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With **Eugene Chiang**, Professor of Astronomy,
Earth and Planetary Science

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE:
Observed in the Ancient Land of Algeria

July 27 – August 4, 2027

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Dear Alumni and Friends of Cal,

Witness one of the longest total solar eclipses of the 21st century from a prime location in Timgad, a remarkably preserved UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the "Pompeii of North Africa." On August 2, 2027, the moon's shadow will sweep across the sky with the moon covering the sun for nearly six minutes, offering an extraordinary celestial spectacle under Algeria's typically clear summer skies. Known as the "eclipse of the century," it will be the longest eclipse in totality until June 2114.

Before and after this rare event, trace millennia of history at superbly preserved Roman and early Christian sites, wander atmospheric cities shaped by Arab, Berber, Ottoman, and French influences, and savor the flavors of North Africa in a country few travelers have truly explored.

The largest country in Africa, Algeria's history goes back to prehistoric times. Phoenician merchants established trading ports along its long Mediterranean coast. Roman empire builders built magnificent cities and decorated their homes with exquisite mosaics that can still be seen in the country's museums. The Byzantines built basilicas and churches. Arabs invaded in the 7th century and established the Muslim faith. The Ottoman Empire ruled the land for years, followed by French colonizers who brought European city planning and architecture.

Algeria's landscape is as diverse as its cultural background. Its Mediterranean coastline is beautiful and unspoiled. The area around the Atlas Mountains is replete with streams, lakes, and forests, and further south, the Sahara is much more than a desert.

The combination of a long-duration solar eclipse with the discovery of a country few travelers have visited make this the adventure of a lifetime.

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What to expect: These trips often travel by motor coach, ship, or train. Touring days may include full-day motor coach excursions or extended periods of standing and walking during city tours, museum visits, and/or outdoor activities. Travelers should be able to board transportation, walk over sometimes-uneven terrain, and climb a few flights of stairs, occasionally without handrails or assistance. Elevators are not always available. Outings last two to four hours most days.

Suitable for: Travelers who are able to comfortably walk **two to four** miles, or 4,600–6,900 steps, each day.

Cal lecturer's participation cannot be guaranteed and is contingent upon a minimum number of paying travelers.

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PROFESSOR EUGENE CHIANG

Eugene Chiang (S.B. Physics MIT, 1995, PhD Astronomy Caltech, 2000) has been a Professor in the Department of Astronomy and the Department of Earth and Planetary Science at UC Berkeley since 2001. He works in theoretical astrophysics and has interests in all things planetary, from planet formation to orbital dynamics to planetary atmospheres. He served as Director of the Center for Integrative Planetary Science from 2011–15 and as Chair of Astronomy from 2015–18. From 2020–23, he created new undergraduate programs for the Physics & Astronomy departments as part of campus's Discover initiative. Recognitions include the Berkeley Distinguished Teaching Award (2014, highest award for teaching on campus), the Berkeley Noyce Prize for Undergraduate Teaching in the Physical Sciences (2019), election to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2019), and a Simons Foundation Investigator award (2023).

He loves to teach because he learns so much from his students. He is excited to share the wonders of the universe with Cal alumni, including total solar eclipses. The Algeria 2027 program will mark his fourth eclipse trip overall.

The well-preserved ancient Roman city of Djémila, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

