ABARAQA · SPRING 2027

Sahara Bloom

Nomadic Creative Residency

ABARAQA أباراقا NOMADIC CREATIVE RESIDENCIES By The Idea Road

DATES
2–14 April 2027

DURATION
12 Nights · 13 Days

SMALL GROUP
12–16 Participants

PACKAGE PRICE
£2,795 per person

Algiers · Djanet & Tassili n'Ajjer · Mediterranean Coast

PROGRAMME

Day by day



DAY 1 · ALGIERS

Arrive · Algiers, the first impression

Settle into Algiers' Mediterranean rhythm, let first impressions unfold, and meet your travelling companions over our first shared dinner.

> Included: Transfers from the airport & Dinner (T, D)

NIGHT Algiers



DAY 2 · ALGIERS

Cross Algiers · Between two worlds

From the Bardo Museum to the Grande Poste and the seafront, discover the capital through its landmarks and local flavours on Rue Tanger. A packed dinner and airport transfer lead into our late-night flight to Djanet.

> Included meals: Breakfast & packed dinner box. (B, PD)

NIGHT Night flight to Djanet



DAY 3 · DJANET

Listen · Djanet from within

Ease into Djanet's gentle rhythm, discovering the oasis through its people. Visit the heritage museum, browse the souk and learn to wrap your tagelmust (Tuareg veil). Linger over a garden picnic beneath the palms before wandering through its three historic villages—Al Mihan, Adjahil and Azelouaz.

Share tea and freshly made pancakes with our Tuareg hostesses, with time to sit, talk and feel welcome. As the light softens, capture your first Djanet sunset from the hillside overlooking the palm gardens, then return to our village retreat for a first Tuareg dinner and an early night's rest.

> Included: Breakfast, Afternoon tea, Dinner. (B, D)

NIGHT Village retreat, Djanet



DAY 4 · TIKOUBAOUINE

The desert as studio

Venture by 4×4 into Tikoubaouine, where sandstone arches frame the sky. Let the desert become your studio, with live oud accompanying you as you wander, photograph, sketch or write. Watch Taguella bake beneath sand and embers, then share lunch prepared by our nomadic Tuareg chef. Return through Le Couloir des Paysages, each bend revealing another frame of stone and sand, with an invitation to share your impressions over sunset tea before dinner at our retreat.

> Included meals: Breakfast, lunch freshly prepared on site, and dinner. (B, L, D)

NIGHT Village retreat, Djanet



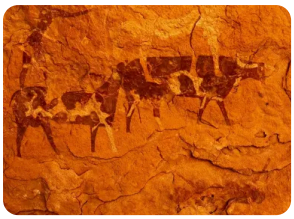
DAY 5 · DJANET

Threads of Tuareg identity · Silverware, cloth & stories

Explore the souk and artisans' workshops with our Tuareg hostesses, discovering fabrics, jewellery and their stories. Let the black rocks and golden sands of Tisras inspire your creativity in the late afternoon, then dress for the evening in Tuareg attire with our hostesses' help. Gather around the fire for méchoui and Saharan couscous, women's Tinde singing and the Takouba warriors' dance.

> Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner. (B, D)

NIGHT Village retreat, Djanet



DAY 6 · DJANET

Rise again · The Sahara reimagined

Discover a tropical plantation in the desert, where fruit trees flourish to the sound of flowing water. Our host shares the ancestral knowledge and green vision nurturing this unexpected garden before we gather for lunch. In the afternoon, visit the Crying Cow engraving at Tagharghart and hear the stories held in stone. Our final nomadic studio connects garden and engraving through photographs, sketches or words—a tribute to a desert alive with ingenuity, abundance and possibility.

> Included meals: Breakfast, lunch. (B, L)

NIGHT Village retreat, Djanet



DAY 7 · ESSENDILÈNE

Essendilène · Between landscape & literature

Meet nomadic Tuareg families en route to Essendilène, where soaring cliffs shelter an oleander-fringed pool. Over a Tuareg-style picnic, let Roger Frison-Roche's Le Rendez-vous d'Essendilène connect landscape and literature, inspiring your own words, sketches or photographs. Return to our village retreat for dinner and a restful evening.

> Included meals: Breakfast, picnic lunch, Dinner. (B, L, D)

NIGHT Village retreat, Djanet



DAY 8 · DJANET

A little longer, Djanet

Enjoy a leisurely morning, wandering through Djanet's souk, bargaining for a last keepsake and finding your own spot for lunch. The afternoon is yours to rest, pack and savour a few quiet moments in the oasis. Over an early farewell dinner, revisit the residency in your own words—an encounter, a discovery, a moment to carry home. Share as much or as little as you wish, with a few final Tuareg songs accompanying our goodbyes before the late-evening transfer to the airport.

> Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner. (B, D)

NIGHT Night flight to Algiers



DAY 9 · ALGIERS

Exhale · Between sand & sea

From the hush of the Sahara to the first Mediterranean light, catch the sunrise over Alger la Blanche, then enjoy breakfast and a well-earned rest. The day is yours to sleep, wander or simply be. In the late afternoon, unwind in the soothing warmth of a hammam, courtesy of ABARAQA, before gathering for dinner in a cosy city hideaway. End with a gentle tour by night, the lights across the bay echoing the desert stars.

> Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner. Hammam entry is a courtesy of ABARAQA. Any additional treatments or services you choose are payable separately. (B, D)

NIGHT Algiers



DAY 10 · TIPASA · CHERCHELL

Taste · The Mediterranean road

Follow the coast to Tipaza, exploring the sea-facing ruins that inspired Albert Camus's Noces à Tipasa. Between ancient stone and Mediterranean light, find inspiration for a fresh page in your carnet de route. Continue to Cherchell, ancient Caesarea, where harbour life meets history, and visit its unmissable archaeological museum, home to remarkable Roman sculptures and mosaics. Gather over fresh fish, seafood and coastal flavours, then return to Algiers for an evening of your own.

> Included meals: Breakfast, lunch. (B, L)

NIGHT Algiers

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DAY 11 · ALGIERS

Ways of seeing · The unwritten journey

From the serenity of Djamaâ El-Djazaïr, enter the greenery of Jardin d'Essai, where cinema meets local legend through Tarzan (1932), and enjoy lunch in the gardens. Explore the Fine Arts Museum and Dar Abd-el-Tif, inspired by Delacroix's Femmes d'Alger, before discovering Cervantes' Cave and the panorama from Al Madania's belvedere. Art, cinema and literature become threads in your own unwritten journey. The evening is yours.

> Included meals: Breakfast, lunch. (B, L)

NIGHT Algiers

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DAY 12 · THE CASBAH

The Casbah · A last page together

Wander Casbah lanes, courtyards and workshops, savouring street food and mint tea in historic cafés, amid Chaabi echoes and memories of resistance evoked in La Bataille d'Alger. Selected stops may reveal Dar El Sultan or Bastion 23, while Cloth & Memory: The Haïk unfolds women's stories. Freshen up at the hotel before Les Femmes d'Alger, our farewell dinner in a hidden Moorish setting. Bouqala verses, Chaabi and Andalusian music accompany shared creations and memories—a last page together, a story to carry home.

> Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner. (B, D)

NIGHT Algiers

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DAY 13 · ALGIERS

Onward

One last breakfast, a few lingering goodbyes. Take your leave at your own pace, with airport transfers arranged around your departure. Somewhere between the desert and the sea, you may have gathered more than you can pack—a voice, a friendship, a different way of seeing. Give it time. What it becomes is yours to discover.

> Included: Breakfast, airport transfers. (B, T)

International flights excluded.

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