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Algeria Eclipse Adventure 2027 - Extended

COUNTRY(IES)	Algeria
TOUR TYPE	Small Group
TRANSPORT	A/C minibus, Domestic Flights
GROUP SIZE	Min: 10 | Max: 20
DURATION	12 days
STARTS	Algiers, Algeria
ENDS	Algiers, Algeria
MEALS	Breakfasts - 10, Lunches - 2, Dinners - 1

TOUR ROUTE MAP **12 Days**



HIGHLIGHTS

Algiers, Tipaza, Kabylie countryside (local Berber communities), Bejaia, Djemila, Constantine, Oran, Abdelkader Park (Solar Eclipse viewing site)

Itinerary

DAY 1 **Arrive in Algiers. Meet and Greet at the airport and transfer to your hotel.**

Upon arrival in Algiers, our staff will meet you at the airport and then transfer you to your hotel to begin your trip. If you arrive early, you may like to explore the historic centre of Algiers at leisure.

OVERNIGHT	MEALS
Algiers Hotel	None

DAY 2 Exploring the historic centre of Algiers

Begin your morning immersed in Algeria's rich heritage with a visit to the Bardo National Museum, an exquisitely preserved 18th-century Ottoman mansion housing an extraordinary collection of prehistoric artifacts, ancient jewelry, and ethnographic treasures. From there, head into the vibrant heart of the city to admire La Grande Poste. This magnificent masterpiece of Neo-Moorish architecture—with its soaring arches, intricate tilework, and grand white facade—stands as one of Algiers' most iconic civic landmarks. Conclude your morning sightseeing by ascending to the cliffside Basilica of Notre-Dame d'Afrique, where striking 19th-century architecture meets sweeping, panoramic vistas across the entire Bay of Algiers.

After taking a bread for a relaxing lunch of local Algerian cuisine, journey through the lively city center to the Martyr's Memorial (Makam Echahid). Dominating the skyline, this monumental concrete structure—shaped like three stylized palm leaves sheltering an eternal flame—serves as a powerful tribute to Algeria's struggle for independence. End your day with a peaceful stroll through the Jardin d'Essai du Hamma, a world-renowned botanical paradise established in 1832. As you wander along avenues framed by ancient banyan trees and exotic flora, your guide will unravel fascinating stories of the garden's historical importance and its cinematic fame as a shooting location for classic Hollywood films like the original 1932 Tarzan.

OVERNIGHT	MEALS
Algiers Hotel	Breakfast

DAY 3 The World Heritage ruins of Tipaza and the Kasbah of Algiers

Travel west along the Mediterranean coastline to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Tipaza, where ancient ruins meet the turquoise sea. Step back in time as you explore a remarkably preserved historic landscape scattered among pine trees and coastal cliffs. Your tour brings you through centuries of history, showcasing the grand remains of an early Christian basilica, a sprawling ancient necropolis, monumental Roman baths, a classic theater, and a dramatic oval-shaped amphitheater. You will also view the delicate nymphaeum—an intricate public fountain that once served as the architectural heart of this seaside Roman outpost.

Following a break for lunch, journey inland to the enigmatic Royal Mausoleum of Mauretania (often called Tombeau de la Chrétienne). Perched on a hilltop with views extending to the sea, this impressive stone monument serves as the final resting place for the Numidian royal family, including Queen Cleopatra Selene II. Afterward, return to Algiers to immerse yourself in the world-famous Casbah of Algiers, a UNESCO-listed citadel built into the hillsides above the bay. Wander through its labyrinth of narrow, whitewashed alleyways, discovering vibrant markets, traditional artisan workshops, historic Ottoman palaces, and the enduring charm of the capital's historic core.

OVERNIGHT	MEALS
Algiers Hotel	Breakfast

DAY 4 A day of culture heading to the Kabylie Region and city of Béjaïa

Begin your journey across northern Algeria as you wind through the lush, mountainous heart of the Kabylie region. This captivating countryside is home to traditional Berber villages perched along rolling hills, where rich heritage and time-honored customs remain a central part of daily life. Here, you will be warmly welcomed by local villagers who are eager to share their stories, unique craft traditions, and warm hospitality. Take time to connect with the community and enjoy a tasting of authentic regional cuisine, sampling handmade breads, olive oils, and seasonal dishes cooked using age-old recipes.

