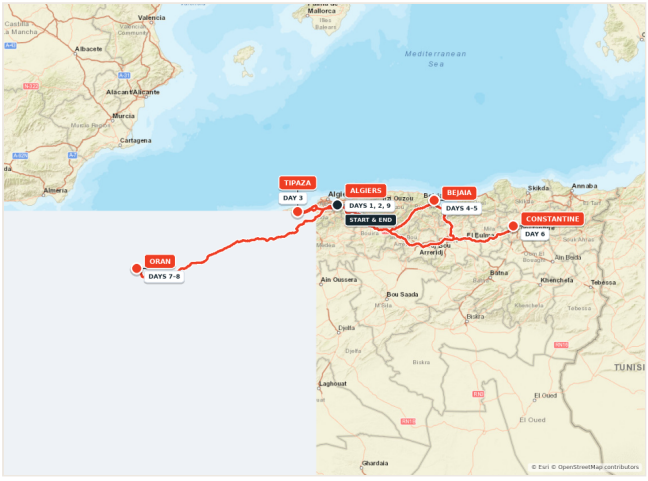
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Algeria Eclipse Adventure 2027

COUNTRY(IES)	Algeria
TOUR TYPE	Small Group
TRANSPORT	A/C minibus, Domestic Flights
GROUP SIZE	Min: 10 | Max: 30
DURATION	9 days
STARTS	Algiers, Algeria
ENDS	Algiers, Algeria
MEALS	Breakfasts - 8, Lunches - 1, Dinners - 1

TOUR ROUTE MAP **9 Days**



ROUTE: **Algiers** (Start) → **Tipaza** → **Bejaia** → **Constantine** → **Oran** → **Algiers** (End)

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.**

Arrive in Algiers and meet the local team at the airport before transferring to your hotel. Settle in and enjoy the rest of the day at your own pace. Those arriving earlier may choose to wander through the city's historic centre independently, soaking up the atmosphere and making the most of their first hours in Algeria.

ACTIVITIES

- **Arrive at Algiers Airport**
  Arrive at Algiers Airport, where a local representative will meet you and help you begin your journey through Algeria.
- **Transfer Algiers Airport → Hotel**
  Transfer from Algiers Airport to your hotel in the capital, where you can settle in after your journey.

- **Free Time / Leisure – Algiers**
  If you arrive early, explore Algiers' historic centre independently and enjoy your first impressions of the capital.

OVERNIGHT	MEALS
Algiers Hotel	None

DAY 2 Exploring the historic centre of Algiers

Discover Algiers through a fascinating mix of museums, architecture, monuments, and green spaces. Browse the Bardo's cultural collections, admire the decorative details of La Grande Poste, and take in the panorama from the hillside basilica. Continue to the Martyrs' Memorial, a symbol of Algerian independence, before walking through the historic botanical gardens of Jardin d'Essai du Hamma.

ACTIVITIES

- **Visit Bardo National Museum**
  Explore the Bardo National Museum's prehistoric artefacts, traditional objects and cultural treasures in an Ottoman-era mansion.
- **Visit La Grande Poste**
  Admire the sweeping arches, intricate tilework and white façade of Algiers' celebrated Neo-Moorish La Grande Poste.
- **Visit Notre-Dame d’Afrique**
  Visit Notre-Dame d'Afrique, a hillside basilica offering panoramic views over the Bay of Algiers.
- **Visit Martyrs’ Memorial**
  See the towering Martyrs' Memorial, a tribute to Algeria's struggle for independence and a landmark on the capital's skyline.
- **Walk Through Jardin d’Essai du Hamma**
  Walk through Jardin d'Essai du Hamma, following garden avenues lined with mature trees and exotic plants.

OVERNIGHT	MEALS
Algiers Hotel	Breakfast

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

Discover two fascinating chapters of Algeria's history, from the Roman and early Christian monuments of Tipaza to the winding streets of the Casbah of Algiers. Along the way, visit the Royal Mausoleum of Mauretania, an impressive ancient stone monument overlooking the surrounding landscape. Back in the capital, explore the Casbah's distinctive architecture, lively markets, and long-established craft traditions.

ACTIVITIES

- **Drive Algiers → Tipaza**
  Travel west along the Mediterranean coast from Algiers towards the seaside archaeological site of Tipaza.
- **Explore Tipaza Archaeological Site**
  Explore Tipaza's Roman baths, theatre, amphitheatre, necropolis and early Christian remains beside the sea.
- **Visit Royal Mausoleum of Mauretania**
  Visit the Royal Mausoleum of Mauretania, a monumental stone tomb on a hill overlooking the Mediterranean coast.
- **Drive Tipaza → Algiers**
  Travel back towards Algiers after the coastal archaeological visits, ready to explore the historic Casbah.
- **Explore Casbah of Algiers**
  Wander the Casbah of Algiers, discovering its narrow lanes, artisan workshops, markets and historic Ottoman buildings.

