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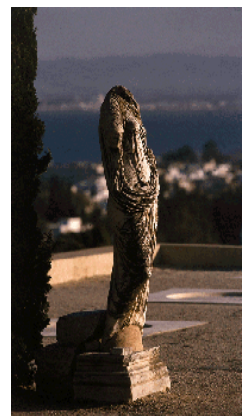
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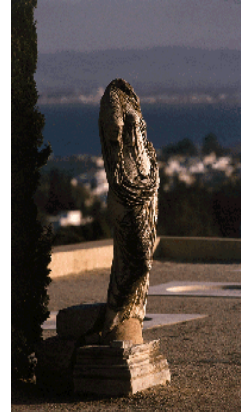
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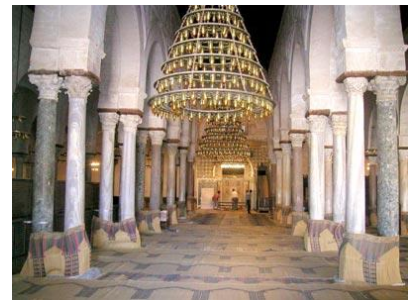
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Tataouine is the starting point of the circuits of discovered ksours.

To arrive there, you will leave Djerba via the Roman roadway. In [Médenine](#) you will have a pause coffee and the visit of Ksar, continuation to Tataouine, to visit the market of spices. Way to [Chénini](#): Attractive site, which was a Berber refuge. The

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Lunch at the 3*hotel [Sangho Tataouine](#).

After that, you will discover the charm of Ghomrasne and some Ksours, these famous attics of corn Bedouins, which are varied in the Tunisian South.



Matmata - Toujene

For this one day excursion, you will leave the island of Djerba via the Roman roadway to visit the Berber villages of Toujene and Matmata, with the lunar landscape formed by the habitats troglodytic of vertical type. It is an area mountainous and arid but the charm of its nature will take to you.

Toujene

Toujene is a small Berber village of the south Tunisian is located has 25 km of Matmata on a road in direction of Médenine, it is a village of mountain which is divided into two shares by a valley.



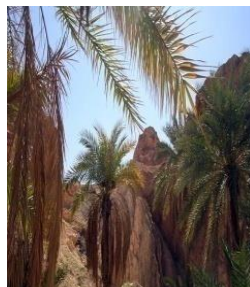
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Douz - Tamerza

This excursion will bring you via Douz, the star of the desert, towards Tamarza, Chebika, and Mides the three superb oases of mountain.



While arriving, the symphony of the streaming of the water cascade will enchant you and the panoramic sight of the palm trees and the desert will allure you. Before arriving at these places, on your way, you will pass by Gabes the maritime oasis, the Berber village with the habitats troglodytic Matmata, and the immense lake salted Chott El Jerid... Finally you will return to the island of the Jerba dreams via the vat.



Folkloric party

Thanks to this evening you will live an exceptional traditional atmosphere.

Installed under your Berber tent, you will be enchanted by the marvelous spectacles (belly dancer, juggler of earthenware jars, bousaâdia.)

A variety of the delights of the local dishes will be served to you. And it is not all; you will have even the advisability of

following an illustration of the trades of our ancestors and

of tasting original preparations (Tabouna, olive oil.). It will be certainly an unforgettable evening.



Matmata Douz

Departure for Matmata

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Continuation to Douz

DOUZ is a town of sandy houses and dusty roads, jealously preserving its ancestral habits through Its traditional market on Thursdays, its skin crafts and its Berber jewellery.... Don't miss the traditional
Back to Djerba



Boat trip

Bus departure from the hotel

Embarkation boarding a boat for a moment of fun and leisure

On board refreshment drinks: water, tea, Tunisian pastries, soda...

