



Tunisia

A historical journey

Tunisia, the smallest of the Maghreb countries, possesses an extraordinarily rich cultural heritage. With a long and gentle seacoast, Tunisia, the northernmost country of Africa has for over 3,000 years witnessed the passage of Phoenicians, Romans, Arabs, Byzantines, Turks, Spanish and French – each leaving a part of their story in stone or mosaics, on the hills of Carthage and at the threshold of the Sahara.

This hospitable land of colours and contrasts, spices and scents invites you to enjoy its natural beauty, ancient cities, lively festivals and an impressive infrastructure of modern hotels. Whether you prefer a long walk along miles of sparkling beaches, windsurfing on the cool Mediterranean Sea, exploring ancient sites and legendary cities, a game of golf or just a long, lazy day relaxing on the warm golden sands, Tunisia's blend of history, culture and modern facilities is captivating.

Sightseeing

The ruins of Carthage, Dougga, El-Jem (where the 30,000-seat amphitheatre is the most impressive Roman monument in North Africa), historical ruins, Islamic architecture, desert landscapes and stunning coastline.

Accommodation

City hotels, beach resorts and spas.

Family activities

Children's entertainment and activities at the beach resorts.

Events

Festival of the Mountain Oases (late April); Festival of Symphonic Music, El-Jem (July – August); International Festival of Carthage (July – August); International Festival of the Sahara (early December), The Medina Festival in Tunis (during the Holy month of Ramadan).



Ruins in Sbeitla



Shopping

What you can buy – Traditional carpets, rugs and ceramics, copper work, wood and stone carvings and handmade jewellery.
Where you can buy – Souks and state-owned department stores.

Entertainment

Tunisia offers a wide choice of entertainment from nightclubs and discothèques to fine restaurants and casinos.

Sports and leisure

Sailing, diving, hiking, camel trekking, horse riding, golf, spas and health treatments.



The best of Tunisia

5 days/4 nights • Chauffeur-driven four-wheel drive tour

Tunis • Kairouan • El-Jem • Sousse • Monastir •

Port El Kantaoui • Hammamet

- Carthage and its ancient ruins
- El-Jem – the third largest amphitheatre in the Roman empire
- Hammamet – well-known for its spas

Discover the many attractions of this fascinating destination including historic remains and Roman ruins, the ancient troglodyte villages and the charming beaches of Hammamet.

Day 1: Tunis

Arrive in Tunis and transfer to your hotel. Spend the evening at leisure. Overnight in Tunis.

Day 2: Tunis – Sousse (167 kilometres)

Discover the contrasts between the mediaeval Arab Medina and the French-built modern city on a half-day tour of Tunis. In the afternoon you visit the ruins of Carthage and continue to Sousse. Overnight in Sousse.

Day 3: Sousse – Kairouan – El-Jem – Sousse (217 kilometres)

After breakfast proceed to Kairouan, a city founded in 670 AD by Oqba ibn Nafi as the first Islamic city in the Maghreb. Continue to El-Jem, the best preserved Roman relic to be found in Africa, after which you return to Sousse. Overnight in Sousse.



El-Jem Amphitheatre

Day 4: Sousse – Monastir – Port El Kantaoui – Sousse (62 kilometres)

Visit Monastir, with its imposing Ribat Tower. The city captures the blend of the traditional and modern that characterises Tunisia. Return to Sousse and visit Port El Kantaoui known for its marvellous beaches and marina. Overnight in Sousse.

Day 5: Sousse – Hammamet – Tunis (150 kilometres)

Spend the morning at leisure. Visit Hammamet, well-known for its spas, before you proceed to the airport in Tunis for your return flight.

Total distance: 521 kilometres.



Tour available as:

- Private chauffeur-drive – Including air-conditioned vehicle, driver, guide and pre-booked accommodation.



Tunis

The surprising city

Although Tunis was founded over 3,000 years ago by the Berbers, it was not until the 7th century, after the final destruction of Carthage, that the city achieved independent importance under the control of Arab Muslims. From the 12th to the 16th century, Tunis was controlled by the Almohad and Hafsid Berber dynasties, becoming one of the richest and grandest cities in the Islamic world.

