

# **ALGERIA**

# **ABOUT ALGERIA VACCINATIONS**

Algeria is a North African nation located on the Mediterranean coast. Coastal areas, including the capital Algiers, are hot in summer and chilly and rainy for several months in winter. Inland mountain regions between the coast and the desert have cooler weather, with temperatures below freezing for long periods in winter. The desert region is warm in winter and extremely hot in summer; it is extremely cold at night during all seasons.

### OVERALL RISK

High Risk - Preventable disease is much more common than in Australia. Consult a Travelvax clinic for your specific risk.

### **MALARIA RISK**

No risk to travellers.

# **VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES**

### **YELLOW FEVER**

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required for travellers aged 9 months or over arriving from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and for travellers having transited for more than 12 hours through an airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission.

No vaccination certificate is required for direct travel from Australia or New Zealand.

#### COVID-19

For the most up to date requirements for entry into Australia, go to **Smartraveller**.

Please click this COVID-19 Travel Regulations Map (IATA) to view the latest Algeria COVID travel requirements.

### **HEPATITIS A**

Moderate risk to travellers, vaccination recommended.

### **HEPATITIS B**

Moderate presence of Hepatitis B in local population. Vaccination would be recommended.

### **TYPHOID**

Moderate risk for most travellers. Vaccination recommended for travel to smaller cities, villages and rural areas outside usual tourist routes. Some medical conditions pre-dispose to infection; whether vaccinations would be recommended should be discussed with a medical practitioner. Consult a medical practitioner for your specific risk.

### **INFLUENZA**

Northern hemisphere winter risk (November to April). Most common vaccine preventable illness in travellers. Vaccine recommended, effective for 1 year.

### **RABIES**

Disease present. Recommendation for vaccination will depend on specific itinerary and activities planned. Generally rabies vaccination is advised for high risk individuals such as veterinarians or animal handlers, cavers. Additionally for higher risk travellers who plan: extended periods outdoors, rural travel, adventurous activities including bicycling; also expats or long-term travellers to endemic regions and children (risk of more severe or risk-prone bites and may not report contact at all).

### **JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS**

No risk to travellers.

### **POLIO**

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### **TICKBORNE ENCEPHALITIS**

No risk to travellers.

### **MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS**

Low risk to travellers.

## **CHOLERA**

No risk to travellers.

### OTHER DISEASES

#### TRAVELLERS DIARRHOEA

Moderate risk. Travellers' Diarrhoea affects 20-60% of overseas travellers, food and water precautions are essential. Self-treatment medications may be recommended.

### **INSECT-BORNE DISEASES**

Low risk to travellers.

#### **SCHISTOSOMIASIS**

Swimming or bathing in freshwater is the main cause of infection. Avoid freshwater contact if you are unsure of origin.

### STIs

Low incidence of sexually transmitted and blood-borne diseases. Safe sex and needle precautions should be followed by all travellers.

### **ALTITUDE**

Altitude illness is a risk to travellers ascending higher than 2000 meters. Preventative medication is available. Consult a medical practitioner if ascending to 2000 metres or above.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### **PERSONAL SAFETY**

In order to check before and during travel for any high-risk areas visit the Smartraveller website. Avoid unnecessary displays of wealth or valuables and minimise the amounts of cash carried. Keep secure records of passport/credit card/licence numbers. For more safety tips visit: www.smartraveller.gov.au.

#### **MEDICAL CARE**

Limited medical facilities available. Unless travelling with a well-equipped organisation, a high level of self-sufficiency in terms of first aid kits and sterile equipment is recommended. An evacuation contingency should be a part of your travel insurance. Check for any contacts supplied by your emergency assistance organisation (nominated by your travel insurer) or with IAMAT (International Association of Medical Assistance for Travellers).

### FIRST AID KITS & ACCESSORIES

Always carry an <u>advanced first aid kit</u>, including needles and syringes (shortages of sterile equipment are common). A prescription kit (containing treatments for travellers' diarrhoea) is essential. A <u>mosquito net</u> and <u>insect repellent</u> (containing DEET, Citriodiol or Picaridin) are highly recommended, even if anti-malarials are taken.

More information on Algeria is available during your pre-travel consultation with Travelvax. Call 1300 360 164 for the location of the clinic nearest to you.