

## A brief introduction

**N'Djamena** is experiencing rapid development with the construction of many public and government buildings throughout the city. In recent years, Chez **Wou**, **IBIS**, Novotel, Le Meridian, **Ledger Plaza**, La Résidence, **Solux** and **Hilton** hotels have greatly improved the quality of accommodation available to travelers, and the **Radisson Blu** Hotel is due to open in 2016. A new large shopping centre and hotel (Tournai Palace) is under construction near the airport. A new airport was built in 2015 and many commercial and financial buildings have been built or are under construction. The cityscape is rapidly transforming into a modern city. The city has a large and beautiful conference in front of the **Ledger Plaza Hotel**. A new parliamentary building was built just south of the city. The central square (Place de la Nation) and the presidential complex have benefited from significant renovations and new constructions to add to the grandeur and beauty of the city.

There is a wide and varied range of excellent restaurants throughout the city, offering many different cuisines. European and Chadian dishes are available in the following establishments: Le Central, Le Carnivore, La Plantation, L'Amandine, Côté Jardin, L'Olympia, Perception, Place de la Nation. **Ali Baba** and **Layalina** restaurants offer Lebanese cuisine, while **I'Asmara** serves Eritrean dishes. **Shanghai**, **Belle** and **He Ping** serve Chinese dishes. In addition, the larger hotels have four- or five-star restaurants. Last but not least, there are many good fast food outlets throughout the city, which serve fresh bread, pizza, chicken, burgers, camel and dried beef. (ask for Cliche).

Like most major countries, Chad has a wonderful and diverse mix of cultures, languages, religions, arts, music, landscapes, climates, fauna and flora. It takes time, travel and effort to discover and experience it. Those who take the trouble will discover a country full of life, rich in history, majestic landscapes and offering visual experiences that do not need description.

