



THE ART OF RHYTHM

CULTURAL & HERITAGE EXPERIENCE

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EDUCATION PROGRAM

- Frame Drum Lessons (18 hour)
- Seminars (6 sessions)
- Workshops (8 sessions)

A unique educational experience bringing together world-class artists to share technique, philosophy, and the deeper language of rhythm.

Participation is flexible—participants are free to attend lessons, workshops, and seminars according to their own interests and personal learning path.

LEAD INSTRUCTORS

(MAIN LESSON FACULTY)

ANDREY TANZU ORAY YAY BATIN ÖZKAYOĞLU

GUEST ARTISTS & EDUCATORS

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THE EXPERIENCE

- **Open Practice Spaces**
All lessons, workshops, and seminars take place in the historic Abbara House, which also offers a variety of spaces where participants can freely practice, explore, and develop their rhythm during their free time.
- **A Global Community**
Connect with an international community of artists and participants, sharing a unique experience beyond borders and backgrounds.
- **Beyond Technique**
Learn from world-class artists while experiencing rhythm as more than technique—an expression shaped by culture, tradition, and personal voice.

CULTURAL & HERITAGE EXPERIENCE

TOURS & DISCOVERIES

- Guided visits to Mor Gabriel Monastery
- Visit to Church of the Virgin Mary (Hah Village)
- Exploration of Kasımiye Madrasa
- Discovery tour of Dara Ruins
- Walking tours through Midyat's historic churches and streets
- Mardin city visit with cultural highlights

All tours are conducted with professional guides, with group transportation provided for all locations

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Syriac silverwork (telkari) workshop (gift included)
- Syriac wine experience (gift included)
- Cultural introduction seminar on Syriac heritage
- Guided cultural storytelling and historical insights
- Immersive interaction with local traditions
- Opportunities to explore regional crafts and lifestyle

CULTURAL IMMERSION

- Direct exposure to local traditions and daily life
- Deeper understanding of the region's cultural and historical layers
- Meaningful connection with the heritage of Mesopotamia
- Freedom to explore the atmosphere beyond scheduled activities



CULINARY EXPERIENCE

- **Authentic Dining in a Historic Setting**

All meals are served in a traditional stone mansion, located just one minute walking distance from Abbara House, allowing participants to move freely between dining and the program spaces.

- **Curated Special Experiences**

Exclusive dining moments including a riverside experience in Beyazsu and a curated gastronomic journey in Mardin.

- **All-Inclusive Comfort & Flexibility**

Lunch options, vegetarian alternatives, and continuous access to snacks, fruits, tea, coffee, and water—offering a relaxed and flexible dining experience throughout the day.

- **Syriac Wine & Local Flavours**

An introduction to traditional Syriac wine culture with a guided tasting of locally produced Syriac wines, accompanied by a selection of authentic Syriac flavors and regional specialties, enriched with cultural storytelling, and including a special gift for participants.

ABBARA HOUSE

A fully restored historic stone mansion located in the heart of Midyat's protected heritage district, designed as the central venue for the Abbara House Rhythm Camp.

Architecture & Spaces

- Traditional stone mansion with 16 rooms
- 3 rooms redesigned as spacious, high-ceiling classrooms
- Large central hall for seminars and workshops
- 6 balconies overlooking the main hall for viewing sessions
- Rooftop terrace with panoramic views over Midyat
- Outdoor pool and poolside seating areas
- Traditional Turkish bath (hamam)
- Billiard and game area
- Multiple lounge and relaxation spaces
- Fireplace and traditional stove (kuzine) seating areas

Location

- Located in the center of Midyat's historic district (protected area)
- Just below Midyat Guest House
- Directly facing Midyat's historic square
- 1-minute walking distance to Midyat bazaar
- Surrounded by historic streets and multiple churches
- Immediate access to the authentic atmosphere of the old city

Restoration & Cultural Significance

- Fully restored from a ruined structure by the Abbara team
- One of the most distinctive historic buildings in Midyat
- Currently used as a filming location for the TV series **Uzak Şehir**





OPENING CONCERT

A special opening night concert featuring **HASAN KİRİŞ**, presenting selections from his album **Gergefimde Nakş-ı Yay**, released in collaboration with Abbara Sounds.

An intimate live performance set in the unique atmosphere of Abbara House, marking the beginning of an immersive week of rhythm, culture, and connection.

24
August

Who Is This For?

Abbara House Rhythm Camp is designed for everyone who feels a connection to rhythm—regardless of background, experience, or instrument.

You do not need to play the bendir or any specific instrument to take part in this program. While the frame drum is used as a central reference, the focus of the camp extends far beyond a single instrument. The program explores rhythm as a universal language—through technique, listening, movement, and cultural understanding.

Participants may join at any level. Whether you are a complete beginner, an experienced musician, or even an advanced artist or educator, the structure of the program allows each individual to engage in their own way and at their own depth.

Rather than following a rigid path, the experience is built around openness and flexibility. You are free to choose your sessions, shape your own journey, and explore rhythm from your own perspective.

At its core, Abbara House is not only an educational program, but a meeting point. It is a space where artists, learners, and seekers come together to share, connect, and grow—both musically and culturally.

