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DISCOVER TUNISIA

Tunisia is a tale of two cultures, where French and Middle Eastern influences mingle. You can soak up ancient treasures and traditions in the medinas. Graze on fiery street food in the markets or nibble French fancies in the patisseries. And unwind on the spotless white beaches that unravel around the coastline.



EXPERIENCE THE TASTES OF TUNISIA

Dishes spiked with harissa, spiced with saffron, or flavoured with rose water are all staples of Tunisian cuisine, which blends influences from the Mediterranean with desert traditions. Markets are the best place for hot, sugary breakfast doughnuts rolled in honey, and snacks of deep-filled pastries packed with tuna and egg. Restaurants take care of Tunisian classics like rustic Berber stews, roast chicken or slow-cooked lamb – all served with a kick and a side of couscous.

TREASURE-HUNT IN THE SOUKS

Slip into the ancient alleyways of Tunisia's medinas and you'll find stalls hawking everything from spices to ceramics. Haggle your way past crumbling workshops and into lanes lined with scarves, jewellery and souvenirs. And while you're there, settle into one of the small cafes for strong coffee or mint tea, paired with a honey-soaked shisha pipe.

RELAX ON LONG, SANDY BEACHES

Tunisia's long ribbon of coastline stretches the length of the country. It's home to the full spectrum of resorts – from pretty Hammamet, with its white-washed houses and 10-kilometre stretch of sand, to cosmopolitan Port El Kantaoui and its yacht-filled marina. The east coast is a shimmering stretch of white sand, backed by the Zone Touristique's luxury hotels. And the island of Djerba is surrounded by clear Med waters, making it the go-to spot for snorkelling and watersports.

