



# Vestiges of the Roman Empire

ALGERIA



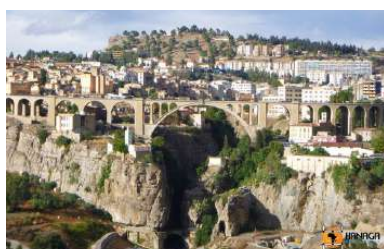
9 days

01 - 09 June 2024

English speaking tour leader

## The 'unforgettable' of the trip:

- The **Tipaza** ruins overlooking the Mediterranean, and the Numidian tomb 'of the Christian
- Mosaics and the unforgettable site of **Djemila**, surrounded by verdant hills
- The suspension bridges over the void of **Constantine** and the remains of Tiddis
- The *Lambaesis Praetorium*, the Roman city of **Timgad** and the Numidian Medracen
- The limestone waterfall of **Hammam Debagh** and the theatre of **Guelma**
- The site of **Hippona**, St Augustine's Cathedral and the French colonial quarter in **Annaba**



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### Day 1: Saturday 01 June

#### Flight to Algiers (ALG)

Flight to Algiers, on arrival meeting with the Kanaga Africa Tours staff, assistance for the exchange of Euros and possible purchase of a local phone card. Accommodation at the ST Hotel or similar, free dinner and overnight stay in a double room with services.



Welcome to Algeria!

### Day 2: Sunday 02 June

#### Algiers/Cherchell/Tipaza/Algiers

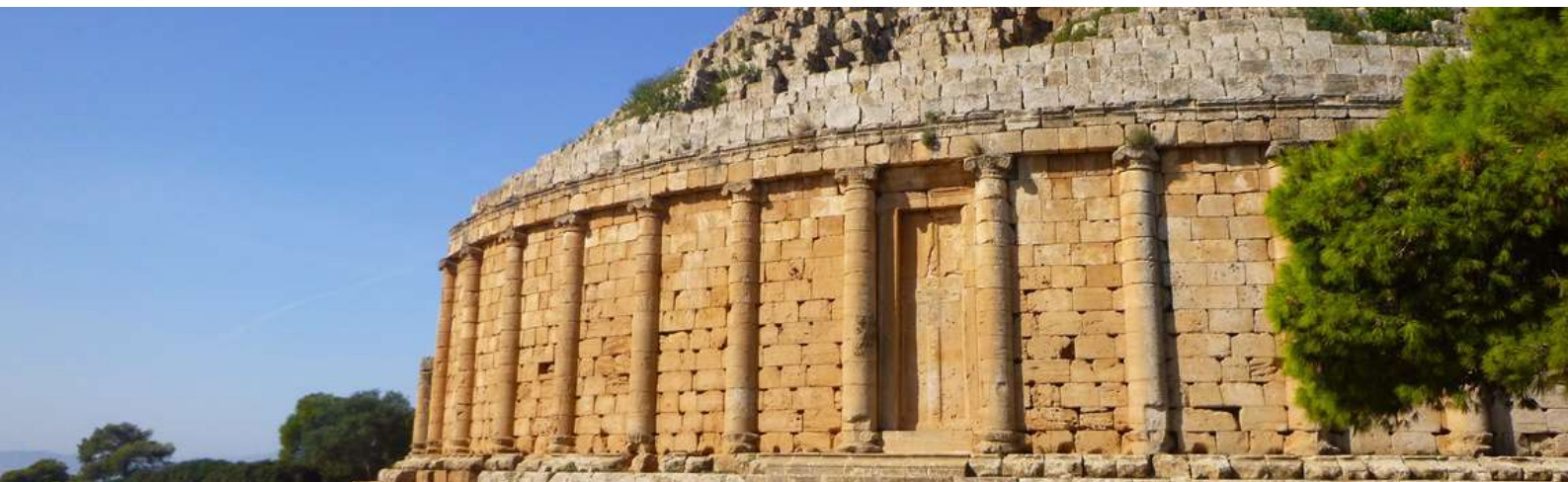
After breakfast departure along the coast to the Roman site of CHERCHELL, the ancient Caesarea, a Punic settlement dating back to the 5th century B.C., which experienced a period of great prosperity during the Numidian reign of Juba II, in the 1st century A.D., when it became the capital of Mauretania at the behest of the Emperor Augustus. In the city museum we can admire 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 ferocious beasts fight, and which could hold up to 15,000 spectators. Continuation to Tipaza, lunch in a restaurant. In the early afternoon, visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of TIPAZA, where the ruins are scattered on a pine-covered slope sloping gently down to the beach, dominated by the Djebel Chenoua. The city experienced its greatest expansion during the Severan dynasty (2nd century A.D.), during which the imposing wall over 2 kilometres long was built, and in the 3rd and 4th centuries when it embraced Christianity, and its Basilica, the largest Christian building of the time, was erected. Returning to Algiers, visit the 'Tomb of the Christian', a mysterious circular building 63 metres in diameter, adorned with 60 external columns with Ionic capitals, reputed to be the royal mausoleum of Mauretania, probably the tomb of Juba II and Cleopatra Selene. On arrival free dinner and overnight stay in the hotel.