Today's Tunis is full of surprises. Smart hotels, steel and glass conference halls, international banks, chic boutiques, bookshops, art galleries, broad tree-shaded avenues and busy yellow taxis give it all the bustle of

a modern Mediterranean city. Yet around the corner is the Medina, almost unchanged since mediaeval times. As you enter its maze of narrow streets, alleys and covered passageways, the centuries slip away. Small shops, their treasures of brass, olive wood, leather, Berber jewellery, carpets, pottery and brightly-coloured garments spilling out into the street, vie for your attention. Continue upwards towards the Mosque of the Olive Tree, 'Ez Zitouna', at the heart of the Medina and as old as the town itself.

Places of interest: Bardo National Museum, Ez Zitouna Mosque; Carthage Archaeological site; the picturesque village of Sidi Bou Said.

Best buys: Handicrafts, handmade jewellery and ceramics.

Out and about: Casinos, theatres and nightclubs.



Sidi Bou Said

Dougga, Carthage and Sidi Bou Said tour

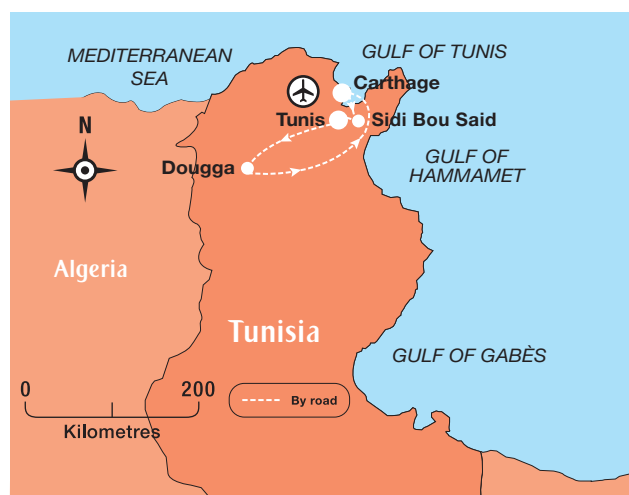
Full-day chauffeur-driven private car excursion from Tunis

This tour provides a fascinating insight into both the most ancient and the most modern aspects of Tunisia – including the historic sites of Dougga, Carthage and Sidi Bou Said.

Depart in the morning for **Dougga**, which houses some of the largest Roman ruins in Tunisia. The site, in a commanding position on the edge

of the Tebersouk Mountains, contains some of the country's best preserved Roman buildings. These include the **Square of the Winds**, at the centre of which is an enormous circular inscription listing the names of the 12 winds; the **Capitol**, a huge monument dedicated to Jupiter, Juno and Minerva; and **Trifolium House**.

After lunch, your journey takes you to **Carthage**, the capital symbol of ancient Tunisia. This city was founded by Phoenician colonists and was considered the great opponent of Rome in the duel for supremacy in the civilised world. The wonders of these civilisations can be well seen on visiting the Roman amphitheater, the Baths, cisterns, cathedrals, museums and many more. Next, our visit takes us to **Sidi Bou Said**, the blue and white village overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. It is a beautiful place to explore the brilliant doors and windows which are framed by white washed walls, cobbled streets, souvenir shops and cafés. Early evening return to Tunis.



The Residence



Location: La Marsa.

The Residence epitomises the art of fine living in the Mediterranean. This palace with its Arab-Andalusia architecture is a real oasis of charm and serenity, which invites you to discover the authenticity of Tunisia through its sumptuousness, products and elegance. Tunis-Carthage International Airport is 10 kilometres away.



Facilities: 161 rooms and suites. Four restaurants, two bars, 24-hour room service, shops, safety deposit boxes, babysitting on request, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.



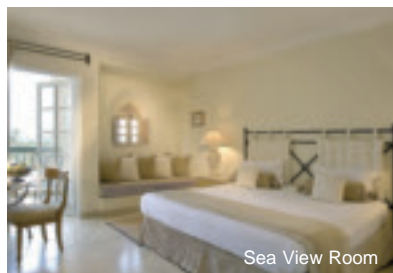
Garden View Rooms: Private balcony, air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV and minibar.

Sea View Rooms: Additionally these rooms offer a sea view.

Sports and leisure: Indoor pool, spa, sauna, jacuzzi, massage, two tennis courts, windsurfing and catamaran sailing.