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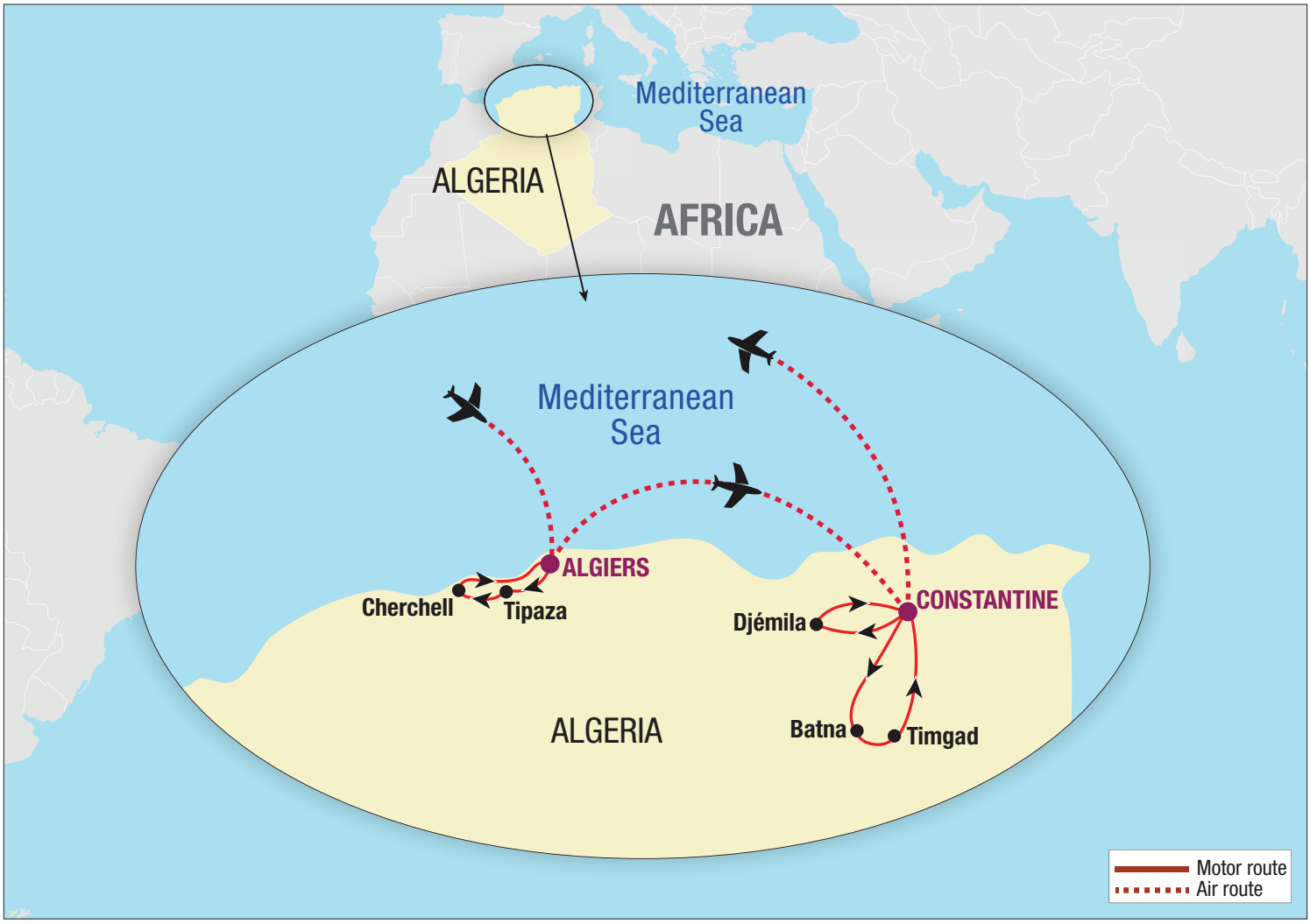

Tuesday, July 27, 2027

DEPART THE US

Depart the United States for Algiers, Algeria.

Wednesday, July 28

ALGIERS, Algeria

Arrive in Algiers, the capital of Algeria. Transfer to the *Sofitel Algiers Hamma Garden* (or similar). (D)

Thursday, July 29

ALGIERS

Since the 3rd century BC, when the Phoenicians established a trading post, Algiers was occupied by Berbers, Romans, Vandals, Arabs, Ottomans and the French. Set on the shores of its spacious bay that faces the Mediterranean Sea, the city reflects in its architecture, culture and cuisine of the occupiers. In the morning, tour the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Kasbah, the old section of the city, with its winding streets and alleyways, whitewashed buildings and palaces. Visit the Dar Mustapha Pacha, which houses manuscripts, and the Bardo Museum, housed in an attractive 18th-century villa. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the National Museum of Antiquities and Islamic Arts, one of the oldest museums in Africa. Enjoy a welcome dinner in the evening. (B, L, D)

