



# Tunisia

## HISTORICAL TREASURES AND NOMADIC HOSPITALITY



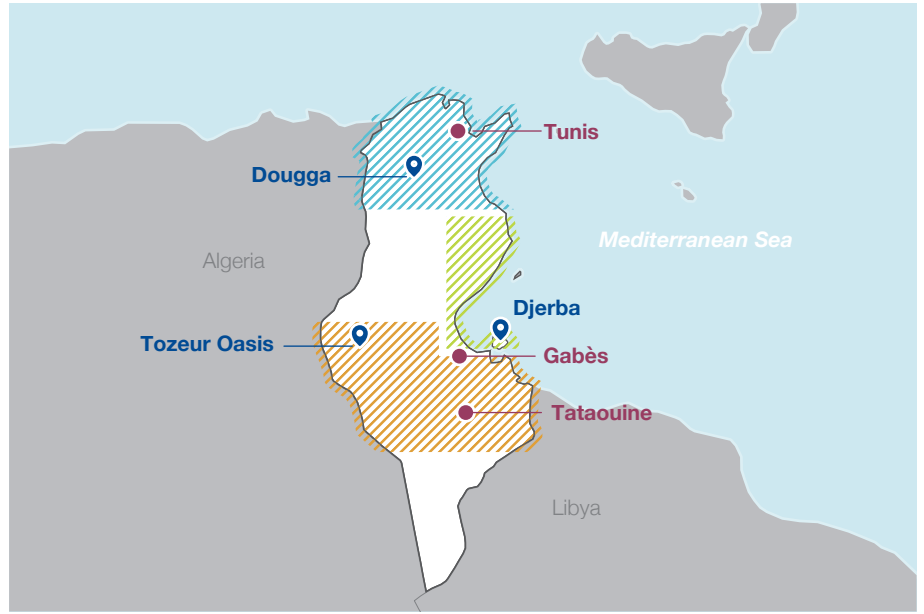
Tunisia is a country full of unexpected variety. Sandy beaches, Mediterranean flair and desert adventures paired with the cultural history of over 3,000 years can be discovered here.

The Import Promotion Desk (IPD) supports European tour operators in their search for exceptional touristic products in Tunisia and provides contacts to carefully screened, sustainable tourism companies. Get an overview about the great possibilities of Tunisia for your touristic product development and get in contact with our Sustainable Tourism Specialists.


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## OVERVIEW

The lively capital Tunis with its souks and museums, little artist villages along the coastline and well-preserved traces of the roman empire are waiting for travelers in the Mediterranean north  of Tunisia.

Watersport above and below the surface together with fine-grained beaches make a great mix of relaxation and activities along the beautiful coastline  of Tunisia.

Active- and cultural explorer will find cave villages of the Berber, surreal lunar landscapes, oasis and nomadic culture in the south of Tunisia .

[Virtual destination overview.](#)





## DISTANCES BY CAR

		
Tunis – Djerba	506 km	6h 30'
Tunis – Gabes	369 km	4h 20'
Tunis – Sfax	270 km	3h30'
Tunis – Sousse	140 km	1h45
Tunis – Mahdia	202 km	2h45'
Tunis – Monastir	163 km	2h30
Tunis – Bizerte	60 km	1h
Tunis – Nabeul	65 km	50'
Tunis – Tabarka-Ain Drahem	220 km	2h30'
Tunis – Dougga	107 km	1h30'
Tunis – Kef	229 km	2h30
Sfax – Kerkennah	22 km	1h30
Tabarka – La Galite	60 km	
Sousse – Kairouan-Sbitla	250 km	3h30
Tunis – Tozeur	430 km	5h30
Tozeur – Douz	130 km	1h30'
Tozeur – Oasis de Tamaghza	80 km	1h30
Tozeur – Mos Espa (Star Wars location)	80 km	1h30
Tunis – Douz	512 km	7h
Jerba – Gabes-Douz	249 km	3h30
Jerba – Matmata	160 km	2h
Jerba – Tataouine	118 km	1h30
Jerba – Tozeur	338 km	4h
Sousse – Kairouan	68 km	60'
Sousse – Gafsa Tozeur	365 km	5h
Sousse – El Jem	59 km	45'
Sousse – Zaghuan	85 km	1h
Douz – Sahara (Le Grand Erg Oriental)	150 km	6h
Douz – Ksar Ghilane	120 km	2h30

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## DISTANCES BY PLANE/BOAT

		
Tunis – Djerba	1 h 10	
Tunis – Tozeur	1 h 10	
Sfax – Kerkennah		1h30
Tabarka – La Galite		4h



**AVERAGE COSTS**





Coffee	0,70 €
Usual tip	10 – 15 %
Lunch	7 €
Taxi (5 km)	3 – 4 €
Entrance fee museums & sights	2 – 4 €
Windsurfing trial course	50 €

**BEST TIME TO VISIT TUNISIA**

The best season to visit Tunisia for its **cultural sights** and **land activities** is from April to early June and from October to November. The winter months in the south are great for cultural tours too, but temperatures in the desert often go below zero degree Celsius at night. September is the best month to find relaxation at less crowded beaches and with warm temperatures.