Check-in: 1300 hours

Check-out: 1300 hours.



Sea View Room



Sheraton Tunis Hotel & Towers

Location: Diplomatic district.

This hotel is located in the heart of the central business and diplomatic district and overlooks the entire city of Tunis. It provides easy access to all the main attractions of the city. Its convenient location combined with an excellent range of facilities and services, makes it an ideal choice for leisure and business travellers alike. Tunis-Carthage International Airport is three kilometres away.

Facilities: 285 rooms and suites. Four restaurants, bar, 24-hour room service, shops, hairdresser, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting on request, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

Standard Rooms: Private balcony, air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV, data ports, minibar, tea and coffee, iron and safe.

Sports and leisure: Indoor and outdoor pools, fitness centre, spa, sauna, jacuzzi, steam bath, massage and aerobics.

Check-in: 1300 hours

Check-out: 1300 hours.



Indoor pool



Hotel Africa



Location: City centre.

This hotel dominates the city skyline and is located close to the main shopping area, on the Avenue Bourguiba, the "Champs Elysee" of Tunis. The many attractions of the city – the Medina, souks and the Grand Mosque are only few minutes away. The hotel is an excellent base from which to explore the beaches of the north and the beautiful town of Sidi Bou Said. Tunis-Carthage International Airport is eight kilometres away.

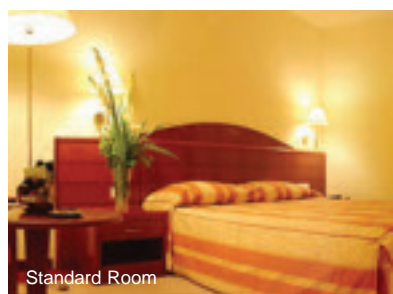
Facilities: 212 rooms and suites.

Three restaurants offering Tunisian, French and international cuisine, brasserie, bar, 24-hour room service, safety deposit boxes, business centre, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

Standard Rooms: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV, data ports, minibar and safe.

Check-in: 1200 hours

Check-out: 1200 hours.



Standard Room





Sousse

The pearl of the Sahel



Sousse is Tunisia's third largest city and a major port located in a natural harbour, occupying this stretch of North African coast. It lies on a flat fertile land with olive fields. In the middle of the city lies the old city (Medina) with its magnificent fort (Ribat). The site was originally founded in the 9th century BC as a Phoenician outpost. Changing its name with each rule, Sousse has been known as Hadrumetum to the Romans, Hunericopoli to the Vandals and Justinian polis to the Byzantines. Eventually it was the all-conquering Oqba Ibn Nafaa, leader of the Arab invaders, who leveled the town in the 7th century and built the Arab town of Susa.

Places of interest: **Sousse Madina**, walls of the ribat; archaeological museum; **Great Mosque** and **Boujaffar Beach**.

Best buys: Carpets and dyed cloth, copper goods, leather bags, jewellery and olive oil.

Out and about: Hotels, restaurants, bars, boutiques and Sousse Market is held on Sunday in the Souq el-Ahad.

Sporting attractions: Swimming, diving, golf and spa treatments.

Average climate in Sousse													
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
	MAX °C	17	18	20	22	25	30	33	32	29	27	22	18
	MIN °C	8	9	11	14	17	21	23	24	22	19	14	10
	HRS	6	7	8	8	9	11	12	10	8	7	7	5
Daily maximum and minimum averages are guides only and may vary.													



Hammamet

The bay of jasmine

Hammamet lies on the coast half-way between Tunis and Sousse and is one of the best-known tourist resorts in Tunisia. In the 2nd century, the Romans established a small settlement close to the present town, which later became an Aghlabid stronghold. The Medina dates back to around 1500, when the Hafids erected the present walls, but it wasn't until the 1920s that the place was really put on the tourist map when the Italian millionaire George Sebastian – attracted by the area's moderate climate, sweet-smelling jasmine and profusion of lemon, orange and cypress trees – built a villa here. Since then, many others have followed his lead, earning Hammamet the sobriquet Tunisia's Saint Tropez.

