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CSM MOROCCO CULTURAL PROGRAMS -2018-

VOLUNTARY WORK PLACEMENT

NAME AND CODE OF THE PROJECT	Learning Arabic <u><i>CSM06 01-30/06/2018</i></u> <u><i>CSM07 01-30/07/2018</i></u> <u><i>CSM08 01-30/08/2018</i></u> <u><i>CSM09 01-30/09/2018</i></u>
LOCATION COUNTRY EMAIL CONTACT PERSON	RABAT MOROCCO Contact person: + 212 655832272 (HAMID) Emergency number: +212 654482151 CSM COORDINATOR HAMID GHARBAL EMAIL Hamid.gharbal@gmail.com
THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT	Learn Arabic and discover Moroccan culture
PROJECT FEES	350 euros per month (including Arabic classes, food and accommodation in the host family)
	The aim of this project is to give the opportunity to people interested in learning Arabic and to come and discover the beautiful country of

<p>AIMS OF THE PROJECT</p>	<p>Morocco. By living with a Moroccan host family, the participants will be completely emerged in the local culture and will be able to take part in and adopt a Moroccan way of life. The idea is also to manage time in the morning to do some volunteer work to contribute to the development of the local society in addition to the Arabic lessons that will take place in the afternoon.</p>
<p>5 GOOD REASONS TO LEARN ARABIC</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arabic is the 5th most commonly spoken language in the world and an official language of the United Nations, the Arab League, the Organization of Islamic Conference, and the African Union. 2. Arabic is the language of Islam, understood by Muslims throughout the world. 3. There is a high demand for Arabic-speakers in the Western world; it opens job opportunities in a lot of fields: journalism, business and industry, education, finance and banking, translation and interpretation, consulting, foreign service and intelligence, and many others. 4. Knowing Arabic can promote intercultural understanding: Westerners are presented with one-dimensional negative stereotypes about Arabic-speaking people through the news media, films etc. People who know Arabic can negotiate the cultural and linguistic gap between nations and assist in solving and avoiding intercultural conflict. 5. Arabic influence is evident in many other languages.
<p>MORE INFO ABOUT THE PROJECT</p>	<p>People interested in this project can choose between learning Darija, the Moroccan dialect, and Fusha, classic Arabic.</p> <p>Morocco is a safe and politically stable North African Muslim country, which makes it the ideal place to learn more about Arabic and Islamic influences. One of the best ways to develop greater knowledge of Islamic culture is to learn Arabic. In our program, we offer the participants 10 hours of tuition per week and volunteering hours in one of our projects in the morning.</p>
<p>COMMUNITY CONTEXT</p>	<p>Rabat is the capital and fourth largest city of Morocco with an average population of 580,000 people. It combines both Mediterranean and Oceanic influences in many aspects. Rabat's climate is mild and temperate, with cool winters and warm summer days. The city is quite dynamic as far as cultural activity is concerned thanks to many structures (Theatre Mohammed V right in the city centre, Cinema Renaissance, official galleries and the archaeological</p>

	<p>museum) and active associative work.</p> <p>Rabat provides a cosmopolitan setting which gives a good opportunity to improve your French. Although Arabic is the official language in Morocco, Rabat is an administrative and business center meaning that French is culturally very important because most of the official activities are conducted in French and many diplomats live in the city. If you don't know much Arabic, French or even English will be alternatives that you can use to communicate and learn at the same time.</p> <p>Further information about the country will be attached in the National Profile form.</p>
<p>ACCOMMODATION DETAILS</p>	<p>The volunteers will live in hosts families where they will be given 3 meals per day.</p>
<p>CAMP ADDRESS</p>	<p>CSM IMM 13 APP 06 rue elmowahidine Quartier Hassan</p>
<p>ARRIVAL POSSIBILITIES AND MEETING POINT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you choose to arrive directly in Rabat Airport, we can arrange someone to pick you up for 150 dirhams, otherwise the meeting point will be Rabat Ville Train Station. • To get to the Rabat Ville Train Station from the airport you can take the bus right outside the airport for 20 dirhams and it will leave you in front of the train station. With a taxi, it should cost you about 100 dirhams (price negotiable). • If you arrive in any other airport of the country, you will be able to reach Rabat by train, check the timetable and connections on www.oncf.ma <p>Once you have your flights details please pass them by e-mail to your interlocutor so you can arrange with him/her the meeting point.</p> <p>The info sheet will be send to you by e-mail 3 weeks prior departure.</p>



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<p>NAME OF THE PROJECT</p>	<p>Trekking in the mountains of Marrakech</p> <p><u>CSM14 15-26/06/2018</u> <u>CSM15 15-26/07/2018</u> <u>CSM16 15-26/08/2018</u> <u>CSM17 15-26/09/2018</u></p>
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<p>THEME OR TYPE OF PROJECT</p>	<p>Guided trekking in the Marrakech mountains!</p>
<p>PROJECT FEES</p>	<p>400 Euros</p>
<p>PROJECT PARTNER</p>	<p>CSM Local branch in Marrakech</p>

<p>AIMS OF THE PROJECT</p>	<p>The aim of this project is to offer the participants the opportunity to get to know the Moroccan culture while doing a special activity and going on an exciting adventure. The program includes visiting Rabat and Marrakech not only as tourist, but also to enjoy and get to know the Moroccan culture and to get immersed in it by participating in the several activities proposed. The main goal of this project is to promote intercultural understanding and bonds.</p>
<p>MORE INFO ABOUT THE PROJECT</p>	<p>This project will combine discovering the city of Marrakech; trekking around in the Marrakech mountains and doing some solidarity work with the local population in the mountains. Participants will spend the first week in Rabat in a host family in order to get emerged into the local culture and will be given some language support classes as volunteer work. Afterwards they will move to the mountains surrounding Marrakech, where they will live in a private house rented for the purpose of the project.</p>
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	<p>Keep in mind that bargaining is a huge part of the Moroccan culture; don't be afraid to do it. When you get used to it, it's a very nice and fun way to start a conversation with locals and learn more about their way of life.</p>
VOLUNTEER'S REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No previous working experience required. • Enthusiastic, positive and respectful people needed. • Willingness to develop ties with other nationalities and learn new things.
VOLUNTEER'S TASKS	<p>The volunteers do not have any obligatory task, as it is not a regular work camp. The activities planned are designed exclusively for them to enjoy the Moroccan culture and way of life. They are expected to participate actively in all of them.</p>
ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	<p>The volunteers will first live in a host family in Rabat, then in Marrakech they will live in a shared apartment rented by CSM.</p> <p>They will be given 3 meals per day.</p> <p>Even though blankets and mats will of course be provided, we highly recommend volunteers bring their own sleeping bags just in case.</p> <p>Important highlight: Toilets in Morocco are usually Turkish bath style. We prefer to warn you because we have learned from previous volunteers experiences.</p>
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