Continuing onward toward the coastal city of Béjaïa, where the Djurdjura mountains meet the Mediterranean Sea, you will ascend the steep, pine-scented tracks of Gouraya National Park up to Pic des Singes (Peak of the Monkeys). From this spectacular vantage point—famed for its resident wild Barbary macaques—enjoy breathtaking panoramic vistas over the rugged coastline and the sparkling turquoise waters below. Conclude your day’s adventure at the historic Cap Carbon Lighthouse, perched dramatically on a sheer cliff high above the sea, offering one of the most stunning coastal landscapes in all of North Africa.

OVERNIGHT	MEALS
Béjaïa Hotel	Breakfast,Lunch

DAY 5 Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Djemila

Embark on a spectacular scenic drive as you leave the lush, mountain landscapes of Little Kabylie behind and ascend toward the high plateau of Sétif. The journey winds through dramatic mountain passes and rolling countryside, offering constant changes in landscape and plenty of opportunities to stop for refreshments and local treats along the way. Your destination is the mountain town of Djemila (ancient Cuicul), a UNESCO World Heritage site recognized as one of the best-preserved and most picturesque Roman ruins in the entire Mediterranean basin.

Upon arrival, set out with your expert guide to explore this extraordinary ancient city, uniquely adapted to its mountain ridge setting. Walk along original stone-paved streets to marvel at major architectural triumphs, including the grand Arch of Caracalla, the bustling Forum, the early Christian Basilica, and towering temples dedicated to the Severan dynasty. Conclude your visit inside the Djemila Site Museum, home to a world-renowned collection of intricate floor mosaics. Preserved in breathtaking color and detail, these masterworks depict scenes from mythology and daily Roman life, and are widely regardedHere are a few expanded, polished options without any time-of-day headings:

OVERNIGHT	MEALS
Constantine hotel	Breakfast

DAY 6 Explore the 'City of Bridges', Constantine, before flying to Oran

Spend a captivating half-day exploring Constantine, affectionately known as the "City of Bridges" and widely celebrated as one of Africa’s most breathtaking urban landscapes. Here, geography is not merely a backdrop—it has actively sculpted the city’s history, temperament, and soul. Begin your exploration by crossing the iconic bridges that span the dramatic Rhumel Gorge, including the famous Sidi M'Cid suspension bridge. Suspended high above the ravine, you will look back at an extraordinary cityscape dramatically balanced on the edge of sheer limestone cliffs.

Your journey through the city’s rich heritage continues at the sprawling Palace of Ahmed Bey, an Ottoman-era masterpiece filled with lush courtyards, marble colonnades, and vibrant tilework. From there, wander down into the labyrinthine alleys of the historic Old Medina, taking in the sights and sounds of local life. Next, visit the magnificent Emir Abdelkader Mosque (the Grand Mosque), a crown jewel of Algeria’s modern Islamic architecture, renowned for its soaring minarets and intricate interior decoration. Following your guided excursion, return to Algiers for your direct, evening flight to Oran.

OVERNIGHT	MEALS
Oran Hotel	Breakfast

DAY 7 Solar Eclipse Experience from Oran. Afternoon exploration of Oran

After breakfast, head to Abdelkader Park perched high above Oran. This panoramic spot offers a spectacular vantage point to safely view the rare total solar eclipse on the morning of August 2, 2027. The partial phase begins at 8:44 AM, building up to maximum totality at 9:53 AM. You will be treated to an extraordinary 5 minutes and 8 seconds of complete totality, watching as the moon transforms the sky into a breathtaking cosmic show.

