

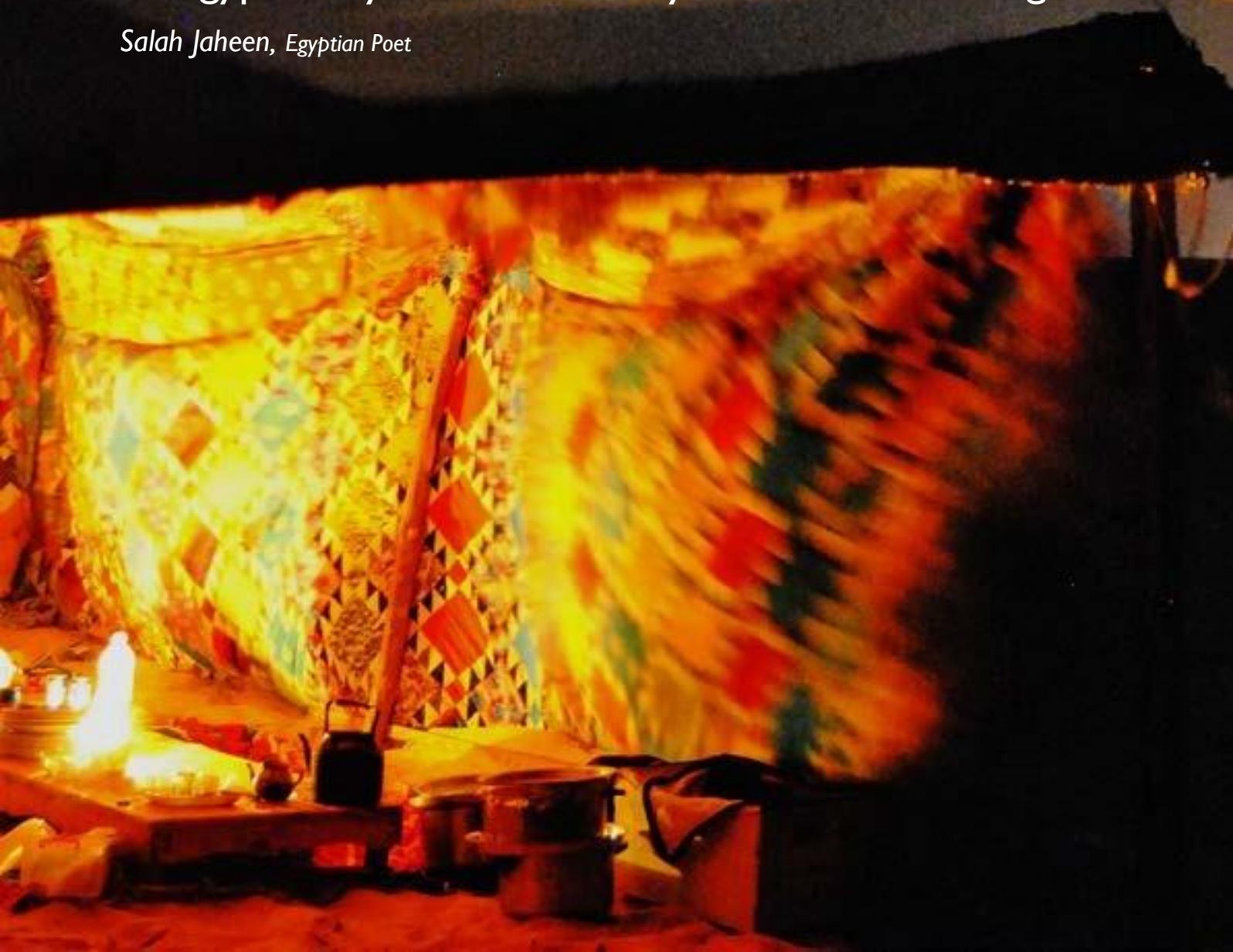
Frequently Asked Questions  
**STUDYING AT AHLAN EGYPT**  
ALEXANDRIA

أهلاً  
EGYPT

« على اسم مصر التاريخ يقدر  
يقول ما جاء أنا مصر عندي  
أحب وأجمل الأشياء »

« regardless of what history would say,  
Egypt is my beloved and my favorite of all things »

*Salah Jaheen, Egyptian Poet*



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Ahlan means *welcome*, and we do all we can to make sure each student receives a warm and friendly welcome and that their stay is a happy one.

Ahlan's hospitality and lively atmosphere makes it a great place to learn Arabic. Our students enjoy the enriching experience of being part of a growing Egyptian-International family, as well as the cultural events we offer. We have a dynamic group of teachers and guides, who in most cases have long standing friendships with former students.

