

"Savoring Tunisia & Morocco"

Carthage to Marrakesh and Land of 1000 Kasbahs!

Sep 11-19, 2025

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Looking for our new culinary adventure to stir your sense of wonder beyond imagination? We crafted the most unique escape for you on our new culinary adventure of exotic proportions. Join us for 9 enchanting days to two exotic countries in one vacation of a lifetime. Tunisia and Morocco are not just about deserts and camels. They are about colorful cultures, incredible architecture, vibrant bazaars, warm hospitality, and flavors of delectable cuisines. They are also about a rich history more than 12 centuries old and the stunning landscapes from soaring red mountains to the azure Mediterranean Sea. You'll be enthralled as we tour 11 different cities to immerse ourselves in lands of ancient civilizations and UNEESCO World Heritage sites. So much history, we call it our "Mindcation"!



Nestled between the Mediterranean Sea and the Sahara Desert, Tunisia boasts rich influences from its Arab, Berber, Ottoman, and French colonial past with stories of ancient civilization etched on every corner. Once the heart of the Ancient Roman Empire, Tunisia is an overlooked gem that uniquely blends culture, history, and natural beauty. Home to Star Wars film sets, the landscapes look surreal. We tour the cities of Gammarth, Tunis, Kairouan, Nabeul and the incomparable Carthage, a place that will convert those who say they don't enjoy ruins! And my favorite of all, the cobble stoned streets of the charming blue and white village of Sidi Bou Said! We include workshops on crafting, indulge in a traditional olive oil tasting, learn the art of harissa making, and

enjoy cooking lessons so you can truly immerse yourself in the Tunisian culture. You'll love wandering the Medinas which are a step back in time.

In Morocco we showcase the must-see sites. Enjoy visits to Berber villages in the High Atlas Mountains, discover argon, Morocco's liquid gold, walk the trail heads to beautiful gorges, embark on a street food tour that will transport your taste buds to the streets of the ancient city. Taste the mouthwatering tagines, freshly squeezed orange juice, and aromatic spices that define Moroccan cuisine.

Everyone loves Morocco. The joy rides are by camel and with our new AFS side car Vintage Motorcycle Adventure through the intoxicating labyrinth that makes up the central streets of Marrakesh. And there's an opportunity to go hot air ballooning to capture it all from the sky. We keep your nights free to play under glittering Sahara Stars. This country is a feast for your five senses.



*Our past groups loved these amazing countries because there is something for everyone and you will be pampered in the lap of luxury in our fine hotels. The dollar is strong in these two countries, which provides a great value vacation. This AFS trip is for our **Foodies and Explorers**. For some of our "country counters", you may extend to other nearby countries on your own. There is so much mystique to be found each day. Don't miss this deliciously authentic journey!*



Tunisia: Where Ancient History Meets Vibrant Culture - Imagine yourself wandering through the crumbling ruins of Dougga and Carthage, the ancient Roman cities that dot Tunisia's landscape. Picture the vibrant souks of Tunis, with their colorful wares and enticing aromas. Envision the stunning Mediterranean beaches, the endless dunes of the Sahara desert. This is Tunisia, a country where Africa, Arabia, and Europe blend in a unique cultural melting pot.

Tunis: A City of Contrasts - In Tunis, the capital, ancient and modern blend seamlessly. Explore the narrow streets of the medina, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and discover historic mosques and bustling souks. Marvel at the stunning Roman mosaics of the Bardo Museum, or wander through the ancient Antonine Baths. Yet Tunis is also a city of modern amenities, French colonial architecture, and a cosmopolitan flair that will leave you enchanted.

Carthage: Echoes of a Bygone Era - Just outside Tunis lies Carthage, once the center of a mighty empire. Today, its ruins whisper stories of the past: a Roman theater, Punic temples, and a stunning basilica overlooking the sea. As you wander through the Carthage Museum, you'll uncover the rich history of this fascinating site. With its breathtaking Mediterranean views, Carthage is a window into Tunisia's glorious past.

Sidi Bou Said: A Charming Coastal Haven - Perched on a cliff overlooking the Gulf of Tunis, Sidi Bou Said is a town that will capture your heart. Its whitewashed buildings, blue shutters, and cobblestone streets create a picturesque scene that has inspired artists for centuries. Wander the tranquil streets, visit the 19th-century Dar El Annabi museum, or simply relax at a traditional café and soak in the beauty of this charming town.

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11 Sep - Depart the U.S.

Depart the United States for an overnight flight to exotic Tunisia! Note that all flights are overnight from the U.S., so you must leave at least by this date to be able to start the tour on Sept 12.