Afterward, explore Oran, Algeria’s vibrant second city, known for its lively coastal atmosphere and rich multicultural heritage. Begin at the monumental Santa Cruz Fort and Chapel for sweeping views over the turquoise gulf. Then, visit the Regional Museum, housed in a striking Art Deco building, to journey through the region's history from prehistoric eras to the Algerian War of Independence.

Spend the evening in Oran at leisure.

OVERNIGHT	MEALS
Oran Hotel	Breakfast

DAY 8 Exploring Oran, Algeria's second city. Fly to Ghardaia

This morning, continue exploring Oran’s vibrant city center at the historic Place d’Armes, home to the majestic Town Hall and palatial Opera House. From there, take a leisurely stroll to admire the stunning neo-Byzantine

architecture of the former Sacré-Cœur Cathedral. Enjoy free time to explore and shop at downtown boutiques before transferring to the airport for your flight to Algiers. This evening, celebrate the end of your Algerian adventure with a special farewell dinner.

This afternoon, board a short domestic flight from Oran into the heart of the Sahara. You'll touch down in Ghardaïa, a stunning oasis valley where the vast sands of the desert await your exploration. This evening is spent in Ghardaia.

OVERNIGHT	MEALS
Algiers Hotel	Breakfast

DAY 9 Ghardaia & The M’zab Valley. 4x4 safari and overnight desert camp

Perched on the edge of the majestic Sahara, Ghardaïa and the UNESCO-listed M’zab Valley invite you to step into a world where 11th-century traditions remain vibrantly alive.

Wander through the sun-drenched, labyrinthine alleys of iconic fortified ksour, sculpted from earth and palm wood. Your exploration spans centuries—from El Atteuf, the historic cradle of the valley, to Tafilalt, a pioneering eco-village blending ancestral Mozabite architecture with modern sustainability.

When the afternoon light softens, trade ancient stone corridors for the vast horizon of the Saharan dunes. Set off on a 4x4 expedition across rolling golden sands, pausing in lush palm groves to share the traditional three-glass tea ritual with local nomads. As twilight paints the sky, unwind at an intimate desert camp for an authentic dinner over an open fire and a night beneath an extraordinary canopy of stars.

OVERNIGHT	MEALS
N/A	Breakfast,Dinner

DAY 10 Desert sunrise. Ghardaia Souk and the old auction market of Beni Isguen

Awake to the peaceful stillness of the Sahara as dawn paints the golden dunes and sandstone plateaus in warm hues of amber and rose gold. Leaving the untamed quiet of the dunes behind, journey back to the vibrant heart of Ghardaïa to spend your afternoon exploring the bustling Souk Market—a sensory feast of traditional Berber crafts, hand-woven carpets, and aromatic spices.

After lunch, wander the serene, historic streets of Beni Isguen to witness its famous centuries-old auction market, where ancestral customs bring the plaza to life just before sunset. Conclude your M'zab Valley journey with a deeper connection to the timeless rhythm of the desert.

OVERNIGHT	MEALS
N/A	Breakfast,Lunch

DAY 12

Transfer to Algiers Airport for departure

Your time is free today until we transfer you to the airport for your departure flight. Extensions are available to add onto the end of the tour to spend some time by the sea.

OVERNIGHT	MEALS
N/A	Breakfast

INCLUDED

- 8 nights deluxe level accommodation
- A day dedicated to witnessing the 2027 solar eclipse in a coastal location close to Sfax
- All transport and transfers
- 24-hour airport arrival & departure transfer service
- Services of a local tour guide for all sightseeing tours
- Monument entrance fees
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary

EXCLUDED

- International flights
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance (compulsory, get a quote here)
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks and other personal expenses (e.g. laundry)
- Tipping
- Any other items not mentioned above

Notes

Please note that whilst the itinerary and accommodations detailed represent our current plans, the significant popularity of this event may lead local authorities to implement specific controls and arrangements over the eclipse days. The exact arrangements for Eclipse Day will therefore be finalised closer to departure. We have confirmed allocations at the hotels listed, but owing to the unprecedented demand anticipated for these dates, we may also use some alternative hotels of an equivalent standard should the need arise.

