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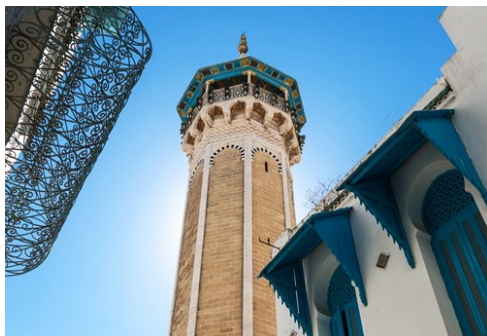
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Unjustly overlooked by travellers en route to Tunisia's celebrated seaside resorts, the nation's capital certainly deserves more than a just a quick glance outside the shuttle bus window. The city lives and breathes history, and has a lot to offer in the way of art and culture. Ancient Roman ruins, palpable traces of French colonial presence and an Oriental flair well-preserved in the Medina all constitute major elements of Tunis' eclectic charm.

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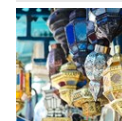
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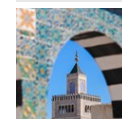
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## THE CITY



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The historic Medina dating back to the 8th century and the "Ville Nouvelle" are two worlds that represent two very different epochs - those of Arab roots and French colonial presence of the 19th century. The mix of Maghrebi and European heritage reflects in today's layout of Tunisia's capital, and the two parts of the city couldn't be more different.

The Medina, a maze of narrow streets brimming with life and packed with historic monuments, remains the primary tourist attraction. Unlike the newer part of the city, the Medina still preserves an Oriental charm that takes travellers on a journey through Tunisia's glorious past - historic mosques, private homes-turned-museums, old Islamic schools as well as limitless shopping opportunities await visitors to the area at every turn.

The "ville nouvelle" still bears resemblance to central districts of many modern-day French cities. Avenue Habib Bourguiba, the main artery of Tunis' "centre ville", is where one will find the National Theatre, housed inside a beautiful art nouveau building. The avenue is lined with outdoor cafes, fixed-price stores and has a pedestrian walk running straight through it.

Travelers to the area must keep in mind,

however, that as of 2015 a sequence of curfews has been imposed in Tunis in response to a number of tragic terror episodes, which resulted in the city now being completely deserted after 9pm. Visitors must familiarize themselves with the current curfew regulations prior to traveling.

## DO & SEE



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Get lost in the maze of the Medina's windy streets, occasionally stopping to marvel at the work of craftsmen or admire local art and architecture. Pay a visit to one of the former Islamic schools (many of them have been turned into cultural centers), and remember to stop for a glass of traditional hot mint tea.

Only a few kilometers west of the city centre lie the coastal suburbs of Carthage, La Marsa and Gammarth, where most holiday resorts and luxury hotels are located. While La Marsa and Gammarth are known for their vibrant nightlife, Carthage (former seat of the powerful Carthaginian Empire) with its ancient Roman ruins is a must to explore for history lovers.

### Medina of Tunis



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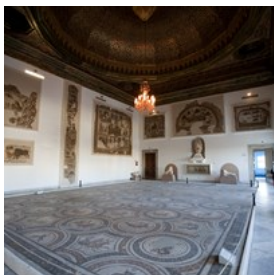
Photo: Dasha Petrenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Medina de Tunis

Opening hours: Most shops start closing at 18:00, only a select few operate on Sundays

More Info: UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1979

### Bardo National Museum



The Bardo museum is the biggest in the country and is a must-visit for history and art enthusiasts. The majestic building houses unique Roman mosaics and unique artifacts discovered in the area during excavation works started in the 19th century. A guided tour is highly recommended.

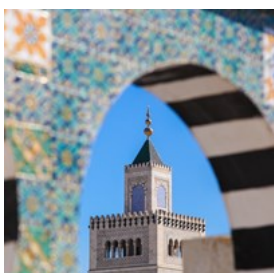
Photo: posztos/Shutterstock.com

Address: Le Bardo, Tunis

Phone: +216 71 513 650

Internet: [www.bardomuseum.tn](http://www.bardomuseum.tn)

### Zitouna Mosque



In the Tunis Medina, all roads (however windy) eventually lead to this ancient mosque first constructed in the 8th century. Today it is a

major cultural attraction for tourists regardless of their religious affiliation, one of the oldest mosques in the world and a cherished site in the heart of the old town.

