

Choate Rosemary Hall Summer Program in Rabat, Morocco (Arabic and French Languages) June 8-July 6, 2019



Program Overview:

Choate Rosemary Hall's four-week program in Morocco is open to beginning through advanced Arabic language students as well as intermediate to advanced French language students interested in studying in this Francophone region. Working in conjunction with AMIDEAST, students live with host families in Rabat, take courses in the appropriate language and in colloquial Arabic and participate in lectures and cultural activities. Immersion in the routines of daily Moroccan life enables our students to not only improve their knowledge of language and culture, but also to gain self-confidence and a better understanding of themselves as global citizens.

Academic Program:

Weekdays students take their Moroccan Colloquial Arabic class, followed by either Modern Standard Arabic or French language class in the afternoon. Students also participate in sessions with language partners to help further their language abilities. In addition, participants attend lectures and workshops to learn about Moroccan History, Arabic Calligraphy, regional cooking, and more, all taught in English.

Excursions:

Field trips and excursions extend the classroom in and around Rabat where students will experience sites of interest. In addition, they participate in longer excursions to the Roman ruins in Volubulis, experience traditional arts and crafts in Fez, the Spanish Mosque in Chefchaouen and an overnight in the desert near Merzougua, complete with camel rides in the sand dunes, and a stop in the city of Marrakech before returning back to Rabat.

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Program Dates and Travel Arrangements:

Students depart on Saturday, June 8, and the program officially begins with arrival at the Rabat airport the following day. The program concludes on Saturday, July 6 at the Rabat airport.

Choate arranges a designated round-trip group flight from JFK International Airport to the Rabat International Airport in Morocco. Our Choate faculty member travels on this outbound flight on June 8, but not on the return flight on July 6. Participants are not required to purchase a ticket on the designated flight, but those not doing so are asked to arrive in Rabat by a specified time on June 9.

Eligibility:

Participating students must have completed ninth, tenth or eleventh grade. No prior knowledge of the Arabic language is required for participation. French language students must have completed at least two full years of high school French (or its equivalent). While open to all qualifying French language students, preference will be given to those who have already attended Choate's language immersion program in France.

Application Deadline:

The summer study abroad application can be found here: <u>http://www.choate.edu/summer</u>. The **application deadline is March 15, 2019.**

Medical and Emergency Services:

During the program students are covered by International SOS (ISOS), an international medical and travel security services company. This coverage works in conjunction with Cigna Insurance to whom all international claims will be submitted. If you are interested in learning more about ISOS's services please visit <u>www.internationalsos.com</u> and enter Choate's membership number: 11BCAS088164.

In addition to our services with ISOS, Choate continuously monitors world events and may, when safety and/or security dictate, move a program's location or cancel a program entirely.

Costs:

The program tuition is \$6,850. This fee covers all program expenses in Morocco and International SOS coverage. Not included in this cost are international airfare, passport and visa fees (if applicable), and personal spending money. Financial aid is not available for Choate's summer abroad programs.

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