



# LEARN ARABIC IN TUNISIA

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**Catalogue  
for prospective  
students  
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- Charlemagne ”

## WHAT IS ARABANDU?

arabandu is your number one partner for learning Arabic, simple as that.

And because there is no better way to learn Arabic than to be in North Africa, we will not just sit you in front of textbooks – we will bring you to our language school in Tunis, Tunisia, where you will learn from natives, get to know locals, and live the real Tunisia experience for as long as you wish.

Don't bother with the details - as your A-to-Z partner we take care of your flights, accommodation, transfers, and everything else. When you join the arabandu team, you only need to bring your passion for learning Arabic, your openness for an exciting cultural experience, and a healthy dose of curiosity. We look forward to reaching your goals with you in Tunis!



OUR PARTNERS





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# 01 PRIME LOCATION

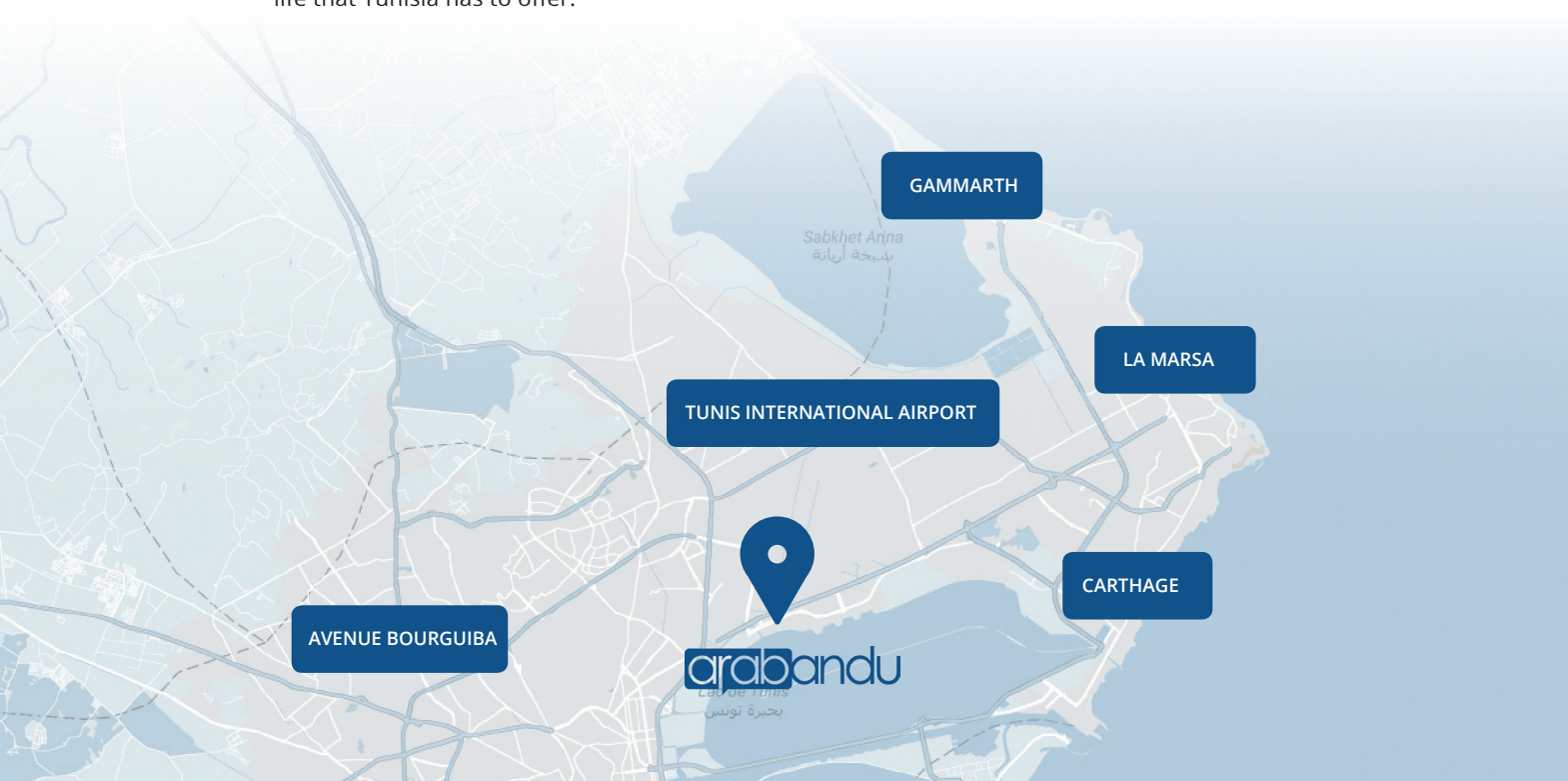
Studying Arabic in the Heart of North Africa