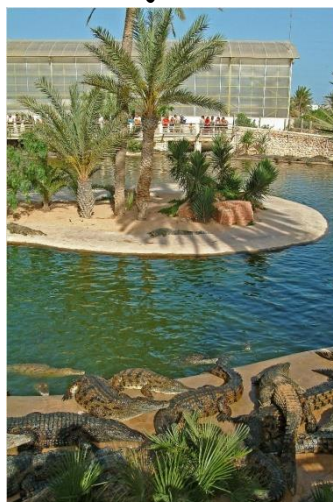
Animation and lunch

Back to the port



Park Djerba Explore

A village, a park with crocodiles and a museum dedicated to the inheritance, the culture, the art and the history of the island of Djerba



Enter into the world of Djerba Explore. A unique project in the Mediterranean basin: with an innovative concept. A touristic complex where culture and history, relaxation and leisure is in harmony with wish!

The complex is integrated within a reconstituted village djerbien: streets and lanes, porches and arcades, roofed passageways, shaded small squares and coffee terraces, point out the typical urbanity of Djerba whose inhabitants from time immemorial accommodated the newcomers. The village is thought like a place of meetings, around a central place bordered of coffees, restaurants and shops. The life is articulated around the splendid museum Lalla Hadria, of a circuit centred on the discovery of the inheritance djerbien (Djerba Heritage) and, more astonishing on this island, the largest farm of crocodiles of the Mediterranean basin. The whole in the middle of vegetation: mixing that from the region and the borders of the desert.

[Quad and Caravane à la carte](#)

We propose excursions in quad to you which enable you to discover Jerba differently.



Unique opportunity, you will have the leisure to visit places, cities or villages which you would not see along usual excursions.

A guide will accompany you throughout your excursion to ensure the good unfolding of the circuit and so that you can profit a maximum of your ballade.



Excursions

Departure from Tozeur

[Douz: Star of the desert](#)

- Crossing of Chott El Jérid and continuation towards Douz.
- Free time to benefit from the environment of the weekly market rich in scents and colors.
- Lunch at Douz
- Continuation towards the star of the desert where the camel drivers propose to you strolls (optional) in the sandy dunes on dromedary.



The Red Lizard

1/2 Day (APPROXIMATELY 120 km)

Departure at 9H00. Visit of the oasis of Degache and the canyons of Sidi Bou Helel. Then continuation towards Metlaoui, excursion by the train "Beylical" old train of the Bey: "The Red Lizard" invites you, the time of a tour through the splendid throats of Selja. A trip in the past, where all was noble and wonderful
Departure from the station of Metlaoui for a 1H45 of leisure.



OUNG JEMEL

1/2 Day (the afternoon).

Departure to join Oung Jemel. You will discover the salt desert: "Chott El Garsaa", decorations of film "the English patient". Then you will rove towards Arriguette, decorations of film "the Star Wars", to join beautiful dunes which will offer spectacular sunset to you. Return to the hotel at the beginning of evening.



KEBILI & DOUZ

1 Day (approximately 300 km)

Crossing lake salted "Chott El Djérid" towards "Kebili" where the natural source of " Ras El Ain" spouts out. Visit of the old village of Kebili then continuation and free time in Douz to benefit from the environment of the Weekly Market rich in scents and colors.

Lunch at the hotel Tuareg in Douz. Continuation towards the star of the desert where the camel riders propose to you strolls (optional) in the sandy dunes on dromedary. Visit of Débabcha on the way of the return.

Return to the hotel at the end of the afternoon.



NEFTA

½ Journée (approximately 80 km)

Visit of the brickyard of Nefta, where manufacture remains artisanal. Then visit of the oases of Nefta, and the old city. Approach the salt desert, "Chott El Djérid" before joining the first sandy dunes where natural will offer its more beautiful spectacle "sunset". Return to the hotel at the beginning of evening.

