



Archaeology, oases and desert

ALGERIA



12 days

26 December 2026 - 06 January 2027

English speaking tour leader



The 'unforgettable' of the trip:

- The charm of **Algiers**, with its kasbah, historic mosques and white French buildings.
- The ruins of **Tipasa** overlooking the Mediterranean, and the Numidian tomb of 'La Cristiana'.
- The mosaics and unforgettable site of **Djemila**, surrounded by green hills.
- The Pretorium of Lambese, the Roman city of **Timgad** and the Numidian Medracen.
- The suspension bridges over the void in **Constantine** and the remains of Tiddis
- The "pearl of M'Zab", the **oasis of Ghardaia**, with its markets and "pyramidal" mosque
- **Erg Admer**, an incredible corner of the Sahara desert
- The magnificent **rock art sites**, among which those of La Vache qui Pleure stand out



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Day 1: Saturday 26 December

Outward Flight/Algiers (ALG)

Afternoon flight to Algiers. Upon arrival, meet with Kanaga Africa Tours staff, transfer to Hotel Ralf or similar, overnight stay in a double room with bathroom.

Day 2: Sunday 27 December

Algiers

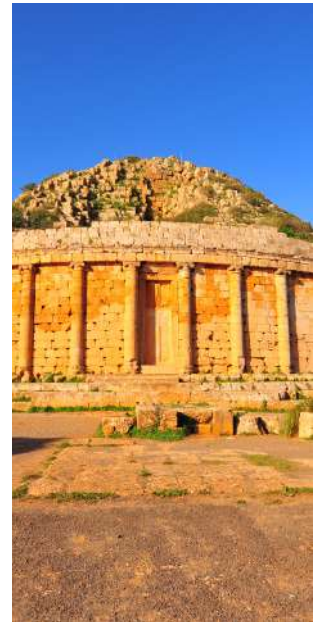
Breakfast at the hotel and assistance with exchanging euros and purchasing a local SIM card. Visit to ALGIERS (from the Arabic El Djazair), declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, with its whitewashed houses overlooking the Mediterranean and surrounded by green and fertile hills. This historic city was first the most powerful of the Barbary pirate bases during the time of the pirate Barbarossa, then ruled by the Ottomans for three centuries, and later a residential centre during the French colonial period. We will start with a walk in the medina of ALGIERS, built on the ruins of ancient Icosium: we will venture into the labyrinthine alleys of the kasbah, dating back largely to the 16th century, and admire the numerous mosques (exterior) and historic residences known as dar (exterior). We will then continue along the seafront, where the architectural imprint of the French period is clearly visible, with large tree-lined avenues, arcades and elegant buildings. Fish lunch in a restaurant. In the afternoon, we will continue our visits with Bastion 23 (Palace of the Rais) and the Cathedral of Notre Dame d'Afrique. Overnight stay at the hotel.



Welcome to Algeria!



Algiers Medina



Royal Mausoleum of Mauretania



Ruins of Tipasa overlooking the sea

Day 3: Monday 28 December

Algiers/Cherchell/Tipasa/Algiers

After breakfast, we will depart along the coast towards the Roman site of Cherchell, ancient Caesarea, a Punic settlement dating back to the 5th century BC, which experienced 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 a very rare portrait of Juba II's mother-in-law, Cleopatra, Queen of Egypt. We will also visit the arena, which saw gladiators and wild beasts fight and could accommodate up to 15,000 spectators. We will continue to Tipasa for lunch in a restaurant. In the early afternoon, we will visit the site of TIPASA, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where the ruins are scattered on a pine-covered slope that gently slopes down to the beach, dominated by Djebel Chenoua. The city experienced its greatest expansion 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 way back to Algiers, visit the "Tomb of the Christian", a mysterious circular building 63 metres in diameter, adorned with 60 external columns with Ionic capitals, which is believed to be the royal mausoleum of Mauretania, probably the tomb of Juba II and Cleopatra Selene. Overnight stay at the hotel.



