

## Visitor's itinerary

### The Third Republic : consolidating colonisation and expanding into the Sahara

Forty years into the conquest, Algeria was still structured around the conqueror-conquered relationship. The fall of the Second Empire and the



*Bouclier, cuir (peau d'oryx) sur métal  
provenant de l'aire Touareg*  
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Young visitors' itinerary

### Emīr 'Abd al-Qādir (1808-1883)

Emīr 'Abd al-Qādir, a symbol of Algerian resistance, demonstrated both political and military leadership during his struggle against the French for the independence of his country

