

**Sahara Escapade**

**8 days – 7 nights**

**Monastir (or Tunis\*), Port El Kantaoui, El Jem, Matmata, Djerba, Mededine, Ksar Hedada, Chenini, Ksar Ghilane, Douz, Chott El Jerid, Ong Jamal, Tozeur, Tamaghza, Shabikah, Gafsa, Kairouan, Sousse**

**Adventure, Discovery, Nature, Culture**

**This program may be operated for individual or for groups**

**This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize**

*From Chenini to Sousse via the immense sand desert, southern Tunisia is an authentic universe whose diversity will amaze you. You'll explore the mountains, the oases or the Berber villages, go for a hike, spend a night in a bivouac...*

**Day 1: Monastir (or Tunis\*), Port El Kantaoui**

Assistance on arrival at the airport and transfer your hotel in Port el Kantaoui. Rest of the at leisure. Dinner at the hotel. [D]

**Day 2: Port El Kantaoui, El Jem, Matmata, Djerba**

Breakfast. Departure to El Jem where you will visit its Roman amphitheater, one of the best preserved in the world and that can be visited in its entirety. World Heritage. Continue to Matmata, a striking area for its lunar landscapes, where you will visit a troglodyte house, typical underground construction where people still live today. Lunch in a troglodyte restaurant. We take the ferry to the island of Djerba where, according to mythology, Ulysses docked. Free time in the city's medina before check-in, dinner and overnight at your hotel. [B/L/D]

**Day 3: Djerba, Mededine, Ksar Hedada, Chenini**

Departure on the Roman road to Medenine where you will see the ghorfas, former collective barns used by nomadic Berbers. Continue to Tataouine for a walking tour and lunch at a local restaurant. Continue to Ksar Hedada, one of the places where Star Wars was filmed. Then, a last stretch to Chenini to visit one of the most beautiful Berber villages in southern Tunisia. Dinner and accommodation in a typical hotel. [B/L/D]

**Day 4: Chenini, Ksar Ghilane**

Breakfast and departure to Ksar Ghilane, an oasis located in the heart of the Sahara next to a hot spring. Lunch on arrival at the camp. In the afternoon, take a quad (ATV) excursion between the dunes to enjoy the largest sand desert in the world. Free time to relax before dinner at a Berber village near at the camp. [B/L/D]

**Day 5: Ksar Ghilane, Douz, Chott El Jerid, Ong Jamal, Tozeur**

Morning departure to Douz, called the door of the desert and meeting point of nomads. Dromedary excursion between the Sahara dunes (long pants recommended). Departure to Tozeur crossing the immense Chott el Jerid salt-lake (2703 square miles) where, if weather conditions permit, you may experience a mirage phenomenon. Lunch and departure to the dune site of Ong Jamal (Camel Rock) to know the filming location of "Star Wars", "The English patient" and "Black Gold". Continue to Tozeur for accommodation. This evening attend a show dinner at the Tozeur oasis. [B/L/D]

**Day 6: Tozeur, Tamaghza, Shabikah, Gafsa, Kairouan, Sousse**

After breakfast head to the Atlas Mountains to visit the mountain oases of Tamaghza and Shabikah, landscapes of extraordinary beauty. Continue to Gafsa for lunch on your way to Kairouan, the fourth holy city of Islam and a UNESCO world heritage site. Panoramic visit of the Great Mosque, the most important of the Maghreb, and a tour of the most outstanding tapestry weavers. Then, a 1-hour drive will take you to Sousse for dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

**Day 7: Sousse**

Free day at the hotel to enjoy the Mediterranean Sea and relax from your Sahara adventure. [B/D]

*Note: You may extend your stay as long as you like.*

**Day 8: Monastir (or Tunis\*), USA**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and use the free time to relax by the pool. At the appointed time you'll be picked-up and driven to the airport of your choosing to board your connecting flight back home. [B]

*\* Arrival in and departure from Monastir or Tunis depending on flights schedules*

**Note:** *Departures from hotels will always be early in the morning to take advantage of sunlight*

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



**Your Tour includes:**

- Arrival and departure transfers
- 7 nights' accommodation:
  - Port el Kantaoui 1 night
  - Djerba 1 night
  - Chenini 1 night
  - Ksar Ghilane 1 night
  - Tozeur 1 night
  - Sousse 2 nights
- Meals:
  - Breakfast daily
  - 5 lunches
  - 6 dinners
  - 1 dinner with show in Tozeur
- El Jem Roman amphitheater
- Troglodyte house in Matmata
- Ksours of Medenine
- Berber village of Chenini
- ATV dune excursion in Ksar Ghilane
- Camel ride in the Sahara Desert

- Ong Jamal site of Star Wars firms
- Oases of Tamaghza and Shabikah
- Kairouan Great Mosque
- English speaking driver-guide
- Local English-speaking guides
- A/C vehicle for the tour
- Entrance fees
- 1 bottle of water per person, per day
- All local taxes

**Tour does not include:**

- International airfares
- Any taxes related to airfares or airports
- Meals not mentioned under inclusions
- Travel Insurance
- Visas
- Tips to guides or drivers
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Any item not mentioned as "Included"

**Hotels in your Tour:**

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
<b>First Class</b>		
Port el Kantaoui	Barcelo Concorde Green Park Palace	4.5
Djerba	Hasdrubal Prestige Thalassa & Spa Djerba	4.5
Chenini	Kenza Residence	4
Ksar Ghilane	Pansy Camp	5
Tozeur	Darneja	5
Sousse	Marhaba. Beach	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

**Tour Prices:**

These programs can be customized for individuals and groups. Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- **Airfare**  
We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares
- **Program**  
You may add or remove;
  - Trip days
  - Cities and sites
  - Meals
- **Other options**
  - The program was designed with private services; however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
  - If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.
- **Quotation**  
Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

**Tour Code:** TN01MIR21DR

**Options:**

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

**Group Quotations**

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.

We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.