
Private trip to Algeria Conceived by Diane Favro and Fikret Yegül
March 16 -27, 2014

Visiting: Algiers, Tipasa, Cherchell, Djemila, Constantine, Tiddis, Batna, Timgad,
Lambaesis, Tebessa, Madauros, Khemis, Guelma, Annaba, Hippo Regius, Algiers.

Extension at end for an additional week to see
Western Algeria, including Tlemcen and Oran.
March 27-31, 2014



the vast second century Roman site of Timgad will be a highlight

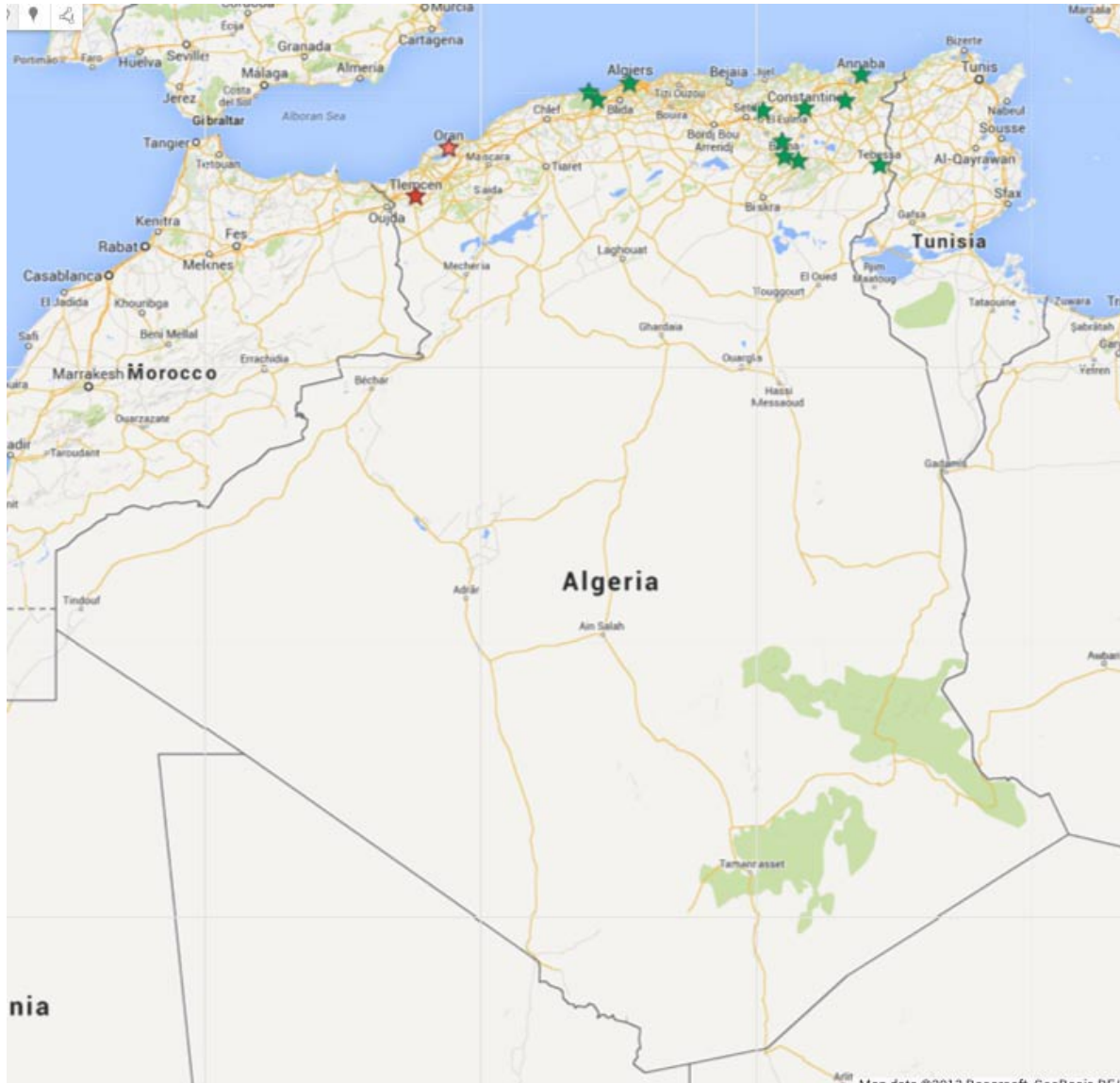
This trip came about on the initiative of Fikret Yegül and Diane Favro, both professors of History of Architecture (UC Santa Barbara and UCLA, respectively). They put the itinerary together based on their focus of sites of antiquity and found a tour company that had received good reviews from a previous trip for those connected with the American Academy in Rome. Fikret and Diane would of course be offering scholarly commentary on the bus, and conditions permitting, informally on site.