12 Sep - Welcome to Magical Tunisia! D



Welcome to incredible Tunis. We arrive in the capital city of Tunis's Sidi Bou Said airport and will make group arrangements for a transfer to our hotel in nearby Gammarth by the Mediterranean Sea. Gammarth is a beautiful coastal area known for its stunning beaches, luxurious resorts, and vibrant nightlife. Check into our five-star luxury rebook resort with a huge Thalazsso spa and 18-hole golf course.

You'll have some free time before meeting our guide, who will welcome us with a brief introductory meeting. We'll learn more about the history and culture of this captivating country and details of our trip program. We'll then be treated to a delicious welcome dinner at the hotel, featuring a selection of local and international dishes. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know our fellow travelers.

Overnight at [The Residence Gammarth Hotel](#) (2 Nights)



The Residence Tunis is a luxurious 5-star hotel located along the Mediterranean coast, offering a blend of modern elegance and traditional Tunisian charm. Guests can enjoy spacious rooms with stunning sea or garden views, along with access to a private beach and a world-class spa. The hotel features multiple dining options, including a renowned seafood restaurant and authentic Tunisian cuisine. Its strategic location, close to the capital's attractions and Carthage, makes it a perfect destination for both relaxation and exploration.

13 Sep- Tunis – Carthage, Medina , Cooking class B/L



After breakfast, we take a short drive to the Medina of Tunis, the vibrant heart of this ancient city. It is a UNESCO World Heritage site rich with history and culture. Our guide will lead us through narrow alleyways and bustling squares as we absorb the sights and sounds of this intoxicating city. Free time to shop and graze on delectable delights.



Then, we delve deeper into Tunisian culinary traditions with a visit to the central market, where stalls buzzing with local activity offer an array of spices, produce, and local specialties. Roll up your sleeves for a **hands-on cooking class** led by a seasoned local chef in a beautiful old house in the heart of the Medina. We'll learn the secrets behind traditional Tunisian dishes and have the opportunity to savor some of the best freshly made Tunisian food offerings.

In the afternoon, we drive to nearby **Carthage**, which will make you rethink your take on ruins. Once a powerful Phoenician city-state, it became a major center of the Roman Empire. Explore its fascinating archeological wonders, including the Roman amphitheater, the Antonine Baths, and the Punic ports, which offer a glimpse into the grandeur of this historic city.

Later, we make the short drive to my favorite place, **Sidi Bou Said**, a picturesque village known for its charming blue and white architecture, cobblestone streets, and stunning views of the Mediterranean Sea. Stroll through the village, visit quaint shops and art galleries, and relax with a cup of mint tea while enjoying the magnificent views.

We return to Gammarth after sunset, where we enjoy this coastal town and all the amenities at our resort in the evening.

Overnight at Gammarth Hotel



14 Sep- Kairouan's & Hammamet B/L

We travel this morning to **Kairouan**, a city steeped in history and tradition which is revered as one of the holiest cities in Islam as well as being a UNESCO World Heritage site. Explore the magnificent Great Mosque of Okba, one of the oldest and most significant mosques in the Muslim world, and marvel at the ancient Aghlabid Basins, which showcase the city's architectural splendor.

At a local carpet workshop, witness skilled artisans meticulously weaving intricate patterns into vibrant tapestries, preserving centuries-old techniques passed down through generations. Enjoy lunch in a traditional restaurant before we immerse ourselves in the art of creating Tunisian sweets at the **Makroudh workshop**. Here, we'll learn the secrets behind crafting these delectable date-filled pastries and indulge in a taste of local culinary delights.



Then, we head to Hammamet, "The City of Jasmine," a coastal oasis about 90 km away. We'll arrive at our hotel in the late afternoon, where our evening is free. Our stunning resort is set on the most beautiful sand beach in the gulf with a wellness spa and hammams!

Overnight in [Le Sultan Hammamet](#) (2 Nights)



Le Sultan Hotel in Hammamet is a stylish beachfront resort known for its beautiful views of the Mediterranean Sea and lush gardens. The hotel offers comfortable rooms, a range of dining options, and a large outdoor pool, making it ideal for both families and couples. Guests can indulge in various water sports, relax at the spa, or explore nearby attractions like the historic medina and the Yasmine Golf Course. With its blend of modern

amenities and traditional Tunisian hospitality, Le Sultan provides a serene and enjoyable escape.

15 Sep- Hammamet, Nabeul, Harissa workshop & Olive oil tasting **B/L**

After breakfast, we visit the Kasbah of Hammamet. Located in the heart of the city's Medina, we'll enjoy the breathtaking vistas from the ancient fort's summit. We'll next travel to **Nabeul** to delve into the artistry of pottery. This town is renowned for its ceramics and pottery, a tradition that dates back centuries. Here, we can observe skilled craftsmen meticulously creating beautiful pieces of pottery. Roam through the bustling souk and historic Medina, experiencing the vibrant atmosphere and rich culture.