Our location in Les Berges du Lac, named after its famous, charming lake, is the best place for you to dive into Tunis. Often called the Wall Street of Tunisia or Lac, as locals nickname it, it is a bustling commercial zone in which you find cafés, restaurants, and international-minded locals and expats of all flavors.

Right in the middle between beachside suburb La Marsa, picturesque Sidi Bou Said and Carthage, and traditional downtown Tunis, Berges du Lac is the perfect spot for you to start exploring the different sides of life that Tunisia has to offer.

In case you feel interested about the countryside or Tunisia's breathtaking countryside, do not worry. We gladly help you experience the snowy air in the Atlas mountains, immerse in the bright light of the stars in the Sahara desert or gaze at the original Star Wars sites in Tatouine.

After all, we believe that languages can only be fully appreciated if you delve into the country and its culture.



# 02 WHAT WE OFFER

At arabandu, we want to provide you with the best Arabic-learning experience possible. For this, we will shape the course after your personal preferences: Whether you want to take your time and explore the landscape and culture during your educational stay thoroughly, or learn Arabic as fast as possible is completely up to you.

Our three different course types and five levels provide you with the opportunity to vary course duration and content intensity. Working with renowned Tunisian universities and using only certified Arabic teachers, arabandu will make sure you make as much Arabic progress as possible in the time frame you choose.





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*Language is the road map of  
a culture. It tells you where its  
people come from and where  
they are going.*

”

Rita Mae Brown

## › HIGH ARABIC

GUARANTEED SUCCESS for Beginners or Experts

We at arabandu are proud to offer you certified courses to achieve five language levels in general Arabic, from the absolute beginner level A1 to the advanced level C1. Whether you are a beginner, intermediate, or expert, we can still teach you a thing or two. You pass consecutively from level to level, until you achieved your desired proficiency and joined a club of 420 million Arabic speakers worldwide. You can vary the course intensity in three ways:

### 1 Standard / Taking it Slow and Thorough

With the standard course the progress of one language level will take 15 hours of class per week for a total duration of 8 weeks per level. If you want plenty of time to explore Tunisia during your stay, digest your learnings, and not have your language classes take over your schedule, this course is what you are looking for.

### 2 Semi-intensive / The Middle Road

The semi-intensive course will mean about 19 hours of class per week for 7 weeks per level. This course is a good mix of intensity and free time for you if you have no wish to take it slower or faster.

### 3 Intensive / If You Have no Time to Lose

The intensive course is our masterpiece. Combining high intensity with thorough and precise learning, our teachers really do give their best to make you an Arabic expert in as little time as possible. You will have 22 hours of class per week for a total duration of around 6 weeks per level – meaning that you can achieve advanced B2 from A1 in less than half a year. If your business, academia, or desire to jump into meaningful Arabic conversations is waiting, this is the right course for you.



## › TUNISIAN ARABIC

### CARE FOR VARIETY?

In Tunisia, most locals speak the Tunisian dialect which combines Arabic, French, and Berber influences. If you would like to have some informal, relaxed Tunisian classes besides your Arabic course we arrange for that. These classes can take place in a café or some other venue, and at a time individually set with the teacher.

