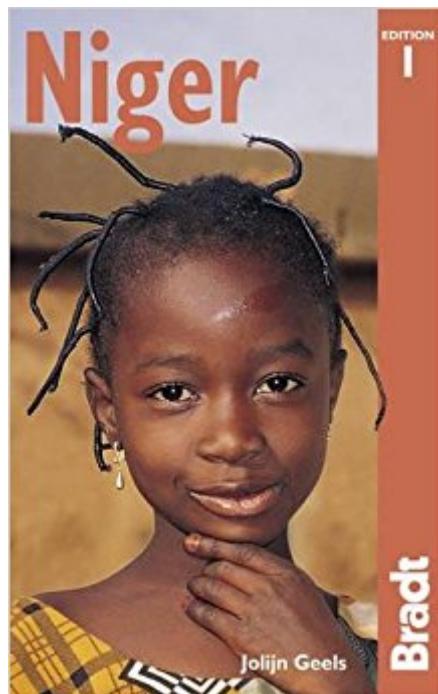


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# Niger: The Bradt Travel Guide



## Synopsis

This first English-language guide to the Saharan country of Niger spans the densely populated regions of the south--a colorful melting pot of cultures--and the hostile desert landscape of the north--featuring some of the most stunning sand dunes in Africa. Transport options for travelers are a particular feature of the guide--including long-distance connections to neighboring countries, river trips on the River Niger and camel trekking in the Massif de Aïr and Ténéré desert regions, home to the nomadic Tuareg people. As more independent travelers are finding their way to Niger, this guide will focus on both ends of the market: the upmarket traveler looking for background information and the budget traveler with a need to know all the practicalities. Features include:

- >Full range of travel and accommodation options
- >Present-day peoples and ethnic groups, including the Hausa, the Peul, and the Tuareg, including vocabulary and phrases
- >Niger culture and religion
- >Wildlife and ecosystems

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Most people associate Niger with poverty and drought. This first English-language guide looks beyond the negative to the countless good things the country has to offer. It reveals a land of ochre plains peppered with precious green zones and flourishing wetlands, a land where the rocky massifs of the Aïr Mountains meet the undulating sand dunes of the Ténéré, a land of striking beauty and welcoming people. Hire a pirogue and go in search of hippo on the River Niger, join a salt caravan and cross the desert, or explore picturesque villages and bustling towns. With

this guidebook, you can ditch your preconceptions and discover the real Niger with confidence.Â \* "W" National Park and natural history\*Desert trips and river cruises\*Fascinating archaeology and architecture\*Colorful festivals and culture\*Where to stay, what to see, and how to get there

Dutch-born Jolijn Geels has frequently traveled to Africa as a backpacker, tour leader, and travel writer. After months of research for this guide she has decided to go back and live in Niger to work with the people. She previously contributed to Madagascar and updated Mali: The Bradt Travel Guide.

pretty much the only guide on niger and it was over 10 years old. not cheap--I paid probably twice the original price but, as I said, they're the only game in town. all the others were 3+ times as expensive. but one needs a guide to go somewhere as remote as niger, so they had me over a barrel. it looked as though it hadn't even been used, which also gave me pause about paying inflated prices for a book no one wants to read, but it will serve my husband, I hope, when he goes there. if they'd knocked some of the price down to at least the face value, I probably would've given it 5 stars.

I am a former Peace Corps volunteer who served for two years in Niger. Ms. Geels has captured the heart, soul and understanding of this wonderful country in her new book. It is full of extremely useful and accurate information, written in a clear, user-friendly way. The maps alone are worth the price of admission. Ms. Geels tells many illuminating stories, as well giving excellent background information and history of the former French colony. In addition she introduces the reader to the kind and generous Nigerien people and its warm and unique culture. I'm planning a return trip to Niger this coming year and couldn't imagine traveling there without this book. Thank you Jolijn Geels.

In the last year i've travelled twice to Niger and each time i've found jolijn's book a tremendous help. Its thoroughly researched, the maps are great and all the interesting tidbits make for fascinating reading. As a solo female traveller i had no problems at all going off the beaten track armed with the bradt guide. Definately the best guide book i've ever used !!

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