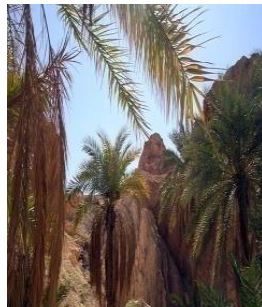


Oases of mountains

Discover most unexpected of the landscapes of the Tunisian south while leaving for the oasis "CHEBIKA" where you will have all the time to discover its fruit-bearing cultures, market-gardening or palms. Continuation towards the oasis of "TAMERZA" and its famous cascade which spouts out of the mountain

Lunch is envisaged at the hotel "Tamerza Palace" superb panoramic sight on the old city destroyed by a wadi.

Finally discovered climax of the oases of mountains "MIDES", and its canyon of 30m of depth. "Berber Ground Colorado". Return to the hotel at the end of the afternoon possibility by the road of the Magical triangle.

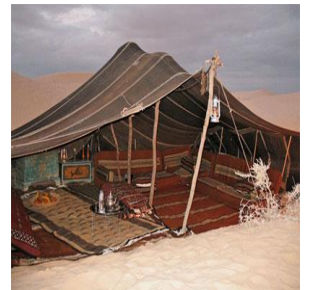


Quad and Caravane à la carte



With the circuits in quad or with dromedary, you will discover the south of Tunisia which coats itself with grounds ochre and gilded sands from where spout out strengthened villages fixed on mountainside, in their completed splendor.

Beyond the chott el Jerid, the Sahara becomes king, leaving from time to time to spout out the life in some particularly accessible oases.



Over there, the silhouette of a caravan of dromedaries betrays the only presence of life in this mineral universe.



In the softness of end of afternoon, the perfume of the flowers of the oasis of Ksar Ghilane finally dares to fly away in the air suddenly lighter, without fear to be choked in flight by the overpowering heat of the day.

Departure from Tabarka

Tabarka/Ain Draham

Visit of Tabarka



It is the capital of Tunisian western north, a pretty city at the edge of the Mediterranean surrounded by green mountains.

At the end of the coast of the Coral (which starts in Bizerte and aligns 300 kilometers of splits in a wild state and majestic beaches: beach of Zouara close to Nefza), Tunisian western north is the perfect example of the alliance of the sea and the mountain.

Tabarka is with the meeting of a forest of birches, willows and, especially, cork oaks, and of the Mediterranean, paradise of the divers.

Continuation towards Ain DRAHAM

Ain DRAHAM, near, is a charming small town of mountain in the middle of the forest. A thermal spa is in the vicinity.



Bulla Regia/Chemtou



Bulla Regia is known for his dwellings, of which a score has, is the subject of a release, dated from the reign of the Roman emperor Hadrian even if the most specific installation seems dated from IIIe-IVe century. They offer the characteristic equipped with an underground stage, reproduction of less width of the higher stage which is on one level with the street. Chemtou quoted numide then Roman is known for its marble with the multiple colors.



Dougga/ Le Kef



Way to Dougga and visit; On the fertile valley of the Medjerda, Dougga, formerly called Thugga is the most impressive Roman city in Tunisia. The well-preserved Theatre, grandiose Temple of Celeste, theatres, and the many baths reflect the high standard of living of its 5,000 inhabitants.

Declared as UNESCO World Heritage, Dougga

has a large capitol, a forum, and triumphal arches honouring Severus Alexander. Underfoot are mosaic floors and superbly paved city streets. In a strange silence, you will still sense the pulse of roman life during the second and third centuries. You can still see the grooves of chariot wheels in the streets and visit the public latrine, a cosy arrangement of twelve seats where people would chat as they went about their business.

Continuation towards Kef visits of the Table of Jugurtha:



The Table of Jugurtha is not other than a plate of 80 hectares, at an altitude of 1200 meters. Its cliffs, falling to peak, made of this place an ideal refuge to escape the enemy. Its access is not possible that by the Northern face, by a narrow way, dug in a fault. Traces of shoes are still visible on these stones. All indicates that this place was a primitive city. We will discovers there galleries used as attics, of the remainders of dwellings, a fortification, basins dug in the rock to retain rainwater and a sufficient vegetation to nourish the cattle. All let's think that the man can live there in autonomy during a long period.