On to a culinary afternoon. Our senses get enticed at a special Harissa workshop to uncover the secrets of this UNESCO-recognized spice. We'll treat our palates to an olive oil tasting before indulging in a locally made lunch. We've allowed time in the afternoon for you to enjoy Hammamet's stunning beaches, or you can opt for a leisurely camel ride.

Overnight in Hammamet



16 Sep - Magical Morocco! Fly to Casa Blanca then Marrakesh **B**

We'll rise early and catch a 3-hour flight from Tunis Carthage Airport to the fabled city of Casablanca (Morocco), landing before noon. From the airport we proceed to the city center for an orientation tour to view the major sites by coach. We get the chance to explore the vibrant heart of Morocco, Casablanca! Modern glamour meets ancient charm here. Prepare to be awestruck by the stunning architecture, from sleek art deco gems to soaring minarets that touch the sky. But the true magic of Casablanca lies in its bustling markets, where the sights, sounds, and smells of Moroccan life come alive.

Flight - TU 711 16 September 2025 (TUNCMN 07:30 /10:10) . Check-in baggage weight 23 kg and 8 kg for carry-on.

Among the most notable sights is the spectacular Mosque Hassan II. This breathtaking monument, larger than St. Peter's in Rome, is a masterpiece of Islamic architecture and engineering. Our guides will drop you off at a trendy neighborhood to enjoy lunch on own.

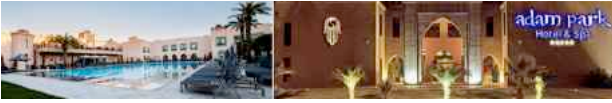
We'll head by coach 2.5 hours to Marrakech in the late afternoon, and after checking into our hotel.

Check into the deluxe Adam Park Hotel and spa with delicious buffets, pool and rooms with balconies.

Overnight at Adam Park Hotel Marrakech (4 nights)



Adam Park Hotel in Marrakech is a



contemporary luxury hotel situated near the city's vibrant medina and famous cultural attractions. The hotel features elegant rooms and suites, each with modern amenities and Moroccan-inspired décor. Guests can enjoy various dining options, including international and Moroccan cuisine, as well as a spa, a large outdoor pool, and a fitness center. With its blend of modern comfort and traditional charm, Adam Park Hotel offers a perfect retreat for those exploring the lively city of Marrakech.

17 Sep - Yoga and sightseeing of Marrakech

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Start your first morning in Morocco with our rejuvenating group session of Yoga, a dynamic practice that will energize your body and calm your mind. Then, set out to explore the city in a half-day tour of Marrakesh.



Explore the city's rich history, from its Berber roots to its role as a center of Islamic learning and culture. Visit the stunning Majorelle Garden, a haven of tropical plants and vibrant colors, created by the French painter Jacques Majorelle. Discover the opulence of the El Bahia Palace, a 19th-century gem adorned with intricate tilework and plaster carvings.

Witness the beauty of the Koutoubia Mosque, the city's most iconic landmark, and marvel at its stunning minaret. Immerse yourself in the vibrant souks of Marrakech, the largest traditional market in Morocco, and haggle for unique treasures.

We will return to the hotel where the rest of the day is free, or we can opt from following optional tours. Here are two we love. Just ask your guide to arrange.

Horse Carriage Tour Marrakech -Enjoy a delightful horse carriage tour in Marrakech, where you'll take a leisurely ride through the bustling streets and historic landmarks of the city. Guided by friendly drivers who know the city well, you'll discover its charm and beauty from a unique

perspective. Relax in the comfort of the carriage as you pass by vibrant souks, grand palaces, and tranquil gardens, soaking in the sights, sounds, and aromas of Marrakech. It's a relaxing and immersive way to experience Marrakech.



Fantazia Diner at Chez Ali - The Fantazia dinner at Chez Ali in Marrakech promises a memorable evening filled with cultural delights and picturesque moments. Settle in for a captivating show featuring traditional Moroccan music, dance, and horse-riding displays in a spectacular desert setting. As you enjoy the lively entertainment, savor a delicious Moroccan feast served under starlit skies. It's the perfect opportunity to capture unforgettable photos. Our task groups really enjoy this spectacular evening show.

Overnight at Adam Park Hotel Marrakech



18 Sep- Camels, Balloons, Berber Villages & Atlas Mountains

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Optional sunrise hot air balloon adventure – This day starts with an option to soar over the stunning Atlas plains at sunrise in a hot air balloon, watching the daybreak over the desert. Experience the serenity of the early morning sky and the awe-inspiring views only from above. Drift over oases, hidden villages, and the lush Al Haouz Plain, all bathed in the morning light. Spot camel caravans making their daily journeys below. After landing, savor a traditional Moroccan breakfast with the majestic Atlas Mountains as your backdrop. \$260 headcount later by email.

