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| Image |  |
| Copyright of image | http://airlines-airports.com/middle-east-airlines-agent-office-in-basra-iraq/ |
| Name of location (English) | Basra |
| Name of location (Fuṣḥā, transcription) | al-Baṣra |
| Name of location (Fuṣḥā, Arabic) | **البصرة** |
| Name in local variety (in transcription) | Baṣra |
| Geo location | [30° 30′ N, 47° 49′ O](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Basra&language=de&params=30.5_N_47.816666666667_E_region:IQ-BA_type:city(1914205)) |
| Typology (Local) | East (Mashreq) › Mesopotamia › Iraq (*gilit*) › South |
| Typology (General) | urban-Bedouin |
| General | Basra, Iraq’s major port city, is a Shiite Arab town of more than two million located in the south of Iraq on the Shatt al-Arab. The city was founded as a military camp by the Arab army between 634 and 644. It played a major role in the early days of Islam and subsequently developed into a cosmopolitan centre with a flourishing intellectual life, reaching its zenith in the 8th and 9th centuries.  Today Basra is the heart of Iraq’s oil industry. The city’s infrastructure was severely damaged during the war with Iran (1980–88), the First Gulf War in 1991, and the 2003 US-led invasion of Iraq. |
| Research history | Hitherto the only description of the dialect of Basra is an unpublished dissertation by Qasim R. Mahdi (Mahdi 1985) on the dialect's phonology, morphology, and syntax. Denz & Edzard 1966 published four texts in the dialect of Basra with English translation. |
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