccan house, with a courtyard. Students will reside in shared rooms of 3-5 people (single gender) and the staff leaders will have private rooms. Rooms are furnished with beds and wardrobes. The Riad has a welcoming common living room and a kitchen where meals will be prepared. There is Wi-Fi available for use as well. The Riad is located inside the medina, the old section of Rabat, in a relaxed, friendly, and safe environment.

Sample Itinerary

| Day | Activity | Morning | Afternoon | Evening |
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| 1 | Departure, Arrival and Settling in Day. | You will be met on arrival and transferred to Rabat | Settle into your accommodation. Local orientation around Rabat | Cooking Class for Dinner! |
| 2 | Cultural Immersion Day | Arabic Lessons | Guest speaker from Amazeigh (Berber) group, to learn about the History of these indigenous people. | Prepare for Service Learning by learning about the UN SDG's and specifically Goal 4 which is about access to education. African Impact Education will provide materials. |
| 3 | Service Learning. | Today the focus will be on Access to Education. Students will visit a local school and hear from local teenagers about their education and any barriers they face to education. | Visit Hasan Tower and the local Bazaar | SDG5, Gender Equality |
| 4 | Service Learning | The focus this morning will be on Gender equality. Students will share personal experiences with local teenagers and discuss how they can impact their own communities | This afternoon students will look at SDG 13, Climate Action and the impact of Climate change on local communities. How does this affect their communities, their livelihoods and their future. | SDG 17 |
| 5 | Service Learning | | Head to the local beach this afternoon | |
| 6 | Travel | Travel to Chefchouan, in the Rif Mountains. Approx 5 hrs | Arrive, Settle in and Hike briefing from local guide | Learn about SDG 15, Life on Land and how this specifically relates to the Rif Mountains |
| 7 | Hiking | Hike to Akchour Waterfalls | Hike to Akchour Waterfalls | Movie Night |
| 8 | Chefchouan | Guided Tour of Chefchouan. Known as the 'Blue Pearl' of Morocco, because of its fantastic blue houses and streets. | Tour of Chefchouan. Visit the Spanish Mosque, shop in the medina and wander the blue streets! | Visit a local restaurant for a traditional Moroccan dinner |
| 9 | Travel | Morning in Chefchouan | Travel back to Rabat | Review Session and Presentation |
| 10 | Departure Day | Travel | Travel | Arrive Home |

This itinerary is a sample and is subject to change

- **5-, 7- and 14-day itineraries also available on request**

| Inclusions | Exclusions |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International flights• Pre departure support• Meet and greet on arrival• Local Coordinator available throughout• Airport pick up and drop off• Private transport• All meals• 8 x nights' accommodation.• Students in private dorms.• Staff in single private rooms.• Project management and materials• Service Learning program• Cooking Classes• Arabic Lesson• Amazeigh guest speaker• Hasan Tower visit• Content from our Global Awareness Programme on Gender Equality and the UN SDG's.• Trekking guide• All other excursions outlined in the itinerary• Free staff costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transport to and from the airport in home country• Medical/Travel Insurance• Visas where necessary• COVID PCR Tests, if necessary for unvaccinated travellers |