©Lonely Planet Publications Pty Ltd



Tunisia

POP 11.135 MILLION / 216

Inc	ludes	-
	iuucs	_

Understand	
Tunisia	.143
Tunisia Today	.143
History	.143
People	.144
Religion	.144
Sport	144
Women in Tunisia	144

Fast Facts

Capital Tunis
Population 11.14 million
Language Arabic
Area 163,610 sq km
Currency Tunisian dinar (TD)

Sand, Sea & Ancient Sites

It may be but a slim wedge of North Africa's vast horizontal expanse, but Tunisia has enough history and diverse natural beauty to pack a country many times its size. With a balmy, sand-fringed Mediterranean coast, scented with jasmine and sea breezes, and where the fish on your plate is always fresh, Tunisia has in the past been prime territory for a straightforward sun-sand-and-sea holiday. It's also a destination with distinct cultures and incredible extremes of landscape – forested coastlines along the coast, and Saharan sand seas in the south.

Sadly, there have been a number of terrorist attacks in Tunisia is recent years and most Western governments were advising against travel to the country at the time of writing.

Tunisia at a Glance

Tunis This cosmopolitan Mediterranean city has a fascinating medina, museum and cultural events.

Mahdia Small-town charm on the coast.

Jerba This island has near-perfect beaches and a fascinating cultural mix.

Carthage The modern appearance of these low-slung ruins belies a history as one of the greatest cities of the Ancient World.

Dougga Extraordinarily well-preserved Roman ruins and sublime views.

El Jem One of the finest extant coliseums from the Ancient Roman times, with fabulous mosaics also in situ.

Midès Gorge One of Tunisia's most dramatic natural rock formations.

100 km 50 miles **Tunisia** MEDITERRANEAN SEA Cap Blanc Cap Serrat Bizerte Cap Cap Ain Drahame Mountains Kroumirie Bulla Regia Jendouba Mountains Teamson Mountains Orbersouk Dougga El-F Farina Bon El Haouaria Mateur o Gulf of Tunis Annaba 🔩 TUNIS Sidi Bou Kélibia Nabeul Zaghouan Hammamet Soug Ahras Enfidha-Hammamet Hammamet Dorsale • Le Kef Aïn-Beida Sousse Makthar • Kalaa Khasba Kairouan Monastir **™**Raqqada → Jebel Chambi Mahdia Tébessa • (1544m) El-Jem • Masserine Sbeitla **ALGERIA** Kerkennah Sfax Islands Meknassy Midès Gafsa Tamerza Gorge ▲ Jebel Biada (1163m) **MEDITERRANEAN** • Chebika SEA Gulf of Gabès Houmt Chott el-Fejej Souq Tozeur Gabès Ajim El-Jorf Jerba Chott Kebili Matmata o el-Jerid Tele Medenine Zarzis Zaafrane Ras O_{alhar} Ghomrassen o al-Jedir Ben Guerdane Tataouine Zuar Chenini • Douiret Ksar Ouled Soltane Grand Erg Oriental • Remada ALGERIA Wazin Nalut LIBYA Rebaa el-Khadra