

Tunisia

Including a trip into the Sahara Desert

May 1 – 12, 2008

12 Days / 11 Nights

- Roundtrip flights from NYC to Tunis, Tunisia via Cairo
- Roundtrip transfers to/from Tunis airport to hotel
- 10 nights accommodation including 7 nights at the 5-star deluxe Hotel SINDBAD in Hammamet, 2 nights at the fabulous Hotel DAR CHERAIT in Tozeur, and 1 night at the Hotel MOURADI in Douz
- 27 meals including 10 breakfasts, 7 lunches, and 9 dinners, plus a special farewell dinner
- All sightseeing as listed in itinerary
- Your Kish Travel tour director: Volker K. Molt, CTC

TRAVEL ITINERARY

The Journey Begins (Day 1)

Board an evening flight from New York City to Tunis.

Arrive in Tunisia (Day 2)

Upon arrival at the Tunis-Carthage Airport your tour director escorts you to a mini-bus for the transfer to Hammamet on the Cap Bon. At the hotel enjoy a welcome refreshment before the bellboy shows you to your room. Your tour director will brief you on the days ahead and give you a tour of the fine facilities of the hotel, which is located in the midst of its own park. Dinner tonight is at the Restaurant Sheherazade. (Dinner)

Explore Hammamet (Day 3)

This morning you can enjoy a buffet breakfast, or you may order a continental breakfast to your room or your terrace. You may wish to take a swim at the beach or at the pool. At midmorning your tour director invites you for a drive to Hammamet Center to visit the fortress, where you find the Medina. This afternoon is yours to relax or do some shopping. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Tunis & Carthage Tour (Day 4)

Today we tour Tunisia's capital city, Tunis. Also included is a visit to the great Bardo Museum, which not only has one of the best collections of Roman mosaics, but also houses items from the Punic and Phenician times. Lunch is included at our favorite little restaurant in the harbor of La Goulette. In the afternoon visit the famous archeological site of CARTHAGE. In the late afternoon there is time to wander the hillside town of SIDI BOU SAID, stop maybe at the Café Nattes, where many famous European painters visited, take pictures of the white washed homes with blue doors and shutters. By evening we arrive back at our hotel in time for dinner. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Landrover's into the Desert (Day 5)

Today we board Land rover's and travel south toward the center of the country, known as Tunisia's bread basket. Our first stop will be Kairouan, one of the holiest cities of Islam. Kairouan was built under the Arab military leader Okba Ibn Nafi in 671 and was Tunisia's first city. Then it is on to the first oasis on this excursion, GAFSA, where we will enjoy lunch.



The landscape gets more barren now, the colors of the land change from a mild pink to yellow, and the architecture features many geometric designs. By early evening we reach the town of TOZEUR, it is defined by the thousands of palm trees lining the streets. Here we find the fabulous, deluxe hotel DAR CHERAIT. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

An Oasis in the Desert (Day 6)

After breakfast we board our Landrover's for a wonderful excursion to three oases. Each is different from the other, one is in the mountains and even has a waterfall, the next is on a rock plateau and the final oasis is in a canyon. They are Chebika, Tamerza, and Mides. We reach them via winding roads with a spectacular view of the desert and colored rock formations, which remind you of the Grand Canyon.

We return to the hotel for lunch and an afternoon with free time to enjoy the outdoor pool. For a picture opportunity of the amazing desert sunset we take the short ride to the edge of the oasis. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Camels & Mirages (Day 7)

After breakfast we journey across the huge salt lake, CHOTT EL DJERID, with its many mirages. We then stop for refreshments at KEBILI. Until the prohibition of the slave trade in the mid 19th century Kebili was an important slave market, and its population includes many descendants of slaves, known as Haratin.

