



TUNISIA ITINERARY

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JANUARY 1-10, 2024

MONDAY: ARRIVAL IN TUNIS

We begin with a welcome dinner where everyone will have a chance to meet those on the tour, both old and new friends.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Laico Hotel Tunis

TUESDAY: TUNIS, ZAGHOUAN, TOZEUR

Today we visit Zaghouan where we learn all about olives, which have been a staple of Tunisia's economy for thousands of years. Following this we travel to Tozeur on the edge of the Sahara desert. Along the journey we pass Kairouan which is of great significance in medieval Jewish history.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Anantara Hotel, Tozeur

WEDNESDAY: TOZEUR

Today we experience life in the Sahara, where amidst the magnificent scenery one will find canyons, oases, date palms, and of course camels. It is here that a number of scenes from Star Wars were shot.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Anantara Hotel, Tozeur

THURSDAY: TOZEUR, MATMATA, ZARZIS, DJERBA

On the way to Djerba we will visit Matmata in order to see the famous Berber cave dwellings. (Jews also once dwelled in such caves.) We then drive to Zarzis, near Djerba, where an active Jewish community, with a beautiful synagogue, still exists.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Prestige Hotel, Djerba

FRIDAY: DJERBA

We will visit the famous El Ghriba Synagogue of Djerba, a pilgrimage site for Jews all over the world. We will also see the market, where many Jews have their shops, and the yeshiva, where Torah is taught in accord with the special Djerba approach. Before Shabbat we will also have a walking tour of an area of Djerba that has become a spot for artists.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Grand Bleu Hotel, Djerba

SHABBAT: DJERBA

Shabbat will be spent among the Jewish community of Djerba, an experience unlike any other.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Prestige Hotel, Djerba

SUNDAY: DJERBA, EL JEM, SOUSSE

We begin our day by traveling to the tomb of Rabbi Joseph Maaravi, which is a pilgrimage site for Tunisian Jews. In the afternoon we will visit El Jem where we will see a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the famous amphitheatre which dates from the third century CE and is one of the best preserved Roman-era sites in the world. We end our day in Sousse where we will visit the synagogue of what used to be an active Jewish community.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Jaz Tour Khalef, Sousse

MONDAY: SOUSSE, TUNIS

In the morning we will visit contemporary Jewish sites in Tunis, including two active synagogues and a facility where the community takes care of its elderly members. We will also see where the Jewish community used to live before the emigration. In the afternoon, we will have a walking tour of general sites in Tunis, including the medina.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Laico Hotel, Tunis

TUESDAY: TUNIS

In the morning we will visit the famous Bardo Museum that houses an incredible collection of material from the Roman and Islamic eras. In the afternoon we will visit ancient Carthage and walk the streets of Sidi Bou Said, famous for its blue and white houses and cobblestone streets. We will also visit the North Africa American Cemetery and Memorial, a moving site that also includes the graves of Jewish servicemen who made the ultimate sacrifice.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Laico Hotel, Tunis

WEDNESDAY: TUNIS

Breakfast, departures for home

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