This is a trip for the adventurous and flexible. While the US State Department issues caution when visiting Algeria (it does not advise against travel), travelers do visit, and our tour is arranged with guides, and when advised, security escort. Hotels will be basic (3* excepting a 4* on our final stay in Algiers and in Oran the 5* Royal, accounting for the higher cost of the extension). Since we will all be discovering the country for the first time, some of the rough spots in the road may not have been ironed out yet! If our experience proves successful and enjoyable, then there would be likely to be a full-fledged Stephen Harby Invitational trip in the future, with all the usual bells, whistles and comforts. Anyone who is concerned about their comforts or the smooth running of the trip is encouraged to await that potential offering.

Day-by-day itineraries follow for the core and extension trips, information on costs and registration forms follow at the end of this document.

Please email to sharby@stephenharby.com with your interest right away as there is already a sizeable list of those who would like to join us.

A tentative map (overall country and detail) of our itinerary is visible below:



Sites to be visited on the main itinerary are indicated as a green star. Red stars indicate Tlemcen and Oran, sites to be visited during the extension. Travel to the desert areas is not possible at this time





Algeria Tour: Dr. Fikret Yegul & Diane Favro Party

*12 Days/11 Nights
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Dates: March 16-March 27, 2014

Number in the group: 10-14 or 15-20

**Accommodations: 3* and 4* Meals indicated in the program
Day 2, 3, & 10 dinner at restaurant in Algiers – travelers pay
at restaurant for these meals and drinks.**

March 16, 2014 Day 1: Algiers

Arrive in Algiers and transfer to your hotel for three nights.

Note: On most group tours Algiers city tours begin on day two because travelers arrive at different times.

**Accommodations: 3* Hotel Safir
HB (Dinner and Breakfast)**

March 17: Day 2: Full Day Algiers

Beginning at 9AM the group will have a full day of visiting sites in Algiers. Tour will include the Kasbah, Monument of the Martyrs, the Bay of Algiers and the city center. Dinner will be taken at

restaurant in Algiers and client will pay for his or her own food & drinks.



Accommodations: 3* Hotel Safir B&B (Breakfast only)

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Restaurant: To be determined... Algerian Cuisine

**March 18: Day 3: Algiers/Tipasa/Cherchell/Algiers
(Approximately 188 KM and 2.45 hours driving time total)**

After breakfast your group will depart for the sites at Tipasa (Planned departure at 7:00AM). When you reach Tipaza you will visit the museum and the Roman site beautifully situated beside the Mediterranean Sea. Your group will take lunch at Tipasa (11:30AM-12:30PM) and we suggest you try the fresh fish. After lunch you will travel to Cherchell and the group will visit the museum and Roman sites. You will want to leave time in order to see the Tombeau de la Chrétienne (royal mausoleum of Mauritania), which closes at 5PM. Dinner will be taken at restaurant in Algiers and client will pay for his or her own food & drinks.

**Accommodations: 3* Hotel Safir B&B
Restaurant: To be determined... Algerian Cuisine**

**March 19: Day 4: Algiers/Djemila/Setif
(Approximately 350 KM and 4-4.5 hours driving time total)**

Depart at 6:30 AM for Djemila. You will want an early morning departure to avoid the traffic in Algiers. Upon arrival in Setif (approx: 9:30-10:30AM) you will go directly to the hotel and drop off your luggage at the hotel. Then visit the National Museum of Archaeology which hosts the remarkable and intact mosaic *Procession of Bacchus*. The group will have lunch in Setif and depart for Djemila at 1PM. You will have a guided visit of both the museum and historic site. Site closes at 5PM. Return to Setif and enjoy a traditional Algerian dinner at the hotel.

**Accommodations: Hotel Rabie 3*
HB**

**March 20: Day 5:
Setif/Djemila/Constantine
(Approximately 230 KM and 3
hours driving time)**



After breakfast the group will depart at 8AM to return to the site of Djemila (Arrival 9AM). Take your time enjoying this breathtaking Roman town. After your visit you will depart for Constantine (11:30 AM). Upon arrival (1PM) in Constantine you will check into the hotel and have lunch. After lunch visit the Museum of Cirta, Palace of Ahmed Bey, Mosque, and walk to the suspension bridge, Sidi Kacem. Dinner will be at the hotel.