Friday, July 30

ALGIERS/TIPAZA/CHERCELL/ALGIERS

Leave the hotel in the morning for Tipaza, a Phoenician trading settlement that later became an important Roman city. Set in a picturesque setting by the sea, the ancient remains include an amphitheater, a theater, temples, other public buildings, and early Christian basilicas and churches. Tipaza is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to Cherchell, a town that has been inhabited continuously since antiquity, to visit its superb museum, which displays artifacts of outstanding quality. Return to Algiers in the afternoon. (B, L, D)

Saturday, July 31

ALGIERS/CONSTANTINE

Transfer to the airport for the flight to Constantine, the main city in eastern Algeria, built in an extraordinary setting that gives it a dramatic appearance: a deep ravine about 700 ft above a river. Many bridges connect the ravine, hills and valleys, earning Constantine the

The Roman ruins of Timgad, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

title of "City of Bridges." Called Citra in antiquity, it was the capital of the Berber kingdom of Numidia, later becoming a stronghold of the Roman Empire. Our tour of Constantine includes the Sidi M'Cid, one of the highest suspension bridges in the world; the Monuments aux Morts, a memorial to Constantine's citizens who perished in the First World War; the Palace of Ahmed Bey, which houses Ottoman artifacts; and the National Museum of Citra, whose collections include fine ancient Roman artifacts. Accommodations are at the *Hotel Marriott Constantine* (or similar). (B, L, D)

Sunday, August 1
CONSTANTINE/DJÉMILA/CONSTANTINE

Leave the hotel in the morning for Djémila ("beautiful" in Arabic). This UNESCO World Heritage Site was the Roman city of Cuicul. Founded in the 1st century AD on a gentle green hillside, the magnificent site includes well-preserved and impressive monuments. We will also visit the on-site museum which houses artifacts found in the excavations. (B, L, D)

Monday, August 2
TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE DAY/BATNA/TIMGAD

This morning, we will observe the total solar eclipse by traveling south of Constantine to the city of Batna and the nearby ancient Roman city of Timgad. The partial eclipse will start at 8:48am, local time, with the total eclipse beginning at approximately 9:58am, local time. The total eclipse will last for over 5 minutes, one of the longest total eclipses of the 21st century. Before returning to Constantine, explore the spectacular ancient Roman site of Timgad, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, August 3
CONSTANTINE/PARIS

Fly from Constantine to Paris. Overnight at an airport hotel. (B)

Wednesday, August 4
PARIS/US

Check-in for the return flight home. (B)

Roman mosaic in the archaeological Museum of Cherchell

Dar Mustapha Pacha, Algiers

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Kasbah of Algiers, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Constantine is built in a magnificent setting on top of a ravine

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RATE PER PERSON

$ 7,390 per person, double occupancy.
Single room supplement: $ 1,790.

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Fine hotel accommodations throughout the duration of the itinerary: Three nights in Algiers at the *Sofitel Algiers Hamma Garden* (or similar), three nights in Constantine at the *Hotel Marriott Constantine* (or similar), and one night in Paris at an airport hotel.
- Meals as specified throughout the itinerary: breakfast each morning at hotels, 5 lunches and 6 dinners at local restaurants, including wine or beer and soft drinks.
- Program of local tours, excursions, and activities as described in the itinerary, led by professional English- speaking local guides.
- Services of an experienced Thalassa Journeys Trip Director throughout the trip's duration.
- Group airport/hotel transfers and handling of luggage on program arrival and departure dates.
- Flight from Algiers to Constantine.
- Ground transportation by air-conditioned, Wi-Fi equipped motor coach.
- All gratuities to local guides, drivers and porters.
- All entrance fees to museums, archaeological and historic sites.
- All local taxes and service charges.
- Comprehensive pre-departure materials, information and guidance.

NOT INCLUDED: International airfare, travel insurance, items and expenses of a personal nature, and any items not mentioned in the Itinerary and Program Inclusions.