OVERNIGHT	MEALS
Algiers Hotel	Breakfast

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

Cross the mountainous Kabylie countryside and meet local villagers to learn about their daily lives and traditions, with an opportunity to sample regional dishes. Continue to Béjaïa and the pine-covered slopes of Gouraya National Park. Take in the coastal panorama from Pic des Singes, known for its Barbary macaques, and admire the spectacular cliffside setting of Cap Carbon Lighthouse.

ACTIVITIES

- **Drive Algiers → Kabylie Region**
  Journey through the green mountain landscapes of Kabylie, passing traditional Berber villages and rolling hills.
- **Visit Kabylie Berber Village**
  Meet residents of a traditional Kabylie village and discover local customs, craft traditions and daily life.
- **Taste Traditional Kabylie Food**
  Sample regional Kabylie specialities, including handmade bread, olive oil and seasonal dishes prepared with local recipes.
- **Drive Kabylie Region → Béjaïa**
  Continue through the Kabylie mountains towards the Mediterranean city of Béjaïa and its dramatic coastal scenery.
- **Explore Gouraya National Park**
  Explore Gouraya National Park's pine-covered landscape and high coastal viewpoints above the city of Béjaïa.
- **Visit Pic des Singes**
  Take in panoramic coastal views from Pic des Singes, an elevated viewpoint known for its resident Barbary macaques.

- **Visit Cap Carbon Lighthouse**
  See Cap Carbon Lighthouse in its dramatic cliffside setting, surrounded by rugged slopes and Mediterranean views.

OVERNIGHT	MEALS
Béjaïa Hotel	Breakfast,Lunch

DAY 5 Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Djemila

Journey inland through mountain passes and highland scenery to Djemila, the ancient Roman city of Cuicul. Its impressive ruins sit atop a striking ridge and include the Arch of Caracalla, the Forum, early Christian remains, and temples. A guided walk brings the city's fascinating history to life before a visit to the archaeological museum, renowned for its beautifully preserved Roman mosaics.

ACTIVITIES

- **Drive Béjaïa → Djemila**
  Travel through mountain passes towards the high plateau of Sétif and the UNESCO-listed Roman ruins of Djemila.
- **Explore Ancient Djemila**
  Walk Djemila's Roman streets to see the Arch of Caracalla, Forum, basilica and temples of ancient Cuicul.
- **Visit Djemila Site Museum**
  Visit the Djemila Site Museum, home to intricate Roman floor mosaics depicting mythology and daily life.

OVERNIGHT	MEALS
Constantine hotel	Breakfast

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

Explore Constantine's dramatic setting above the Rhumel Gorge, including the celebrated Sidi M'Cid bridge and the ornate courtyards and tilework of Ahmed Bey Palace. Wander through the historic medina and admire the Emir Abdelkader Mosque, known for its towering minarets and grand architecture. Afterwards, travel back to Algiers for an evening flight west to the coastal city of Oran.

ACTIVITIES

- **Visit Sidi M’Cid Suspension Bridge**
  Admire the Sidi M'Cid suspension bridge, spanning the deep Rhumel Gorge above Constantine's dramatic limestone cliffs.
- **Visit Ahmed Bey Palace**
  Explore Ahmed Bey Palace, an Ottoman-era landmark with richly decorated courtyards, marble columns and tilework.

- **Explore Constantine Old Medina**
  Wander the narrow lanes of Constantine's Old Medina, discovering the atmosphere of its historic quarter.
- **Visit Emir Abdelkader Mosque**
  Admire the tall minarets and decorative architecture of Constantine's impressive Emir Abdelkader Mosque.
- **Travel Constantine → Algiers**
  Return from Constantine to Algiers after the sightseeing visits, before the evening flight to Oran.
- **Fly Algiers → Oran**
  Take the evening flight from Algiers to Oran, continuing your Algerian journey towards the western coast.
- **Arrive in Oran**
  Arrive in Oran after your flight and prepare for the next stage of the journey in Algeria's coastal west.

OVERNIGHT	MEALS
Oran Hotel	Breakfast

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

Begin with the much-anticipated total solar eclipse, watching this extraordinary celestial event from Abdelkader Park above Oran. Following the eclipse, visit Santa Cruz Fort and Chapel, perched high above the city with panoramic views of the Mediterranean coastline. Continue to the Regional Museum to discover more about the area's history and cultural heritage, then enjoy a free evening to relax or explore Oran independently.

