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Tunisia: From the Mediterranean to the Sahara

Tunisia: Tunis, Tataouine, Sahara Desert Camp, Tozeur Oasis, Kairouan, Sidi Bou Said



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1 2 **3** 4 5 Moderate

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAYS	DESTINATION
1	Fly to Tunis, Tunisia
2-5	Tunis
6-7	Fly to Djerba • Tataouine
8	Sahara Desert camp
9-10	Tozeur
11-13	Kairouan
14-15	Sidi Bou Said & Carthage
16	Return to U.S.

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ITINERARY

Day 1 • Depart U.S.

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Tunis.

Day 2 • Tunis, Tunisia

Arrive at your hotel in Tunis and meet your fellow travelers, including those who took our optional pre-trip extension to *Untouched Algeria: Algiers & Constantine*.

Meals: D | Hotel Belvedere Fourati or similar

Day 3 • Explore Tunis

Today, we set out to explore Tunis on a guided walking tour. Witness the palaces, mosques, and fountains of the city's *medina*—a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Meals: B,D | Hotel Belvedere Fourati or similar

Day 4 • Ancient Dougga • Testour

Visit Dougga, the best-preserved ancient Roman city in North Africa and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here stand the remains of a complete town that once had 5,000 residents, including villas, temples, baths, a paved street, and a forum. Later, we'll drive out to the village of Testour, a sleepy town that is home to Tunisia's finest examples of Andalusian architecture.

Meals: B,L | Hotel Belvedere Fourati or similar

Day 5 • Tunis • *A Day in the Life* of a Tunisian family

Experience ***A Day in the Life*** of a local Tunisian family. Participate in hands-on activities and enjoy lunch with the family before returning to Tunis.

Meals: B,L | Hotel Belvedere Fourati or similar

Day 6 • Tunis • Fly to Djerba • Tataouine

This morning, we fly to Djerba, an island linked to mainland Tunisia by a causeway built on a Roman-era foundation. We'll stop at a local village and then drive to Houmt Souk—Djerba's capital—a historic city of white-washed mosques and groves of olive and citrus trees, before continuing overland to Tataouine.

Meals: B,L,D | Ksar Ouled Debbab or similar



Tunis

IT'S INCLUDED

- 14 nights accommodations, including 1 night at our private tented camp in the Sahara Desert
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- All land transportation and 1 internal flight
- 33 meals—14 breakfasts, 9 lunches, and 10 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Dinner)
- 20 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
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Day 7 • Berber villages

Visit the picturesque Berber village of Chenini, which was built into the rocky hills as a means of protection from Ghazzia (Arab tribes). Later, we'll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before returning to Tataouine.

Meals: B,L,D | Ksar Ouled Debbab or similar

Day 8 • Tataouine • Visit a troglodyte house • Sahara Desert camp

Visit a troglodyte home in the Berber town of Matmata. Then, journey to Douz, where all roads end at the Great Eastern Erg, and board 4x4 vehicles for our journey into the Sahara to our tented camp, set amidst rolling dunes.

Meals: B,L,D | Ghilane Desert Camp or similar

Day 9 • The Sahara Desert • Camel ride in dunes • Tozeur

You may wish to rise early to watch the sun rise over the Sahara Desert. Then, saddle up


Sbeitla

for a camel ride amidst the dunes. During our trek, we may cross paths with nomadic people as they make their way across the sprawling sea of sand. Later, transfer overland to Tozeur with a stop along the way at Chott El Jerid, the largest salt lake in the Sahara Desert.

Meals: B,L,D | Hotel Diar Abou Habibi or similar

Day 10 • Explore Tozeur oasis by horse-drawn carriage • Visit local brick factory

Explore Tozeur by horse-drawn carriage and imagine the two-thousand-year history of this lush oasis. We'll also visit a small brick factory, spend time at Sidi Ben Aissa Archaeological Museum and enjoy a discussion with the museum's curator.

Meals: B,D | Hotel Diar Abou Habibi or similar

Day 11 • Tozeur • Roman ruins at Sbeitla • Kairouan

Transfer overland to Kairouan. Along the way, stop to visit the Roman ruins of Sbeitla, including three temples dedicated to Minerva, Jupiter, and Juno, the gods who protected Rome.

Meals: B,L,D | La Kasbah Hotel or similar

Day 12 • Explore Kairouan • Home-Hosted Dinner

Today we explore Kairouan on a guided walking tour. We'll begin with a visit to the Abou Zamaa al-Balawi mausoleum, one of the most venerated sites in the city. Next, we'll visit the Great Mosque, the oldest Muslim place of worship in Africa. Later, we'll venture on foot to the city *medina*, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and thriving center of Tunisian culture. This evening, we'll enjoy a **Home-Hosted Dinner** with a local family.

Meals: B,D | La Kasbah Hotel or similar

Day 13 • Kairouan • Optional *El Djem* tour

Today is for explorations on your own, or you can join an optional tour of El Djem, home to a Roman amphitheater—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The optional tour also includes lunch and a visit to a mosaics crafts center.

Meals: B | La Kasbah Hotel or similar

Day 14 • Kairouan • Explore Hammamet • Sidi Bou Said • Controversial Topic: Women's rights in Tunisia

Travel overland to Sidi Bou Said today. Along the way, visit Hammamet, a town of white-washed houses and some of Tunisia's finest beaches. We'll explore its coastal *medina* before continuing on to Sidi Bou Said, where we'll meet with a local expert to discuss the **Controversial Topic** of women's rights in Tunisia to gain an understanding of gender inequality in the Arab world.

Meals: B,L | Hotel Dar Said or similar

Day 15 • Sidi Bou Said • Ancient Carthage • North Africa American Cemetery

After a discovery walk through the village of Sidi Bou Said, we'll visit the ruin site of ancient Carthage. We'll also pay respects to the soldiers who liberated Tunisia during World War II with a visit to the North Africa American Cemetery and Memorial. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner this evening.

Meals: B,L,D | Hotel Dar Said or similar

Day 16 • Return to U.S.

Transfer to the airport for your flight home, or begin our *Timeless Morocco: From the Souks of Marrakesh to Seaside Casablanca* post-trip extension.

Meals: B

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