Deposit Note:

Please note that due to stricter cancellation and deposit rules imposed by accommodations over this travel period, our standard deposit policy will not apply to this tour, please find the deposit rules applicable to this tour below:

Initial non-refundable deposit at point of booking - GB£500 / US$650 per person (or equivalent in your currency - you will be advised on the required deposit in your selected currency during the online booking process)

Interim non-refundable deposit at 31 Jan 2026 - GB£1000 / US$1300 per person

Balance due on 31 Mar 2027 (non-refundable after payment)

Tour Options

Our tours are designed to include all that you need to enjoy a really special time in the destination you're visiting. However, we do also offer some extra options to complement the tour and add some additional sightseeing or activities, or some extra time at either end of the tour.

All accommodation based options (e.g. Single supplements, extra nights, cruise upgrades) should be booked and paid for in advance so that we can make the appropriate arrangements. Other options may either be booked and paid for in advance or while you are on the tour, though we recommend booking in advance to ensure there are no issues with availability.

Many options are priced the same throughout the year, but some may incur single or high season supplements , full details are given on the tour reservation form or on request.

No additional options available for this tour.

Important Notes

1 Booking & Payment

If you would like to book a place on this tour, please complete the online reservation form on our website (via the Dates & Prices tab on the tour page). You may make a deposit or full payment online, or just hold a reservation if you prefer (full payments are due 8 weeks before departure). We will then contact you with more details about how to complete your booking. Payments may be made by debit or credit card (subject to a card processing fee), or by making a bank transfer, or posting us a cheque/bank draft. Full details will be provided in your booking confirmation email. Please contact us if you would like any more information or have any questions before making a booking.

2 Financial Security

We are a UK registered company and are committed to providing our customers with financial protection to provide peace of mind and to allow you to book with confidence.
We have therefore partnered with Trust My Travel Ltd., which provides financial protection services to over 2000 partners around the world. Funds paid to us by our customers are protected via an Insurance policy held by Trust My Travel. Each traveller and the description of services sold is declared against Trust My Travel’s insurance policy directly against our financial failure. In the event of our insolvency, you will be refunded for any unfulfilled products and/or repatriation to the UK (where applicable). Please see our website or booking conditions for more information.

3 Responsible Tourism

It is impossible not to have an impact on the local environment, cultures and eco-systems when you travel. However, it is very possible to try and ensure that these impacts are as limited, or positive as possible. We are committed to ensuring that we try to leave our host countries in a better state than we found them and encourage and assist our travellers to help us with this.

The following are a few simple tips that require very little effort on your part but which will help ensure that any effect you have on the locations you visit is positive rather than negative.

- Don't prejudge: Things in different countries will almost certainly be different. That doesn't make them worse or inferior, just different.
- Communicate: Don't expect locals to speak your language. Take the trouble to learn a few words or phrases of the local language. Don't worry about sounding silly. Most locals are patient and accommodating and appreciate you making the effort to communicate in their language.
- Conserve energy: Be careful not to waste valuable resources. Use local resources sparingly. Switch off lights, air-conditioning and fans when you leave the hotel room and don't waste water. Remove superfluous packaging. Many countries have far less efficient waste disposal systems than ours. Remove packaging from newly acquired items before leaving home.
- Don't litter: No matter how untidy or dirty the country you're travelling in may look to you, avoid littering, as there is no need to add to the environment's stress. Many of the countries we visit have a tough challenge dealing with rubbish and waste. Please consider taking home as much plastic waste as you can (e.g. water bottles).
- Choose environmentally friendly products: By using environmentally friendly (bio degradable) sun creams, shampoos and detergents you can help reduce pollution.
- Respect local customs and traditions: As you are a guest in these countries, you should also comply with the local customs. If you are friendly and well mannered, the locals will reciprocate and it will only enhance your experience. It's important to follow dress and behaviour guidelines especially when visiting religious or sacred sites (your tour leader will advise you how best to do this).
- If a client commits an illegal act the client may be excluded from the tour and Encounters Travel shall cease to have responsibility to/for them. No refund will be given for any unused services.