We then arrive at the last town before the endless Sahara, DOUZ. Here we find sand dunes that are searing white during the day and golden-brown at sunset. We check-in and enjoy a lunch buffet at the Hotel Mouradi. In the afternoon we have arranged for a camel ride into the dunes. If you wish, you may join your tour director and drivers for a visit at a local coffee house and smoke water pipe. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Movie Sets & Olive Trees (Day 8)

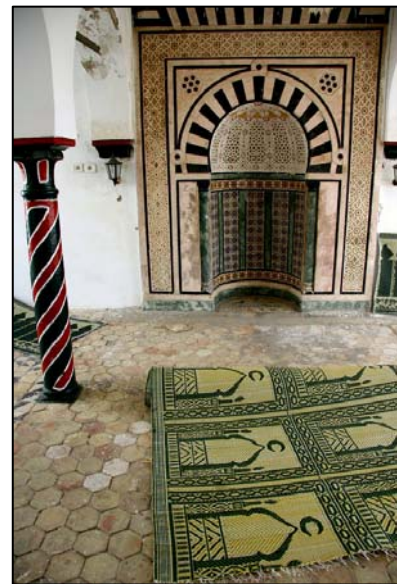
Today we travel towards the troglodyte village of Matmata. The road climbs into a rugged landscape relieved by white-domed tombs and spiked by palms. Stephen Spielberg used this region when filming 'Star Wars' and 'Raiders of the Lost Ark'. Many residents still live in caves and we will visit one of them.

We then head for the coast again to the Oasis of GABES, where we enjoy lunch at the Hotel Oasis after a visit to the local market. Then we travel through the millions of olive trees surrounding Sfax, Tunisia's second largest city. By late afternoon we reach the imposing Roman amphitheatre of El Djem. The sheer bulk of the building, the largest of all Roman monuments in Africa, is breathtaking. The size of the ochre stone walls and arches make it particularly impressive. After our visit to El Djem we head northeast and arrive at the Hotel Sindbad just in time for dinner. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Optional Excursion or Relaxation (Day 9)

You may wish to enjoy the facilities of your hotel today or take advantage of an optional trip to ZAGHOUAN and DOUGGA. Please book this excursion prior to final payment, the cost including lunch and admission is \$65.00.

This is a full-day excursion that departs after breakfast for the archeological site of DOUGGA. We travel into the hills of ZAGHOUAN and are rewarded by this fabulous Roman site. Dougga is the best preserved Roman city in Africa. In a setting of great scenic beauty, surrounded by pastureland and olive-groves, the remains are prominently situated on a plateau on the edge of the Monts de Téboursouk, steeply scarped on the north side but sloping gently down on the south side to the valley of the Oued Khaled. After lunch we return to Hammamet with a stop at the hot springs of Zaghouan. (Breakfast, Lunch w/excursion only, Dinner)



A Special Kish Surprise (Day 10)

As a special treat, today we take you into the countryside where there is a fine view of the mountains in the distance and many opportunities of an area not much known to visitors. In this area is also the home of your tour director and his friend Hassen and family. A special Tunisian barbecue has been prepared for you with complimentary beverages.

You may enjoy the flowers, water fountain or soak up the sun on the roof or enjoy a leisurely walk in the orange and lemon groves and olive tree plantations. By mid-afternoon we return to Hammamet. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

As You Please (Day 11)

On the final full day in Tunisia You may wish to enjoy a mini-cruise on a Pirate Ship or pay a last visit to Hammamet for shopping or visit the weekly market in Bir Bouregba. You can take time to watch a demonstration of carpet weaving or search for the perfect gold or silver filigree jewelry. This evening please join us for poolside refreshments followed by a SPECIAL FAREWELL DINNER! We have a late transfer to the Tunis-Carthage airport for the flight to Cairo, Egypt. (Breakfast, Dinner)

The Journey Home (Day 12)

Early this morning arrive into Cairo and depart at mid-morning for New York. We hope that you had a wonderful time and will soon return to this gem of the Mediterranean Sea! (Breakfast)

Additional Details

- Please review all Terms & Conditions and complete a Passenger Information Form at time of reservation. (These can be downloaded at www.KishTravel.com)
- A \$300 per person deposit is due at time of reservation; the balance is due on or prior to February 1, 2008.
- Rate includes Intl Airport, Hotel Transfers and Departure Taxes and fees of \$265.00 subject to increase until paid in full.
- We recommend travel/cancellation insurance; an application will be included with your confirmation.
- Cancellations received prior to February 1, 2008: \$300 withheld p.p.
Cancellations received prior to March 23, 2008: 50% withheld
Cancellations received on or after March 23, 2008: no refund

Please Note

- We strive to bring travelers the very best experiences a destination offers. Our itineraries include many activities and may consist of walking on uneven terrain or significant walking at times. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict vehicles, especially in historic areas. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes.



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