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# TUNISIA

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WITH DR. MARC SHAPIRO  
JULY 10 - 19, 2023  
ITINERARY *(subject to change)*

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## MONDAY: ARRIVAL IN TUNIS

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Arrival. Welcome dinner. Connect with other travellers.

ACCOMMODATIONS: **Laico Hotel Tunis**

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## TUESDAY: TUNIS

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In the morning we will visit contemporary Jewish sites in Tunis, including two active synagogues and a facility where the community takes care of its elderly members. We will also see where the Jewish community used to live before the emigration, including synagogues that had to be abandoned. In the afternoon we will have a walking tour of general sites in Tunis, including the medina.

ACCOMMODATIONS: **Laico Hotel Tunis**

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## WEDNESDAY: TUNIS

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In the morning we will visit the famous Bardo Museum which houses an incredible collection of material from the Roman and Islamic eras. In the afternoon we will walk the streets of Sidi Bou Said—near ancient Carthage—famous for its blue and white houses and cobblestone streets. We will then visit the North Africa American Cemetery and Memorial, a moving site that also includes the graves of Jewish servicemen who made the ultimate sacrifice.

ACCOMMODATIONS: **Laico Hotel Tunis**

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## THURSDAY: TUNIS, SFAX

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In the morning we travel to Kairouan, which in medieval times was an important Jewish community with great rabbinic figures. While the Jewish community no longer exists, we will be able to admire the wonderful Islamic architecture and historical sites of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the afternoon we will visit El Jem where we will see another UNESCO World Heritage Site, the famous amphitheatre which dates from the third century CE and is one of the best preserved Roman-era sites in the world. We will end our day with a visit to the synagogue in Sfax, whose Jewish community continues to function.

ACCOMMODATIONS: **Hotel Borj Dhiafa**

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## FRIDAY: SFAX, DJERBA

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In the morning we drive to Djerba where after lunch we will have a short walking tour of Djerba--now a popular European tourist destination--and then prepare for Shabbat.

ACCOMMODATIONS: **Mizwar Hotel**

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## SHABBAT: DJERBA

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Shabbat will be spent among the Jewish community of Djerba, an experience unlike any other.

ACCOMMODATIONS: **Mizwar Hotel**

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## SUNDAY: DJERBA, TOZEUR

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We will visit the famous El Ghriba Synagogue of Djerba, a pilgrimage site for Jews all over the world. We will also see the market, where many Jews have their shops, and the boys and girls schools, where Torah is taught in accord with the special Djerba approach. In the afternoon we travel to Tozeur, on the edge of the Sahara desert.

ACCOMMODATIONS: **Anantara Sahara Hotel Tozeur**

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## MONDAY: TOZEUR, DJERBA

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Today we experience life in the Sahara, where amidst the magnificent scenery one will find canyons, oases, date palms, and of course camels. It is here that a number of scenes from Star Wars were shot.

ACCOMMODATIONS: **Anantara Sahara Hotel Tozeur**

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## TUESDAY: DJERBA

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We return to Djerba with a stop in Matmata in order to see the famous Berber cave dwellings. (Jews also once dwelled in such caves.) We then drive to Zarzis, near Djerba, where an active Jewish community with a beautiful synagogue still exists.

ACCOMMODATIONS: **Prestige Hotel Djerba**

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## WEDNESDAY: DJERBA

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Breakfast, return home.