

Here's a document covering **Languages and Communication** for your touristic guide RAG system:

11. Languages and Communication

Languages Spoken:

Rabat is a multilingual city, with three main languages commonly spoken:

- Arabic (Darija):** The official language of Morocco is Arabic, specifically the Moroccan dialect known as **Darija**. While most Moroccans are fluent in Darija, it is quite different from Modern Standard Arabic and has its own unique vocabulary and grammar.
- French:** As a former French colony, **French** is widely spoken in Rabat. It is the primary language of business, government, and education. Visitors will find that most signs, menus, and public information are available in French, making it easy for French speakers to navigate the city.
- English:** **English** is becoming increasingly popular, especially among the younger generation and in the tourism industry. While not as widely spoken as Arabic or French, many locals working in hotels, restaurants, and tourist sites will have a basic understanding of English.

Knowing a few key phrases in Arabic or French can greatly enhance your experience when interacting with locals.

Useful Arabic and French Phrases:

Greetings and Basic Phrases:

- Hello: **Salam** (Arabic) / **Bonjour** (French)
- Good morning: **Sbah l-khir** (Arabic) / **Bonjour** (French)
- Good evening: **Msa l-khir** (Arabic) / **Bonsoir** (French)
- Goodbye: **Bslama** (Arabic) / **Au revoir** (French)
- Please: **Afak** (Arabic) / **S'il vous plaît** (French)
- Thank you: **Shukran** (Arabic) / **Merci** (French)
- You're welcome: **Lah y3awn** (Arabic) / **De rien** (French)

- Yes: ****Ih/Naam**** (Arabic) / ****Oui**** (French)

- No: ****La**** (Arabic) / ****Non**** (French)

Asking for Help:

- Do you speak English?: ****Wash kat-hdr anglais?***** (Arabic) / ****Parlez-vous anglais?***** (French)

- I don't understand: ****Ma fhmtch**** (Arabic) / ****Je ne comprends pas**** (French)

- Can you help me?: ****Wash t9dr t3awnni?***** (Arabic) / ****Pouvez-vous m'aider?***** (French)

- Where is...?: ****Fin kayn...?***** (Arabic) / ****Où est...?***** (French)

- Example: Where is the bathroom?: ****Fin kayn twalit?***** (Arabic) / ****Où sont les toilettes?***** (French)

Travel and Directions:

- How much is this?: ****Shhal hda?***** (Arabic) / ****Combien ça coûte?***** (French)

- I want to go to...: ****Bghit nmshi l...**** (Arabic) / ****Je veux aller à...**** (French)

- Example: I want to go to the Medina: ****Bghit nmshi l-medina**** (Arabic) / ****Je veux aller à la médina**** (French)

- Left: ****Lisser**** (Arabic) / ****Gauche**** (French)

- Right: ****Limine**** (Arabic) / ****Droite**** (French)

- Straight ahead: ****Nishan**** (Arabic) / ****Tout droit**** (French)

In Restaurants and Shops:

- I would like...: ****Bghit...**** (Arabic) / ****Je voudrais...**** (French)

- Example: I would like water: ****Bghit l-ma**** (Arabic) / ****Je voudrais de l'eau**** (French)

- How much is this?: ****Shhal hadchi?***** (Arabic) / ****Combien ça coûte?***** (French)

- The bill, please: ****L-hsab, afak**** (Arabic) / ****L'addition, s'il vous plaît**** (French)

Learning a few of these basic phrases will help visitors feel more comfortable and make it easier to interact with locals. Moroccan people are generally warm and hospitable, and even a small effort to speak the local languages will be greatly appreciated.

This document provides essential information on languages and useful phrases for tourists in Rabat and can be incorporated into your RAG system.