

# Algeria Cultural Discovery Desert Post-Trip Extension

7 Days



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Go further on the road less traveled and head to Algeria's spectacular red mountains, the Red Tadrart, located on the UNESCO-listed Tassili N'Ajjer plateau. Also known as the Tadrart Rouge, this bewildering landscape is like Mars on Earth. And here, among the dunes and wind-sculpted spires, you'll find an epic haul of over 15,000 rock paintings dating back 10,000 years! Marvel at the art and lose yourself in the scenic "forests of rock" rising from the copper-colored sand. At night, sleep comfortably in desert hotels and camp for two nights with your expert guiding team. It's the perfect end to an incredible, once-in-a-lifetime Algerian adventure.

# Details

# Testimonials

"A prominent reason we have chosen MT Sobek as our favorite adventure travel company has been the excellent travel guides."

Carol & Burt D.

"MT Sobek took care of everything for our extended family vacation. Not a hiccup in the planning, the itinerary, the lodging or the guide. Everything in life should be so easy."

Activity Level:

Arrive:

Depart:

Duration:

Group Size:

Minimum Age:



Algiers, Algeria

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7 Days

4-12 Guests

14 Years Old

# Why Take This Trip With Us?

#### REASON #01

MT Sobek takes you to the heart of the Algerian Desert on this unique adventure for intrepid cultural explorers.

#### REASON #02

Our team of local guides are true experts and have decades of experience leading guests through Algeria.

#### REASON #03

This 6-day extension adventure has been crafted to pair effortlessly with our 9-day Algeria Cultural Discovery to help you maximize your time in the country.



#### ACTIVITIES

Exploring UNESCO-listed desert landscapes and ancient rock engravings on foot and in 4X4 vehicles with an expert guiding team.



What to Expect

#### LODGING

Simple stone bungalows at retreats in the oasis town of Djanet and basic desert camping at Moul Ennaga and Tin Merzouga.



#### CLIMATE

Algeria's Desert is hot, dry, mostly sunny with a little wind and with temperatures reaching 80's - 90's°F and dropping to 50's - 60's°F at night.

## **Meet Our Guides**

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

We work with only the most experienced and knowledgeable local tour guides on our trip extensions. While you will not be accompanied by an MT Sobek through guide on this tour, you will be in excellent hands with a fully licensed and accredited local guide who will share their expertise in everything from history and architecture, to culture and traditions, the best local cuisine, activities and crafts, or even shopping. Local guides live, breathe, and love their trips because as locals they are an integral part of their communities. Their connections run deep and pride in their piece of the world is contagious.

#### **Local Tour Guide**

## Itinerary

## DAY 1 FLY TO DJANET & SEE ANCIENT DESERT ROCK ART

Your exciting extension begins with a morning flight to the oasis town of Djanet. After settling into your hotel, enjoy a fascinating visit to Tagharghart in the Erg of Admer. Amidst this vast ocean of sand dunes and wind-sculpted rocks, you'll find 10,000-year-old rock engravings - including the famous "crying cow." Marvel at the skillfully engraved ancient art before sipping Tuareg tea at the foot of the rocks. Contemplate sunset over the dunes and return to Djanet for dinner at the hotel.

Activity: 1 hour walking to visit rock sites

Meals: B, L, D

## DAY 2 TRAVEL TO DJAREN & MOUL ENNAGA DESERT CAMP

After breakfast, journey on to Djaren - the "Gateway to the Tadrart Rouge" - and enjoy a picnic lunch along the way. Navigate rolling dunes to the first cave paintings hidden among the rocks, including a beautiful depiction of giraffes. Continue to Moul Ennaga, marked by gigantic rock spires and a spectacular network of dunes. Sip a refreshing cup of tea before heading to your desert camp. Dinner and overnight under the stars in Moul Ennaga.

Activity: 2 hours walking to visit rock sites

Meals: B, L, D

## DAY 3 JOURNEY TO BOUHEDIANE & TIN MERZOUGA DESERT CAMP

Travel through dunes and ocher-colored canyons on today's journey to Tin Merzouga. Along the way, explore the interesting engravings and paintings at Bouhediane. Stop for a picnic lunch and tea before reaching the colossal red sand dunes of Tin Merzouga - among the highest in the Sahara! Watch the sunset over the magnificent landscape including Libya's Akakus Massif. Dinner and overnight at camp in Tin Merzouga.

Activity: 2 hours walking to visit rock sites

Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 4 EXPLORE ENGRAVINGS AT TESSAKETA & RETURN TO DJANET

Rise for your last morning at the desert camp. Then journey across the sand and through rock-strewn gorges to find more rock paintings and engravings, including those at Tessaketa in Djaren. Stop for tea on the way and return to the hotel in Djanet for dinner and an overnight stay.

Activity: 2 hours walking to visit rock sites

## DAY 5 EXPEDITION TO TIKABAOUINE

Set off for a full day expedition to Tikabaouine, an extraordinary site with wind-hewn stone arches, sandstone obelisks, and recently discovered rock paintings. Toast your adventure with tea in the desert and return to Djanet in the late afternoon. Enjoy a farewell dinner at the hotel.

Activity: 1 hour walking to visit rock sites

Meals: B, L, D

## DAY 6 TOUR DJANET & RETURN TO ALGIERS

Start the morning with a tour of Tassili N'Ajjer Park Museum, housing 15,000 rupestral rocks dating from 6,000 to 12,000 years ago! Then explore Djanet's oasis and market, where Tuareg artisans sell locally crafted wares. Bid farewell to the desert after lunch and transfer to the airport for your return flight to Algiers. Settle into your luxury hotel and enjoy dinner at your leisure, on your own.

Activity: 2 hours walking to see sights

Meals: B, L, D

## DAY 7 DEPART FROM ALGIERS

Your epic adventure ends in Algiers today. After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Meals: B

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## Dates

Apr 30 - May 6, 2022

Sep 24 - 30, 2022

Nov 5 - 11, 2022

Feb 22 - 28, 2023

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# **Inclusions & Exclusions**

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information

Private guided tours at historic sites, museums,

- wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and porterage

#### PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses

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