



## *Flourishing AiR Sefrou Residents*

### *Plan and prepare*

Set clear goals and objectives for your residency. Define what you hope to achieve creatively and how you plan to engage with the local community. Preparing the artistic materials and researching relevant themes or topics related to Morocco enables artists to pursue their artistic vision while actively shaping the residency experience. Communicating this to AiR Sefrou staff before your arrival helps to manage expectations and possibilities of your stay.

### *Appreciate and respect the local context during your residency.*

Understanding the cultural context by familiarizing themselves with Moroccan culture, customs, and traditions has helped previous residents in orientation on arrival and beyond. See our recommended media list to point you in the right direction.

### *Social Independence*

There are periods when guests are the sole residing artist/researcher. Culture Vultures has connections in Fez and around Sefrou to connect the visiting practitioner. However, artists and researchers willing to explore independently, connect, and respectfully engage with the local community, often despite apparent hurdles, are guests who have made deeper connections and quickly established a personal and professional life balance while staying in Sefrou.

Cultural curiosity and respectful inquiries are the best way to temporarily reside, build personal and professional relations, and socially flourish in small town Morocco. Furthermore, Culture Vultures can provide studio space outside the living quarters to broaden and enrich the practice of AIR guests.

### *Leave a positive impact*

Consider how you can give back to the local community. This can be in the manner you how you engage and interact with locals or how you participate in the community. Respect and support the local culture, and consider what legacy you leave behind.

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