

Algeria – Algeria's Roman Heritage

Tour Code AG

Departing 22 September 2010

Algeria has recently emerged as a safe destination to travel, especially the fertile East with its friendly peoples and enormously rich variety of archaeological and historical sites. Combined with stunning mountainous scenery and fine colonial architecture this is reason enough to warrant a comprehensive visit, particularly now before tourism takes hold. With a number of listed UNESCO World Heritage sites and some of the finest Roman remains in North Africa, this detailed 10 day tour is designed to allow for adequate time to fully appreciate Algeria's capital and Eastern region

Local visitors at the Roman city of Djemila
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Day 1 Fly to Algiers. Visit Algiers – Wednesday 22 September

Morning departure from London Heathrow on British Airways direct to Algiers. Lunchtime arrival and transfer to our hotel for two nights. We spend the afternoon with an orientation bus tour of Algiers city with its fine colonial architecture and include a visit to the beautiful Notre Dame Cathedral. Welcome dinner at a traditional restaurant (D)

Day 2 Visit Roman Tipasa – Thursday 23 September

We drive west to the UNESCO listed Roman site of Tipasa, beautifully located on the shores of the Mediterranean below Mount Chenoua, an extinct volcano which rises dramatically from the sea. On our drive back to the capital we pause at the vast and impressive pyramid-like Tomb of the Christian located in the hills behind Tipasa. Dinner at the hotel (B,L,D)

Day 3 Morning flight to Annaba. Visit Hippo – Friday 24 September

We fly to Annaba in the morning and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. In the afternoon we visit ancient Hippo (Annaba) including the ruins of Hippo Regius and the modern Basilica of locally born St Augustine. Dinner at the hotel (B,L,D)

Day 4 Visit Guelma. Drive to Constantine – Saturday 25 September

Our first visit of the day is in Guelma to view its restored outstanding Roman theatre before continuing via the natural hot springs of Hammam Meskoutine to Constantine, capital city of Eastern Algeria and unquestionably its most beautiful, dramatically situated on the Rhumel Gorge, where we spend two nights (B,L,D)

Day 5 In Constantine. Visit Tiddis – Sunday 26 September

We spend the morning in beautiful Constantine and have a tour of 'the city of bridges', which are suspended over the spectacular gorge. We include visits to the excellent museum and the city's other ancient and modern architectural wonders such as the Roman aqueduct, the Palace of the Bey and view the impressive Mosque of Amir Abdel Kader. In the afternoon we drive the short distance to Tiddis, a Roman site built into the hillside that displays some very impressive architectural features for its time (B,L,D)

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Day 6 Visit Timgad and Lambesis. Drive to Batna – Monday 27 September

The fabulous and incredibly preserved Roman city of Timgad founded in 100AD by Emperor Trajan is one of Algeria's major highlights. We spend the day at the site with a guided tour and time to wander at leisure. We continue to the modern city of Batna for two nights, stopping to visit the ruined legionary fortress and amphitheatre at nearby Lambesis (B,L,D)

Day 7 Visit oasis town of Biskra – Tuesday 28 September

A wonderfully scenic drive through the Aures Mountains and the Balconies of Ghoufi, Algeria's own Grand Canyon, brings us to the oasis town of Biskra known as the 'gate of the desert'. We stop for lunch before a short drive to Sidi Oqba, named after the man who brought Islam to Algeria in the 7th century and where we can see his tomb and the town's mosque and koranic school. We return to Batna via the dramatic El Kantara Gorge and Roman bridge (B,L,D)

Day 8 Visit Zana and Djemila. Drive to Setif – Wednesday 29 September

We pause at the ruined triumphal arch and forum of Zana, littered with inscriptions and perfectly set at the base of Jebel Mestaoua before continuing to Djemila, the most outstanding of Algeria's Roman antiquities. A remarkable setting and extensive ruins, Djemila, meaning 'beautiful', lives up to its name in every way as much for its location as its remarkably preserved architectural features. We spend the afternoon in the site with a guided tour and time to wander at leisure. Overnight in the nearby town of Setif (B,L,D)

Day 9 Drive to Algiers. Visit Algiers – Thursday 30 September

We drive to Algiers this morning and spend the afternoon with further sightseeing in the capital and include visits to the Museum of Antiquities, and the UNESCO listed Casbah. Overnight hotel and farewell dinner in Algiers (B,L,D)

Day 10 Fly to London – Friday 1 October

After a leisurely breakfast and a chance for some final shopping we transfer to Algiers international airport for our early afternoon departure to London with British Airways arriving into Heathrow Terminal 5 (B)

Cost £1895.00 per person in a twin room (excluding international flight)

Single supplement charge £200.00



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Price includes –

- ▶ Tour accompanied from London by Patrick Syder
- ▶ Algerian guide for the duration of the tour
- ▶ One domestic flight with Air Algérie
- ▶ All transportation by a/c bus
- ▶ Full sightseeing programme including entrance fees
- ▶ Best available accommodation outside Algiers.
- ▶ Local four star centrally based hotel in Algiers
- ▶ All meals in hotel or local restaurants
- ▶ Airport transfers
- ▶ Bottled water daily
- ▶ Porter, hotel and restaurant staff gratuities
- ▶ All departure taxes

Not included – travel insurance, visa fees, alcoholic drinks, guide and driver gratuities, British Airways international return flight (available with Opodo UK Ltd from £260.00)

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