„Did you know that Luke Skywalker's home planet Tataooina was named after the Tunisian city, Tataouine, which is famous for its „cave dwellings“ of the native Berber population?“

You can be sure to **impress the locals** if you **start talking** not only in their language but in their very own **dialect!**

## › ABOUT OUR COURSES

### Get Communicative

All our certified Arabic courses are based on the communicative language teaching approach, which actively encourages you to communicate in Arabic as soon as possible. You will be involved in real conversations in Arabic which activates your natural language acquisition strategies similar to the way children learn a language. This enables you to use the Arabic language faster and in a more meaningful and authentic way than other teaching techniques. You will be ordering your coffee in Arabic in no time!

### Know Your Progress

No idea where those Arabic classes two years ago left you? Before the lectures you

will take a success-proven placement test, which shows you and us where we need to start. Through our regular progress checks you are able to see how far you have come and if you are on track with your goals.

### Proficient in Weeks

To progress one language level, whether from A1 to A2 or from B2 to C1, it will take you around 120 hours of Arabic class in the arabandu learning center. How fast you complete these hours depends on the course type you choose. During this time, we at arabandu will be your contact and partner at your side to make sure you achieve your desired learning targets with the best possible experience.

### When will you reach your goal?

Your Progress	Weeks / Standard Course	Weeks / Semi Intensiv Course	Weeks / Intensiv Course
A0 to A1	8	7	6
A0 to A2	16	14	12
A0 to B1	24	21	18
A0 to B2	32	28	24
A0 to C1	40	35	30

For every level you do a total of 120 hours of lectures.

Das mit der Tabelle hab ich leider nicht verstanden :(



## › ACCOMMODATION

A GREAT ADVENTURE STARTS WITH A GREAT HOME BASE



When you join the arabandu program we want you to focus solely on your Arabic course and your experience in Tunisia.

That is why we take care of your accommodation: we know where the best places to live in Tunis are, and we give our best to offer you as many different options as possible. Whether it is a villa at the beach in La Marsa, a modern apartment right next to the arabandu learning center, or a homestay in the center of Tunis, you choose.



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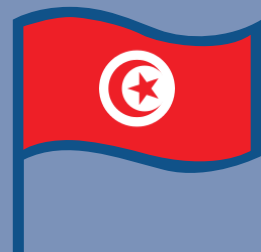




# 03 KNOW YOUR TUNISIA

A quick history of Tunisia

The Tunisian Republic, bordering the Mediterranean Sea between Libya and Algeria, has been founded by Habib Bourguiba in 1956 after successfully ending 75 years of French protectorate in a peaceful struggle for independence. Prior to that, Tunisia was part of the Ottoman Empire and, even earlier, a regional superpower called Carthago. While Carthago was narrowly beaten by the Roman Empire and then became a part of it, Tunisians are very proud of their important ancestors. And every child knows the story of Hannibal Barkas crossing the Alps with his elephants!

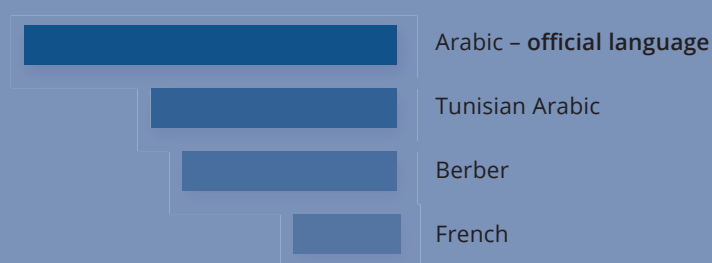


The flag symbolizes both Islam and Tunisian's history under the Ottoman Empire, and its colors stand for the fight against oppression (red) and peace (white).

