

**Tour**  
**Roman Cities of Algeria**  
**11Days/10 Nights**

**Day 1: Algiers**

Arrival and welcome at Algiers airport,  
Transfer to the hotel, with a stop at Riadh El Feth and the Balconies of Algiers.  
Check in at the hotel, then city tour on foot in the boulevards of Algiers:  
Michelet, Isly, the Grand Post Office, the Forum and the Floral Clock. Dinner  
and overnight stay.

**Day 2: Cherchell - Tipasa - Tomb of the Christian - (100 km - 1h30)**

Departure in direction of Cherchell, ancient Roman Caesarea (Phoenician IOL).  
Then visit of the museum of exceptional ancient sculptures, then visit of the  
Museum of ancient pieces and its garden of Mosaic and we will finish by the  
discovery of the Roman Thermes.

Lunch.

Direction Tipasa with visit of the ancient city located in the West hill, the  
theater, the circus, the thermal baths... (This site is classified by UNESCO as a  
World Heritage Site)... Numerous Punic, Roman, Christian and African vestiges  
attest to the rich history of this region.

On the way back we make a detour to visit the Royal Mausoleum of Mauritania,  
called Tomb of the Christian. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

**Day 3: Algiers-Casbah**

Departure to visit the Casbah, starting with the Citadel and the Centennial House  
(Architect Claro Leon). Then crossing the Casbah through the small streets with  
stops to visit traditional houses, terraces with panoramic view on the Bay of  
Algiers, tea tasting and traditional cakes.

Then visit the oldest mosque of the Casbah: Sidi Ramdane, the Bir Chebana Fountain, the Mausoleum of Sidi Abderahmane, the Mustapha Pacha Palace (currently the Museum of Arabic Calligraphy). Traditional lunch in the Casbah. After midday let's discover the boulevard sea front and the national theater (1853), the popular district of Bâb El Oued which is a group of districts (Guillemin, Trois Horloges, Baceta, Climat de France and Trioli).

Then we end the hike with the Basilica of Our Lady of Africa (1872) , an architectural jewel built on an exceptional site that dominates Algiers from East to West.

Dinner and night at the hotel.

#### **Day 4: Algiers-Setif (03 hours - 280 km)**

Early departure towards the archaeological park of "Djemila", classified by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Formerly Cuicul. It is one of the most beautiful sets of Roman ruins in the world. The archaeological remains, the well-integrated Roman urban plan and the environmental framework constitute the resources that represent the values attributed to the site (we will discover the Arch of Caracala, the Great Baths, the Christian Basilica as well as the museum and its magnificent mosaic paintings) as well as the Baptistery of the 4th Century.

Direction Sétif, check in at the hotel, then walking tour of the city with its wide shopping streets, and its famous fountain "Ain El Fouara", symbol of the city.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

#### **Jour 5 : Sétif - Tiddis - Constantine (180 km - 02 h)**

Départ vers Tiddis : un authentique site berbère modifié par la civilisation romaine et aménagé selon leurs systèmes d'urbanisation. Tiddis (ou Castellum Tidditanorum), qui dépendait autrefois de Cirta, conserve encore des inscriptions et des symboles libyens sur des poteries berbères.

Direction Constantine, enregistrement à l'hôtel, puis déjeuner.

Après-midi, puis promenade dans les ruelles de la vieille ville, véritable incursion dans l'histoire de Constantine, les gorges du Rhummel et les magnifiques panoramas offerts par l'ancien monument aux morts et les célèbres ponts suspendus de la ville. Dîner et nuitée.

## **Day 6 : Constantine**

Morning visit of the Soukh

Lunch in the city, visit of the Cirta Museum, the Bey's Palace and the Mosque, visit of the Regional Theater of Constantine, visit of the Arab medina and the university hill of Niemeyer.

## **Day 7: Constantine - Batna- (120 km - 02 hours)**

Departure towards Batna with a stop in the Salines (big Chott where salt is produced).

Visit of their production workshop. Then visit of Médracen which is a famous Berber tomb. Lunch in Timgad.

Afternoon visit to the city of Timgad: The Roman city, which was called Thamugadi (colonia Marciana Traiana Thamugadi) in ancient times, was founded by the emperor Trajan and given the status of colony. It was the last deduction colony in Roman Africa. Built with its temples, its baths, its forum and its great theater.

