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## FABULOUS TUNISIA

The Roman Empire's Breadbasket by the Sea

April 2-12, 2021 & November 12-22, 2021

*Malta Extension*

April 12-14, 2021 & November 22-24, 2021



### HIGHLIGHTS

- Coda Tours signature small group size
- Coda Tours signature comprehensive sightseeing programs
- Coda Tours signature inclusive meal plan
- Coda Tours signature deluxe accommodations
- Exploring UNESCO sites which are El Jem Coliseum, the Medina of Tunis, Carthage Site, Dougga & Kairouan
- The exquisite & unique Bardo Museum
- Café sitting in the seaside village of Sidi Bou Said
- Uncovering the deliciousness of Tunisian cuisine
- Walking through the 1<sup>st</sup> century Bulla Regia
- Spa day at the luxurious La Cigale, Tabarka
- EXTENSION: Discovering the riches of Malta: UNESCO site of Valletta, Grand Master's Palace, Caravaggio's painting of St. John the Baptist, ancient cities of Mdina & Rabat

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## The Roman Empire's Breadbasket by the Sea

Tunisia was Africa to the ancient Romans, and it was the name bestowed on this little outcrop sticking out into the Mediterranean. Roman Africa was the empire's breadbasket, and it shipped olives and grains across the Med, growing fat from the proceeds. Incredibly intact ruins of affluent ancient cities are dotted across Tunisia's entire landscape. We will explore the best places to see the remnants of ancient Rome in Tunisia. This tiny progressive Islamic state is also home the UNESCO World Heritage Site at Kairouan, the holiest site in Islam next to Medina & Mecca. Fabulous food, luxury hotels and tempting medinas top off this Coda tour. Add the island of Malta for a lesson in the Knights Hospitaller.

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 – Depart USA

Depart the USA on any regularly scheduled flight to Tunis, Tunisia (TUN).

#### Day 2 – Arrive in Tunis

Upon arrival in the beautiful city of Tunis, a car service will be waiting for a transfer to the Dar el Jeld Hotel.

#### Day 3 – Bardo Museum | Medina of Tunis

After sightseeing in and around Tunis, visit the world famous Bardo Museum, an architectural landmark housing Roman mosaics and pieces from Tunisia's history. A traditional lunch will be followed by a tour of the medina (old town). Awe at the life blood of the Arab city, the Mosque of the Olive Tree, as we compare the modern city against the ancient medina. Take time to peruse the many chic boutiques with various local treasures.

#### Day 4 – Carthage | Sidi Bou Said

Explore the ruins of Carthage which contain ancient baths, dwellings, temples, shrines, and port. Visit Byrsa Hill on which Carthage was founded, the port of Salamambo, and the ancient sanctuary of the goddess Tanit. Next, travel to the Moorish village of Sidi Bou Said, an artist's haven where lush flowers cascade down every wall and doorway. End the day with a private tour and dinner\* within the marvelous Baron D'Erlanger Palace.

*\*Pending availability*

#### Day 5 – Kerkouane | Haouaria

Visit the Punic gem of Kerkouane, where tombs lay scattered throughout the coastal hills at the tip of Cape Bon. After lunch, enter the ancient caves of Haouaria before returning to Tunis for dinner.

#### Day 6 – Dougga | Bulla Regia

Venture to the evocative Roman site of Dougga. Walk in the footsteps of the ancients as we traverse the Roman theater, public bathhouses, and temples of the Capitol, Juno Coelestis, and Saturn. Next, visit the underground villas, Memmian Baths, and Treasure House of Bulla Regia.

#### Day 7 – Tabarka

Today is free to enjoy the hodgepodge of Berber, Punic, Hellenistic, Roman, Islamic, Genoese, and Turkish culture that make up the town of Tabarka. Take time to enjoy the hotel's spa services.

#### Day 8 – Tabarka | Kairouan

Journey through the countryside towards Kairouan where the Great Mosque dominates the skyline. Within the town, hundreds of shops present the finest Kairouan carpets of pure wool along with various traditional goods. Later, explore beyond the city as we discover the mausoleum at the Zaouia of Sidi Sahab, a prominent place of Islamic pilgrimage.

#### Day 9 – El Djem | Mahdia

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En route to the coastal village of Mahdia, where we will lunch, we stop at the ancient Roman coliseum and archeological museum at El Djem.

### **Day 10 –Kairouan | Tunis**

Return to Tunis. Overnight in Tunis near the airport. We gather for a Farewell Dinner this evening.

### **Day 11—Tunis | USA or Valletta, Malta for extension**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to the USA or to Malta for the extension.

## **EXTEND YOUR TRIP TO MALTA**

### **Day 11 –Tunis | Valletta, Malta**

Fly from Tunis to Valletta. Upon arrival, drive to the capital city, Valletta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with buildings dating from the 16th century. Enjoy an exceptional vista of the immense fortifications of the Grand Harbor from the fragrant Barraka Gardens. Next, a stroll along Triq Republikka to see the chief historic buildings built by the Knights of St. John, most notably the Auberges, and the Grand Masters Palace. We will stop at the St. John's Cathedral, the principle church of the order and home to Caravaggio's masterpiece " Beheading of St. John." After lunch on your own, check in to the hotel and spend the afternoon and evening at leisure.

