



The magic of Tadrart

ALGERIA

Photo by G. Sommovilla



9 days

12 - 20 November 2026

English speaking tour leader



The 'unforgettable' of the trip:

- The charm of **Algiers**, with its kasbah, historic mosques and white French-style buildings
- The ruins of **Tipaza** overlooking the Mediterranean, and the Numidian tomb known as 'La Cristiana'
- The **Tadrart**, an incredible corner of the **Sahara Desert** on the border with Niger
- The **"fairy chimneys"** of Moul N'Aga and the **red dunes of Tin Merzouga**
- The magnificent **rock art sites**, notably that of *La Vache qui Pleure*
- An encounter with the **Tuareg**, the "blue men", in the vicinity of **Djanet**



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Day 1: Thursday 12 November

Outward flight/Algiers (ALG)

Morning flight to Algiers. On arrival, meet the Kanaga Africa Tours team, who will assist with exchanging euros and purchasing a local SIM card if required. Tour of ALGIERS (from the Arabic El Djezaïr), an UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its whitewashed houses, overlooking the Mediterranean and surrounded by lush, fertile hills. This historic city was first the most powerful of the Barbary pirate bases in the time of the pirate Barbarossa, then dominated by the Ottomans for three centuries, and later a residential centre during the French colonial period. We will begin with a stroll through the medina of ALGIERS, built on the ruins of ancient Icosium: we will venture into the labyrinthine alleys of the kasbah, dating largely from the 16th century, and admire the numerous mosques (exterior) and historic residences known as dar (exterior). Seafood lunch at a restaurant. We will then continue along the seafront, where the architectural influence of the French period is clearly visible, with wide tree-lined avenues, arcades and elegant buildings. Accommodation at the Hotel Ralf or similar and overnight stay in a double room with private services.



Medina of Algiers



Algiers waterfront

Day 2: Friday 13 November

Algiers/Tipaza/Algiers/flight/Djanet

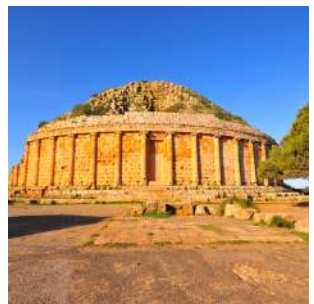
After breakfast, we set off along the coast towards the Roman site of CHERCHELL, the ancient Caesarea, a Punic settlement dating back to the 5th century BC, which enjoyed a period of great prosperity during the Numidian reign of Juba II in the 1st century AD, when it became the capital of Mauretania at the behest of Emperor Augustus. In the city museum, we can admire the marble busts of the royal family and an extremely rare portrait of Juba II's mother-in-law, Cleopatra, Queen of Egypt. We will also visit the arena, which witnessed gladiatorial combat and fights with wild beasts, and could accommodate up to 15,000 spectators. Onwards to Tipaza, lunch at a restaurant. In the early afternoon, a visit to the site of TIPAZA, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where the ruins are scattered across a pine-covered slope that gently descends to the beach, dominated by Djebel Chenoua. The city reached its peak during the Severan dynasty (2nd century AD), when the imposing city walls, over 2 kilometres long, were built, and in the 3rd and 4th centuries, when it embraced Christianity and its Basilica – the largest Christian building of the time – was erected. On the return journey to Algiers, visit the 'Tomb of the Christian', a mysterious circular building 63 metres in diameter, adorned with 60 external columns featuring Ionic capitals, believed to be the royal mausoleum of Mauretania, and likely the tomb of Juba II and Cleopatra Selene. Transfer to the airport in time for the domestic flight to Djanet. On arrival, transfer to the Hotel Grotte des Ambassadeurs or similar, overnight stay in twin rooms with private services.