Later morning, we will depart from Marrakech in the morning and enjoy a full guided day trip through the **High Atlas Mountains** to the village of **Imil**, where we will learn more about Berber culture and traditions. Admire scenic landscapes, learn about local traditions and industry, and enjoy some local food and drinks. The scenery along the drive is ever-changing and simply stunning. On our way, we pass through the town of **Tahnaout** and stop at an Argan Oil Cooperative. Here, we learn how women of the cooperative turn the Argan nut into many different Argan oil-based products which Morocco is famous for.

We'll pass through the colorful town of Asni before arriving in Imlil, enjoy a welcome glass of mint tea before visiting the largest and highest village in **Imlil Valley**. Our journey will take us past waterfalls and the hamlets of Ait Mizan, Targa, and Imoula. Stop off in Tamatert and have the opportunity to take in the views of ancient irrigated terraced fields of barley, corn, and vegetables, surrounded by cherry and walnut trees.

We'll travel down through the village of Ait Souka and afterwards enjoy a traditional Moroccan lunch in a Berber family guest house. We'll then walk through the valley to Taourirt before traveling through the **Moulay Brahim Gorges**. Once we reach the main trailhead with streams and paths branching out in all directions, we'll enjoy a **camel ride** through picturesque landscapes before making our journey back to Marrakech in the early evening.

Overnight at Adam Park Hotel Marrakech

19 Sep- Motorbike Adventure and Street Food tour **B/L**



A fun-filled day awaits following breakfast as we head to a famous bakery café in the New Town of Marrakech, close to the Insiders' Garage. It's easy to find because of the yellow taxi on the roof. We'll enjoy a drink and a pastry and then peruse a vintage map with our "Insiders" as we prepare for our **sidecar adventure tour** of Marrakesh! They'll help us familiarize ourselves with the city's layout and discuss our itinerary with us. Just as each client is individual, so, too, is each Insider. We can expect that each of our rides will be utterly unique, removed from well-trodden tourist trails. We'll each don a helmet and then set off on our sidecar journey for an hour of pure joy. Afterwards, our Insiders will deliver us back to our hotel.

In the afternoon, we will enjoy the **street food tour**, which will allow us to learn about and sample Moroccan cuisine while we explore the streets of Marrakech. Our guide will take us to several eateries to sample local dishes and learn what makes Moroccan food so special. Indulge in the flavors of Marrakech with all of our tastings included.

In your free time, do a hammam or Turkish bath, which is a must-do cleansing ritual. To get slathered and scrubbed with endless suds is a sport here to purify both the body and soul. The Moroccan Hammam Collection is rooted in thousands of years of Moroccan history and ancient traditions. The hammam is a traditional Moroccan steam room where women and men go for a sensual, ritual-based body treatment that includes aromatherapy, detoxification, steam, massage, and relaxation. To destress and detox, there is no better way than to visit a traditional

Moroccan steam bath and have a deeply relaxing treatment. Hammam (steam bath), «gommage» (body scrub), massages with perfumed essential oils are all designed to induce lasting well-being. Many of the products used are handmade and derived from local plants and minerals. Our guides will advise. A few we like are: Les Bains, Mouassine, Rose and Maharaja.

Our evening is free.

Overnight at Adam Park Hotel Marrakech

20 Sep- Farewell to Marrakech **B**

It's time to say goodbye. Following breakfast, we'll arrange transfer to the Marrakesh Airport according to your flight details.

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LAND PRICE: \$3175 per person, twins share plus \$180 air (air prices can change until ticketed). Based on a minimum of 20 participants. Single supplement cost \$798.

Payment dates: 50% due April 1 and final due May 6

Gratuities for licensed guides, drivers, and porters of \$110 will be added to the invoice for your convenience.

Includes:

- 2 nights at Hotel The Residence Gammarth or similar
- 2 nights at Le Sultan Hammamet or similar
- 4 nights at Adam Park Marrakech or similar
- Welcome dinner in Gammarth
- Cooking class in Tunisia
- Lunch in Kairouan
- Street food tour to sample Moroccan cuisine in Marrakech
- Ground transportation throughout the tour in comfortable tourist vehicles
- Exploration of the Ancient Architectural Medina of Tunis
- Makroudh workshop (pastry filled with dates & coated with honey) in Kairouan
- Harissa (local spice) workshop & Olive oil tasting session in Hammamet
- Excursion to Atlas mountain with camel ride, Morocco
- Rejuvenating Yoga session in Marrakech
- 1-hour Side Car adventure in Marrakech
- Visits and sightseeing as per the package details
- Monument entrance fees as per the itinerary

Thank you Marsha H. for posting your fabulous photos from your recent tour of Tunisia, some of the same places we will visit!





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Itineraries are prepared up to a year ahead and things can change. Modifications may be made.

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