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Room Type (select one): ❑ Single room (one traveler, one bed) ❑ Double room (shared by two travelers)

Bed Configuration (for double rooms only): ❑ One double/queen bed ❑ Two separate beds (twin beds)

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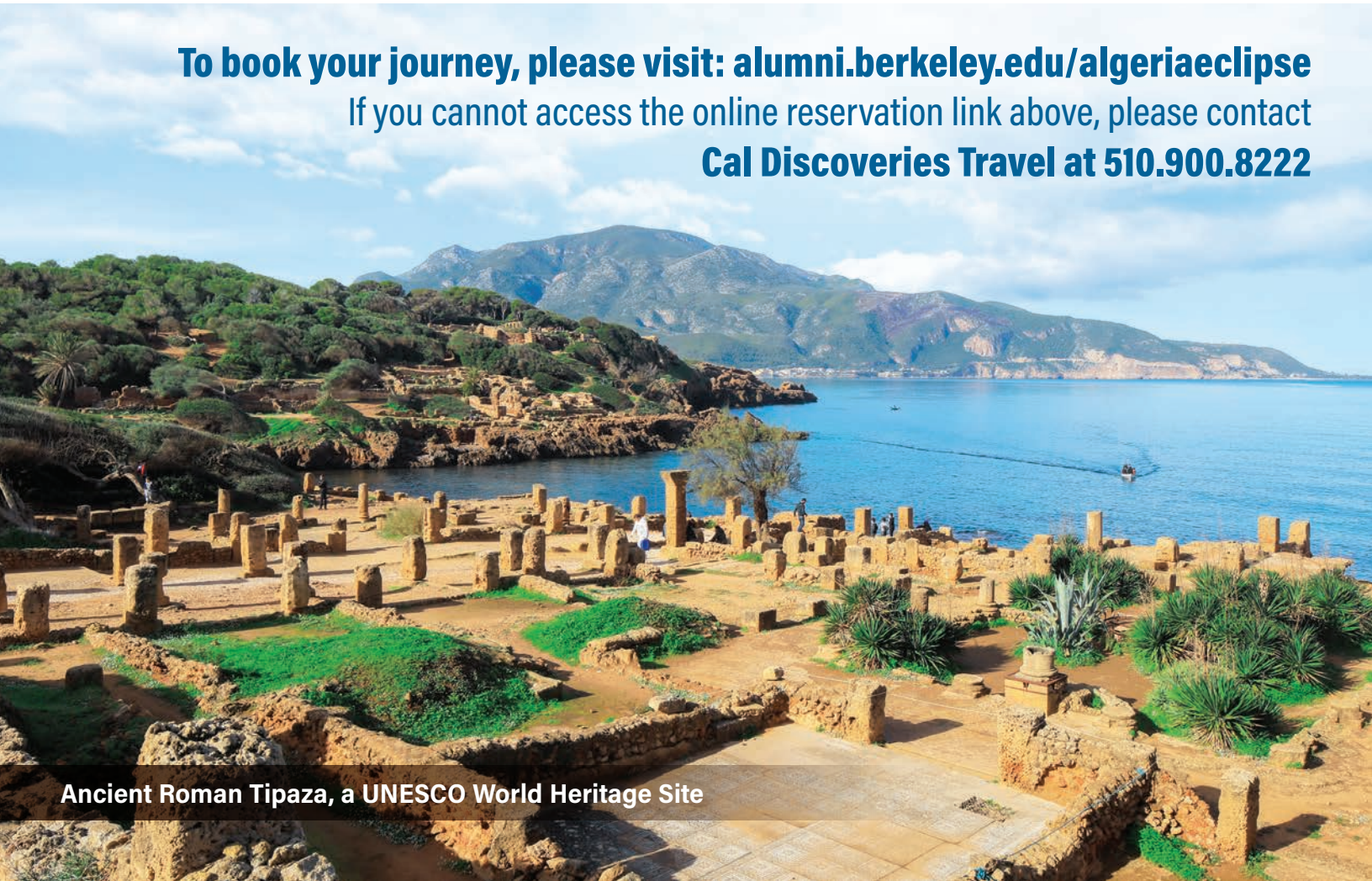

Ancient Roman Tipaza, a UNESCO World Heritage Site