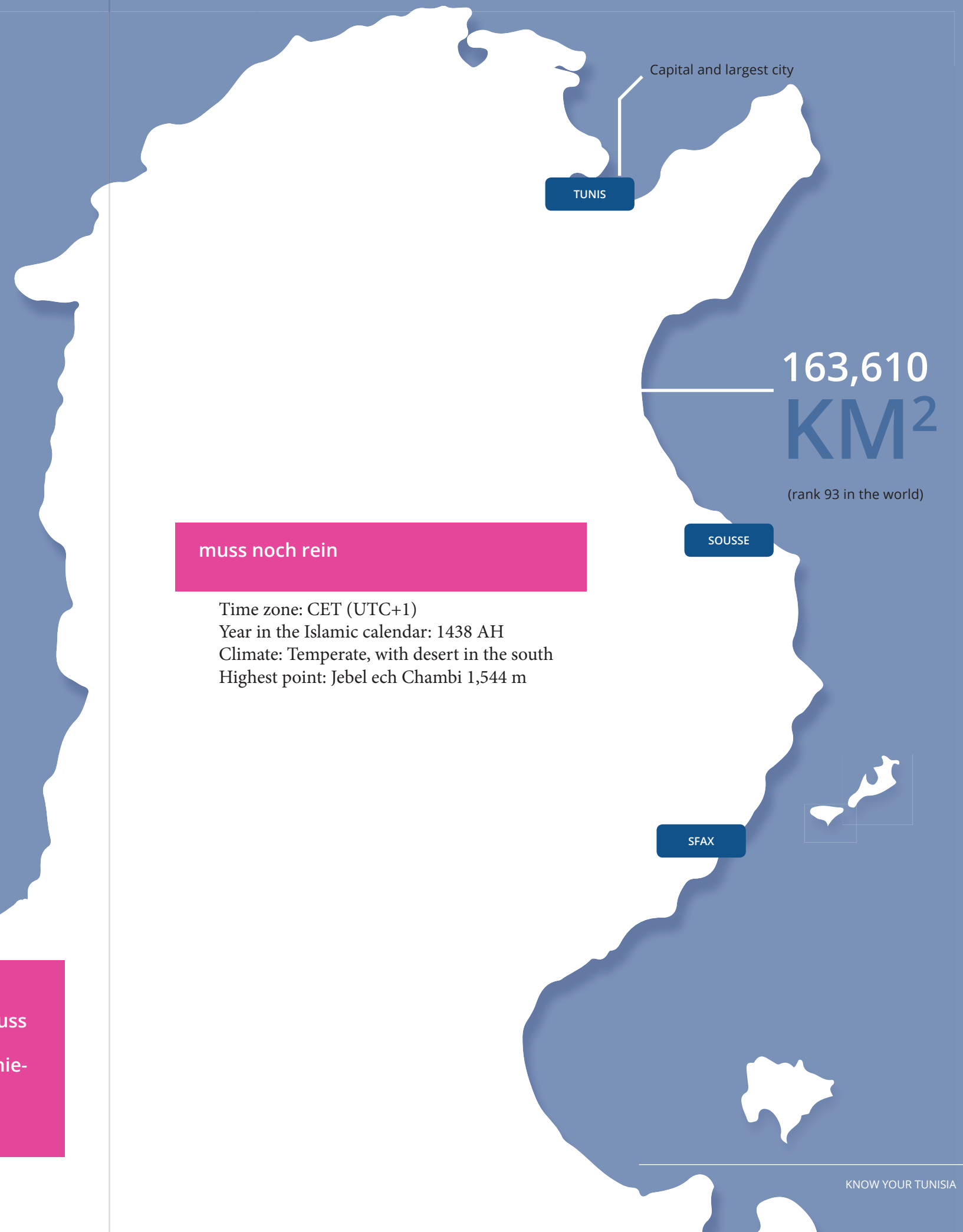
The Islamic calendar counts the years since the Hijra, Muhammad's emigration to Medina, happened - in Latin "Anno Hegirae". This year began on 3rd of October and will end on 21st of September 2017!