**Diving** is possible all year around in Tunisia, even though between March and November the visibility is the best. The warm water temperatures in Spring and Summer are excellent for snorkeling. Other **watersports** like Kitesurfing or Windsurfing find the best conditions from April to October. For **expeditions to the desert**, Spring and Autumn are best to experience warm days, clear blue sky and not too cold nights. **Birdwatching** in Tunisia is still an insider tip, but in the winter months various migratory bird can be seen in the shallow waters around Djerba.

**A SELECTION OF ACTIVITIES IN TUNISIA BY SEASON**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
 Sahara excursions			✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	
 Diving and snorkeling				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
 Kite- and Windsurfing					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
 Visit cultural sights				✓	✓					✓	✓	



**ENTRANCE FEES AND OPENING HOURS 2021**

Sights	Entry fee	Opening hours Summer (May – Mid Sept.)	Opening hours Winter (Mid Sept. – May)	Opening hours Ramadan	Closed on
Ruins of Carthago	12.000 Dinar	8:00am – 6:00pm	8:30am – 5:00pm	8:00am – 5:00pm	
Bardo Museum	13.000 Dinar	9:00am – 5:00pm	9:30am – 4:30pm	9:30am – 4:30pm	Monday
Archaeological museum of Sousse	10.000 Dinar	9:00am – 6:00pm	9:00am – 5:00pm	9:00am – 4:00pm	Monday
Amphitheatre El Djem	12.000 Dinar	7:30am – 6:30pm	7:30am – 5:30pm	8:00am – 5:00pm	
Ruins of Bulla Regia	8.000 Dinar	8:00am – 7:00pm	8:30am – 5:30pm	8:30am – 5:00pm	
Ruins of Thugga	8.000 Dinar	8:00am – 7:00pm	8:30am – 5:30pm	8:30am – 5:00pm	

**FESTIVALS IN TUNESIA**

Many festivals and events are during **Ramadan**, like the Festival de la Medina in Tunis. Further, **November to January** is a good season to visit a festival during a roundtrip in Tunisia. The traditional Sahara Festival and other Oasis Festivals invite visitors to experience nomadic culture, camel races, dances and music.

**CULTURAL INSIGHTS**

- + Away from the tourist areas, it is advisable to wear discreet and conservative clothing. This applies to both men and women. Shoulders should be covered and long skirts or trousers worn. Women should wear a light scarf over their hair and shoulders when visiting cultural or religious sites.
- + Tunisia is known for its hospitality. It is common to invite travellers for tea or dinner. Away from the tourist hotspots, these invitations are always heartfelt and without hidden business motives. The gifts offered (often in kind such as fruit, vegetables or handicraft) should be accepted. In return, as a guest you should also bring a small gift, but never money.



### FLIGHT CONNECTIONS: EUROPE – TUNISIA

The main airports, with many direct connections to Europe are located at the coastline. Scheduled flights, seasonal charter flights and low cost carriers offer a large range of flights. All flight connections can be seen at this [interactive Map](#).

Aéroport de Tunis – Carthage (TUN)	Monastir Habib Bourguiba Airport (MIR)	Aéroport de Djerba – Zarzis (DJE)	Enfidhar-Hammamet International Airport (NBE)
The airport is located close to the city. A taxi for the 20 minutes ride to the city center costs around 2 €	A taxi for the 20 minutes ride to the city center costs 2 €. The airport is directly connected to the national railway system. <a href="#">Tickets and information</a>	The airport is located close to the city. A taxi for the 20 minutes ride to the city center costs around 3 €.	The airport is located close to the city. A taxi for the 15 minutes ride to the city and <a href="#">rail station</a> costs around 3 €.
<b>Direct flight from Europe i.a. with Lufthansa, Tunisair, Luxair, Air France, Alitalia, TUI Fly, Nouvelair:</b> Germany, Switzerland, France, England, Belgium, Luxembourg, Austria, Serbia, Italy, Netherlands, Spain	<b>Direct flight from Europe i.a. with Tunisair, Luxair, Air France, TAP Portugal, Eurowings, Nouvelair:</b> Germany, France, England, Belgium, Luxembourg, Sweden, Denmark, Portugal	<b>Direct flight from Europe i.a. with Swiss, Lufthansa, TAP Portugal, Tunisair, Air France, TUI Fly, Edelweiss, Luxair, Nouvelair:</b> Germany, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Portugal	<b>Direct flight from Europe i.a. with Easyjet, TUI Fly, Transavia:</b> England, France, Belgium
<b>Duration:</b> max. 3h	<b>Duration:</b> max. 4h	<b>Duration:</b> max. 3h	<b>Duration:</b> max. 3h 30min

