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WHO ARE WE?

Nboujiw is a start-up specializing in the development of local tourism. We are committed to creating tours, programs, activities, getaways, weekend trips, and excursions across the entire national territory, in collaboration with local partners from all corners of Algeria.

We offer participants a unique experience of living among the local population. Through this immersive approach, we help create new jobs in various regions of the country including accommodation, traditional meals, local guides, artisans, musicians, and more promoting responsible, sustainable, and eco-friendly tourism

Our services are available for both individuals and companies. We offer ready-made or tailor-made packages for an exceptional experience travel, seminars, team building, and the organization of special events (birthdays, weddings, concerts, etc.).

Through our Istichar department, we also provide audit, consulting, and communication services. Nboujiw Istichar is responsible for developing internal and external strategies for tourism industry stakeholders — including travel agencies, hotels, and guesthouses.



NEW ON-ARRIVAL REGULARIZATION VISA FOR SOUTHERN ALGERIA

The Algerian government has introduced an on-arrival regularization visa, exclusively for foreign tourists wishing to visit Southern Algeria through licensed travel agencies. This document outlines the conditions, steps, and key information to be aware of

1. What You Need to Know

- **Who is this visa for ?**

- For foreign tourists traveling to the Saharan region through travel agencies approved by the Algerian Ministry of Tourism and Handicrafts..
- This visa does not apply to tourists wishing to visit destinations outside the southern provinces.

- **The 24 eligible provinces: :**

- Adrar, Laghouat, Biskra, Béchar, Tamanrasset, Djelfa, M'Sila, Ouargla, El-Bayadh, Illizi, Tindouf, El-Oued, Naâma, Ghardaïa, Timimoun, Bordj Badji Mokhtar, Ouled Djellal, Béni-Abbès, Aïn Salah, Aïn Guezam, Touggourt, Djanet, El M'Ghair, El Menia.

- **Role of Travel Agencies :**

Licensed agencies manage your file and input the information related to your stay on a digital platform accessible to local authorities.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- **Agency's Responsibility :**

You are under the agency's responsibility throughout your stay, ensuring your safety and professional guidance.

- **Professions sensibles :**

Journalists, diplomats, military personnel, judges, or law enforcement members must obtain a visa through the consulates.

- **Ineligible Nationalities :**

This visa is not available to nationals of: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, North Korea, Iran, Iraq, Laos, Lebanon, Pakistan, Palestine, Sudan, Somalia, Syria, Yemen, Myanmar.



STEPS TO APPLY FOR THE VISA

- **Choose an accredited agency :**

Contact an agency recognized by the Algerian Ministry of Tourism and Handicrafts..

- **Prepare your documents :**

- Valid passport (at least 6 months after your return date).
- Travel program provided by the agency.
- Travel insurance.

- **Agency Confirmation:**

The agency provides you with a document confirming your registration, which will be required for boarding.

- **Upon your arrival in Algeria: :**

- Upon your arrival in Algeria: Present yourself at the airport, border crossing, or port to obtain your visa..
- Pay the entry fee (see the "Fees" section).



FEES AND PAYMENTS

- **Visa Cost:** 8000 DZD → 30 € (agency fees, refundable in case of refusal), covering the administrative management of your file.
- **Additional tax:** a tax to be paid in euros (€) or dollars (\$) at the border police."
 - From 1 to 2 days: 5000 DZD → 40 € / 38 \$
 - From 3 to 7 days: 10000 DZD → 75 € / 76 \$
 - From 8 to 10 days: 20000 DZD → 145 € / 151 \$
 - From 11 to 15 days: 25000 DZD → 185 € / 188 \$
 - From 16 to 30 days: 50000 DZD → 365 € / 376 \$
- **Refund Policy:** In case of visa refusal, all payments made to the agency will be refunded. However, the costs of flight tickets and individual reservations remain non-refundable, and the agency does not cover these expenses.
- **Group Travel:** If one member of your group does not obtain their visa, the other members will not be able to claim a refund in the case of a collective cancellation. We encourage proactive communication among participants to avoid such situations..
- **Refusal History:** Since the launch of this type of visa, we have not recorded any refusals, reflecting the effectiveness of our procedures..



