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The 2027 Eclipse Field Guide

Algeria · Monday 2 August 2027 · The morning the coast goes dark at 09:51



Simulation — totality over Oran and the chapel of Santa Cruz, rendered from the real photograph. The eclipse has not happened yet: this is a rendering of 2 August 2027, not a photograph of it.

In short: on Monday 2 August 2027, the Moon's shadow crosses northern Algeria mid-morning. Oran receives 5 minutes 9 seconds of totality from 09:51 local time — the longest darkness the Algerian coast will see this century. Algiers, outside the path, sees a 99.8% partial eclipse. This guide gives the times, the places and the safety rules, checked against NASA's eclipse catalog.

The day in numbers

City / area	Totality	Notes
Aurès (Arris)	5 min 30 s	Algeria's longest totality
Batna	5 min 17 s	On the centre line
Tébessa	5 min 12 s	East, near the Tunisian border
Oran	5 min 9 s	From 09:51, max 09:53 · Sun 43° high, ESE
Sidi Bel Abbès	4 min 34 s	Inland from Oran
Médéa	4 min 1 s	Nearest long totality to Algiers
Tlemcen	3 min 12 s	West, near the Moroccan border
Blida	2 min 50 s	Closest totality to the capital
Algiers	99.8% partial	NOT total — daylight, glasses on throughout

Partial phases at Oran run 08:44–11:09. Times are local (UTC+1) and may be refined by a minute as the date approaches.

Where to stand

Oran — Santa Cruz. The chapel hill above the port is the emblematic viewpoint: the whole bay, the city lighting up under the shadow, the sea darkening westward. Arrive early; the corniche fills fast. **Tlemcen.** Shorter totality, but the Lalla Setti plateau gives a clear eastern horizon and a historic city for the rest of the week. **Batna & the Aurès.** The longest darkness in the country, in mountain air — combine it with the Roman city of Timgad, a UNESCO site an hour away.

Wherever you stand: an unobstructed view toward the east-south-east, shade for the waiting hours, and water — August in Algeria is hot long before it goes dark.

Eye safety — the non-negotiable page

Outside the few minutes of totality, looking at the Sun without protection destroys eyesight — permanently, painlessly. Use certified eclipse glasses (ISO 12312-2) for every partial phase, and check them for scratches. Ordinary sunglasses are not protection. During totality itself — and only then, while the corona is visible — glasses come off. The moment the first bead of sunlight returns, they go back on.

Instruments are a separate rule. During the partial phases — outside totality — binoculars, telescopes and camera lenses require a special solar filter secured over the front of the optics. Never look at the Sun through an instrument while wearing your eclipse glasses — they do not protect you in that case: the concentrated sunlight burns through them and causes serious eye injury.

CORRECTION — 15 NOVEMBER 2026

Version 1 of this guide said only that “cameras and phones need solar filters too”. That was incomplete. Following NASA's *Eclipse Viewing Safety* guidance, the eye-safety page above now states the full rule: during the partial phases — outside totality — binoculars, telescopes and camera lenses require a special solar filter secured over the front of the optics, and you must never look at the Sun through an instrument while wearing your eclipse glasses. This correction is also recorded on the journal's “Verified & corrections” page.

Practicalities

Visa. Most foreign nationals need an Algerian consular visa obtained in advance; the widely advertised general e-visa does not exist (checked 13 November 2026). The Journal's visa guide walks through the two real routes. **Book early.** This is the first total eclipse over Algeria's populated north in more than a century; Oran's hotels will not stay empty. **Heat.** Plan the morning in shade, the afternoon indoors, the evening outside — the Algerian rhythm, not the tourist one.

Sources: NASA Eclipse Web Site / EclipseWise catalog; timeanddate computations — verified 13 November 2026. Eye safety: NASA Science, “Eclipse Viewing Safety” — read 15 November 2026. Full guide with maps and itineraries: Algeria Splendors Journal, https://algeria-splendors.com · @algeria.splendors on Instagram. Free guide — print it, share it, bring it. **Version 3, 15 November 2026 — the journal's address corrected to algeria-splendors.com** (version 2: 15 November 2026; version 1: 13 November 2026).