## SPOKEN LANGUAGES



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163,610  
KM<sup>2</sup>

(rank 93 in the world)

muss noch rein

Time zone: CET (UTC+1)  
Year in the Islamic calendar: 1438 AH  
Climate: Temperate, with desert in the south  
Highest point: Jebel ech Chambi 1,544 m

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# 04 TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT TUNIS



## › YOUR ADVENTURE IN TUNIS



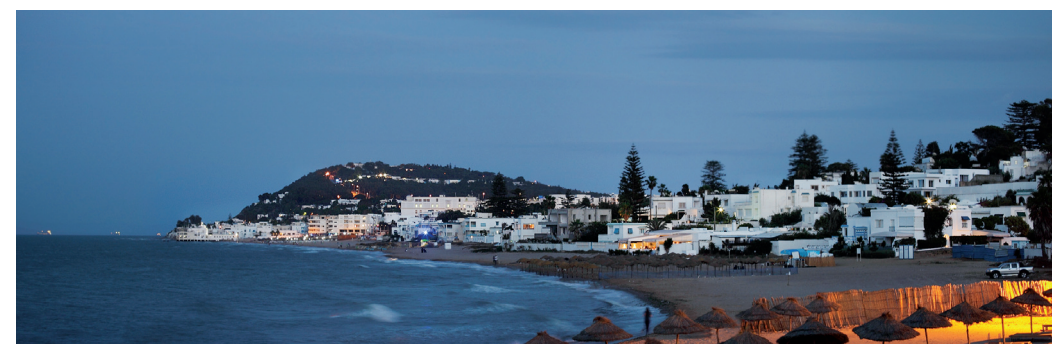
### Exploring the Ruins of Carthage

Three different empires left their mark on Tunis, and all brought their very own impressive monuments for you to marvel at. In the midst of one of Tunis' most beautiful neighborhoods, Carthage, you will find Ottoman mosques, former Roman amphitheaters, and ruinous Carthaginian harbors.



### Having Traditional Arab Tea in the Medina

When you look for a traditional Arab experience there is no way around Tunis' historic Medina. Find your way through a labyrinth of narrow alleyways crowded with street vendors, hookah cafés, and Tunisian sweets, and sit down for a traditional Arab té menthe – maybe you even get to listen to a Tunisian busker and his derbouka?



### Indulging in the Nightlife in Gammarth

What would Tunis be without its parties? Nowhere in North Africa will you find people more willing to dance deep into the night, and Gammarth is their place. With one club to the next there's something for everyone's taste, and you will soon see that the Tunisians know how to party. If you seek something more relaxed, you will find plenty of beach bars to have a cocktail at.





### Relaxing at the Beach in La Marsa

La Marsa is without doubt the Tunisians' favorite suburb. Located right at the Mediterranean and merely 15 minutes away from arabandu, the long beach will put you under its spell right away. Whether it is a stroll on the La Marsa seafront or dozing off in the sand, a day in Marsa is never a lost one. And if the beach does not convince you, the food from all over the world, cinemas, bars, shopping malls, and the best ice cream in Tunisia will surely do.



### Taking Pictures in Sidi Bou Said

When people think of Tunisia, they first think of Sidi Bou Said. With its picturesque houses and streets in the iconic white-and-blue style Sidi Bou Said has become the epitome of Tunisia and the mecca of any tourist in the country. If you walk up the hill of Sidi Bou you will reach Café des Délices, where you will enjoy a breathtaking view over the Mediterranean and the Tunis harbor.



### Go Shopping at Avenue Bourguiba

The main street in Tunis ville connects the Medina to the Bourguiba monument. Not only do you find a different café and restaurant at every corner, but also great opportunities to shop both in international outlets and traditional Tunisian shops, in the intense atmosphere of downtown Tunis.

## 05 HOW TO GET TO TUNISIA

### Visa requirements

You will enter Tunisia with an entry visa, which enables you to enter and stay in the Tunisian territory up to 90 days. Tunisian embassies and consular missions abroad issue these visa.

The following passport holders will get a 90-day visa issued at the airport: Algeria, Andorra, Antigua, Argentina, Austria, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Bermuda, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Denmark, Dominica, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Kiribati, Libya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Morocco, Mauritania, Monaco, The Netherlands, Niger, Norway, Oman, Portugal, Qatar,

Romania, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovenia, Spain, Solomon Islands, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America, Vatican.

Of course, we at arabandu will help you with all visa-related questions at any time.





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