

# Tunisia

## Archaeology, Culture & Community

November 6-15, 2027

### TOUR ITINERARY

#### **Day 1: Arrival & Introductions - Saturday, November 6**

Arrive in the late afternoon, transfer to the hotel.  
Gather in the evening for a group orientation and welcome dinner.

**OVERNIGHT:** *Movenpick Gammarth La Marsa*

**MEALS:** *Dinner Included*

#### **Day 2: Carthage - Sunday, November 7**

Minutes down the coastline from your hotel, visit key Punic and Roman landmarks including the Tophet sanctuary, the reconstructed Punic Ports, the Antonine Baths, and Byrsa Hill, while discussing Carthage's rise as a major commercial and political power in the ancient Mediterranean. Visit La Goulette neighborhood near the sea for time at leisure, sourcing lunch from one of the many fresh-catch vendors on the promenade. Continue to the Bardo Museum to examine one of the world's finest collections of Roman mosaics and consider how Tunisia's successive civilizations—Punic, Roman, Arab, Ottoman, and French—have shaped the country's modern identity. Return to the hotel in the evening for a group dinner.

**OVERNIGHT:** *Movenpick Gammarth La Marsa*

**MEALS:** *Breakfast, lunch and dinner included*





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### **Day 3: Waterways & Coastal View - Monday, November 8**

Depart Tunis and travel south, tracing part of the route once supplied by the great Roman water system that carried mountain spring water to ancient Carthage. Visit the elegant Zaghouan Water Temple, constructed during the reign of Hadrian as the monumental source shrine for the aqueduct system, before continuing to the Mediterranean coast and the historic city of Monastir. Explore the Ribat, where stone ramparts, watchtowers, and interior courtyards offer sweeping views over the sea and insight into the city's early defensive and religious role, then continue to the Bourguiba Mausoleum and Museum to learn about Tunisia's modern state formation. Enjoy free time in the late afternoon, then gather for a group dinner.

**OVERNIGHT:** *Regency Hotel & Spa, Monastir*

**MEALS:** *Breakfast, lunch and dinner included*

### **Day 4: Ancient Relic, Agricultural Heritage - Tuesday, November 9**

Depart Monastir and travel inland to the magnificent El Jem Amphitheatre, one of the largest and best-preserved Roman colosseums in the world, where its monumental scale offers a glimpse into the grandeur of Roman North Africa. Continue through Tunisia's olive-growing heartland to a family-owned olive estate, for a guided tour of the groves and olive mill, learning about the production of Tunisia's renowned olive oil including samples of locally produced goods and regional specialties. In the late afternoon, arrive in Sfax, Tunisia's second-largest city and an important commercial center, for an introductory walk through the historic district before settling in for the evening.

**OVERNIGHT:** *Les Olivier Palace, Sfax*

**MEALS:** *Breakfast, lunch and dinner included*





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### **Day 5: Sahara Heritage - Wednesday, November 10**

Depart Sfax in the morning, traveling south into the rugged landscapes of the Dahar Mountains. Enjoy a traditional lunch hosted by a local Amazigh community, then set out on a 4x4 excursion across rocky plateaus and desert tracks, exploring the dramatic terrain that has shaped life on the edge of the Sahara for centuries. Continue to the picturesque mountain village of Toujane, where stone houses, traditional weaving, and panoramic viewpoints offer insight into the region's enduring heritage. Continue towards Tamezret, learning how generations of families adapted to the desert climate through underground architecture. Check-in and enjoy dinner with expansive views across the surrounding landscape.

**OVERNIGHT:** *Dar Ayed Tamezret*

**MEALS:** *Breakfast, lunch and dinner included*

### **Day 6: Desert Dwellings - Thursday, November 11**

Head back through Ancient Matmata in the morning for a closer look at the distinctive troglodyte heritage of the region and visit to the Sidi Idriss underground hotel, whose cave dwellings famously appeared in Star Wars. After further exploration in town, head north through Tunisia's central plains. Pause for lunch and tea in the rural area around Bir Ali Ben Khelifa, offering a glimpse into daily life and hospitality in the country's agricultural heartland. Reach Kairouan in the early evening and settle into one of North Africa's most important historic and spiritual centers.

**OVERNIGHT:** *Hotel La Kasbah, Kairouan*

**MEALS:** *Breakfast, lunch and dinner included*





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### **Day 7: Kairouan- Friday, November 12**

Begin the day in the spiritual heart of Tunisia and one of the oldest Islamic cities in North Africa. Visit Kairouan's Great Mosque of Sidi Okba, continue to the Aghlabid Basins and the Sidi Sahbi (Barber's Mosque), then explore the UNESCO-listed medina, where artisan workshops, carpet weaving, and traditional crafts reflect centuries of religious, commercial, and cultural life. Wander historic streets and alleyways before gathering for dinner.

**OVERNIGHT:** *Hotel La Kasbah, Kairouan*

**MEALS:** *Breakfast, lunch and dinner included*

### **Day 8: Tunisian Habitat and Hammamet- Saturday, November 13**

Travel north toward Tunis, stopping near Sebkhet Kelbia, one of North Africa's most important wetlands and migratory bird habitats, for a look at the region's unique ecology and the environmental importance of its inland waterways. Continue to Hammamet for a stroll the historic medina and picturesque waterfront kasbah, with time at leisure and options for lunch amidst the relaxed atmosphere of one of Tunisia's best-known seaside towns. Reach Tunis in the afternoon, gather for a group dinner in the evening.

**OVERNIGHT:** *Movenpick Gammarth La Marsa*

**MEALS:** *Breakfast and dinner included*





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### **Day 9: Tunis Conclusions- Sunday, November 14**

The journey concludes with a day of reflection on the country's artistic heritage, international connections, and enduring urban traditions. Spend the morning visiting the American Cemetery and Memorial, honoring soldiers who fought in the North African Campaign during World War II. Take in impressive seaside views from the hillside village of Sidi Bou Saïd and its Baron d'Erlanger Palace (Ennejma Ezzahra), a beautifully preserved Andalusian-inspired residence overlooking the Gulf of Tunis. Stop at a leading market for a final opportunity to collect gifts or take-home packages of local flavors, then enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Gather for closing reflections and a farewell dinner.

*Group airport transfers are provided for departures late night and the following morning. Travelers will retain room access until check-out time on November 15.*

**OVERNIGHT:** Movenpick Gammarth La Marsa

**MEALS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner included