The Ahlan Arabic Centre is open in the evening and the teachers often remain after hours to spend time with the students and encourage Arabic conversation outside of the classroom. Weekend cultural activities and tours to other parts of Egypt are very popular and involve both students and staff. Many of our former students come back to visit, or take further courses. They say they miss the 'family' atmosphere and the friends they have made in Egypt. Ahlan is a place hard to leave!

## ABOUT US

### WHO ARE WE?

Unique in its atmosphere, Alexandria is much different from Cairo in many ways. In Alexandria, you don't often find many tourists and foreigners. That is why most Alexandrians are not used to speaking foreign languages. However, in Alexandria you have the unique opportunity to speak Arabic with locals in many different everyday situations, either at the colorful cafes, at the neighborhood market or on the local means of transportation. Everybody will be more than happy to talk with you, to answer any questions, and give you precious pieces of advice about anything you would love to know.

Even though the summer temperatures are extremely high in Egypt, being in Alexandria offers you the opportunity to go to many beaches. You can also take a long trip along the coast and visit the amazing beaches along Egypt's Mediterranean Coast. In fact, it is usually quite easy to find inexpensive transportation to what is referred to as the Egyptian "North Coast". While traveling there, you'll find several holiday villages and private beaches where you can relax and swim without being bothered. Despite the fact that Alexandria is a city of approximately 6 million inhabitants, it is a quiet, comfortable and warm-hearted city. Difficulties are seldom encountered and neither the people nor the officials cause disturbance to foreign tourists. Everyone you meet is more than happy to lend a helping hand in any situation. Strolling through the souk (market), drinking a juice at one of the cafes at the seaside, having a delicious dinner of fresh fish, visiting the ancient Greco-Roman monuments, the marvelous mosques, and studying at the brand-new, world famous Alexandrian Library, are just some of the exciting activities that you can experience in this unique city.

## WHAT TO EXPECT? COURSES

Arabic is a beautiful, dynamic language and it is worth spending time studying it. Apart from lessons with our expert teachers, the institute offers many activities that provide opportunities to practice speaking Arabic.

Time outside the city, frequent visits to historical sites and markets (souk), meeting local people and making friends with Egyptians are all ways to increase your language skills. No matter your level, Ahlan-Egypt encourages you to embrace Arabic and practice speaking and reading the language inside and outside the institute.

Alexandria is one of the best cities for learning Arabic because very few of the natives speak English and also because the Alexandrians are very curious about foreigners who want to learn their language. It is a wonderful environment for the study of the Arabic language.



Learning in Ahlan is also fun!

# COURSES

## OUR OFFER

Ahlan Arabic Center offers Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) – normal and intensive- and Egyptian Colloquial Arabic (ECA) courses for seven levels of ability, from beginners to advanced. Classes are held daily, Sunday to Thursday.

The normal course in MSA consists of three hours daily.

The course in ECA consists of two hours daily.

In July and August Ahlan Egypt offers a special program called Teacher Training Program. It is cheaper and it combines MSA classes held by training teachers with classes held by experienced teachers.

During the summer you can have also an intensive course combines MSA three hours daily and Extra Linguistic Activities, such as games that test linguistic skills and conversation.

For students who would like to study for four months or more, Ahlan Egypt provides long term programs for both MSA and ECA.

Our team of teachers is composed of professional, highly experienced, Arabic native speakers, specialized in teaching Arabic to foreigners.

The number of students in each class will be limited to ten. The school uses a humanistic-communicative approach where each student is encouraged to play a central role in his/ her learning process. Teaching methods are based on the principle that a language is learned to communicate in every-day situations and the techniques used allow the student to practice in what he/she already knows through conversational situations. In addition to conversational activities such as scene play, role play and group discussions. There are also games which serve to further stimulate communication in the language. Of course, the lessons, both in Modern Standard Arabic and Egyptian Colloquial Arabic, are organized using several methods of teaching including grammar, multi-media, literature, poetry, songs and movies. All year-round, we have one-to-one classes or the special group.

The reference textbook used for Modern Standard Arabic is *Al-Kitaab fii Ta'allum al-'Arabiyya* by Kristen Brustad, Mahomoud Al-Batal and Abbas Al-Tonsi.