#### USEFUL LINKS

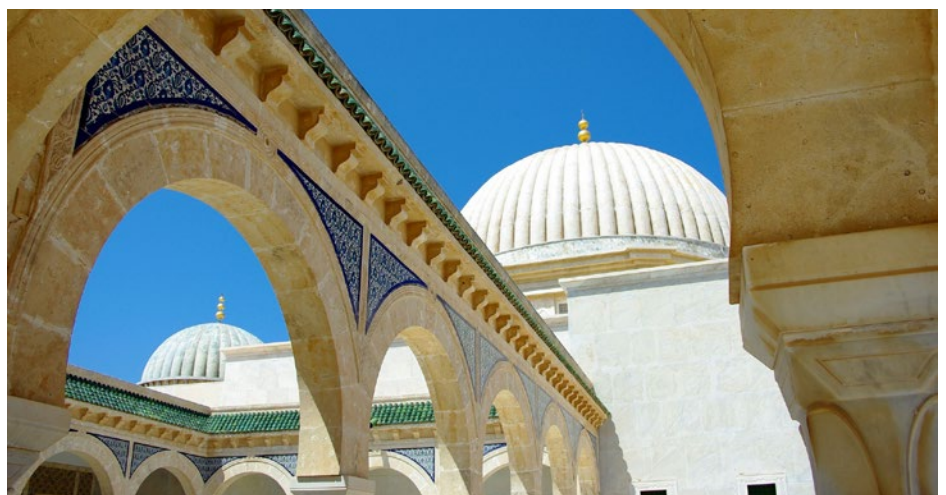
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#### VISA REQUIREMENTS

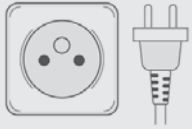
All tourists from Europe, as well as from the United Kingdom and Switzerland can enter Tunisia for 90 days without a pre-entry visa.

- + Tourists usually need a valid passport to enter Tunisia
- + Tourists, who booked a package holiday, can enter with an ID card
- + When entering Tunisia, tourists will receive the "Carte de visiteur non-résident". This entry document must be returned upon departure.

Due to the current Covid-19 situation, stricter entry regulations apply. Currently, a negative PCR test is required for entry. There is no quarantine for group and package travellers. An overview about the current regulations can be found [here](#). It is recommended to check the current entry requirements for your particular source market on a regularly basis.



## CUSTOMER INFORMATION

<b>Money &amp; ATM</b>	ATMs can be found in all cities. Money can be changed in banks, hotels and exchange offices. Please note: It is not allowed to import or export Tunisian Dinar!	
<b>Internet</b>	Most hotels offer free Wifi. Local prepaid SIM cards are available at the airports and in phone shops. To buy one, a passport is required. Prepaid SIM cards are valid for 30 days and cost around 5 € with 6 GB data.	
<b>Electricity</b>	220+ volts AC; travelers from most EU countries do not need an adapter.	
<b>Drinking water</b>	The tap water is chlorinated and not for drinking. It is recommended to use bottled water.	
<b>Equipment/ Packaging list</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Passport or ID (for package holidays)</li> <li>+ Small backpack for daytrips</li> <li>+ Warm clothes for evenings in the desert</li> <li>+ comfortable footwear to hike</li> <li>+ Waist bag for valuable items</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Sun protection</li> <li>+ Hat and sunglasses</li> <li>+ Camera</li> <li>+ Long cloths or shawl to visit religious sights</li> </ul>
<b>Opening hours</b>	Shops: In touristic areas and the souks they are open all day. Otherwise, shops are open Monday to Saturday 7am to 12am and 4pm to 7pm. Museums are often closed on Mondays and have reduced opening hours in winter. During Ramadan, shops and restaurants are closed in the afternoon.	
<b>Emergency numbers</b>	Ambulance: 190 Fire brigade: 198 Police: 197	
<b>Health &amp; Vaccination</b>	<a href="#">Detailed medical information for a trip to Tunisia</a>	
<b>COVID-19 regulations</b>	The <a href="#">interactive map by IATA</a> gives information about the current COVID-19 related entry requirements for tourists in Tunisia.	

If you would like to learn more about our partner companies from Tunisia get in touch with us.  
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