Algeria

US State Dept Travel Advisory
The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens DO NOT TRAVEL to Algeria due to COVID-19. Exercise increased caution in Algeria due to terrorism. Consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

Passport/Visa Requirements
US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp and or visa that will be required. A visa is required, unless entering via cruise ship. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country’s embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country, if not entering via cruise ship.

US Embassy/Consulate
[213] (0) 770-08-2000; US Embassy in Algiers, 05 Chemin Cheikh Bachir Ibrahim, El-Biar 16030, Alger, Algeria; https://dz.usembassy.gov/; ACSAlgiers@state.gov

Telephone Code
213

Local Emergency Phone
Ambulance: 21606666; Fire: 14; Police: 17

Vaccinations
An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

http://www.who.int

Climate
Arid to semiarid; mild, wet winters with hot, dry summers on high plateau; sirocco is a hot, dust/sand-laden wind especially common in summer

Currency (Code)
Dinars (DZD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)
230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, F

Major Languages
Arabic, French, Berber or Tamazight

Religions
Muslim (predominantly Sunni) 99%, other (includes Christian and Jewish) <1%

Time Difference
UTC+1 (6 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)
**Potable Water**
Opt for bottled water.

**International Driving Permit**
Suggested

**Road Driving Side**
Right

**Tourist destinations**
Algiers, particularly the Casbah; Hoggar Mts. and Atakor Volcanic Field; Oran City; Constantine

**Major Sports**
Soccer, boxing, judo

**Cultural Practices**
It is best for men to allow the woman to extend her hand or offer her cheek first. If the hand is not extended, a man may make a slight bow or nod as a polite acknowledgement.

**Tipping Guidelines**
Waiters and bartenders should be tipped 10% of the total bill. Taxi fares are usually pre-negotiated, but a tip of 5-10 dinars is appreciated. Hotel maids should be tipped 90-100 dinars a night.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

- **World Health Organization (WHO)** - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. [http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)
- To obtain an international driving permit (IDP). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: [American Automobile Association (AAA)](http://www.aaa.com) and [American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA)](http://www.aataidp.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:
from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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