# COURSES OFFER AND PRICES

## MODERN STANDARD ARABIC (MSA)

1 week (15 hours) **90 EURO**  
Three hours daily from Sunday to Thursday

*Minimum course length: 1 week*

## EGYPTIAN COLLOQUIAL ARABIC (ECA)

1 week (10 hours) **75 EURO**  
Two hours daily from Sunday to Thursday

*Minimum course length: 1 week*

## MSA + ECA INTENSIVE PROGRAM

1 week (25 hours) **150 EURO**  
Five hours daily (3 hours MSA and 2 hours ECA), from Sunday to Thursday

*Minimum course length: 1 week*

## MSA INTENSIVE PROGRAM

1 week (25 hours) **150 EURO**  
Five hours daily (3 hours MSA and 2 hours Extra Linguistic Activities), from Sunday to Thursday

*Minimum course length: 1 week  
It is available only in summer*

## MSA TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM

1 week (15 hours) **65 EURO**  
Three hours daily, from Sunday to Thursday  
*Minimum course length: 1 week*

## ECA TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM

1 week (10 hours) **50 EURO**  
Three hours daily, from Sunday to Thursday.

*Minimum course length: 1 week*

## LONG-TERM COURSES

### MSA INTENSIVE PROGRAM

Five hours daily, from Sunday to Thursday

	Experienced teachers	Trainee teachers
16 weeks	<b>1 400 EURO</b>	<b>700 EURO</b>
24 weeks	<b>2 000 EURO</b>	<b>1 000 EURO</b>
36 weeks	<b>3 000 EURO</b>	<b>1 500 EURO</b>
48 weeks	<b>4 000 EURO</b>	<b>2 000 EURO</b>

### ECA INTENSIVE PROGRAM

Five hours daily, from Sunday to Thursday

	Experienced teachers	Trainee teachers
16 weeks	<b>1 150 EURO</b>	<b>575 EURO</b>
24 weeks	<b>1 650 EURO</b>	<b>825 EURO</b>
36 weeks	<b>2 500 EURO</b>	<b>1 250 EURO</b>
48 weeks	<b>3 300 EURO</b>	<b>1 650 EURO</b>

# COURSES

## OFFER AND PRICES

### WHAT IS TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMME?

The teacher-training programme provides an opportunity for you to learn Arabic at a cheaper rate, while giving graduates of Arabic a chance to practise their newly learned teaching skills. The trainee-teachers will have completed a period of teacher training at Ahlan and during their teaching practise are supervised and monitored by experienced and qualified teachers.

It is an excellent opportunity for young trainee teachers to gain teaching experience, while allowing students to pay less for learning Arabic.

### ONE-TO-ONE CLASSES

Students are welcome to one-to-one classes all year-round

The cost per hour is:  
15 EUR for advanced study  
12 EUR with experienced teachers  
6 EUR with training teachers

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# COURSES

## SKYPE CLASSES

We can easily organize Arabic in your home with Skype.

A one-hour connection costs:

10 EUR - with experienced teacher

5 EUR - with training teacher

12 EUR - for advanced studies or exams preparation

Once you chose the kind of tuition you prefer, you should buy a package of at least 10 hours and pay to our bank account (including bank charges). The transfer of money usually takes 5 days and as soon as we receive the payment we'll put you in contact with the teacher. To speed up the process, you can send us the bank receipt. If we do not receive the net amount of money, your course hours will be adjusted according to the amount received.

The first meeting with the teacher - 15 minutes more or less - is free of charge and you will have a test which will be checked by our teachers to determine your level, then you and the teacher can discuss the program directly together and fix the schedule.

Please note that the time of each lesson will be indicated in Egyptian time.

Of course we are very flexible, classes don't have to be at specific time. You can arrange everything with the teacher and do your lesson in the morning, afternoon, evening or even in the night, any day of the week, according to your preferences and the teacher's availability. You can start your lessons following the agreed schedule and program. If you have any kind of problem (with the teacher, or anything else), you can easily contact us, we will do our best to solve the problem as soon as possible.

# COURSES

## MEDIA CLASSES

The role of media in the Arab world has gained more and more importance in recent years. In this course, which lasts four weeks, you will learn useful media vocabulary, the basics of reading and writing articles in Arabic, and how best to approach and navigate Arab news sources, especially those distributed on the internet.

*Minimum and maximum number of course participants: 3-5*

If alone, you will take half the scheduled hours.

Course: 80h organised in daily lessons of 4h each.



# COURSES

## CANCELLATION POLICY



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If you have to cancel your course after booking and/or paying it, the following cancellation policy will be applied:

*Cancellation up to 45 days before the arrival:*  
refund of the total amount

*Cancellation up to 30 days before the arrival:*  
refund of tuition fees, which do not include inscription fees and accommodation

*Cancellation up to 15 days before the arrival:*  
refund of the only pick up service

*Last minute cancellation:*  
no refund

NB: Students are always welcome to change destination at any time and go to another Ahlan School! Also, you can convert the amount of the tuition fees into Skype classes!

### ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS

From our extensive experience, absolute beginners need a lot of time to memorize, write and pronounce the Arabic alphabet. We advise students to at least learn the alphabet before they arrive for their course and encourage them to complete up to eight for one hour group lessons with Ahlan, on Skype, to introduce them to the fundamentals of Arabic.

