

# Tunisia

<b>US State Dept Travel Advisory</b>	The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Tunisia due to terrorism. Some areas have increased risk.  <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html</a>
<b>Passport/Visa Requirements</b>	For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.  <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html</a>
<b>US Embassy/Consulate</b>	[216] 71 107-000; US Embassy Tunis, Les Berges du Lac, 1053 Tunis, Tunisia; tunisacs@state.gov;  <a href="https://tn.usembassy.gov/">https://tn.usembassy.gov/</a>
<b>LGBTQIA+ Travelers</b>	<a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html</a>
<b>Telephone Code</b>	216
<b>Local Emergency Phone</b>	Ambulance: 190; Fire: 198; Police: 197
<b>Vaccinations</b>	The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Tunisia: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza.
<b>Climate</b>	Temperate in north with mild, rainy winters and hot, dry summers; desert in south
<b>Currency (Code)</b>	Tunisian dinars (TND)
<b>Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)</b>	230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, E   Type C  Type E
<b>Major Languages</b>	Arabic, French, Berber
<b>Major Religions</b>	Muslim (Sunni), other (includes Christian, Jewish, Shia Muslim and Bahá'í)
<b>Time Difference</b>	UTC+1 (6 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)
<b>Potable Water</b>	Opt for bottled water
<b>International Driving Permit</b>	Suggested
<b>Road Driving Side</b>	Right
<b>Tourist Destinations</b>	Tunis (includes Medina, Al-Zaytuna Mosque, Ville Nouvelle); Carthage; Bardo National Museum; Sidi Bou Said; El Jem amphitheater; Monastir; Dougga
<b>Major Sports</b>	Soccer, handball, basketball, volleyball
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	Tunisians take their time during greetings to converse about their families, friends, and other general topics. Handshakes are the customary greeting among individuals of the same sex.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	Tip 5-15%, or round up the bill at restaurants. Hotel porters expect 5 dinars per bag and hotel maids 20 dinars per week as a gratuity. Round up the fare for taxis or add 5% to the total.
<b>Souvenirs</b>	Woven carpets/rugs, copper and brassware, olivewood sculptures, carved wooden birdcages, ceramic and tile goods, kaftans, shisha water pipes
<b>Traditional Cuisine</b>	Couscous — semolina flour sprinkled with water until it forms into tiny pellets that are then pushed through a sieve; typically steamed to a crumbly paste and tossed with a variety of ingredients including carrots, potatoes, turnips, and parsley