All porters are employed and equipped following guidelines set by the International Porter Protection Group (IPPG).

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4 Follow Us Online

You can stay in touch with us online by following us on Facebook and Twitter. We post updates on relevant travel news in our destination countries, special offers and discounts and other interesting travel related news and information.

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5 Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is compulsory on all of our tours and needs to cover personal accident & liability, medical expenses and repatriation, travel delay & abandonment. We also strongly recommend that you take out cover against cancellation and lost/stolen baggage. Personal medical insurance does not normally provide sufficient cover and is generally not suitable for travel on our tours. You will not be able to join your tour if you have not provided us with details of your insurance or if you arrive without cover in place (no refunds will be due in this event).

Considering travel insurance for your trip? World Nomads Travel Insurance offers coverage for more than 150 adventure activities as well as emergency medical, lost luggage, trip cancellation and more.

If your tour includes car hire, or if you plan to arrange a hot air balloon flight locally or do some scuba diving during your tour, you should check the small print in your policy to make sure these are covered (these are covered in our policy). Please also check the maximum altitude that you will be reaching and that full cover including emergency evacuation is provided up to this altitude.

If you are taking expensive camera gear or other electronic equipment with you then please check the coverage and the fine print of your policy to ensure that you have sufficient cover.

IMPORTANT: We must have your travel insurance details (policy number and type of insurance) before you depart or you may not be allowed to join the tour. If you haven't told us already, please let us know the details when you can. You should take a paper copy of your insurance policy with you as you may be asked to show this at the start of the tour.

Covid-19

Before purchasing any travel insurance, please check the coverage provided for situations related to Covid-19, and for the rules about government travel advice. Your normal policy may not be suitable.

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6 Before you travel

It is important when considering and preparing to travel anywhere in the world that you have a good understanding of the country you are visiting, its laws and customs, and the possible risks and situations that may occur. This includes specific risks related to your itinerary (eg. does it involve water & can you swim, are you fit enough for the activities included), as well as more general risks such as terrorism and natural disasters.

General details and links to more information about health risks, visa requirements, money, and travel insurance are given in these tour notes. We recommend that you re-read all these before your departure as well as the small print of your travel insurance policy so you know exactly what is covered and what is not.

You should take copies of your important travel documents with you and ideally also store them online securely as a backup. Make sure that you have given us your emergency contact details and told that person where and when you are travelling. Ensure you take enough money with you and that you have access to emergency funds.

Finally, you should read through and stay updated with the current official government travel advice for your destination. We are registered partners with the UK Foreign Office's 'Travel Aware' campaign which provides further useful and invaluable information.

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gov.uk/travelaware

7 Reduce Plastic Waste with Water-to-Go Filter bottles

Traveling responsibly means minimizing plastic waste, but staying hydrated on the go is essential. At Encounters Travel we are committed to reducing single-use plastics, which is why we've partnered with Water-to-Go. Their portable filtration system removes over 99.9% of contaminants from any non-saltwater source, turning even questionable water sources into safe drinking water.

Given that tap water is un-safe to drink in many of the countries in which we operate, we recommend purchasing a Water-to-Go bottle prior to departure. This will help you avoid the use of single use plastic bottles and keep you hydrated on the go.

Save big! Get a huge 25% off your Water-to-Go bottle and other Water-to-Go products (such as filters, lids, and carriers). Use code **ENCOUNTERS25** at checkout (valid in the UK, USA and Canada).

How Water-to-Go Technology works:

- Their reusable, BPA free water bottles contain their own unique 3-in-1 filtration technology effectively providing clean safe drinking water from any non-salt water source around the world.
- Three different (1 traditional and 2 nano) technologies are combined in one filter cartridge to remove up to 99.9999% of microbiological contaminants in water.