These lessons are offered free and our wonderful teacher Heba, will explain the Arabic alphabet to groups of beginners (using the English language). Please contact us as soon as possible so that we can arrange small groups according to Egyptian time.

# CALENDAR

## COURSES 2018

Ahlan courses begin every two weeks on Sunday, with some exceptions. Start dates for 2018 are as follows:

### WINTER 2018

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January 8th  
January 21st  
February 4th  
February 18th  
March 4th  
March 18th  
April 1st  
April 15th  
April 29th

### SUMMER 2018

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May 13th  
May 27th  
June 10th  
June 24th  
July 8th  
July 22th  
August 5th  
August 19th  
September 2nd  
September 16th  
September 30th

October 14th  
October 28th  
November 11th  
November 25th  
December 9th  
December 23rd

### HOLIDAYS 2018

January 7th  
*Coptic Christmas Day*

January 25th  
*Revolution Day*

April 9th  
*Spring Festival*

June 14<sup>th</sup> to June 17th  
*Eid el-Fitr (Islamic holidays)*

*June 30th revolution*

August 22<sup>nd</sup> to August 25th  
*Eid el-Adha (the feast of the Sacrifice)*

September 11th  
*Coptic New Year*

*October 6<sup>th</sup> Armed Forces Day*

December 25th  
*Christmas*

NB. In the case of a public holiday at any point during a course, missed days will be discounted from the overall course price.

### SPECIAL WINTER PROGRAM

A special programme combining travel and study in other Ahlan centres is now available for the winter months: you will have the opportunity to visit the most important monuments and historical sites of Alexandria, Luxor and Cairo, while studying Arabic.

Cairo, Alexandria and Luxor run classes at the same time. So, if you book to study more than six weeks in winter time, it will be possible to change centres between Alexandria to Cairo and Luxor at no extra cost, apart from a train ticket.

This special offer allows you to enhance your experience of Egypt, while following your program of study!

# SCHOOL LIFE

## CLASS HOURS

After being welcomed on the first day of school, each student will be given a series of tests to determine which level of course is the most appropriate for her/his ability level. Other administrative tasks and placement issues are dealt with on the second day.

Once the regular schedule begins, classes will last 3 hours (MSA Normal), 2 hours (ECA) and 3 + 2 hours (MSA Intensive). Tea is provided during the breaks.

Each class will have maximum of three different instructors that will be following a corresponding curriculum for each group.

In case there is only one person in a level, instead of pushing him/her into a lower or higher level, we prefer to organize a private tuition of the half hours of the course

One-to-one classes are generally organized in afternoon.

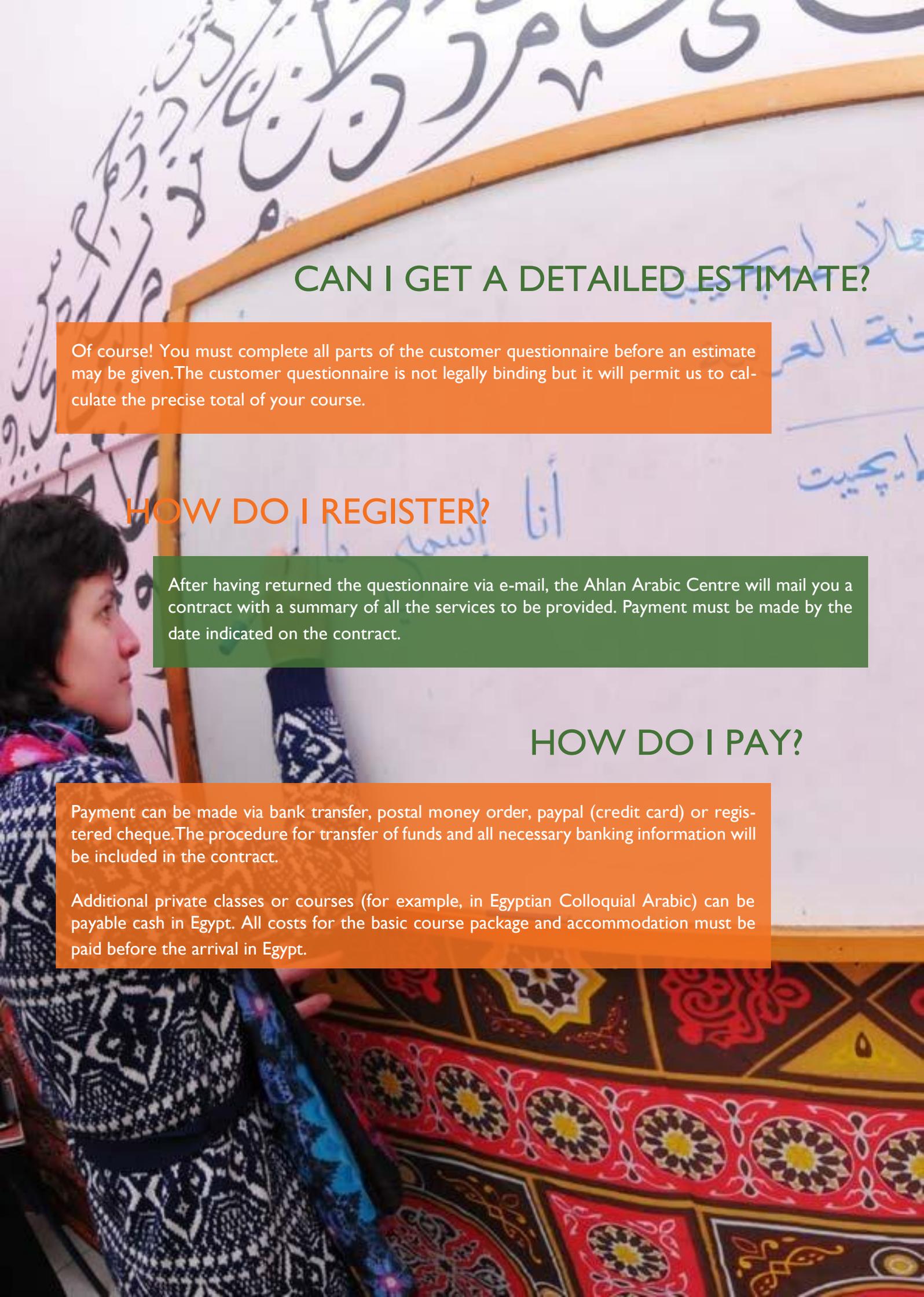
Lessons are held from Sunday to Thursday and the schedule is as follows:

*Modern Standard Arabic from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM*

*Extra Linguistic Activities from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM*

*Egyptian Colloquial Arabic from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM*

One-to-one classes are available all year-round upon request. Also, this is completely independent and students are encouraged to communicate their preferred times to staff at the institute.



## CAN I GET A DETAILED ESTIMATE?

Of course! You must complete all parts of the customer questionnaire before an estimate may be given. The customer questionnaire is not legally binding but it will permit us to calculate the precise total of your course.

## HOW DO I REGISTER?

After having returned the questionnaire via e-mail, the Ahlan Arabic Centre will mail you a contract with a summary of all the services to be provided. Payment must be made by the date indicated on the contract.

## HOW DO I PAY?

Payment can be made via bank transfer, postal money order, paypal (credit card) or registered cheque. The procedure for transfer of funds and all necessary banking information will be included in the contract.

Additional private classes or courses (for example, in Egyptian Colloquial Arabic) can be payable cash in Egypt. All costs for the basic course package and accommodation must be paid before the arrival in Egypt.



## EVALUATION AND CERTIFICATE

There are two exams, one at the end of the first two weeks of class and one on the last day of class. You will be presented with your final certificate on the evening of your last day of class. For those unable to attend the final evening, you will be able to arrange with the administration to receive your certificate via mail. The information provided on your certificate will include the number of class hours you have logged, the total number of hours that the course ran, the level and type of course taken, and a final evaluation of your progress.

### WHAT WILL MY CERTIFICATE REPRESENT?

Your certificate will indicate that you have studied the Arabic language and that you have achieved a certain level of ability in that language and is recognized by the Egyptian government. Many universities will award credits for the course but it is up to each student to confirm with their university what the policies and requirements are. In order to avoid any confusion, we suggest contacting the administration of your university before you register.

## SCHOOL LIFE FINAL CERTIFICATE

# SCHOOL LIFE

## OTHER PROGRAMS

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### INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

For those who are planning to stay for at least 8 weeks, a training program with some NGOs in Cairo, Luxor or Alexandria can be available. For more information, please contact [ahlan@ahlan-world.com](mailto:ahlan@ahlan-world.com)



# SCHOOL LIFE

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Apart from teaching Arabic, the Institute encourages its students to converse with native Arabic speakers outside of the classroom. Its evening and weekend cultural activities, as well as language and cultural exchanges with Egyptian students (TANDEM), are very popular and encourage students to practise the Arabic they have learnt.

Teachers often remain after hours to spend time with the students and encourage Arabic conversation.

Most of our activities are in Arabic and our cultural programme offers excursions to historic sites, museums and desert oases.

The programme includes one-day tours of Alexandria's most historical sites, such as the Roman Amphitheatre, the Catacombs of Kim el Shoqafa and Roman Pompey's Pillar, the main mosques and Coptic churches.