Hammamet has two main districts – the older one located in the north and the newer, Yasmine Hammamet, in the south. With its superb beaches, marina, amusement parks and pedestrian-friendly streets and boulevards lined with chic cafés and fashionable shops, Yasmine Hammamet symbolises modern Tunisia and it is here that most of the best-known spas and resorts are located.

The compact Medina, with its Great Mosque, Kasbah, ancient bathhouses and shops hidden away in narrow alleys, rewards exploration. Following an afternoon siesta, there are few things more pleasant than sitting in one of Hammamet's cafés and watching the town come to life.




Places of interest: The **Kasbah**; Dar Hammamet, a traditional Tunisian house; the International Cultural Centre and the Roman settlement of **Pupput** nearby.

For the family: The resorts in Hammamet cater for families and have a variety of children's activity programmes.

Best buys: Rugs, oriental mirrors and jewellery.

Out and about: Hotels, restaurants and bars. **Avenue Habib Bourguiba** is the main thoroughfare of Hammamet and is also the centre of its nightlife.

Sporting attractions: Swimming, diving, golf and spa treatments.

Average climate in Hammamet													
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
	MAX °C	16	16	18	20	23	26	28	28	27	25	21	18
	MIN °C	9	10	11	14	15	20	21	23	21	17	13	10
	HRS	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	10	8	7	5	5
	MM	59	34	36	27	16	6	5	10	28	45	42	49
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Mövenpick Resort & Marine Spa Sousse


Location: Sousse.

This resort is located on a prime beach front in the heart of the city centre. It offers the unique combination of beach and city life. Monastir International Airport is 20 kilometres away and around 135 kilometres from central Tunis.



Facilities: 625 rooms and suites. Five restaurants, six bars, 24-hour room service, shop, hairdresser, safety deposit box and non-smoking rooms.

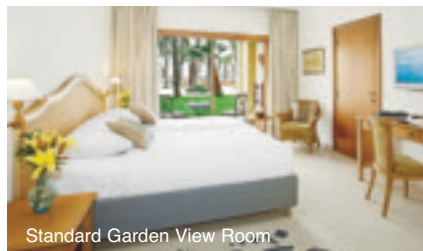


Standard Garden View Rooms: Balcony or a private sun-bathing terrace, air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV and minibar.

Sport and leisure: Indoor and outdoor pool, fitness centre, spa, sauna, 18-hole championship golf course, scuba diving club and children's club.

Check-in: 1500 hours

Check-out: 1200 hours.



Standard Garden View Room



Hasdrubal Thalassa & Spa


Location: Yasmine Hammamet.

Classic elegance and refined comfort are the hallmarks of this modern grand hotel which is located on the beach and close to the Medina and the casino. The Thalassotherapy Center at the hotel allows guests to experience everything that is dedicated to a feeling of health and well-being, combined with the relaxed Mediterranean holiday feeling. Tunis-Carthage International Airport is 70 kilometres away.

Facilities: 220 suites, four restaurants, 24-hour room service, nightclub, hairdresser, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

Junior Suites: Balcony, air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, minibar and safe.

Sports and leisure: Indoor and outdoor pools, fitness centre, spa, sauna, jacuzzi, steam bath, massage and aerobics.

Check-in: 1200 hours

Check-out: 1200 hours.



Junior Suite

Hotel Laico


Location: Yasmine Hammamet.

Located in a prime position on the seafront promenade of Hammamet, near the new marina, this modern and imposing property has an interesting architecture which reminds one of a luxury cruise liner. The hotel offers high quality services and good facilities such as a modern thalassotherapy centre. Tunis-Carthage International Airport is 70 kilometres away.



Facilities: 300 rooms and suites. Three restaurants, two bars, 24-hour room service, shops, hairdresser, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes, children's activities, babysitting on request, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

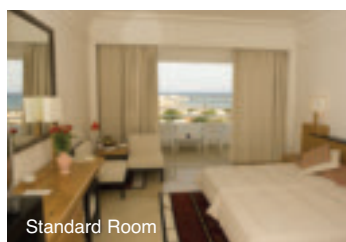


Standard Rooms: Balcony, air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV, minibar and safe.

Sports and leisure: Indoor and outdoor pools, fitness room, spa, sauna, steam bath, massage, indoor playground, volleyball and tennis court.

Check-in: 1200 hours

Check-out: 1200 hours.



Standard Room

