

Entry Formalities

Canadian citizens must have entry visas. These can be obtained from the Algerian Embassy in Ottawa (435 Daly Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6H3 — Tel. 232-9453).

The visa is valid only for a period not exceeding three months.

Your personal baggage as well as 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars and one bottle of alcohol per person are admitted duty-free. Samples having no commercial value can be taken in without formalities, and duty and taxes on them are suspended. However, if it appears to the customs officers that the merchandise submitted is commercial in nature, they may require a written declaration that it is for consumption purposes, or a simplified declaration, depending on conditions set by the regulations in effect at the time.

There is no limit on currency imports. However, upon your arrival in Algeria there must be an exchange operation for the equivalent of 1,000 DA. It is essential that all foreign currency and items of value in your possession be declared on the form you are given at the port of entry. The form must be carefully completed and must be updated each time you carry out an exchange operation. It will have to be handed in when you leave the country, and the authorities may ask you to prove that you are re-exporting the amounts indicated on the form.

Expenses

Dinars can be purchased at the airport, in banks and in the large hotels. Budget the necessary amounts closely, since not more than 25 per cent of the total dinars purchased can be exchanged again when you leave the country. Dinars cannot be re-exported, but you can leave them on deposit for use during a later visit.

The large hotels accept traveller's cheques. AMERICAN EXPRESS and DINER'S CLUB cards can be used only in certain hotels and on certain airlines.

Health

The hospital system is inadequate, and there is a shortage of drugs. The Embassy can help you if you need a doctor or dentist.