More modern sites include the National Museum, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, the Montaza Royal Gardens as well as to the souks, such as Bahary and Anfushi.

In the summer the Institute organizes one-day trips to the beach at Marina on the North Coast and Montaza or Agami beaches in Alexandria. Tasting the local food is a must – Alexandrian fish dishes are famous throughout Egypt. Wandering through the local souks is a great way to pass the time.

There are also seminars on different topics including Ancient and Modern Egyptian History, Women in Islam, Sufism, the Arab Spring etc. Students can try their hand at Arabic calligraphy, shake their hips in belly dancing workshops, cook up an Egyptian meal under the supervision of experts.

Weekend cultural activities and tours to other parts of Egypt are very popular and involve both students and staff.

These tours highlight Egyptian history and heritage and include two or three-days tours to Siwa and Bahareya Oases and the White and Black Desert, Fayoum, Rashed and Cairo.

These tours are always organized within the context of responsible and sustainable tourism so that local communities benefit directly.



# SCHOOL LIFE

## WHAT IS RESPONSIBLE TOURISM?

Responsible tourism works in harmony with the needs and lives of the native peoples and cultures. It is a pleasant, social approach to tourism that fosters goodwill and respect between locals and visitors. Unlike multinational tourism it is not motivated by profit.

Tourism is now one of the world's primary activities and is a major money earner for Egypt. However, research shows that it is also a major contributor to the destruction of the environment, the erosion of culture and the waste of valuable resources. Many of the tourism companies achieve these profits at the expense of native peoples who are exploited as a labor force and are frequently forced away from their traditional jobs and activities. The environment is affected by pollution and the abuse of local resources. Local inflation forces people to move to other areas to live.

The management of sustainable, healthy tourism must grow from the cooperation between the more advanced countries of the North and those of the South that are, in many cases, less developed.



# ACCOMMODATION

## Ahlan Resident Accommodation

The New Hotel is only 5 minutes walking from the school,

is furnished and equipped with kitchen facilities (oven, dishes, cutlery, refrigerator, etc), washing machine, bathroom, etc.

The address of the hotel: 5 El-Abiari Street, Al Attarin, Alexandria.

Single room: the cost is 14 euro (per night)

Single room: the cost is 300 euro (30 nights)

Double room: the cost is 8 euro per person (per night)

Double room: the cost is 150 euro per person (30 nights)

Triple room: the cost is 5 euro per person (per night)

Triple room: the cost is 125 euro per person (30 nights)

## Apartments

### HOW MUCH DO THE APARTMENTS COST?

A single apartment will cost 600 EUR . For those who prefer a single room the cost would be 75 EUR weekly and 300 euro monthly for those who prefer a double room the cost would be 40 EUR per person weekly and 150 euro monthly . Please note that minimum staying is two weeks.



# ACCOMMODATION

## APARTMENTS

### WHO IS THE BAUAB AND WHAT DOES HE DO?

Bauab roughly translates to Porter in English. The Bauab is common in Egyptian hotels and around Egyptian apartment complexes. He provides a variety of services and information for guests, including helping you with your baggage, local information and where you can find and buy any of the items and services you require or maybe just help you find a cigarette late at night.

The Bauab and his family are generally warm and friendly people who will be very helpful with your conversational skills. Like many Egyptians the Bauab earns a very low salary and therefore depends upon earning tips from the customers who he services. The usual tip is approximately 50 Egyptian pounds monthly per flat.

### IS THERE A TELEPHONE IN THE APARTMENT?

No, apartments do not come equipped with telephones. For people planning to stay longer than 4 months, it is possible to get a flat with telephone and internet connection.

### HOW DO I GET INTO MY ACCOMMODATION?

Apartments are usually shared. If you have requested a transfer from the airport or the bus/train station, the person meeting you in Alexandria will have the key for you. If, however, you have not requested a transfer, it will be necessary to pick up your key at the institute. The institute hours for the two days previous to the beginning of classes are 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. If you are arriving out-side of those hours it will be necessary to contact us in advance so we can arrange to have some - one at the institute to meet you when you arrive, to give you the keys.

For those who are staying in the apartments, your accommodation will be available starting on Saturday evening (before the beginning of the course) and check out will be on Friday evening (the day after the last day of the course). If you need to stay on for any additional time please advise the institute administration so an alternative accommodation (usually a hotel or a room in a con-vent) can be found in advance.

The Convent of Saint Katherine, located in Sharia Mansheya Soghbara, is only 7 minutes walking from the institute.

Rooms in the convent include sheets but not towels. There is also the possibility of having a small kitchen facility available and breakfast is included. There is a washing machine and you can use it for free!

All convent rooms are double or single. The convent in the summer is open until 12 AM every night while in winter it's open until 11 PM.