Ruins of Tipaza



Tipaza



Royal Mausoleum of Mauretania



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Day 3-7: from Saturday 14 to Wednesday 18 November

Tadrart Akakus

Days dedicated to exploring the TADRART AKAKUS (or Acacus), described as “the most beautiful desert in the world”, a fascinating corner near the border with Niger, set against a backdrop of dunes ranging from yellow to orange and rocks shaped by erosion into fanciful and bizarre forms. From Djanet we will head to IN DJAREN with its decorated cliffs, towards the labyrinth of the “fairy chimneys” of MOUL N’AGA, until we reach the famous red dunes of TIN MERZOUGA and the majestic dunes of MONKHOR, the “castles” and the impressive arches of ALIDEMMA. As well as the spectacular landscapes, we will meet families of TUAREG NOMADS, with whom we can exchange greetings and enjoy the famous desert tea together. We will also admire rock paintings and engravings, evidence of a time when this now-desert region was a fertile plain criss-crossed by watercourses. Breakfasts, lunches and dinners at camp prepared by our chef, overnight stays in double igloo tents. After five days immersed in the vast expanses of the desert, we will return to Djanet for dinner and an overnight stay at the Hotel Grotte des Ambassadeur or similar, in double rooms with private services.



Welcome to southern Algeria!



The wonders of the Tadrart Akakus



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Day 8: Thursday 19 November

Djanet/Erg Admer/Djanet

After breakfast at the hotel, we will set off in 4x4s towards the ERG ADMER, a stunning expanse of soft, pale dunes. You will then visit the rock art site of TAGHARGHART, home to La Vache qui Pleure (the weeping cow), a work dating back some 6,000 years depicting three long-horned cattle with tears streaming from their eyes. Picnic lunch. Afterwards, we will visit an ancient pre-Islamic tomb before returning to DJANET to explore its colourful markets. Dinner and day-use rooms, whilst awaiting the flight to Algiers.



La Vache qui Pleure



Djanet Oasis

Day 9: Friday 20 November

Djanet/flight/Algiers/Return flight

Transfer to the airport in good time for the Air Algerie flight to Algiers; end of services. Arrival at Algiers airport to connect with your return flights.



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Individual participation fee in double
room/tent (min. 4/max. 12 pax)

1,790 €/pax

in promotion at € 1,690
for booking before 12/08/2026

Supplements:

- Enrollment fee: **free!**
- Single room/tent: **210 €**
- Extra night in Algiers: **120 €**
- Transfer out of hours: **30 €/pax/transfer**
- Pre-visa service: **30 €/passport**
- Pre-ext. Ghardaia-Assekrem: **from 900 €/pax**
- Ext. Trekking Tassili n'Ajjer: **from 1.790 €/pax**

The fee includes:

- English speaking tour leader (from 6 pax);
- Local French-speaking drivers/guides;
- Visits and excursions as per the itinerary;
- All transfers by minibuss and Toyota 4x4 or similar (max. 4 guests per vehicle) in the desert, including fuel;
- Full board, except in Algiers;
- 8 nights' accommodation (4 in hotels and 4 in igloo tents).

The fee does not include:

- The visa for Algeria (currently €145 on arrival if you have applied for a pre-arrival visa through us);
- Cancellation, health and baggage insurance;
- Flights (international and domestic**);
- Transfers to/from the airport outside normal hours;
- Drinks and mineral water;
- Dinners in Algiers;
- Sleeping bag and pillow;
- Tips for photographers and videographers;
- Tips and personal expenses;
- Everything listed under 'supplements';
- Anything not expressly mentioned under 'the price includes'.

*** The itinerary may be subject to change for reasons beyond our control, as the Algerian government reserves the right to close and reopen certain desert areas without prior notice, and Air Algérie may also amend the timetables for domestic flights.*

** DOMESTIC FLIGHTS TO BE BOOKED:

AIR ALGÉRIE

13/11/26: Algiers (ALG) – Djanet (DJG)

20/11/26: Djanet (DJG) – Algiers (ALG)