Tipaza Christian Cemetery



Ruins of Tipaza overlooking the sea



Royal Mausoleum of Mauretania



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### Day 3: Monday 03 June

#### Algiers/Setif/Djemila/Setif

After breakfast, we depart for the eastern hills to reach SETIF, founded in 97 A.D. under Nerva as Sitifis. Here we will visit the small archaeological museum, which houses some real treasures: the mosaics of the Triumph of Venus, which depicts the goddess in a shell surrounded by monsters and cherubs, and the Triumph of Dionysus, which depicts a procession celebrating the god's victories in India, including the only image of a giraffe to have been 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, which dates back to the 1st century A.D. as the place where the veterans of Legio III Augusta settled. Today, in addition to the fine mosaics in the museum, one can admire the remains of the Arch of Caracalla, the Temple of the Severans, the old forum, the Great Baths and the theatre, excavated on a hillside and which could seat up to 3,000 spectators. Return to Setif, accommodation at the Hotel Ibis or similar, free dinner and overnight in hotel, in a double room with services.



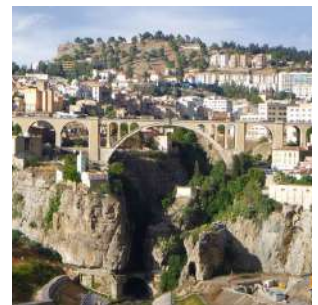
Temples of Djemila



Theatre of Djemila



Djemila



Constantine

### Day 4: Tuesday 04 June

#### Setif/Tiddis/Constantine

After breakfast we depart for TIDDIS, the ancient Castellum Tidditanorum, which was part of a series of fortified villages defending Cirta, today's Constantine. We will admire the ingenuity of the Romans in building a city on this steep slope, near the Khreneg gorge carved by the Oued Rhumel, and the system of canals and cisterns that enabled them to collect and store rainwater. Arrival in Constantine and lunch in a restaurant. In the afternoon, 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. Outlining the landscape are the spectacular bridges, on which breathtaking views open up, such as the Sidi M'Cid bridge (known as the 'suspension bridge') from 1912, 164 metres long and 175 metres high, or the Mellah Slimane bridge from 1925, 125 metres long and 100 metres high. We also visit the Cirta museum, the ancient kasbah and the Emir Abdelkader mosque (exterior) and the War Memorial built in colonial times by the French. Accommodation at the Ibis Hotel or similar, free dinner and overnight in the hotel, in a double room with services.



"Constantine's 'Suspension Bridge



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### Day 5: Wednesday 05 June

#### Constantine/Batna/Timgad/Constantine

After breakfast, we depart in the direction of 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, of which the Praetorium dating from 268 is the best preserved building, an imposing two-storey structure that stood in front of the parade ground. Arrival in TIMGAD, lunch box (sandwich and fruit) or in a restaurant. Visit to 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 accommodate 15,000 people but whose population quadrupled in the 2nd and 3rd centuries AD. Here you can admire an archetype of the Roman cities of North Africa: a large bath complex, the semi-circular public library, the forum forecourt, the theatre that could seat 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 the *chott*, salt lakes that characterise the region. Return to Constantine, free dinner and overnight at the hotel.