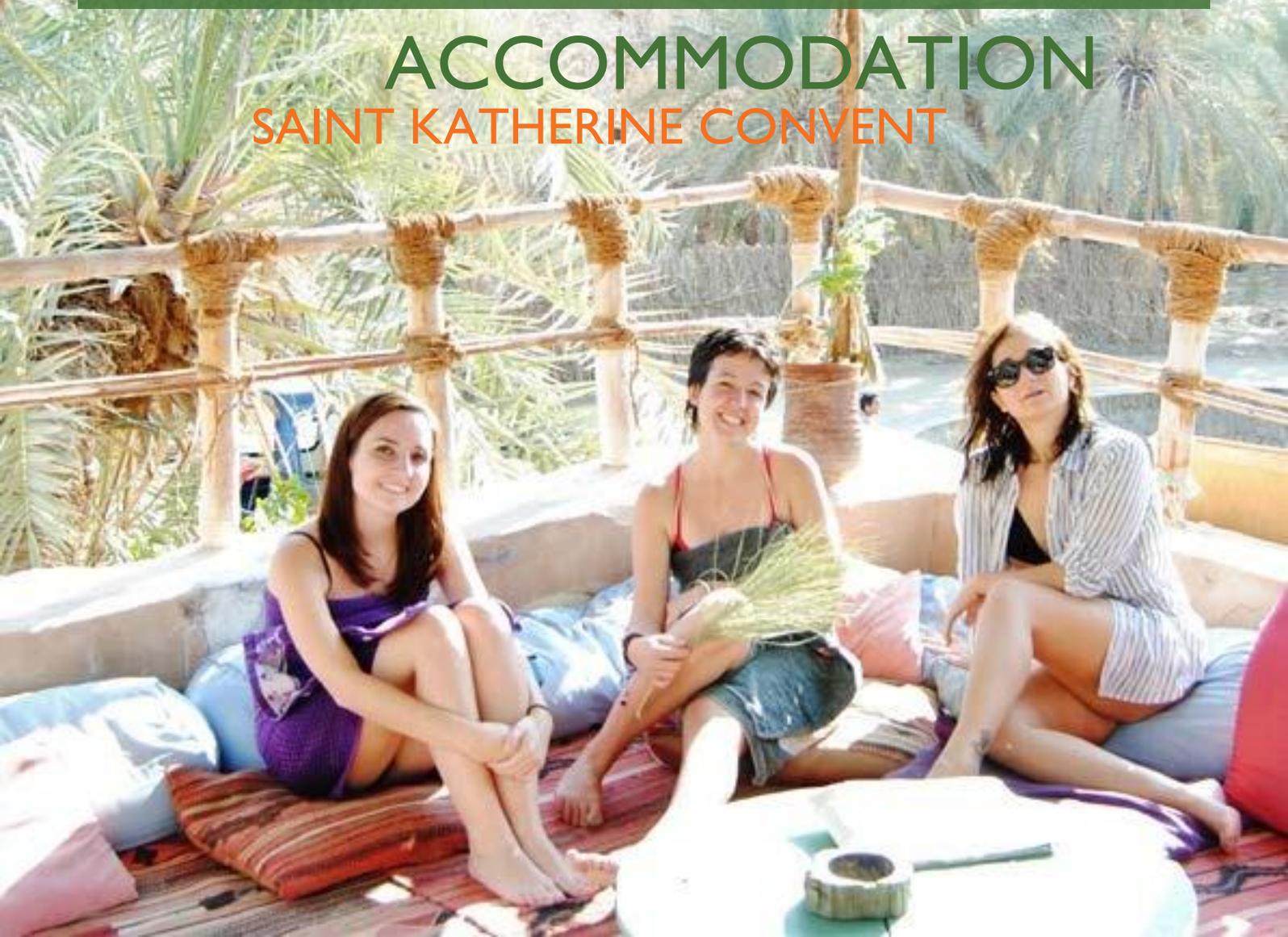
Important note: we can not arrange double rooms between students. If you need a double room it means that you are coming with a friend; if not, you have to pay the single room.

Check-in time is after 12 pm of the first day, check-out time is before 12 pm.

Costs for rooms at Saint Katherine's depend on the season and on the type of room:

	SINGLE	DOUBLE
Room with AC and bathroom	21 Euro	28 Euro (14 Euro per person)
Room with fan and bathroom	18 Euro	26 euro (13 Euro per person)
Room with fan and shared bathroom (outside)	12 Euro	18 Euro (9 Euro per person)

## ACCOMMODATION SAINT KATHERINE CONVENT



# TRAVEL

## HOW TO GET TO ALEXANDRIA

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Some airlines such as Egypt Air and Turkish Airlines, fly directly to Alexandria. Most, however, fly to Cairo, which is about 250 km from Alexandria.