Photo: Calin Stan/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rue Jamaa Ez Zitouna, Tunis

### North Africa American Cemetery and Memorial



A moving and sobering memorial to the victims of WWII who fell during the North African campaign, an often overlooked chapter of the war.

Photo: Marcella Miriello/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carthage, Tunisia

Phone: +216 71 747 767

Internet: [www.abmc.gov/cemeteries-memorials/africa/north-africa-american-cemetery/#.WqvMh8POWU1](http://www.abmc.gov/cemeteries-memorials/africa/north-africa-american-cemetery/#.WqvMh8POWU1)

More Info: Closed on weekends

### Cathedral of St. Vincent de Paul



This centrally located Christian cathedral is an architectural and cultural testament to the diverse historic make up of the city of Tunis.

Photo: Photoman29/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenue Habib Bourguiba, Tunis

Phone: +216 71 338 935

Internet: [www.cathedraledetunis.com](http://www.cathedraledetunis.com)

### Berber Village



Located on a picturesque hillside, this village is the place to go if you're looking to learn more about the life of North Africa's indigenous

population.

Photo: Adisa/Shutterstock.com

Address: Takrouna, Tunis

### Kasbah Square



It's hard to miss this monumental square you're likely to go through when heading into the Medina. Kasbah is a plaza of historical significance to the people of Tunisia (this is where the sit-ins of 2011 took place).

Photo: Franco Volpato/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kasbah Square, Tunis

### Former Islamic Schools

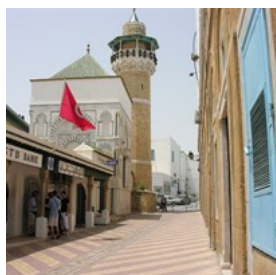


There are several well-preserved schools, or "medersa", located around the city of Tunis. Many of these historic monuments have become cultural centers, and a visit here will give you a good feel for what school life would have been like centuries back.

Photo: Suzanne (image cropped)

Address: Medersa Slimaniya, Tunis

### Mosque Sidi Youssef



Sidi Youssef is a historic mosque that is still operational, so make sure to schedule your visits around prayer times. The mosque is majestic inside and out, and the surrounding neighborhood offers plenty to explore.

Photo: Citizen 59/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: Souk Trok, Tunis

### Hamman



The Medina is dotted with traditional public bath houses called "hammam", and no visit to Tunisia is truly complete without paying a visit to one of them. Bring bathing attire, and enjoy a massage for a small extra charge.

Photo: elian/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

More Info: Easy to spot by the green and red striped doorways

### Archaeological Site of Carthage



A short drive away from the city center lies historic Carthage, the former seat of the powerful Carthaginian Empire. There is a lot to explore in the way of archaeological sites - ancient Roman theaters, baths, dwelling buildings and other ruins dating back to as early as 2nd century BC. The entire area is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Photo: Lukasz Janyst/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carthage, Tunisia

More Info: Admission to the ruins includes tickets to the Carthage Museum

### Sidi Bou Said



Sidi Bou Said is a true highlight of any visit to Tunisia. Hire a cab and make your way to this picture-perfect seaside village whose steep windy streets are lined with white houses, and stunning views await you at every turn.

Photo: Dasha Petrenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Sidi Bou Said, Tunisia

### Rue Charles de Gaulle



Rue Charles de Gaulle is a part of French colonial heritage in the area, and offers visitors a good glimpse of Tunisian urban life. The street is very

commercial and one is never far away from a shop here, with the Marche Central located conveniently on it.

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Address: Rue Charles de Gaulle, Tunis

### Dar Lasram



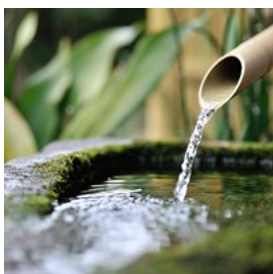
Dar Lasram is a historic home of Agence Sauvegarde de la Medina. The interior offers a glimpse of 18-19th century dwelling in Tunis,

is wonderfully preserved and offers unique insights into Tunisian culture.