### **Day 12 – Mdina | Rabat**

Visit the ancient, fortified city of Mdina and its neighbor, Rabat. Dating back to before 4000BC, Mdina was once the center of the Maltese royalty and religious authorities, yet, over the centuries, it lost its popularity and was referred to as the "Silent City". Visiting this old capital, view the architecture as it still stands, attesting to its once great power and influence; Rabat (the Semitic word for suburb) was the sister-city to Mdina, and known not for its superb architecture. Of note are a ruined Roman-era house (Dormus Romana) with its inlaid flooring ranking among the finest of ancient mosaics of the western Mediterranean, St. Agatha's Catacombs, and St. Paul's Church and Grotto.

### **Day 13 –Malta | Departure to USA**

Depart to the USA.

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### DATES, RATES & TRIP STATUS:

Tunisia

Fri, April 2 – Mon, April 12, 2021

Double \$4295

Single \$5695

Fri, November 12 – Mon, November 22, 2021

Double \$4595

Single \$5995

Malta Extension

Mon, April 12 – Wed, April 14, 2021

Double \$TBA (Determined by Participation)

Single \$TBA (Determined by Participation)

Mon, November 22 – Wed, November 24, 2021

Double \$TBA (Determined by Participation)

Single \$TBA (Determined by Participation)

Do these dates not fit in with your schedule?

Coda Tours will design a tailor-made trip for you!

### Special Notes:

Single occupancy rates can be avoided if you wish to be matched with another single traveler. If no share is available, the single rate will apply. Price is based on current rates of exchange at the time of publishing and is subject to change until final payment has been made. Rates are also based on a minimum participation which, if minimum participation is not met, may need to be revised.

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### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 5★ & 4★ accommodations, as stated in the itinerary
- Main program: Breakfast daily. 7 Lunches & 8 Dinners
- Malta extension: Breakfast daily. 1 Dinner
- VIP Arrival & Departure transfers in Tunis
- Comprehensive sightseeing excursions & entry fees, as stated in the itinerary
- Excellent English-speaking local guides
- Comfortable a/c transportation with complimentary water
- Coda Tour Representative, with minimum participation
- Pre-departure assistance and Information Portfolio from Coda Tours

### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare, seat & baggage fees
- Intra-tour flight between Tunis & Malta for the extension (issued by Coda Tours & quoted separately)
- Passport and visa fees; no visa is required for American or Canadian passport holders
- Trip Cancellation & Interruption insurance is REQUIRED. Click [here](#) for information.
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers and Coda Tour Manager
- Items of a personal nature (laundry, phone, drinks, etc.)

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### TRAVEL PREP

#### International Airfare

Air France & Alitalia (both SkyTeam partners) & Royal Air Maroc (OneWorld) are among airlines that can be used to book international airfare for this tour.

We recommend booking at least 7 months in advance if you want to use Frequent Flyer Miles.

#### Intra-tour Airfare

Intra-tour flight for Malta extension will be booked and issued by Coda Tours and priced at the time of issuing.

### VISAS & VACCINES

**VISA:** A valid passport is required for international travel and must be valid for 6 months after the return date of travel. No visa is required for travel to Tunisia or Malta for US and Canadian passport holders.

**VACCINES:** The Center for Disease Control suggests that all travelers make sure they are up to date on routine vaccines before every trip. These vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine, and your yearly flu shot. Measles vaccination is especially important when traveling to this area.

### PACKING & WEATHER

Coda trips are casual at all times. There is no need for a jacket or tie unless you personally opt to dine at a fine restaurant requiring formal dress. We do not book these restaurants for our group experiences. Pack for a variety of weather. Bring a light jacket or sweater. Jeans, khakis and shorts are fine for daily wear. Comfortable shoes are a must. All hotels offer laundry service, but it can be expensive.

Temperatures will range from highs in mid-70's to low's in the high 50's. Some areas may experience a cold snap so a jacket and some warm clothing is worth packing.

### Minimums

All departures are guaranteed on a minimum number of participants. A Coda Tour Manager will accompany a tour also based on a minimum number of participants. This tour can be operated as a Private Tour, can be customized and repriced based on a final itinerary. Rates are based on a minimum participation, if the minimum is not met, rates may need to be revised.

### Pre-Departure

A complete portfolio of pre-departure information will be mailed to you approximately three weeks prior to departure.

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## ACCOMMODATIONS



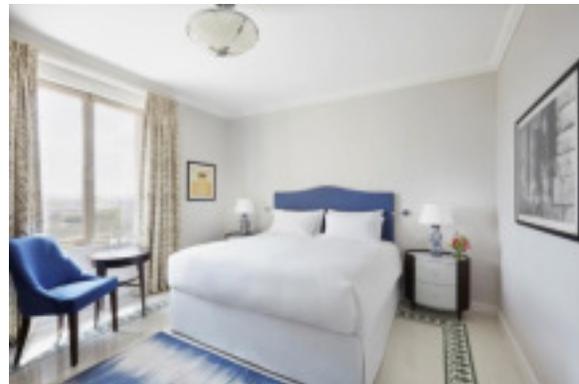
[Dar el Jeld](#), Tunis ★★★★★  
Room: Junior Suite



[La Cigale](#), Tabarka ★★★★★  
Room: Superior



[La Kasbah](#), Kairouan ★★★★★  
Room: Standard



[Phoenicia Hotel](#), Malta ★★★★★  
Room: Superior