



CONSTANTINE

The religious heart of Algeria

99.99% Muslim

*How beautiful
ON THE MOUNTAINS ARE THE FEET
OF THE MESSENGER
WHO BRINGS good news,
THE GOOD NEWS OF
Peace & Salvation
THE NEWS THAT
THE GOD OF ISRAEL REIGNS.*

ISAIAH 52:7

QUICK FACTS

POPULATION

City: 500,000

Regional: 1 million

99.99% Muslim

UNENGAGED

Algerian Arabs are one of the
30 largest UPGs
in the world.

LANGUAGES

Algerian Arabic; French; MSA;
some Tamazight (Berber)



THE CITY OF BRIDGES

In the far northeastern corner of Africa's

largest country is an extraordinary, modern urban center with a 3000-year history. Simply put, Constantine is stunning. Eight bridges dramatically criss-cross a 200m gorge that cuts across the tiered city. Cars wind through rock tunnels, immune to the dizzyingly sheer cliffs on which they're perched. It is a good thing people are not in a hurry!

Modern, calm, and religious, daily life in the coolness of the mountains feels free although there is the undercurrent of a heavily policed state. Tastefully dressed men and women stop to greet one another as they shop in the cobbled Ottoman-era old town, or pass afternoons gossiping in pristine parks. Adaptable and resourceful, people here are always rebuilding and recycling. Adverse to the conflict that shaped their parents' Algeria, the youth are passionate to learn and to shape their future. Everyone stops for freshly-baked baguettes on their way home - Algerians fought hard to be liberated from French colonial rule in 1962, but not from her bakeries! In fact, although rare, visitors are welcomed kindly.



"You are the light of the World
A city on a hill
cannot be hidden."

MATTHEW 5:14



Let
your
light
shine

before others,
so that they
may see
your good
works and
give
glory
to your
Father
who is in
heaven.

MATTHEW 5:14

POSSIBILITIES

In this traditional and religious city, the forward-thinking young people have hosted modern trainings at the Marriott Convention Center, topics like Technology and Climate Change.



OPPORTUNITIES

Excellent business platforms needed! Foreigners stand out here, more than in neighboring countries, so any residency role must be authentic. There are no known expatriate workers in this city, not since they were all forced to leave in the early 1990's. Possible opportunities may exist within tech or marketing consultation, specialized language instruction, sports/fitness, education, environmental sciences, or research. Tourism is not yet an option, since Algeria has not opened itself readily and still carries suspicion of western powers.



SOCIETY

A patchwork of nearby villages and farms quilt the rolling hills... as far as the eye can see. This is the gateway to all of Algeria's unengaged East. Constantine is a strategic place for outreach to the large unengaged Shawiya Amazigh (Berber) group, as well as other communities along the eastern third of Algeria who currently remain inaccessible to the gospel. One must have the ability to be flexible and tolerate change. Resilience is a must.

The Amazigh (indigenous people of North Africa) Amazigh means "free/noble people" Although they lack official power, their influence is present throughout the tastes and sounds.

PRAY WITH US

Multiplication: A handful of believing Kabyle Imazighen here are gaining a heart for gospel movements among other Amazigh and Arabs. Pray for boldness to joyfully take the gospel to outlying areas; for humble, faithful local leaders; for an outpouring of the Spirit; for social media receptivity.

For workers:

The harvest is plentiful, pray for more laborers. Alongsiders would be welcome to partner in indigenous ministry training and efforts.

Pray for continued unity and partnership between like-minded ministries.