Photo: Cheima fezzani/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: 24 Rue du Tribunal, Tunis

### Japanese Garden



An unexpected find not far away from the city center, the Japanese Garden is an oasis of tranquility and a green retreat from the heat and

dusty city streets.

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Address: Cité Montplaisir et Borgel, Tunis

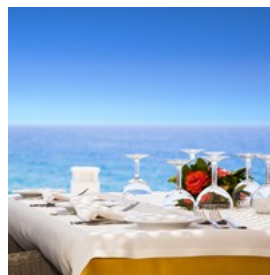
## DINING



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Tunisian cuisine, much like Tunisian culture, is a blend of culinary traditions from various parts of the world, from indigenous nomadic populations to Arabic, French, Turkish and Italian influences. Some of the dishes you are likely to find on a menu are "tajin" (frittata-style dish), "couscous" (not just as a garnish, but a full dish with meat and vegetables), "shakshouka" (ratatouille prepared with eggs and tomatoes) and much more. Tunisian food tends to be spicier than that of other North African countries, so make sure to ask for your desired level of heat prior to ordering.

### The Cliff



Located outside the city center, this establishment is worth the drive - the sea views here are unbeatable, and the specialty seafood dishes make for an incredible dining experience.

Photo: Antonio Sastre/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rue Sidi Dhrif, La Corniche, La Marsa

Phone: +216 71 747 806

Internet: [www.thecliff.tn](http://www.thecliff.tn)

Email: [contact@thecliff.tn](mailto:contact@thecliff.tn)

### Dar El Jeld



Fine dining in a traditional setting is what an evening at Dar El Jeld is all about. Specializing on Tunisian cooking and located in a former family home, the restaurant offers plenty in way of hearty local dishes.

Photo: Andrey Bayda/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5 Rue Dar El Jeld, Tunis

Opening hours: 12:30-19:00

Phone: +216 71 560 916

Internet: [www.dareljeld.com](http://www.dareljeld.com)

Email: [dar.eljeld@gnet.tn](mailto:dar.eljeld@gnet.tn)

More Info: Closed on Sundays

### Chez Slah



The fish and seafood dishes are what keeps patrons coming back to Chez Slah, so if Mediterranean cuisine is your weakness make sure to make a reservation in advance - this cozy restaurant is highly popular and well-known among locals.

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Address: 14bis Rue Pierre de Coubertin, Tunis

Phone: +216 71 258 588

### Omek Sanafa



This restaurants' generous portions are guaranteed to satiate any hunger, and do stop by if Mediterranean cuisine, and seafood in particular, is your thing. Try the "Mezza" - tapas-sized small dishes that can be ordered to share.

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Address: Rue Echbilia, Tunis

Phone: +216 71 337 601

### Chez Chouchou



Fast food Tunisian style is served at this busy cafe known for the its superb "ojja" - traditional Tunisian dish with eggs and vegetables. Chez Chouchou also offers a few interesting local desserts.

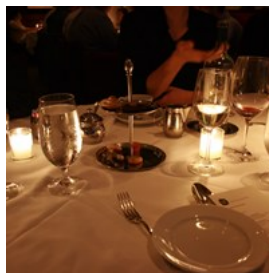
Photo: Ekaterina Smirnova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rue Borj Bourguiba, Tunis

Opening hours: 12:00-22:00

Phone: +216 25 919 349

### Fondouk El Attarine



Foundouk El Attarine is a fine dining restaurant with a truly royal welcome - Princess Salwa Bay (daughter of the last Turkish rulers in Tunisia) and her husband personally greet diners and visitors. Expect superb Tunisian food and service, and make sure to book a table in advance.

Photo: Swaminathan/Shutterstock.com

Address: 9bis Souk El Attarine, Tunis

Opening hours: 10:00-18:00

Phone: +216 71 322 244

Internet: [www.fondoukelattarine.com](http://www.fondoukelattarine.com)

Email: [contact@fondoukelattarine.com](mailto:contact@fondoukelattarine.com)

More Info: Closed on Sundays

### Fresh K Salad Shop



If you're looking to grab a healthy lunch, check out the Fresh K Salad Shop - mix the ingredients to match your taste, and take a pick of your favorite dressing, too. Meat-eaters might be surprised at how filling a customized salad can be.

