

## Tunisia 05.05. - 14.05.2023

We have the pleasure to communicate you our best offer for group **05.05.-14.05.2023** 10 days / 09 nights, basis half board.

### Program:

#### **05.05. Friday, Tunis**

Arrival in Tunis airport at 09: 25', welcome, transfer to your Hotel Africa in Tunis  
– Installation – relax –



The afternoon is for the extensive archaeological digs of **Carthage** and its harbour Salambo. There, discover the archaeological museum, the area of the baths, the recently uncovered Punic sacrificial temple, and the main theatre and near by "upper class" villas.



Visit of the village of **Sidi Bou Said**, a village set in a wonderful site on a hill-top overlooking the sea. Dinner and overnight at 5\* Hotel Africa or 4\* Hotel Majestic or 4\* Hotel Tunisia Palace in Tunis.

#### **06.05. Saturday, Tunis / Bizerte / Tabarka (ca. 210 Km)**

In the morning visit of the **Tunis Medina** (old city).



Drive to **Bizerte**. Stop in the city –

Continue to **Tabarba** via Sejnane –

Dinner and overnight at 4\* Hotel Mehari in Tabarka.

#### **07.05. Sunday: Tabarka – Bulla Regia – Thugga – Kai rouan (ca. 270 Km)**

Buffet breakfast, departure to **Bulla Regia**, the only archaeological site in the Roman world



with underground villas featuring floor mosaics that are excellent both in terms of quality and preservation. It also features Temples to Jupiter, Minerva and Juno. Then continue to **Dougga**, listed 1997 World Heritage Sites. *Before the Roman annexation of Numidia, the town of Thugga, built on an important site overlooking a fertile plain, was the capital of an important Punic state. It flourished under Roman and Byzantine rule, but decline*

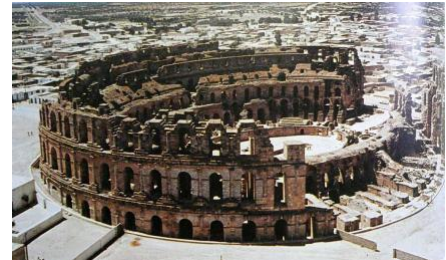
during the Islamic period. The ruins visible today bear impressive witness to the resources of a small Roman town on the edges of the Empire. Dougga the 1st archeological site of the country, we'll visit the remains of the best preserved roman city to exquisite underground villas. Drive on to Kairouan located in the centre of Tunisia. Dinner and overnight at 5\* Hotel Kasbah in Kairouan.

**08.05. / Monday: Kairouan / El-Djem / Gabès / Medenine / Zarzis (ca. 295 Km)** After breakfast visit **Kairouan** which is enclosed within a Buttressed wall and developed



around the medina with its souks and carpets stalls. There is a Number of Mosques and the best known of these is Djema Sidi Okba or the Great Mosque part of which dated back to the 9 th century . Visit of the Zaouia of Sidi Saheb or Barber Mosque, is the burial place of one of the companions of the prophet. This mosque is adorned with an elegant minaret.

From Kairouan you will travel to the “Roman Coliseum of **El-Djem**”. Visit El Djem Amphitheater, larger than Rome's Coliseum. And then you continue south to the oasis of **Gabès** where you will visit the Markt of spices. From Gabes you continue to **Médenine** to discover the “Ksours” (plural of Ksar), a fortified grain granary to store food and valuables.



Dinner and overnight at the 4 stars hotel Vincci Safira Palms in Zarzis.

**09.05. Tuesday: Zarzis / Djerba / Island Tour / Ghriba (90 Km)**

After Breakfast you will visit “**The Synagogue of Zarzis**” and the “**Hara of Zarzis**” .

Then you start making your way to Djerba island via the roman causeway.

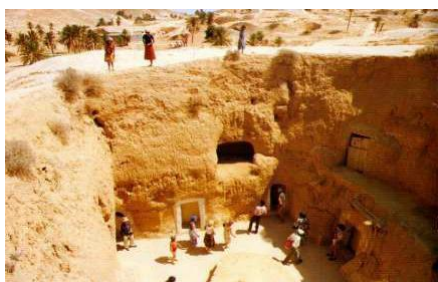
Tour of the island (visiting Guellala, Hara Kbira, Houmt Souk ...).