**Accommodations: Hotel Ibis
3* HB**

**March 21: Day 6:
Constantine/Zana/Batna**

The morning will begin with a departure at 8AM for the hillside site of Tiddis (arrival 9AM). Leave the site at 11AM and drive directly to Medracen (approx. 2-2.5 hours) and pick up some fruit and bread along the way to eat at Medracen (approx. arrival: 1PM or 2PM). Visit the site for one hour and travel to Zana (36 KM) to visit in the late afternoon. When you are finished you will continue to Batna. Dinner will be at the hotel



Accommodations: Hotel Salim 3* HB (Dinner and Breakfast)

March 22: Day 7: Lambaesis/Timgad

Depart the hotel at 8:30 for Lambaesis. Plan to leave Lambaesis at 10:30AM for Timgad. Begin with a museum tour from 11AM-12PM. Enjoy a picnic lunch or eat at the site restaurant (if it is open) or one of the local restaurants (sandwiches are available in the town). Site closes at 5PM. Return to Batna for night.

Accommodations: Hotel Salim 3* HB (Dinner and Breakfast)

**March 23: Day 8: Batna/Thebessa
(Approximately 219 KM and 3 hours driving time)**

After breakfast your group will will travel to Tebessa (Departure time:

8AM). Upon arrival in Tebessa (11 AM or 12PM) you will check into the hotel and have lunch. After lunch at 1PM visit the basilica of St. Crispina, Arch of Caracalla, Temple of Minerva, and a museum that is recently opened to the public, hosting many Christian artifacts and mosaics (This museum is not always open). Return to the hotel at 5PM and dinner will be at the hotel.

Accommodations: Hotel el Amir 3* HB (Dinner and Breakfast) – best available hotel.

March 24: Day 9: Tebessa/Madaurous/Khemisa/Thibilis/Guelma

Depart at 7AM in the morning and travel to Madauros (home of Apuleius). Arrival time is approximately 9AM. Depart at 11:00AM Khamissa at 12:00 PM. Have a picnic lunch at Khamissa and visit site until 2PM. Depart Khamissa at 2 PM for Thibilis. Approximate arrival time at Thibilis 3:30 and stay until 4:30 or 5PM. Travel to Guelma for dinner and night at the Hotel Mermoura.

Accommodations: Hotel Mermoura 3* HB

March 25: Day 10: Guelma/Annaba

Today you will visit the Roman theatre and museums at 9AM. Depart at 10:30 AM for Annaba and arrive at 12PM the group will take lunch in Annaba at a restaurant along the coast. At 1:30PM begin your visits of the site of Hippo, the museum, and the Cathedral of St. Augustine. At 3:30PM or 4PM travel to Cap De Garde and if time remains visit a historic mosque. Dinner will be at the hotel.

Accommodations: Hotel Rym El Djamil



March 26: Day 11: Annaba/Algiers/Depart (for those with afternoon

departure)

Today you will take an early morning departure for Algiers (2014 Flight times with Air Algerie are not fully confirmed). Upon arrival you're your driver and travel to the Museum of Antiquities and Islamic Art. Additional city tour in the afternoon. Dinner will be taken at restaurant in Algiers and client will pay for his or her own food & drinks.

Accommodations: Hotel Aurassi 5* (4* standard) B&B

March 27: Day 12: Depart

Those departing today will be transferred to the airport and those continuing on to Oran will depart in the morning.

Please note that all tour prices are based on current hotel rates. Mosaic North Africa has been informed that as of January 1, 2014 hotel prices will change and will affect the final tour price.

Included in the Tour:

- Half-Board (dinner and breakfast) – except for day 2, 3, and 11 when dinner will be taken at restaurant at travelers own expense
- English speaking interpreter for the duration of the tour
- French Speaking Tour Manager
- Airfare from Annaba to Algiers
- Site guides at the sites and museums
- All entrance fees to sites and museums
- Security escort during tour (Tour manager will decide which routes require security escorts)
- Beverages on the bus during tour (mineral water and soda)
- Letters to apply for Algerian visa

01 night half board Hotel Safir Algiers
02 nights B.B in Hotel Safir Algiers
01 night half board Hotel Rabie Setif
01 night half board Ibis Constantine
02 nights half board Hotel Salim Batna
01 night half board hotel Emir Tebessa
01 night half board hotel Mermoura Guelma

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01 night half board hotel Rym el Djamil Annaba
01 night B.B Aurassi Hotel Algiers .

Not included:

- Visas
- Personal Items
- Travel Insurance
- International airfare
- Beverages with your half-board meals (drinks are only included in the bus)
- Meals not specified (All Lunches and dinner on day 2, 3, &11)

There are no photographs allowed in Algerian museums unless site guide gives the group permission

** Itinerary subject to modification according to local conditions**

** Mosaic North Africa and their tour providers will follow the program above, but they will not be held responsible for unexpected delays to the program while on tour**



Algeria Tour: Stephen Harby

5 days/4 nights

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Travelers: 6-9 Or 10-14

Additional Tour to Western Algeria

Day One: March 27:Algiers/Oran

Depart in the morning and travel to Oran. Drive time is 5 hours depending on traffic and security escorts. Afternoon city visits in Oran. Dinner at the hotel.