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Address: Rue du Lac Biwa, Les Berges du Lac, Tunis  
Phone: +216 29 542 900

### Calcutta



Hailed as one of the best Indian restaurants in the country, Calcutta serves quality food and is open late even during the month of Ramadan. You can't go wrong with the Tandoori Chicken or the Biryani Rice.

Photo: HLPhoto/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Golden Tulip Carthage, Avenue de la Promenade, La Marsa  
Phone: +216 29 293 536  
Email: gm@goldentulipcarthage.com  
More Info: Golden Tulip Carthage Tunis

### Restaurant La Mamma



La Mamma serves home-style Italian food, including (but not limited to!) pasta and pizza, and their seafood appetizers are a good way to start your meal.

Photo: zhu difeng/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 11 Rue de Marseille, Tunis  
Phone: +216 71 332 388

### Insomnia



If you feel like taking a break from local cuisine, try Insomnia - a popular restaurant that serves American and Italian classics, so expect to find anything from burgers to pasta on the menu.

Photo: George Dolgikh/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Avenue Hedi Nouria, Nasr II, Ariana, Tunis  
Phone: +216 71 829 641  
Internet: [www.iloveinsomnia.com](http://www.iloveinsomnia.com)

### CAFES



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Dates, nuts and honey are the three ingredients that feature in most traditional Tunisian desserts. Makroudh and Baklawa are the two most common ones, along with powdered donuts sprinkled with nuts and honey. Seasonal fresh fruit is often served as dessert after a meal, and is well expected when dining out.

There is no shortage of European-style pastries and sweets in the Tunisian capital either - small bakeries dot the new part of the city, and French-looking cafes offer all sorts of desserts and pastries such as crepes, croissants and cakes.

### Café El M'rabet



A beautiful space that houses a cafe, offers outdoor beer garden-style seating and serves hookah, Café El M'rabet is the oldest cafe in town dating back to the 17th century. Live music is often played in the evenings.

Photo: Lunov Mykola/Shutterstock.com

Address: Souk Trok, Tunis

Phone: +216 93 420 895

### Le Grand Cafe du Theatre



This centrally located elegant cafe is adjacent to the National Theater, and is a wonderful retreat from the hustle of the Medina. Le Grand Cafe

consistently serves quality food and offers outdoor seating.

Photo: Takekazu Omi/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenue Habib Bourguiba, Tunis

Phone: +216 71 334 186

### Chaouachine



To get a good feel for traditional-style tea time, stop by Chaouachine and order a hot drink of your choice. The place is popular among visitors

and locals alike.

Photo: Nataliya Arzamasova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rue de la Kasbah, Tunis

### Sidi Ben Arous



Sit down and take in the atmosphere of a Tunisian evening at this authentic centrally located cafe. Hot drinks, hookah and seating right on one of

the curvy Medina streets will let you enjoy a relaxed moment in the hectic pace of the old town.

Photo: Dasha Petrenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rue Sidi Ben Arous, Tunis

### Topkapi Coffee Shop



A hip little coffee shop that tends to get quite busy, but the short wait is surely worth the reward - coffee here is of the highest quality, and all

sorts of artisan varieties on offer.

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Address: Avenue de la Liberté, Tunis

More Info: Centre Zitouna Lafayette

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Tunis may not have much in the way of nightclubs, but the nation's capital certainly boasts a few enticing spots for an evening drink. Most hotels feature adjacent bars and lounges,



some with superb views - such as the Sky Bar of the Novotel, for example. The Jamaica Bar at El Hana Hotel is another establishment with a fantastic view that serves drinks and draws an international crowd.

The seaside areas of Marsa and Gammarth are known for their luxury hotels, most of which have their own tourist-friendly bars and clubs. Female travelers to the area must be warned that quite a few establishments outside of big hotels still only cater to men, and going out solo at night is highly advised against.

