



# Algeria Extension

October 30 - November 04, 2024

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Wednesday, October 30

Algiers - Oran - Tlemcen



Early morning transfer to the airport for our flight to **Oran**, a city located on the Mediterranean in the western region of Algeria. This relaxed, dynamic, and welcoming city is home to **Rai** music, **Yves Saint Laurent**, and a strong Spanish population. Upon arrival, head to visit the historic **Bey's Palace**, the 14<sup>th</sup> century fort of **Merinid Sultan Abou Hassan**, and some fine colonial architecture such as the majestic **train station**, the beautiful early 20<sup>th</sup> century **theatre** and the **Cathedral of Santa Cruz**, the first French cathedral built in Algeria. Have a chance to stop at the **plateau of Murdjadjo** for a panoramic view over the old port of Oran, and then continue the drive to **Tlemcen** (2-hr drive) and upon arrival, transfer to *Zianide Hotel or similar* for check-in, dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Thursday, October 31

Tlemcen- Oran



Tlemcen "the town of cherries" was at one time one of the most powerful cities in Maghreb. The entire day is dedicated to exploring this "Islamic capital of culture" including the 13<sup>th</sup> century **Mosque of Sidi Bel Hassan**, the **Great Mosque** (one of North Africa's most important

Islamic buildings), the enormous ancient mosque ruins of **Mansourah** from the Marinid dynasty, and the beautiful **Mausoleum of Sidi Boumediene** (12<sup>th</sup> century Sufi leader). We will have an afternoon walk into the **old city**, once home to thousands of Algerian Jews; now only handfuls of Jewish families are living here. We will learn about the long Judaic heritage of this educated and enlightened city. Return to Oran. Upon arrival transfer to the *Hotel* for check in, dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Friday, November 01

Oran - Timimoun - Sebkhah Circuit



After breakfast, transfer to the airport for our flight to **Timimoun**, also known as "the Red Oasis". Upon arrival, transfer to *Akham Lodge or similar*, for check-in followed by an orientation tour of the city. Return to the *Hotel* for dinner & overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Saturday, November 02

Timimoun



Start the day with the visit the beautiful and small village of **Ighzer**, a true fortress that has a fine Saharan architecture then drive to the **Dhraa fort**, a fascinating fort surrounded by sand dunes then We continue our visit and the discovery of the



incredible **Fougarras** water distribution systems in the region of Ouled Said, return to the lodge for a traditional lunch then enjoy free afternoon at leisure, dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Sunday, November 03  
Timimoun - Algiers



After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight back to **Algiers**. Upon arrival, transfer to *El Aurassi Hotel* or similar for check-in, dinner & overnight. **(B,D)**

Tuesday, November 04  
Algiers - USA



Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the US.

*"We reserve the right to change the order of activities or places visited due to unforeseen schedule conflicts or in order to make the itinerary run smoothly."*



## Tour Cost (Land Only):

**\$2,995.00**

*Per person sharing in double occupancy*

**Single Supplement: \$295.00**

*Price based on group size minimum of 4 participants*

### Tour Includes:

- Hotel accommodations in Superior (4\*) (except some 2-3 \* hotels in parts of Algeria).
- Arrival and departure transfers in private A/C vehicle.
- Transfers/transportation by air-conditioned motorcoach and 4-wheel drive vehicles.
- Meals as per itinerary: B:breakfast, L:lunch & D:dinner.
- Bottled mineral water on vehicles during touring.
- Tipping to guide, driver, porters, hotel, and restaurant staff throughout tours (with minimum participants).
- All tours as per itinerary including entrance fees.
- Local taxes and service charges on included items.

### Tour does not include:

- International airfare in and out of Algeria.
- Visa fees: Free on arrival - subject to change.  
***Your passport must not include any Israeli stamp.***
- Beverages with or without meals.
- Dayroom or overnights necessitated by changes in airline schedules.
- Transfers if not arriving/departing on scheduled tour dates.
- Gratuity to your tour leader/manager.
- Items of a personal nature (laundry, phone calls, camera fees, excess luggage, etc.)
- Trip surcharge to operate below minimum required.
- Travel protection insurance (**HIGHLY recommended**).

### Trip Grade:

**II Active:** Some hikes, slightly more demanding walks at or to sites, few elevations, comfortable, but busy schedule, and some very long rides. A few times you may be delayed by the security personnel at some checkpoints necessitating a tolerant and patient attitude.

### Lodging Level:

**★★★ Superior:** Some hotels with additional amenities, refined service, and comfort level acceptable to western standards. (3 or 4 stars)

**★★★★ Luxury:** Regular style- usually large- hotels, typical western standard with ample venues, and full amenities. (4 or 5 stars).