The three technologies used in a Water-to-Go filter are:

- Mechanical filtration – A tiny pore size, so small contaminants can’t fit through.
- Electrical – A positive charge reduces the pore size even further and attracts contaminants like a magnet, trapping them inside the filter.
- Activated Carbon – Unlike most carbon based filters, instead of using adhesives to glue the carbon particles together, (which vastly reduces the carbon’s efficiency) it is contained within the membrane, helping to reduce contaminants whilst eliminating bad tastes and odours. Try filtering water from your tap at home and taste the difference!

Water-to-Go filter bottles deliver safe, healthy water worldwide

- Water-to-Go filters remove bacteria, viruses, waterborne disease, protozoa, heavy metals such as lead as well as harmful chemicals.
- Their filters remove Chlorine and Fluoride from tap water.
- The filter will eliminate harmful contaminants from the water but allow beneficial minerals such as sodium and magnesium to pass through leaving you with the healthiest water possible.
- Water-to-Go filters have been independently tested against internationally recognised standards by industry specialists including The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (UK), BCS Laboratories (USA), Bangalore Test House (India) and IMI (China).

Use Water-to-Go products and you'll be healthier, wealthier and helping to make the world a better place!

- Depending on filter size, each Water-to-Go filter is able to replace 260 or 400 single-use plastic water bottles!
- They ensure you have access to safe water anywhere in the world without ever having to buy environmentally damaging bottled water.
- Their water bottles deliver safe, clean drinking water at just 5p per litre.
- The filter membrane is biodegradable and the shrouds are recyclable.
- The water bottles are used and approved by everyone from backpackers to commuters, gym users to expecting mums. Perfect for everyday, outdoor and travel.

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8 Private & Tailor-made Tours

While our group departures offer a fantastic way to explore with like-minded travellers, we understand that some guests prefer a more exclusive experience. Most of our group tours can be booked on a private basis, allowing you to enjoy the same expert-led routes with your own dedicated party. The primary advantage of choosing a private arrangement is the flexibility it provides; we can easily customise the itinerary to include your preferred style of accommodation or adjust the pace to suit your needs. Private tours can be run on the same start days as our group tours, or on other dates. However, some activities within our trips are restricted to particular days of the week - we will advise you on anything like this that we need to work around. Pricing will be based on the number of travellers in your party, and any customisations you may like to make.

For those seeking something truly unique, our specialist sales team is available to collaborate with you on a completely tailor-made tour, designed from the ground up to match your specific interests, accommodation level and requirements.

To request a quotation for a private or tailor-made tour, please contact us.

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9 Transport

Our trips feature a mix of different transport options. We want you to feel like you're really experiencing the country you're travelling through, but at the same time we want you to finish journeys refreshed enough to enjoy the next stage of the tour. The terrain and public transport options in Algeria mean that we use private AC minibuses or coaches throughout this tour, subject to the final size of the group. On tours visiting the desert regions of Algeria, may use 4X4's.

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10 Transfers

Our Algeria tours include a 24-hour airport meet & assist service in Algiers airport, your arrival and departure airport-hotel transfers and all other transfers. Our representative will meet you after your have passed through immigration, collected your luggage and exited the arrivals hall in the open air. Your airport transfers are only included on the first and last day of the set tour itinerary, plus on any additional days if you book your hotel room with us. If you make your own arrangements for additional accommodation at either the beginning or the end of

the tour then you will need to arrange your own airport transfers on these days.

11 Group Size/Tour Leaders/Guides

We are committed to being a small group operator, as we feel this gives everyone in the group the best chance to get to know their fellow travellers and to hear and make the most of their guide. There's no point in us providing great guides if you've got to peer over 30-40 shoulders to see them! So, we won't ever put you in a 50-seater coach with 49 other people and just one guide. Instead, we set our Algeria small-group departures to have a maximum of 12 travellers.

Specialist escorted tours (such as our Eclipse departures) and workshops may have different group sizes - please download the Tour Notes for details.

In Algeria we provide fully trained, local English-speaking guides to run your tour and escort you during all of the sightseeing.

Guiding in other languages may also available on private departures (eg. German, Italian, Spanish) - please contact us for details and quotations.

At Encounters Travel we only use local Algeria guides and reps. We feel this gives you the best experience of the country and the sites you are seeing.