Lambaesis Praetorium



Timgad, view of the Capitolium



Trajan Arch in Timgad

### Day 6: Thursday 06 June

#### Constantine/Guelma/Annaba

After breakfast departure for Guelma, with a stop at the small site of TIBILIS, and at HAMMAM DEBAGH, with its impressive 20-metre-high limestone waterfall, created by hot water springs of up to 90 degrees. Lunch in a restaurant. In the afternoon we visit GUELMA, an ancient Numidian settlement that became Roman in the 1st century BC after Caesar's victory over King Juba, known as Calama. Here we will visit the museum and the theatre, reconstructed in 1.902 by a French archaeologist, remarkable for the statues of Neptune and Asclepius on the stage and the mosaic of the triumph of Venus in a side room. Continuation to Annaba, accommodation at Hotel Sabri or similar, free dinner and overnight stay in a double room with services.



Hammam Debagh waterfall



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### Day 7: Friday 07 June

#### Annaba

After breakfast, we visit the site of IPPONA, the ancient Hippo Regius, on undulating terrain covered with olive trees, where we can admire the Roman villas, the large 42-metre-long basilica and the theatre, with the largest stage of any theatre in North Africa. At the top of a hill opposite the site we visit the Basilica of St Augustin, completed in 1900 by the French, which contains relics of the saint, a native of this region of Algeria. Return to ANNABA, lunch in a restaurant and visit of the colonial quarter, with its elegant buildings along the tree-lined avenue called *Cours de la Révolution*. Visit of the CAP DE GARDE and its lighthouse (exterior), before returning to the hotel. Free dinner and overnight stay.



Basilica of St Augustin



Algiers

### Day 8: Saturday 08 June

#### Annaba/Flight/Algiers (ALG)

After breakfast transfer to the airport for the flight to Algiers. Visit the medina of ALGIERS (from the Arabic El Djezair), declared a UNESCO World Heritage site, with its whitewashed houses, overlooking the Mediterranean and surrounded by verdant, fertile hills. This historic city was first the most powerful of the corsair bases in Barbary 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 wander through the labyrinthine alleyways of the kasbah, most of which dates back to the 16th century, admire the numerous mosques (exterior) and historic residences known as *dar* (exterior), and lose ourselves in the beauty of the *Jardin d'Essai*, a public garden created by the French in 1,832 as a greenhouse where they experimented with growing plants and flowers. Seafood lunch in a restaurant. In the afternoon, the visit continues with the Martyrs' Monument (Makam Echaid), the Grande Poste and Notre Dame d'Afrique Cathedral. Accommodation at Hotel ST or similar, free dinner and overnight stay in a double room with services.



In the heart of the Medina



Martyrs' Monument

### Day 9: Sunday 09 June

#### Algiers (ALG)/Return flight

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport in time for the return flight. End of services.



In the lanes of the kasbah



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**Individual participation fee in double room (min. 3/max. 16 pax)**

**1,890 €/pax**

**in promotion at € 1,790  
for booking before 01/03/2024**

## Supplements:

- Enrollment fee: **free!**
- Single room: **280 €**
- Extra night in Algiers: **90 €**
- Out-of-hours transfers: **30 €/pax/transfer**
- Algeria group visa service: **210 €/pax**

## The fee includes:

- Local guides speaking French or English;
- English speaking tour leader (from 6 pax upwards)
- Visits and excursions as scheduled;
- All transfers by minibus, including driver, petrol and tolls;
- Possible compulsory stocks;
- Meals as specified in the itinerary;
- 8 nights in a double room with breakfast as mentioned in the itinerary.

## The fee does not include:

- The visa for Algeria;
- Cancellation/health/covid/baggage insurance;
- Air flights (international and domestic);
- Drinks and mineral water;
- Meals not included in the itinerary;
- Photographic and video permits;
- Tips and expenses of a personal nature;
- Everything mentioned in 'supplements';
- Anything not expressly mentioned in 'the fee includes'.

### \* INTERNAL FLIGHTS TO BE BOOKED:

#### **AIR ALGÉRIE**

08/06/24: Flight AH6171, Annaba AAE 08h05 – Algeri ALG 09h20