For those who arrive in Cairo:

Approximately every hour - from 5 AM to midnight - there are buses, such as Super Jet and West Delta that leave from the Cairo Airport and goes directly to the Alexandria bus station. Some of the buses make many stops along the way and can take up to 8 hours to complete the journey. In order to take this bus you have to first take the shuttle that goes from Terminal 3 or 1 to the bus station (Terminal 2 is currently closed). The bus station is located on the back side of the Novotel Hotel at the Cairo Airport. We recommend that you ask the information desk about the proper shuttle before exiting the Terminal. The airport shuttle service is free.

The price of the bus service from Cairo to Alexandria is about 50 EGP, which is approximately 7 EUR. At present, due to the unpredictability of the schedules, this service is not constantly guaranteed. Therefore, if you decide to take the bus, we cannot guarantee you transportation from the Alexandria bus station to your accommodation. If you are able to take a taxi from the Alexandria bus station to your accommodation, please make sure you bargain before getting into the taxi and be aware that should not pay more than 25 or 30 EGP. In cases of emergency, if you arrive in Alexandria by bus but find that you are not able to get to your accommodation or the institute by yourself, we can pick you up if you call the emergency number (paid service).

You will get the emergency number before coming to Alexandria with the rest of the orientation package.

Although the train is the fastest and most practical service to Alexandria, the availability of tickets from one day to the next is not reliable in summer time. There are two stations in Alexandria, Sidi Gaber and Mahattet Masr which is the central station of the city. The institute is closer to the central one. Train time starting around 6 AM and finishing around 9 PM.

### ATTENDANT FOR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

If you have requested transportation to your accommodation a representative of the institute will meet you at your scheduled arrival time in Alexandria or Cairo.

Your attendant will have a sign written "Ahlan-Egypt".

If you are coming by airplane, the attendant will wait for you after the passport control (outside the Arrival Terminal).

### HOW MUCH WILL THE TRANSFER COST?

Transfer from Cairo airport to the accommodation would cost 55 EUR.

Transfer from Alexandria airport to the accommodation would cost 30 EUR.



Playing in the desert



## USEFUL INFO DOCUMENTS

You will need to contact the Egyptian consular institutions in your own country to get precise information about the required documentation for this trip. In general you will need your passport and a visa stamp. Visa can be acquired after your arrival in the airport at banking kiosks that you will see before you pass through immigration. The cost will be 25 USD or, if you prefer, you may pay in Euros and you will receive change in Egyptian currency.

## WHAT TO PACK

In summer the climate is warm and humid. There is some relief provided by the relative proximity of the sea but you should plan on warm or hot weather.

In winter, it is quite cold and windy. There are no heating system, so we advise you to bring heavy clothes. The city of Alexandria is generally not frequented by European tourists and the inhabitants are not accustomed to some of the casual or revealing styles more popular in western cities. In an attempt to show respect for the local population and considering the possibility of resentment in their interactions with European women PLEASE DO NOT BRING/WEAR LOW NECKED BLOUSES OR DRESSES, MINI SKIRTS, HALTER TOPS, OR ANY OTHER GARMENT THAT WILL LEAVE YOUR MID SECTION EXPOSED!

Anything that you can leave behind for charity - orphanages and the poor - will be greatly appreciated!

*The Institute and its associates cannot be held responsible for any problems arising from not following the advices above.*

# LIFE IN ALEXANDRIA

## UTILITIES

### PLUGS AND ELECTRICITY

The electrical service is 220 volt (outlets have two holes).

### TELEPHONE SERVICE

Cell phones are convenient and practical because it is possible to text messages (contact your provider first to confirm service and pricing), but the cost of calls will be based on both the call and the response.

To telephone from Egypt: calling cards for use with public phones cost 20 EGP (less than 3 EUR) and will last about 4 minutes.

It is also possible to buy an Egyptian SIM card that will last for about one month. They can be purchased at the Vodafone, Orange or Etisalat centers in Egypt. Take your passport with you, a card is 2 euro.

### COMPUTER AND INTERNET

The institute has wireless internet service and the ability to make it available to anyone whose computer is equipped for wireless operation. All students at the institute are welcome to use this service at no extra charge.

If, for any reason, this service will not work for you, you will have no problem finding an internet café in Alexandria. The approximate cost for 1 hour on the internet is 1 EUR.

If you need regular internet connection for your laptop you can buy a USB, activation is 150 ep and the monthly costs for 7 giga is 100ep monthly. Around 20 euro if you stay a month!



Ahlan leaving its mark even in the desert!

# WHERE ARE WE? AHLAN WORLD

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