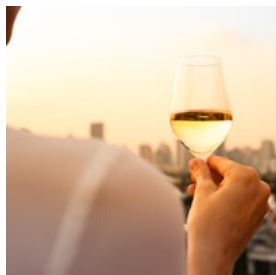
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Address: 27 Souk El Trouk El Kasba, Tunis  
Phone: +216 93 420 895

### Sky Bar Novotel Hotel Tunis



For drinks in a classy, upscale setting head to the top floor of the Novotel Hotel where the Sky Bar is located. The view from here is unbeatable, and the rooftop pool adds to the luxurious, yet relaxed feel.

Photo: KieferPix/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Avenue Mohamed V, Tunis  
Phone: +216 71 830 500  
Internet: [www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-6145-novotel-tunis/index.shtml](http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-6145-novotel-tunis/index.shtml)

### Le Carpe Diem



Le Carpe Diem is a laid-back evening venue with drinks and live music, and several food options (including sushi) are on offer as well.

Dancing starts later in the evening, so drop in if you'd like to hit the dance floor.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Route de Gammarth, La Marsa, Tunis  
Phone: +216 27 330 001

### Le Comptoir de Tunis



This elegant wine bar is a great choice for a relaxed evening in a welcoming atmosphere. Tapas (in sets of 5) are on offer to go along with the wines.

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Address: Rue de Syrie, Tunis  
Phone: +216 71 832 590  
Internet: [www.lecomptoirdetunis.com](http://www.lecomptoirdetunis.com)  
Email: [contact@lecomptoirdetunis.com](mailto:contact@lecomptoirdetunis.com)

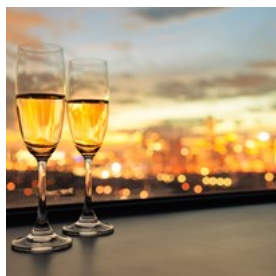
### Harry's Pub



This pub at the Sheraton Hotel is a sure bet when it comes to an evening beer. The bar is a popular spot for after work meet-ups.

Photo: Valentyn Volkov/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Avenue de la Ligue Arabe, Tunis  
Opening hours: 17:00-1:00  
Phone: +216 71 782 100  
Internet: [www.sheratontunis.com/dining-harryspub](http://www.sheratontunis.com/dining-harryspub)  
More Info: Sheraton Tunis Hotel

### Jamaica



The best time to have a drink at this rooftop bar is at sunset, when the streets are bathed in the warm light of the setting sun and you can really take advantage of the majestic view from above.

Photo: KieferPix/Shutterstock.com

Address: 49 Avenue Habib Bourguiba, Tunis

Internet: [www.hanainternational.website](http://www.hanainternational.website)

More Info: Hotel El Hana International (10th floor)

### Villa Didon



The Villa Didon Hotel is a night time venue for the rich and beautiful, who come to enjoy the unbeatable views of the Gulf and have a drink in pleasant company at one of the fanciest hotels in Cathage.

Photo: Konstantin Chagin/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rue Mendes France, Carthage

Phone: +216 71 733 433

Internet: [www.villadidoncarthage.com](http://www.villadidoncarthage.com)

### La Closerie



An upscale nightlife venue much like Villa Didon, La Closerie is a fashionable lounge with upper range prices and a chic ambiance.

Photo: sad444/Shutterstock.com

Address: Sidi Fredj, La Soukra, Tunis

Phone: +216 70 938 537

Internet: [www.lacloserie.tn](http://www.lacloserie.tn)

Email: [lacloserie2@yahoo.fr](mailto:lacloserie2@yahoo.fr)

### Le Boeuf sur le Toit



Live bands, dim lights and a great time are all things you may expect at Boeuffy. Located half-way between the Medina and Carthage, this bar is a hip hangout spot that draws a fun young crowd. The venue is primarily a restaurant, so guests may be expected to order food to go with the drinks.

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Address: 3 Avenue Fattouma Bourguiba, La Soukra

Phone: +216 71 764 807

Internet: [www.leboeufsurletoit.com](http://www.leboeufsurletoit.com)

### Plaza Corniche



La Marsa and Gammarth areas not far from the city of Tunis are known for upscale hotels that all have their own bars and clubs. The Plaza Hotel is probably one of the most popular nightlife venues in the area, with a dance floor that comes alive at night.