On the way back to the hotel, we will make a brief visit to what remains of Lambaesis, the heart of the Roman military presence in Africa and former headquarters of the 3rd legion of Augustus under Trajan. The small town of Tazoult is also known for its penitentiary erected in 1850 which helped a lot to the discovery of the ancient city but also a major obstacle to a thorough study of its remains, the gradual destruction because of the penitentiary, the colonial village and then the current agglomeration have made it difficult to preserve the site of Lambese. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

## **Day 8: Batna - Madaure- (Souk Ahras) -Khemissa (80 km 1h 30) -Guelma (02 h 160 km)**

Road to M'Daourouche, (Madauros), old Numidian city of Syphax of the 3rd century BC and kingdom of Massinissa, it was then erected in an important Roman colony between the year 69 and 75 BC, under the emperor Vespasian. Saint Augustine studied there until the age of 15. Visit of the ancient city. Picnic lunch.

Afternoon, direction Khamissa ancient city of Thubursicu Numidarum  
Over the centuries, it expanded north and northwest to form a city of 65 hectares.

Thubursicu Numidarum, at the strategic level, occupied a place of first importance: it was located on a road connecting the port of Hippo Regius (near Annaba) to Theveste (Tebessa), camp of the legion of Africa. The excavations made in 1877 then from 1903 to 1905, in this city of the Numidae tribe, allowed to exhume: the Platea vetus (the old place), the Forum novum, a theater, thermal baths, monumental doors, funerary monuments with numerous epitaphs, a Byzantine chapel, tables of measure and statues of divinities and notables. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

## **Day 9: Guelma - Hammam Meskoutine - Annaba (60 km - 1h30)**

After breakfast, visit and discover the ancient city of Galama. The Roman Theater, built in 201. It leans on a base of embankments adorned with cut stones.

It is due to the evergetism (benevolence) of a certain Annia Aelia Restituta, daughter of a rich and powerful family of the time, she spent a fortune for the pleasure of her fellow citizens. It was reconstructed between 1902 and 1918. The theater also houses the Roman museum of the city of Guelma, which contains important collections of coins, bronze objects and statues.

Lunch on the spot, we will then go to Hammam Chellala or Debagh, or (Meskhoutine according to the legend). The temperature of the water of Hammam Meskhoutine is exceeded at the planetary level only by that of the

geysers of Iceland. Its therapeutic virtues were appreciated by the Romans who called this place Aqua Tibatanae. Possibility of taking a bath for those who wish.

Installation at the hotel and walking tour of the city, dinner and overnight stay.

## Day 10: Annaba

Direction Annaba the site of Hippo Regius (or Hippone) which was first a Carthaginian colony, then the residence of the Numidian kings and Roman municipe under Augustus. It was then occupied by the Vandals, the Byzantines and finally by the Arabs in the 10th century, until the end of the Fatimid period. The city had Saint Augustine as bishop from 396 to 430 A.D. Hippo, Augustine's episcopal seat.

Visit of the Basilica of the Peace of Hippo, the baptistery, the theater, the forum, the baths and the museum, then the modern Basilica of Saint Augustine with its Arab-Moorish style but also Byzantine and Roman.

Lunch then Ras El Hamra (Cape of Guard), the tip of the Corniche of Annaba. Then head to the Mountain of Séraïdi to visit the hotel complex of the French architect Fernand Pouillon.

Then flight to Algiers

Transfer and special dinner at the end of the tour and overnight at the hotel.

## Day 11 : Return

Return flight

## Price per person on the basis of 10 to 14 Pax:

Double: 2 170 Eur

Single: + 290 Eur

## The price per person for this tour The Roman cities of Algeria includes :

- 11 days / 10 Nights
- Arrival Algiers
- Transfers A/R
- 03 nights 3\* hotel in Algiers
- 01 night 4\* hotel in Setif
- 02 nights 3\* hotel in Constantine
- 01 night 3-4\*hotel in Batna
- 01 night 3-4\*hotel in Guelma
- 01 night 3\* hotel in Annaba
- Flight Annaba - Algiers on day 10
- 01 night 3\* hotel in Algiers
- Full board (from Diner on D1 to BB on D12)
- Lunches and dinners outside in good restaurants
- Comfort bus (with water, wipes and dates) + Driver
- Archaeologist guide on each site
- Cultured and French speaking Tour Guide during the whole tour
- All visits included
- Luggage carriers at airports and hotels



**The price per person for this tour The Roman cities of Algeria does not includes :**

- The international flight to Algeria
- Multi-risk cancellation & repatriation insurance
- beverages, extras and personal expenses
- Visa fees
- Eventual tips