12 International Flights

We want to give you as much flexibility as possible when it comes to booking your holiday with us. So, to take account of people with varying travel plans, we don't include your international flights in the main tour price. We are however very happy to suggest flights to go with the tour. Please contact us with your preferred dates and departure airport and we'll give you a selection of airlines, times and fares to choose from.

Your airport arrival & departure transfers are included on the first and last days of the tour. Most of our Algeria tours start and finish in Algiers and are served by Algiers International Airport Houari Boumediene (ALG). On some tours, we offer the option of ending your tour in Oran, which also has a well connected international airport.

We do also sometimes advertise flight inclusive packages from selected airports. Where these are shown on our website, prices are correct at the time of quoting, but are subject to continued availability of the fare used. Prices will be reconfirmed at the time of booking, and we will also provide the flight times and airline details before tickets are issued.

Flight inclusive prices are based on the cheapest Economy ticket class available which is generally non-refundable and non-changeable unless the flight is cancelled for reasons such as Covid-19, in which case the airlines are more flexible. More flexible ticket options, as well as Premium Economy and Business Class tickets are available on request for an additional supplement. Any changes made to flight inclusive bookings will be subject to the airline rules on your ticket.

Flight CO2 Emissions:

Traveling by air is an amazing way to explore the world, but flights also contribute to carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions that impact the environment. By considering the airline's CO2 emissions when you choose your flight,

you can help minimize your travel footprint.

When selecting your international flights and airline, we do therefore recommend that you try and also take into account the flight CO2 emissions. Some airlines and flight search websites (eg. Google Flights, Skyscanner) do publish this information, so you can compare between your flight options and make an informed decision. Thankfully, many airlines are working towards sustainability efforts, and choosing a greener option allows you to contribute to positive change while still enjoying your incredible adventure.

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13 Entrance Fees

The tour price includes entrance fees to all the tourist sites mentioned in the itinerary. You will need to cover the cost of entrance to any other extra sites that you may wish to visit.

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14 Tipping

Tipping and haggling are common practices in Algeria and other countries in the region. Service staff often earn low wages, and tips are a necessary addition to their income. If you are visiting from a country where this is not the case, the following guidelines should prove helpful.

On our Small Group Tours we suggest you budget around USD 10 per person per day to cover tour guide tips, depending on your personal budget and satisfaction with the service provided. On private/tailor-made tours, we recommend budgeting a bit more.

Throughout your trip, you may also have a local guide in addition to your main guide, we suggest budgeting around USD 5 per person per day. For drivers we suggest a tip of around USD 3-5 per person per day. For hotel porters USD 1-2 and for public rest-rooms, we suggest keeping small Algerian Dinar (DZD) notes or coins available. If your tour features a 4X4 jeep ride (particularly on desert excursions into the Sahara), we suggest budgeting a tip of around USD 4-5 per person.

In local markets and basic restaurants, you can leave any loose change. For more expensive restaurants, we suggest tipping 5% to 10% of the bill.

Haggling: Haggling is a traditional practice in traditional markets (souks), so do not pay too much attention to the initial prices whilst shopping. Instead, decide on a value for the item in your mind and then negotiate towards it without rushing, as Algerians never rush their bargaining. Do not be afraid to simply walk away if the price is not right. However, if you do mention a price, you should be prepared to pay it to avoid causing offence.

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15 What to take

Luggage: Small or medium-sized suitcases, rucksacks, or fabric holdalls are all suitable to bring with you to Algeria. You should also have a small daypack or bag for daily excursions. Your main luggage will often be left at the hotel during your sightseeing trips; you will not need to carry it far, and hotel porters are almost always available to assist.

Luggage Limits: There is no luggage limit for this tour. However, most airlines restrict you to between 20kg and 25kg for your checked luggage and between 5kg and 10kg for hand luggage. Please check with your airline before travelling to the airport.