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Address: 22 Rue Abou El Kacem Chebbi, Tunis

Phone: +216 71 743 577

More Info: Hotel Plaza Corniche

## SHOPPING



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The number one shopping spot in the city of Tunis is, of course, the Medina and its endless narrow souqs, most of which specialize in a particular product - whole streets here are devoted to books, spices, textiles, ceramics, natural cosmetics and other goods. Haggling is expected here, so the first price you hear may be eventually decreased to a mere fraction.

If haggling becomes overwhelming, head to the new part of town, or "nouvelle ville", where most shops sell a very similar array of goods but offer fixed prices and are pleasantly air-conditioned. Those with a sweet tooth should stock up on "candy" made with dates, boxes of which make good edible gifts and souvenirs.

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Photo: Dasha Petrenko/Shutterstock.com

Opening hours: Most shops start closing at 6pm, only a select few operate on Sundays.

More Info: UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1979

### Rue Charles de Gaulle

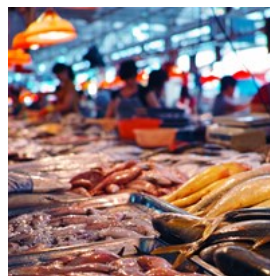


Rue Charles de Gaulle is a part of French colonial heritage in the area, and offers visitors a good glimpse of Tunisian urban life. The street is very commercial and one is never far away from a shop here, with the Marche Central located conveniently on it.

Photo: Wael Ghabara/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: Rue Charles de Gaulle, Tunis

### Central Market



Visit a true Oriental market and immerse yourself in sights, flavors and fragrances oozing from every shop and vending stall.

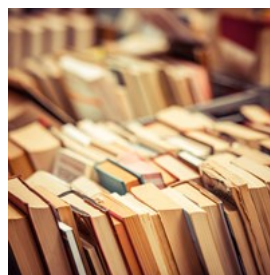
Handicrafts, ceramics, souvenirs. all sorts of produce and fresh seafood are all found in abundance here, along with quite a few eateries. Remember to haggle, for prices can be brought down significantly if you do.

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Address: 9 Rue de Allemagne, Tunis

Phone: +216 71 571 198

### Librairie Espace Diwan



For books and travel guides in multiple languages, as well as some Oriental souvenirs and items of Tunisian decorative art stop by this

Medina vendor and browse through the treasures hidden inside this artisan bookshop.

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Address: 9 Rue Sidi Ben Arous, Tunis

Phone: +216 71 572 398

### Marche Lafayette



A market smaller in size than Marche Central, Lafayette specializes mostly on fresh fruit and vegetables, even though a few stalls also offer

different types of proteins.

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More Info: Information about markets in Tunis: [www.commune-tunis.gov.tn/publish/content/article.asp?id=298#cl02](http://www.commune-tunis.gov.tn/publish/content/article.asp?id=298#cl02)

### Deyma



Deyma is an artisan sweets shop that turns dates into edible pieces of art by stuffing them with pistachio paste, covering them with chocolate and

transforming them in all sorts of delicious ways. Boxes of sweets from here make perfect gifts and souvenirs.

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Address: 24 Avenue de France, Tunis

Phone: +216 71 320 540

Internet: [www.deymagift.com](http://www.deymagift.com)

### Labedi Apiculture

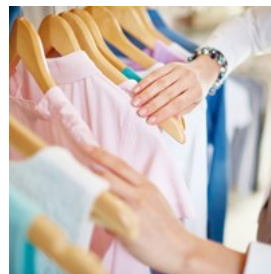


A small shop selling natural body and hair care products, many made with bee wax and natural oils.

Photo: Olena Kaminetska/Shutterstock.com

Address: 38 Rue Sidi Ben Arous, Tunis

### Central Park Shopping Center



European-style shopping awaits at the Central Park shopping center - clothing shops such as Mango, Zara and many other international brands are something you may well expect.

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Address: Avenue Jean Jaurès, Tunis

### TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Passport/Visa



For stays of up to 90 days, a visa is not required for citizens of 97 world countries, including all citizens of the European Union (except

Cyprus), United States, Canada, Australia, Russia, and an extensive number of further states. Citizens of Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macao, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan may only enter visa-free when travelling as part of an organized tour, upon producing a hotel voucher.

