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# BAYAN

ARABIC & NASHID

# COURSE



Cost £950 (excluding flights)

## ISTANBUL TURKEY

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## Synopsis

This year the course is designed as a space for one and all; Arabic students, students who want to learn the art of inshād (religious song) and also for those wanting to attend to visit historic and religious sites, meet scholars, enjoy the beautifully stunning architecture, sunset on the Bosphorus and even to taste the amazing Turkish dessert, trilece (*tri-le-shay*) at cafe Hafiz Mustafa and much more.

## Arabic

The conversational component is for students who have studied (or are studying) Arabic with the focus being to enhance ones speaking capabilities of what a given student(s) has learnt, with Arabic being the only spoken language for the duration course. Tuition will involve two groups, foundational & intermediate, with 3 hours immersion style lessons, and for the intermediate group, field sessions in different scenarios necessitating participants to speak under the tutelage of the instructors (bios below).

## Inshād

The inshād (religious song) component is for all students who will be taught a select number of religious poems; how to perform them with the accompaniment of the *duff* (drum). It is a lighter session and again under the tutelage of the instructors who are fully trained in this discipline.

## Outings

Excursions will be in the company of the instructors to various historical sites in Istanbul. These include visiting the Tomb of Abu Ayyūb al-Ansārī (r), Topkapi Museum, (Sacred Relics), Sultan Ahmet Mosque, Sokollu Ahmet Pasha Mosque, a Bosphorous boat trip, Fatih Mosque the Grand Bazaar, the renowned archery complex Okçular Vakfı and more.

## Accommodation

The DoubleTree Hilton is a five-star hotel and 24 hour fitness center and spa with Turkish bath and sauna. It is situated in the center of Old Town Istanbul close to many historical attractions such as the Grand Bazaar, Sultan Ahmet Mosque (Blue Mosque) and Topkapi Palace. The hotel comprises of access to its Azra Spa & Wellness Center, where you can enjoy keeping fit, refresh in the spa, indulge in the soothing sauna or a luxurious Turkish bath. The hotel is known for its delicious open buffet breakfast, wonderful views from its terrace, access to the lounge as well as enjoying a variety of services from laundry, indoor shopping and foreign currency exchange. Further details are [here](#).



## Instructors

**Ustadh Mahmud Ghafir**, born and raised in Damascus, Syria, graduated from the Abu Nur seminary with a B.A in Islamic Studies. He is also a Hafiz of the Qur'an with Ijaza in the the recitation of Hafs. For many years he taught Arabic at both Abu Nur and Ma'had al-Fath al-Islami, where he built a reputation as one of the most well-liked and respected teachers. During his time at Abu Nur, he helped design, develop, and implement the Arabic language program for non-native speakers. In addition, he is a trained munshid who is regularly called on by Scholars (previously in Damascus, and presently in Istanbul) to sing at various gatherings of remembrance. He currently teaches Arabic at Marmara University in Istanbul, Turkey.

**Ustadh Abd al-Salam Ghafir** is a graduate in Islamic Studies from the Abu Nur seminary, Damascus, Syria. After graduating, he spent many years as a senior teacher of Arabic language to non-native speakers at Abu Nur. In addition to Arabic language, he teaches Arabic poetry and its various poetic metres, is an accomplished duff player, and recently provided his voice for an audio recording of a commentary on the Qur'an. He also has Ijaza in Qur'an in the recitation of Hafs. He currently teaches Arabic in various Institutes in Istanbul, Turkey.

## Associate Instructors

**Ustadh Yasser Qureshy** studied in traditional Islamic seminaries in Syria and Turkey, following the long established orthodox Islamic curriculum. He graduated first in his Arabic and Islamic Studies program in Damascus, Syria and as well as being formally trained in a number of Islamic sciences during his seminary studies, has further augmented his Islamic education with more focussed instruction with scholars. As part of his Kalam work he recently collaborated with Shaykh Saeed Foudeh on a paper discussing the Kalam Cosmological Argument. Additionally he has read for a M.A in Medieval Arabic Thought, and is currently reading for a PhD in Philosophical Theology at the University of Cambridge in collaboration with Dr Tim Winter. His thesis considers some key conceptual doctrines of the early Ash'ari school. He convenes and teaches modules on Western Intellectual History, and Logic and Critical Thinking at the Cambridge Muslim College, is a trustee for the Ribat Institute in Woking, Surrey and is currently a Research Fellow at ISAR, Istanbul.

**Ustadh Faiz Qureshy** travelled in 1998 to study in the historic city of Damascus, Syria focusing on Arabic language and other Arabic disciplines. In 2001 he furthered his studies in the Dar al-Mustafa seminary, Yemen, undertaking several disciplines from both the core curriculum and private study. His teachers include Shaykh Salim Khatib, Habib Kazim Saqqaf, Habib Hashim b. Sahl, Shaykh Muhammad Amin Abuh Chinquite and Habib 'Umar b. Hafiz. Since returning to the UK in 2006 he has taught for a number of educational initiatives across the UK alongside working as a project worker for almost three years with long-term sufferers of mental illnesses in inner London. In 2009 he helped establish the Ribat Institute focusing on educational & community projects including forming a partnership with the Ihsan Foundation in Sierra Leone, West Africa. Additionally since 2009 he has been the Imam to Broadmoor Hospital working with some of the most challenging inmates in the UK.

## Details

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A deposit of £250 per adult is required.

**N.B** All participants are encouraged to apply and for those unable to pay the full amount in one payment installments can be facilitated.

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