Clothing: Algeria's climate varies significantly by region and season. The north enjoys a warm, Mediterranean climate, while the south is much hotter and drier, particularly in desert areas like Tassili n'Ajjer or the Sahara. Temperatures can drop dramatically at night, especially in desert regions, mountain ranges (such as the Djurdjura or Aurès), and during December and January. Rain falls primarily from November to March in coastal regions like Algiers and Oran. Depending on the time of year and areas you are visiting, you should pack for both hot conditions and surprisingly chilly evenings. To show respect for local culture and customs, please ensure your clothes are loose-fitting and modest, as Algeria is generally more culturally conservative than neighboring Maghreb destinations. Shorts (not hot pants) and T-shirts are acceptable at major tourist or desert sites, but shoulders should remain covered. In town and city centres, and especially when visiting religious sites or traditional neighborhoods, both legs and arms should be covered.

Other Items: If your tour includes a desert camp, all bedding is provided. However, as sand has a habit of getting everywhere, we recommend bringing a light sleeping sheet or sleeping bag liner for comfort all year round. We also recommend a light sleeping bag during the winter months (November to February), when it can get very cold in the desert. We also suggest you bring a sun hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, a basic first aid kit, toiletries, a money belt, a small torch, and a camera with a charger.

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16 Money

The local currency in Algeria is the Algerian Dinar. We recommend you bring some cash in a hard currency (US Dollars or Euros) and a reliable ATM card. Most major currencies can be converted at banks or official exchange counters, but it is not advisable to carry too much cash. Euros are by far the most widely accepted currency to exchange, followed by US Dollars; GB Pounds are far less common. Traveller's cheques are not easily exchanged.

It can be difficult outside of major cities like Algiers, Oran, or Constantine to find an ATM that reliably accepts foreign cards. Always check for the symbol on the machine that matches your card before inserting it, to avoid your card being retained. In some smaller towns, there may not be any ATMs that take foreign cards, so ensure you have enough cash to last until you reach the next major city. Banque Nationale d'Algérie (BNA) and Gulf Bank Algeria (GBA) are often among the most reliable options for foreign cards, though cash remains king throughout the country.

While in Algeria, you will need sufficient funds to cover meals not included in the itinerary, drinks, snacks, souvenirs, tips, and personal expenses such as laundry. These should generally all be paid for in Algerian Dinars. It is difficult to suggest a specific amount for personal spending as this can vary greatly, but as a guideline, we would suggest allowing USD 15–25 per person per day as a minimum. Allow more if you plan on doing a lot of shopping or purchasing specialty items.

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17 Voltage

Sockets in Algeria are two-round-pronged and operate on 230 volts at 50 Hz (Type C/E). Universal adapters are available in most airport shops if you do not have one already. Standard European adapters will work seamlessly.

All hotel rooms have electrical sockets where you can recharge cameras, phones, and other devices. Hair dryers are usually available on request from the hotel reception if they are not already in your room. If you have US appliances (110 volts), you will need a dual-voltage appliance or a power converter to step down the voltage safely.

18 Time

The local time in Algeria is West Africa Time (WAT), which is GMT+1 year-round. Unlike some neighboring countries, Algeria does not observe daylight saving time, so the offset stays constant throughout the year—meaning it remains GMT+1 even during Ramadan.

19 Passports and Visas

Passports should be valid for at least six months after your date of arrival in the country. Please ensure your passport has at least two blank visa pages and is not almost full or almost expired. Visa arrangements are the responsibility of the traveller, and requirements are subject to change by local authorities. We recommend that you contact your closest Algerian consulate or embassy for the most current information specific to your nationality.

Unlike some neighboring destinations, most foreign nationalities—including travelers from the USA, Canada, the UK, European Union countries, Australia, and New Zealand—must obtain a tourist visa prior to traveling to Algeria. Applications generally must be submitted in advance to the Algerian consulate covering your place of residence. Only a very limited number of nationalities (such as citizens of Malaysia, Tunisia, or Mauritania) are exempt from visa requirements.

If you require a visa prior to travel, we can arrange an official letter of invitation to support your application; to process this, we will require a scanned copy of your passport photo page.