



Country Profile: Algeria

Algeria is the second-largest country in Africa, with over four-fifths of its territory covered by the Sahara desert. The country has a population of 35 million people mainly located near the northern coast. Algeria is a multi-party, constitutional republic. Facilities for travelers are available in populated areas, but sometimes limited in quality and quantity. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Algeria for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Algeria
Continent:	Africa
Capital City:	Algiers
Boundary Countries:	Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, Niger, Mali, Mauritania, Western Sahara
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Hopital Beni Messous, Hopital de Ben Aknoun, Hopital de Douera, Hopital Mustapha, Hopital Parnet, Institute Pasteur- El Hamma (UCC)
Main Cities:	Algiers, Tamanrasset, Constantine, Annaba, Tindouf, Bechar, Oran, Setif
Country Size:	2,381,740 sq km
Population:	32,930,091

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Arabic (official), French, Berber dialects
Currency:	Algerian dinar (DZD)
Predominant Religions:	Sunni Muslim (state religion) 99%, Christian and Jewish 1%
National Holidays:	Revolution Day, 1 November (1954)
Economic Status:	Algeria has the seventh largest reserves of natural gas in the world and is the second largest gas exporter. It ranks 14th in oil reserves. Structural reform within the economy, such as development of the banking sector and the construction of infrastructure, moves ahead slowly, hampered by corruption and bureaucratic resistance.
Security:	National Popular Army (ANP; includes Land Forces), Algerian National Navy (MRA), Air Force (QJJ), Territorial Air Defense Force
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