This is a community-driven experience, where the value lies not only in what you learn, but in the people you meet, the ideas you exchange, and the atmosphere you become a part of.

ACCOMMODATION & PRICING OPTIONS

All prices are all-inclusive, covering everything in the program except flights. Hotel rates are offered at specially negotiated prices, significantly lower than standard public rates.



KASR-I NEHROZ HOTEL

Traditional stone mansion with authentic architecture
Located just 2 minutes walking distance from Abbara House
Immersive historical atmosphere
Ideal for participants seeking a unique cultural stay

~~2.800€~~

2.200€

SINGLE

~~2.600€~~

2.000€

DOUBLE (Per Person)



ASUR IMPERIAL HOTEL

Modern and comfortable city hotel
Located a short distance from Abbara House
Ideal for guests with dust sensitivity or allergies
Daily shuttle service provided for easy access

~~2.700€~~

2.100€

SINGLE

~~2.500€~~

1.900€

DOUBLE (Per Person)



KERVAN HOTEL

Most accessible accommodation option
Located in the city center, at a distance from Abbara House
Daily shuttle service to and from Abbara House included
Comfortable and practical stay for participants

~~2.400€~~

1.800€

SINGLE

~~2.300€~~

1.700€

DOUBLE (Per Person)

HOW TO JOIN & CONTACT

✉ contact@abbarasounds.com

To apply, please send an email introducing yourself and expressing your interest in the program.
Our team will get back to you with all details and guide you through the next steps.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

We offer flexible payment methods to make your participation as convenient as possible:

- Secure payment via Stripe link (international payments)
- Up to 6-month installment plan via subscription model (no interest)
- Deposit option: €800 to reserve your spot, with the remaining balance payable on-site in Mardin (cash or credit card)
- Bank transfer (EFT/Havale) option available for participants from Turkey

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is included in the price?

All prices are all-inclusive, covering everything in the program except flights.

This includes accommodation, all meals, transportation, shuttle services, cultural tours, workshops, seminars, and all educational activities.

During the program, all basic refreshments such as tea, coffee, water, snacks, and fruits are included.

All tourism-related services and logistics are fully organized and covered—ensuring a seamless and comfortable experience throughout your stay.

Should I bring my own instrument?

The program is centered around the frame drum (bendir).

If you already have your own instrument, you are welcome to bring it.

If you are a beginner or do not own one, instruments will be available for purchase at Abbara House.

Options will be available for both beginners and advanced players.

When should I arrive and how should I book my flight?

You should plan your arrival for August 24, landing at Mardin Airport.

On this day, dedicated shuttle services will transfer participants from the airport to their hotels.

In the evening, an opening event will take place at Abbara House, including a welcome dinner, opening ceremony, and live concert.

This is also an opportunity to meet instructors and fellow participants.

If your flight arrives late, you may skip the opening evening and join the program the following day.

All necessary information and updates will be provided to you.

Departure is on August 31. There are no scheduled lessons on this day.

After hotel check-out, shuttle services will continue operating throughout the day to transfer participants to the airport according to their flight times.

Participants are welcome to spend time at Abbara House and enjoy lunch before departure.

What is the refund policy?

Early access bookings are refundable until July.

If you request a refund before this date, all payments will be fully returned.

After this date, refunds are still possible with a €400 cancellation fee, and the remaining balance will be refunded.

What happens if I have a health issue during the program?

In case of any medical issue during your stay, our team will assist you and accompany you to the nearest hospital to ensure you receive proper care.

A dedicated staff member will support you throughout the process.

If you share any relevant medical conditions with us during registration, we can make additional preparations to better support your needs.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will there be translation support during the program?

Yes, the program is conducted in English.

For sessions led by Turkish instructors, English translation will be provided.

For Turkish-speaking participants, English–Turkish translation will be available throughout the program -including lessons, seminars, workshops, and guided tours.

Is attendance to lessons mandatory?

No, attendance is completely optional.

Participants are free to join or skip lessons, seminars, and workshops according to their own interests and preferences.

As Abbara House is located in the very center of Midyat’s historic district, you are always free to step out and explore the city, experience its atmosphere, or simply take time for yourself.

The program is designed around freedom and personal experience—there is no pressure or obligation.

Each participant is encouraged to shape their own journey.

How can I spend my free time at Abbara House?

Abbara House offers a variety of social and relaxation spaces where you can spend time with other participants, including lounge areas, game rooms, and a continuously open cafeteria with complimentary food and beverages available 24/7.

After the daily program ends, you are free to remain at the mansion and enjoy the space until the final shuttle service.

During breaks or free time, you can also explore the historic streets of Midyat and experience the atmosphere of the city.

Throughout your stay, our team will always be available to assist you, answer your questions, and guide you whenever needed.

How can I get support during my stay in Midyat?

Each participant will be assigned a dedicated advisor who will provide personalized support throughout the entire program.

Your advisor will be available to assist with any questions, needs, or guidance—whether related to the program, the city, or your daily experience.

During breaks or free time, if you wish to explore a specific place or need direction, your advisor will guide you and, if necessary, personally accompany you. Advisors are accessible 24/7 via phone, ensuring that you always have someone to reach out to—whether you are at the hotel, at Abbara House, or anywhere in the city.