

Great Mosque of Algiers (“Djamaa el Djazair”)

Chronology

04 – 09/ 2007	Competition
01/2008	Competition won
01 – 07/2008	Contractual negotiations
07/2008	Contract signed in the presence of Angela Merkel and the Algerian President
09/2008	Planning commences (ODS – Ordre de Service)
09/2008 – 03/2009	Pre-planning proposal (Esquisse)
04/2009 – 08/2010	Design proposal (APD – Avant Projet Détaillé)
01/2010 – 11/2010	Tender (DCE – Dossier de Consultation)
12/2010 – 12/2011	Start of execution planning (EXE - Execution)
11/2011	Foundation stone laid
03/2012	Building site set up
02/2019	Part opening of the Great Mosque
10/2020	October 28, 2020, festival of Mawlid an-Nabi, birth of the Islamic prophet Mohammed
11/2020	November 6, 2020 prayer hall opened to the public for the first time for Friday prayers

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Project data

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Architect	Jürgen Engel, KSP Jürgen Engel Architekten
Structural engineers	KREBS+KIEFER International
Contract award	KSP Jürgen Engel Architekten, Frankfurt / Main, with Krebs und Kiefer International, Darmstadt as general planners for all performance stages 1-8 (HOAI)
Construction company	“China State Construction Engineering Corporation” (for short: CSCEC)
Site size	218,500 m ²
Built area	93,000 m ²
GFA (total area)	about 400,000 m ²
Gross volume	approx. 1,750,000 m ³ (built space)
Minaret height	265 m
Total length	approx. 600 m
Underground parking	approx. 4,000 parking spaces

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Competition	01/2008, 1 st Prize
Competition entrants	3 finalists: KSP Jürgen Engel Architekten, AS Studio (Architecture-Studio), Paris and ATSP/Atkins (Algeria, England)
Foundation stone	laid on Oct. 31, 2011
Construction start	Early 2012
Completion	2020
Capacity	120,000 visitors per day
Building site	initially up to 1,600 workers, in the final phase 4,000 workers and over 300 architects and engineers;

Prayer Hall

Footprint	approx. 145 m x 145 m, 16,000 m ²
Height	22.5 m
	central area 45 m
Dome	height at apex: approx. 70 m
	diameter at base: 50 m
Capacity	space for 36,000 people

Forecourt

footprint	approx. 145 m x 145 m, 16,000 m ²
▪	Praying in the forecourt as an extension of the Prayer Hall, central ablution points both outside and in the arcades round the courtyard

Minaret

Height	265 m (the highest in the world)
Footprint	28 m x 28 m
Foundations	50 m deep
Public upper floors:	panorama lifts
	viewing platform
planned usages:	museum, research center

Esplanade

Footprint	approx. 290 m x 145 m
▪	Reception zones with surrounding arcades for the forecourt and the minaret. Access to art studios as well as retail outlets and small restaurants. Central arrival zone from the car parks. Access to the auteur movie theaters. Large open flight of stairs leading up to the arrival zone and geometrical gardens.

Park

Geometrical gardens in the urban zone, free-scope gardens in the zone preserved for the imams; Link between the mosque complex and the buildings for science and culture

Buildings for science and culture

- Conference center
- Theological Academy + hostel for 300 students
- Library with 2,000 reading desks + 2 million media items

Ancillary building

- Security HQ
- Fire department station
- FM HQ
- Administrative HQ for the future facility operators
- Residential buildings such as villas for the directors and apartments for facility engineers

Floral pillars

Functions	Load-bearing devices
	Sources of shade
	Drainage
	Improved acoustics
	Structuring of the overall ensemble

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