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# ALGERIA EXPLORER

10<sup>th</sup> Nov – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**ALGERIA** is the Sahara..... it covers more than 80% of the country and with 90 percent of Algerians living along the northern coast on 12 percent of the country's land, it leaves a lot of sand and rock for us to explore!

Since antiquity, Algeria has enticed settlers — Phoenicians, Romans, Arabs, Turks — and, in the 19th century, the French. With them came wars and unrest, but now Algeria is safe for us to visit again. Tuareg guides, from the best agency in the country, will show us some of the most amazing landscapes in the Sahara. We concentrate our travels in the centre and south, following desert pistes across the Grand Erg Occidental, through the Plaine du Tidikelt to InSalah. We continue south to the Erg Mehejbet and out into the Adrar N'Ahnet, Taghit canyon and Touhak, After a detour along the Afarag dunes we enter the dreaded Tanezrouft, a vast unexplored expanse known to the Tuareg as the "Land of Thirst " where we head for the gueltas of In-Ziza. In ancient times these were an important staging post for the huge caravans coming up from Timbuktu. From In-Ziza we drive cross country north-eastwards to the dunes of Tadraq and then turn south to the well of Tin Felki and then to the desert town of Tamanrasset – Tam is pretty much in the middle of the Sahara, its Tuareg inhabitants survive in one of the worlds hottest and driest places. We then swing north, following pistes across extensive dune seas to return to In Salah and Algiers. Actual routes may alter due to local security or police requests.

Sounds easy? Well its not; this is the hardest expedition we offer, you will be pitting yourself and your vehicle against one of the globe's toughest environments, distances are long, days are hot and the going will be slow at times but rewards are high. This really will be an unforgettable trip, the sights and scenes will linger and replay in your head for many years, you will have achieved what many only dream of – driven to the heart of the Sahara.



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## Summary

<b>Start point</b>	Marseille, France - meet evening 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov
<b>Finish point</b>	Marseille, France
<b>Number of days</b>	26 days (24 days in Algeria, 2 on boat), 26 nights
<b>Approx. distance</b>	6500 kilometres
<b>Road conditions</b>	Mixture of sand and gravel piste, some local roads.
<b>No. of vehicles</b>	Maximum of 6 vehicles or 12 adult guests plus our support vehicle.
<b>Accommodation used</b>	Accommodation will be mainly in wild or rural community campsites with limited facilities. In some places we use organised campsites attached to an auberge, where toilet/shower facilities are usually available. Local hotels will occasionally be used, clean but basic.
<b>Specialist equipment - vehicle</b>	A well maintained and serviced 4x4 vehicle fitted with underbody protection. A CB radio must be fitted. Tyres of All Terrain tread patterns are most suitable. Front and rear recovery points and a full set of recovery equipment (strops and shackles) is essential along with a spade. A winch is not essential but could be desirable for self-recovery. A total fuel range of 1000 km and a minimum water capacity of 40 l is required, (jerry cans are OK). A vehicle fridge is highly recommended for cold drinks and keeping food fresh for extended periods.
<b>Specialist equipment - camping</b>	Either roof (preferable) or ground tents are suitable. You will need good quality sleeping mats if using ground tents, along with sleeping bags. You should bring your own chairs, table, stove, pans, cutlery and utensils. Clothing can be light as the days will be hot, however you should bring some warm and windproof outer wear. Protection from the sun and UV is needed.
<b>Passport</b>	Required.
<b>Visas</b>	Required (OneLife Adventure will assist in obtaining these).
<b>Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Small first aid kit and travel insurance advisable.</li><li>• Hepatitis A, Polio, Tetanus and Typhoid vaccinations are recommended. Confirm needs with your doctor.</li></ul>
<b>Cost of living</b>	A lot less than the UK - 1 GBP = approx' 140 Dinar, with diesel at 12 dir/l. You will need to bring cash as Euros or Pounds to change in Bureau de Change upon entry to Algeria. There will be no ATM's – bring cash with you. Credit cards are not accepted in Algeria.



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## Weather

Generally dry and warm with low humidity, occasionally very hot in the dunes and valleys during the days but it can be cool in the hills and at night. Rain is rare away from the coast.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Mean daily temp °C</b>	12	14	19	24	28	31	31	30	28	24	19	14
<b>Rainfall mm</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Food and Shopping

Food in Algeria is restricted in choice and availability compared to the UK and you should take some food into the country. We co-ordinate and assist you with food purchasing while in country. Meals can be cooked individually or communally, the choice is yours. Most nights we will have a fire to cook over.

## Schedule and Pace

The route and timings are not fixed, we will be free to break journey, stop and explore, as you desire. We aim to be in the campsite by 17.00 on most days to allow us to relax and enjoy the experiences of the day. The daily distances driven vary due to the terrain and ground conditions but a typical day will be 3-4 hours driving in the morning, 1 hour for lunch and then a further 2-3 hours driving. Some days will be longer than this due to the distances to be driven. We use tarmac roads to transit northern Algeria. There will be two rest / non driving days during the trip when you'll be free to explore or rest as you choose.

## Outbound shipping

The crossing from Dover to Calais is made by ferry and is included in the expedition price. You are free to specify your own preferred dates and times. The drive from Calais to Marseille will take about 12 hours on the French autoroutes.

**Note** – While this section of the expedition is unsupported by OneLife Adventure, we are happy for you to join us as we drive down to the starting point of the trip – perfect while you get used to driving “on the wrong side”! Accommodation, meals and refreshments you take during this transit stage are not included.

## Inbound Shipping

The return crossing from Calais to Dover is made by ferry and is included in the expedition price. Again you are free to break the return journey and specify the ferry dates and times allowing you to extend your holiday as you choose.

**Note** – As for the outbound journey, this section of the expedition is also unsupported by OneLife Adventure but again you are welcome to join us for the return. Accommodation, meals and refreshments you take during this transit stage are not included.



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## Cost

- **£3500 per person – for the first 2 adults (based on 2 sharing), inclusive of ALL ferry crossings.**

The expedition price includes flexible return ferry crossing from Dover to Calais, vehicle and cabin for Marseille to Algiers return, all invitation costs and visa support to Algeria, **all campsite/accommodation** costs, full backup and guiding from the support team including local guides in country.

- *If one adult and one under 16 only then the price is for 2 adults.*
- *Under 16's – £999 each.*
- *Adult single supplement, add £999.*
- *For each additional adult up to a maximum of 4 per vehicle add £875 pp.*
- *It does not include your fuel, food, snacks, drinks, visa, vehicle insurance and personal spending.*



**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK YOUR PLACE ON THIS EXPEDITION PLEASE CONTACT US**

**NUMBERS ARE LIMITED – maximum of 6 vehicles or 12 adults!**

## OneLife Adventure Expedition Rating System

### Tanezrouft Explorer



Easy, short driving days, suitable for families and drivers with basic off road driving skills.



Easy camping with occasional wild sites interspersed by sites with facilities, no technical needs, suitable for families and young children.



Higher off road content, moderate driving days, suitable for families and medium off road driving skills.



50% wild camping, some technical needs, suitable for families and young children used to camping.



Longer days occasionally and high content of off road driving, recoveries likely and moderate levels of off road skills needed.



**80% wild camping +, weather or environment requires some technical clothing/equipment, suitable for experienced families with older children.**



**Long days and long distances are the norm, likely to encounter severe hazards and will require teamwork to succeed, experienced drivers.**



Extreme weather (hot, wet or cold), will require extensive technical equipment, irregular meals and physical discomfort will be the norm! Success is achieving the destination – Camel Trophy style.



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