SAFETY AND SUPERVISION

To ensure a smooth travel experience, here are some practical tips:

- **Request an acknowledgment of receipt :** Une fois votre demande envoyée, demandez un accusé de réception de l'agence pour confirmer que votre dossier a bien été pris en charge.
- **Processing Time :** The maximum processing time for this visa is 15 days. In some cases, the document may be sent the day before your departure. We recommend submitting your application at least 20 days before your expected arrival.
- **Advance Planning:** Submit your documents at least two weeks before your departure to avoid any administrative delays.
- **Refundable Ticket:** Purchase a refundable plane ticket to minimize financial risk in case of unforeseen circumstances.
- **Regular Follow-Ups:** Contact the agency each week to stay informed about the progress of your application and to make any necessary corrections if requested.
- **Document Check:** Make sure your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond your planned return date.
- **Travel Insurance:** Purchase travel insurance that covers unexpected medical issues, delays, or cancellations.
- **Timely Arrival:** Arrive early at the airport or border checkpoints to avoid unnecessary stress.
- **Proactive Communication:** Keep the agency's contact details on hand for immediate assistance if needed.
- **Weather & Clothing:** Adapt your wardrobe to the climate conditions of your destination for a comfortable stay.
- **Local Compliance:** Respect local laws and customs to integrate smoothly and make the most of your experience.



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION :

- Respect public and private property. The areas you have access to are generously made available to you. Out of respect for the landowners who allow you to cross their property, we ask that you do not cause any damage and stay within the marked trails. The environment must be preserved; avoid cutting or damaging plants.
- It is forbidden to make a fire while you are traveling..
- Respect prohibition signs, including those forbidding open fires. Never leave a fire unattended. Make sure it is completely extinguished before leaving.
- It is forbidden to remove or disturb any natural element. Likewise, you must not touch, feed, or disturb any animals you may encounter in their natural habitat. You could harm the fragile balance of the ecosystem you are visiting
- It is forbidden to cut down, damage, or remove trees, shrubs, or other plants.
- Camping outside designated areas is prohibited. Please use the platforms provided.
- Do not leave any waste or cigarette butts, and take EVERYTHING you bring with you. Make sure to leave minimal impact on the environment during your stay. This rule applies along the trail, at shelters, refuges, and parking areas.
- Even if you believe the water is drinkable, it is strictly forbidden to consume it without the organizer's authorization.
- Upon departure, don't forget to close all windows and lock the doors of your vehicle (if you come with your own vehicle, we are not responsible for any damage).



RESPECT FOR THE LOCAL POPULATION

During your trip, you will come into contact with local populations.

The various Algerian communities you will meet are generally hospitable and welcoming. However, the warmth of their reception will depend on your behavior. The first interaction is crucial. Therefore, be polite and respectful (for example, avoid taking photos immediately), and the relationship will quickly develop in a respectful manner. Put yourself in their shoes: what would you think if tourists, getting off their bus, photographed your privacy and your every move without even greeting you? Courtesy is essential in interactions, both with the team accompanying you and the people you meet.

Taking photos (or filming), yes, but... it is not customary to photograph people without their permission. Taking someone's photo without their knowledge can cause significant discord, potentially leading to the confiscation or destruction of your camera. Always ask for permission or wait until they offer. Take the time to look away from your lens and prioritize interactions with the locals; you will return from your trip much richer in emotions, knowledge, and memories to share.

The rise of smartphones and "selfies" has greatly changed our relationship with images. Photography has become commonplace. However, this trend remains very "generational"; so, make sure your subject is okay with being photographed before you take the shot.

No photos of military zones, airports, police stations, or prisons...

Of course, there are no questions to ask and no problem photographing nature and landscapes.

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