Today, we experience the intoxication of the *Island of the Lotus Eaters*, which made Ulysses' men forget their homes. During our tour of the island we see the bustling market where women wear their white and red wraps topped by their straw hats; we admire the tiny white mosques so appreciated by the painter Paul Klee and the architect Le Cobysier, we visit the old Jewish quarter and at least the **Ghriba Synagogue**, a Jewish pilgrimage spot holding one of the oldest Torahs in the world.

Dinner and overnight at the 4 stars hotel Vincci Helios Beach in Djerba.

**10.05. Wednesday: Djerba / Matmata / Douz (ca. 330 Km)**



Today you leave the island by Ferry. Then departure to **Matmata** with its lunar landscape and homes built into the earth. You will have a chance to visit a troglodyte dwelling before continuing to **Douz** the ‘gateway to the Sahara’. Here there is the option of a camel ride into the desert.

Dinner and overnight at 4\* Hotel Sahara Douz.



**11.05. Thursday: Douz/ Chott El-Djerid/ Tozeur /Mountain's Oasis /Gafsa (ca. 300**

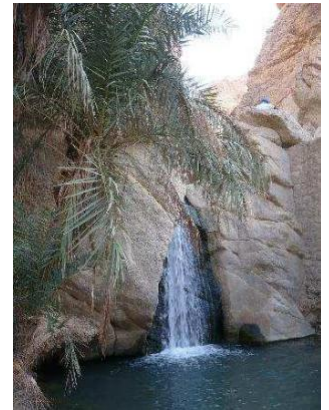
**km)** Today you will cross the immense salt lake **Chott El Jerid**, an immense dried salt lake where you'll see mirages, then continuation in **4X4** for the whole day towards the mountain's oasis – visit **Chebika & Tamerza**.

Lunch at Tamerza (Optional), and then continue to **Oung Jemel** where you will visit the backdrops of the movie “Star Wars”.

Back to **Tozeur** the most important Oasis in the djerid, has earned a reputation for the lush beauty of its oasis in which thrive a forest of date palms and great number of orchards irrigated by numerous cool springs. The houses in certain districts date back to the 14 th century and are remarkable for the style of the facades executed in solid brick laid in quincunx patterns. You have the possibility of horse-drawn carriage in the palm grove of the oasis (Optional).

Visit of Tozeur and Visit to Tunisia's first eco-museum “Eden Palm”.

Dinner and overnight at 4\* Hotel Jugurtha Palace in Gafsa.



**12.05. Friday: Gafsa / Sbeitla / Port El-Kantaoui (ca. 280 Km)**



Upon breakfast departure to **Sbeitla**, the last African stronghold of the Byzantine Empire, rated second in Tunisia's archeological sites, there, remain extensive ruins of considerable size, such as triumphal arch , three nobly-proportioned temples, probably dedicated to three trio Jupiter- Juno and Minerva. There are also several large Christian Basilicas, of them with mosaics, and ancient aqueduct. Continue to **Port El-Kantaoui**. Dinner and overnight at 5\* Hotel Marhaba Palace.

**13.05. Saturday: Port El-Kantaoui / Monastir / Sousse / Hammamet (ca. 150 km)**



After Breakfast departure to **Monastir**, one of the foremost tourist resorts in Tunisia.

Back to **Sousse** and a free time to explore its ancient medina.

Back to Port el kantaoui to explore the marina of the Mediterranean with its typically Tunisian

architecture.



Dinner and overnight at 4\* Hotel Vincci Nozha Beach in Hammamet

**14.05. Sunday: Hammamet / Bardo Museum / Airport Tunis (ca. 80 km)**

Departure to the **Bardo Museum**: the roman section comprises the most interesting collection of its kind to be found on the African Continent. Finally Transfer to Tunis airport.

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