Accommodations: Royal Hotel 5* HB

<http://www.royalhoteloran.com/home/>

Day Two: March 28: Oran

Full Day city tour. Dinner at restaurant in Oran. Clients pay for their own food and drinks.

Accommodations: Royal Hotel 5* B&B

<http://www.royalhoteloran.com/home/>

Day Three: March 29: Oran/Tlemcen

After breakfast continue to Tlemcen. City visits upon arrival. Dinner at the hotel.

Accommodations: Tlemcen Ibis 3* HB

<http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-6583-ibis-tlemcen/index.shtml>

Day Four: March 30: Tlemcen/Algiers

Full day city visits in Tlemcen. Afternoon flight Tlemcen-Algiers. Dinner at restaurant in Algiers. Clients pay for their own food and drinks.

Accommodations: Hotel Aurassi 4* B&B

Day Five: March 31: Depart

Travelers will be taken to the airport thus ending your Algeria tour.



Tour Price Includes:

- Domestic Flights: Tlemcen - Algiers
- Meals as mentioned above
- Private transportation and driver from Algiers to Tlemcen
- English speaking translator (Wahid Wahido)
- French speaking tour manager (Mr. Faycal)
- Guided tours in Oran
- Guided Tour in Tlemcen
- All entrance fees to sites and museums

01 night half board Hotel Royal Oran
01 night Hotel Royal Oran B.B
01 night Ibis Tlemcen half board
01 night half board Hotel Aurassi Algiers



Tour Does not Include:

- International airfare
- Travel insurance
- Personal spending
- Lunches
- Visas

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REGISTRATION FORM

In Algeria with Fikret Yegül, Diane Favro and Stephen Harby, March 16-27 and 27-31, 2014 (dates in country)

Yes, I would like to attend this journey! Tour price is estimated at \$2,900 per person double occupancy, \$3,700 single occupancy based on a group of at least 10 participants.

And, Yes I would like to attend the 4-night extension to Oran and Tlemcen at a cost of \$2,600 per person double occupancy, \$3,450 single occupancy based on a group of at least 6 participants.

Costs have fluctuated unpredictably this past year due to changes in fuel costs and exchange rates. The above costs are based on market conditions as of November, 2013. They are subject to increase should market conditions change.

To register please complete this registration form and send it with a deposit of \$500 (per person and per segment) by check to Stephen Harby, 718 Cedar Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405-3810. Only written registrations, including appropriate payment will be accepted.

Final payment of balance will be due by January 5. Also, please send a photocopy of the picture page of your passport.

Name

Name

Address

City

State

Zip/Postal Code

Home phone

Alt. phone

Email

Please select one of the following:

double occupancy with 2 beds

I would like to have assistance booking my flights

double occupancy with one bed

single occupancy

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I/we understand that this trip has been wholly organized and is controlled by Mosaic North Africa, who are solely responsible for its operation and for our safety. We will be required by them to remain in a group and to obey the directions of the security personnel who will be accompanying us for our safety. Security conditions may require alteration to our itinerary or cancellation of portions or all of the trip. In these circumstances, refunds for cancelled portions cannot be guaranteed. We further understand that Fikret Yegül, Diane Favro and Stephen Harby are acting in the sole role of facilitating our joining the tour that has been organized exclusively for them and their group, and that they are in no way responsible for the operation of the tour, and have not themselves vetted any aspect of it, other than certain details of the itinerary and sites to be visited. Your joining this tour constitutes your acceptance of and familiarity with the risks of travel to Algeria.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Hotels as indicated on the itinerary based on double occupancy. A limited number of single rooms are available at an additional supplement. We reserve the right to substitute other hotels of a similar quality. Breakfast, lunch and dinner as mentioned in the itinerary (typically, dinners in large towns will be group meals in restaurants, but for which we will pay individually, lunches when possible will be simple picnics or meals in local restaurants). Admission to all sites as described in the itinerary. The handling of no more than two medium size suitcases per person. Private Coach transportation throughout. Use of personal headset to facilitate hearing of on-site lectures and commentary.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

Algerian Visa. International air transportation to Algiers. Incidental expenses such as for telephone calls, fax communications, a la carte orders or items not on the set menus, alcoholic drinks over and above table wine provided at evening meals, laundry, and any other items not specifically mentioned as included.