

About

Until recently, Algeria was in the midst of a decades-long civil war, but since 2002 the country has been rebuilding itself. Progressive reforms, to both the social and physical framework, are slowly being implemented. Several cable cars are currently in operation with plans for at least two more systems.

One such cable car is located in **Constantine**, a city of a half million residents located on a plateau. Due to the extreme congestion and difficult topography, the Constantine Télécabine was designed to connect two residential neighbourhoods with an area of high employment. This has resulted in greatly reduced travel times and increased tourism.

The **Skikda** line is the longest in Algeria at 1.9 km. The Télécabine provides a direct connection for two separate hillside communities to the city centre in the valley below.

Tlemcen, a city of 140,000 people, is situated on a limestone ridge. The stations in this system were inspired by traditional local styles, with both the design and construction assigned to local architects and contractors.



^ Tlemcen

v Constantine

v Skikda



Tlemcen Station

System Stats

	Constantine	Skikda	Tlemcen
Technology	MDG	MDG	MDG
Year	2008	2009	2009
Length	1.5 km	1.9 km	1.6 km
Stations	3	3	3
Cabin capacity	15 persons	15 persons	15 persons
Trip time	7:00	8:00	7:00
Company	Garaventa	Garaventa	Garaventa

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The Routes



^ Constantine

After the war, increased traffic resulted in heavy gridlock. The Constantine Télécabine allows commuters to traverse the town in 7 minutes, as compared to the 45 minutes it could take in a car.



^ Skikda

In Skikda, a hilly city with a winding road network, traditional bus or rail transport options were considered excessively expensive and intrusive. Instead, cable was chosen to carry riders over the difficult terrain.



< Tlemcen

This system connects several areas of the city, including an amusement park, hotel and zoo, serving both tourists and locals. The final stop of the Tlemcen Télécabine offers riders a view of the city and surrounding area.

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