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Day 4: Tuesday 29 December

Algiers/Setif/Djemila/Constantine

After breakfast, we will depart for the eastern hills to reach SETIF, founded in 97 AD during the reign of Nerva under the name of Sitifis. Here we will visit the small archaeological museum, which houses some real treasures: the mosaics of the Triumph of Venus, depicting the goddess in a shell surrounded by monsters and cherubs, and the Triumph of Dionysus, depicting a procession celebrating the god's victories in India, including the only image of a giraffe found in North Africa from the Roman period. Lunch in a restaurant and departure for the site of DJEMILA, the ancient Cuicul or Curculum, a UNESCO World Heritage Site dating back to the 1st century AD, where the veterans of Legio III Augusta settled. Today, in addition to the refined mosaics in the museum, you can admire the remains of the Arch of Caracalla, the Temple of the Severi, the old forum, the Great Baths and the theatre, carved into the side of a hill and capable of seating up to 3,000 spectators. Continue to Constantine, check in at the Hotel El Bay or similar, dinner and overnight stay in a double room with bathroom.



Temples of Djemila



Theatre of Djemila

Day 5: Wednesday 30 December

Constantine/Timgad/Constantine

After breakfast, departure for Timgad via Batna. Before reaching the UNESCO World Heritage Site, we will stop at the ruins of LAMBAESIS, a settlement that was once the capital of Roman Numidia, whose praetorium dating back to 268 is the best-preserved building, an imposing two-storey structure that stood in front of the parade ground. Arrival in TIMGAD, lunch with a lunch box (sandwich and fruit) or in a restaurant. Visit one of the most impressive Roman sites in Algeria, a colony built by Emperor Trajan for the soldiers and veterans of his Legio III Augusta, which was supposed to house 15,000 people but whose population quadrupled in the 2nd and 3rd centuries AD. Here you can admire an archetype of Roman cities in North Africa: a large complex of thermal baths, the semi-circular public library, the forum square, the theatre that could accommodate up to 3,500 spectators, the grandiose *Capitolium* temple, and the *decumanus maximus* leading to Trajan's Arch. On the way back, stop at Medracen, an ancient Numidian tomb, and at the chotts, the salt lakes that characterise the region. Return to Constantine, dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.



Djemila



Timgad. View of the Capitolium



Constantine



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Day 6: Thursday 31 December

Constantine (CZL)/Flight/Ghardaia (GHA)

After breakfast, visit CONSTANTINE, Algeria's third largest city, built on a rocky outcrop surrounded by a deep gorge that has always made it a natural fortress. The landscape is characterised by spectacular bridges offering breathtaking views, such as the Sidi M'Cid bridge (known as the "suspension bridge") dating back to 1912, which is 164 metres long and 175 metres high, or the Mellah Slimane bridge, dating back to 1925, which is 125 metres long and 100 metres high. Lunch in a restaurant. In the afternoon, you can visit TIDDIS, the ancient Castellum Tidditanorum, which was part of a series of fortified villages defending Cirta, now Constantine. We will admire the ingenuity of the Romans in building a city on this steep slope, near the Khreneg gorge carved out by the Oued Rhumel, and the system of canals and cisterns that allowed them to collect and store rainwater. Transfer to the airport in time for the flight to Ghardaia. Upon arrival, Kanaga Africa Tours staff will transfer you to the Hotel M'zab or similar. Dinner and overnight stay in a double room with bathroom.



