



# Chad

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## Fast Facts

**Capital** N'Djamena

**Population** 13.6 million

**Languages** French, Arabic, more than 120 local languages

**Area** 1,284,000 sq km

**Currency** Central African franc (CFA)

## Introduction

Chad has always been some place where travellers wave goodbye to their comfort zone and say hello to adventure. Even when it is safe to visit, which sadly it is currently not, the art of travel here is demanding in every sense of the word. This, though, is part of the country's allure, an opportunity to break emphatically away from all that you know, and come to a place that promises experiences, good and bad, that happen nowhere else. But if Chad is such a demanding place to travel, why ever bother? Picture sublime oases hiding in the northern deserts, stampeding herds of wildlife running through national parks and deep blues awaiting boats on Lake Chad – put simply, when Chad is accessible it's a country and an experience that can never be forgotten.

## Chad at a Glance

**Zakouma National Park** Big herds of elephants and dazzling birds thrive in one of Central Africa's finest national parks.

**Gaoui** Beautiful painted houses and a fascinating village just minutes from N'Djaména.

**Sarh** A green and pleasant town along the banks of the Chari River.

**Bol** The best place from which to find a boat to head out onto Lake Chad.

**Ennedi** Dramatic desert scenery and rock formations in what is perhaps the most spectacular corner of the Sahara.

**Emi Koussi** Its cratered 3445m summit stands high above the desert that it dominates.

**N'Djaména** A capital city where hippos roam on the banks of the Chari River.