ACTIVITIES

- **Attend Solar Eclipse Viewing in Oran**
  Watch the total solar eclipse from the Abdelkader Park location named in the itinerary, using suitable eclipse eye protection.
- **Visit Santa Cruz Fort and Chapel**
  Visit Santa Cruz Fort and Chapel above Oran, with sweeping views across the city's gulf and Mediterranean coast.
- **Visit Oran Regional Museum**
  Explore Oran's Regional Museum and discover exhibits covering local history from ancient times to independence.
- **Free Time / Leisure – Oran (Evening)**
  Enjoy a free evening in Oran, with time to relax or explore the city independently at your own pace.

OVERNIGHT	MEALS
Oran Hotel	Breakfast

DAY 8 Exploring Oran, Algeria's second city. Fly to Algiers (or opt to depart from Oran this evening)

Spend the morning discovering central Oran's historic landmarks, including Place d'Armes and the distinctive former Sacré-Cœur Cathedral, before enjoying some free time for shopping or independent exploration. Continue to Oran Airport for your return flight to Algiers, followed by a farewell dinner celebrating the experiences of your journey. For travellers choosing the separate eight-day tour, the adventure concludes with a departure transfer in Oran.

ACTIVITIES

- **Explore Place d'Armes Oran**
  Discover historic Place d'Armes in central Oran, with its grand Town Hall and ornate Opera House.
- **Visit Former Sacré-Cœur Cathedral**
  Admire the distinctive Neo-Byzantine design of Oran's former Sacré-Cœur Cathedral during the city visit.
- **Free Time / Leisure – Oran**
  Enjoy time to browse downtown boutiques, shop or explore the streets of central Oran independently.
- **Transfer Oran City → Airport**
  Transfer from central Oran to the airport for the onward flight to Algiers on the standard nine-day tour.
- **Fly Oran → Algiers**
  Fly from Oran back to Algiers to complete the standard nine-day tour and enjoy the farewell dinner.
- **Attend Farewell Dinner in Algiers**
  Enjoy a special farewell dinner in Algiers, celebrating the experiences of your journey around Algeria.

OVERNIGHT	MEALS
Algiers Hotel	Breakfast,Dinner

DAY 9 Transfer to Algiers Airport for departure

Your remaining time in Algiers is yours to enjoy until your scheduled airport transfer. Make the most of your final hours in the capital before travelling from your hotel to Algiers Airport for your onward journey. While your tour concludes here, travellers wishing to extend their stay can arrange additional time by the sea for a more leisurely end to their Algerian adventure.

ACTIVITIES

- **Free Time / Leisure – Algiers**
  Enjoy your final free time in Algiers before transferring to the airport for your departure flight.
- **Transfer Algiers Hotel → Airport**
  Travel from your hotel in Algiers to the airport for your onward flight at the end of the tour.
- **Depart from Algiers Airport**
  Arrive at Algiers Airport for your onward flight, bringing your nine-day journey through Algeria to an end.

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.

Extra night in Tunis - pre-tour

Min numbers: 1

This option adds an extra night to the start of your tour in Tunisia, staying in the same hotel in Tunis as the main tour itself (subject to availability at the time of booking). Your airport arrival transfer is still included. Prices shown are per person and based on two people sharing a twin/double room on a bed and breakfast basis.

Note: Single room and peak season supplements apply.

Extra night in Tunis - post-tour

Min numbers: 1

This option adds an extra night to the end of your tour in Tunisia, staying in the same hotel in Tunis as the main tour itself (subject to availability at the time of booking). Your airport departure transfer is still included. Prices shown are per person and based on two people sharing a twin/double room on a bed and breakfast basis.

Note: Single room and peak season supplements apply.

Enfidha Airport Transfer Supplement (Return)

Min numbers: 1

Your tour price includes the cost of a return airport transfer from/to Tunis Airport. Many European countries offer low-cost flights To Enfidha Airport, this option covers the additional cost of a transfer from/to Enfidha Airport.

Important Notes

1 **Dates & Prices**

This tour has been arranged to coincide with the 2027 total solar eclipse, therefore we only have 1 departure scheduled on this itinerary. The tour is guaranteed to run with a minimum of 10 travellers and a maximum of 20. Departure dates and prices are listed on our website and on a separate dates & prices sheet available on request.

2 **Accommodation**

The accommodation on this tour is based on 4 to 5-star hotels, with the specific hotels being subject to change. Properties normally used on this tour mentioned within the accommodation section.

Accommodation is based on twin, triple or double en-suite rooms/cabins with air conditioning. All couples will be given a private double room.

Please check the Single Room Supplement option for details on room sharing options and charges for solo travellers on this tour.

3 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.

4 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.

5 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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6 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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7 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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8 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

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9 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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10 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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11 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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12 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.

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13 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.

14 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.

15 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.

16 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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17 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.

18 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.

19 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.

20 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.

21 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.