Ghardaia



Details of Ghardaia

Day 7: Friday 01 January

The pentapolis of Ghardaia

Breakfast at the hotel. Day dedicated to visiting the pentapolis of GHARDAIA, the 'pearl of M'Zab', declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Its oasis covers an area of approximately 10 km and also includes the historic towns of Beni Isguen, Melika, Bou Noura and El Atteuf, all located on a hill. These towns were founded in the 11th century by the Ibadites, who broke away from orthodox Islam and moved to this harsh and barren territory. Today, Ghardaia is the commercial centre of the entire Algerian Sahara, which is why visiting its souk and the Marché à la Criée (auction market) in BENI ISGUEN, where you can buy the renowned locally produced colourful carpets, will be an unforgettable experience. We will also visit the great mosque, which resembles a fortress and is characterised by its pyramid-shaped minaret, typical of mosques in the region, and the palm grove with its ingenious water distribution system. Lunch in a restaurant, dinner and overnight stay in a hotel.



Ghardaia market



Among the streets of Ghardaia

Day 8: Saturday 02 January

Ghardaia (GHA)/Flight/Djanet (DJG)

Breakfast at the hotel. The day's visits will be organised in Ghardaia or Djanet, depending on the domestic flight schedule. Transfer to the airport in time for the flight to Djanet. Upon arrival, check-in at the Auberge Grotte des Ambassadeur or similar. Lunch in a restaurant, dinner and overnight stay in a double room with bathroom.



Ghardaia Mosque



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Day 9: Sunday 03 January

Djanet/Essendilene/Djanet

After breakfast at the hotel, we will head to ESSENDILENE, a beautiful oasis nestled in a canyon, in a 4x4 vehicle. Here we will take a few walks to appreciate the magical scenery. Picnic lunch. On the way back to Djanet, we will visit the bizarre rock formations of TIMRAS. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 10: Monday 04 January

Djanet/Erg Admer/Djanet

After breakfast at the hotel, we will head to ERG ADMER in 4x4 vehicles, a beautiful wall of soft, light-coloured dunes. You will then visit the rock art site of TAGHARGHART, known as 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 visit its colourful markets. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 11: Tuesday 05 January

Djanet (DJG)/Flight/Algiers

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport for the flight to ALGIERS. Arrival in the capital and visits: the Martyrs' Monument (Makam Echaid), the botanical garden and the Great Mosque (exterior). Lunch in a restaurant. Accommodation at the Hotel Ralf or similar. Overnight stay in double rooms with bathroom facilities.

Day 12: Wednesday 06 January

Algiers (ALG)/Return flight

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport in time for your return flight. End of services.



Erg Admer



La Vache qui Pleure



Algiers

** The itinerary may be subject to change beyond our control, as the Algerian government reserves the right to close and open certain areas of the desert without prior notice, and domestic flight schedules may be changed by Air Algerie.*



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

2,390 €/pax

**in promotion at € 2,190
for booking before 26/06/2026**

Supplements:

- Enrollment fee: **free!**
- Single room/tent: **€450**
- Extra night in Algiers: **€120**
- Off-hour transfer: **€30 per person/way**
- Pre-visa service in Algeria: **€30 per person**

The fee includes:

- English speaking tour leader (minimum 6 participants);
- French-speaking local drivers/guides;
- Visits and excursions as per itinerary;
- All transfers in minibus and Toyota 4x4 or similar (maximum 4 guests per vehicle) in the desert, including fuel;
- Full board except in Algiers;
- 11 nights' hotel accommodation.

The fee does not include:

- Visa for Algeria (approximately €185 if you have applied for a pre-visa through us);
- Cancellation, health and baggage insurance;
- Flights (international and domestic*);
- Transfers to/from the airport outside of normal hours;
- Drinks and mineral water;
- Dinners in Algiers;
- Sleeping bag and pillow;
- Photography and video tips;
- Tips and personal expenses;
- Everything mentioned in 'supplements';
- Everything not expressly mentioned in 'the fee includes'.

* DOMESTIC FLIGHTS TO BE BOOKED:

AIR ALGÉRIE

31/12/26: Constantine (CZL) – Ghardaia (GHA)

02/01/27: Ghardaia (GHA) – Djanet (DJG)

05/01/27: Djanet (DJG) – Algiers (ALG)