For updated information at your planned time of travel, please contact an embassy or consulate closest to you.

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## Airport



The Tunis International Airport is conveniently located in close proximity to the city center, and a journey to or from the airport should take no more than 20 minutes (depending on the traffic).

There are two bus lines connecting Tunis city center to the airport. SNT buses run at 30 minute intervals with trips costing less than 1 dinar; TUT buses depart more frequently (every 15 minutes) and are more modern and slightly more costly.

Taxis are readily available upon exiting the terminal, but make sure to either agree on the price beforehand or check that the driver uses an official taxi meter prior to departure.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Tunis Carthage International Airport, Tunis

Phone: +216 71 754 000

Internet: [www.tunis-airport.com](http://www.tunis-airport.com)

## Best Time to Visit



Even though the best time to visit Tunisia, which has an essentially Mediterranean climate, appears at first glance to be the summertime (most of all for sea-bathing lovers), the "intermediate" seasons are definitely better.

It is best to pay a visit to Tunis in April, May or October, and especially so in May, when temperatures are already hot, but more bearable, and the weather is less rainy. In any case, the springtime (from April to June) is the best time to plan your trip, in order to enjoy the beautiful weather and the blooming trees in city parks.

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## Safety



Throughout the last few years, a sequence of curfews has been imposed in Tunis and across the country in response to a number of terror attacks resulting in fatalities, as well as occasions of civil unrest. Visitors must familiarise themselves with the current curfew regulations prior to travelling.

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## Public Transport



"Métro léger" is a modern light rail system that runs through the city and is the cheapest, most efficient way of getting around. The trains are usually colored green and are easily recognizable. There are public buses as well, and tickets to both may be purchased at the tram/bus stops directly.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Internet: [www.transtu.tn](http://www.transtu.tn)

More Info: Information about tarifs: [www.transtu.tn/fr/tarifs](http://www.transtu.tn/fr/tarifs)

## Taxi



Yellow cabs that circulate around the city usually run with a taxi meter, but make sure one is in use/turned on prior to the beginning of the journey.

Oddly, the taxis with red lights on are those free to be hailed down, which those with a green light are occupied.

If the taxi you decide to use does not have a meter, make sure to agree on the price to your destination before getting in. Cab prices are normally very affordable.

Some taxi providers in Tunis are:

Tunisie Taxi  
www.tunisie-taxi.com  
Info@tunisie-taxi.com  
+216 22 204 022

Taxi Mami Tunisie  
www.taximami.com  
taximami@gmail.com  
+216 98 201 300

Photo: ArrivalGuides  
Phone: +216 22 204 022

## Post



There are several post offices located around the city, with the main one located at Rue Hédi Nouira. Post boxes are usually colored red and

are also scattered around the city.

Photo: Andy Fuchs  
Address: Rue Hédi Nouira, Tunis

Opening hours: 8:00-13:00 14:00-16:45 (Monday to Thursday) 8:00-12:00 14:00-16:45 (Friday)

Phone: +216 71 839 000

Internet: www.poste.tn

Email: brc@poste.tn

## Pharmacy



There are quite a few pharmacies around the city, nearly every corner. Night pharmacies are rare but indicated at every closed pharmacy

doors.

Photo: Gemma Garner

## Electricity



220-240 Volts, Europlug

Photo: Stirling Tschan

## Phone



Country code: +216

Photo: Jardson Almeida

**Population**  
1.056 million

**Currency**  
1 Tunisian Dinar = 0.34 Euro

**Opening hours**  
As of May 2014, most of downtown Tunis (centre ville) begins closing around 8pm and is usually completely empty by 9pm. It is therefore recommended to explore the city

during daylight hours. Throughout the month of Ramadan, the Medina is open from 8am to 4pm. Business is low on Sundays, when only about a quarter of shops remain open.

**Newspapers**

The Tunis Times (English)

**Emergency numbers**

Police: 197

Ambulance: 190

Fire: 198

National guard: 193

**Tourist information**

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