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Cuisine*

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*Culinary Guided Tour of Tunisia, Salim's Native
Country on the Mediterranean, south of Sicily*

Day 1:

Arrive at Tunis Carthage International Airport. Ground transportation provided to the Sidi Bou Saïd, an 12th century suburb of Tunis, the charming hillside village perched above the Gulf of Tunis. Settle into a luxurious four star hotel that will serve as our home base for most of the journey. (More details to follow)



Day 2:

Tour the village of Sidi Bou Saïd by foot walking along cobblestone streets, stopping for breakfast at the famous Café des Nattes. Taste the traditional local doughnut Babalouni, prepared while you wait. Take in the impressions created by the whitewashed and blue trimmed buildings, unique to Sidi Bou Saïd. After breakfast, return to the hotel and prepare to visit the neighboring vicinity to see the Roman sites of Carthage, stopping for lunch in Carthage by the sea. Return to Sidi Bou Saïd to rest before dinner in a local restaurant.



Day 3

Breakfast in the hotel before visiting Tunis, the capital of Tunisia, a 30 minute drive. In Tunis we will visit the Museum of Bardo, a Turkish palace which houses the largest Roman mosaics in the world, followed by lunch. In the afternoon we will visit Tunis' Arab town, the Medina, which is composed of the spice, textile, perfume and other



quarters. Walk around the Medina where the streets are for foot traffic only, and shop among the local stores. We will dine at a beautifully restored palace, the home of the Dar El Jeld restaurant.

Day 4:

Breakfast in the hotel before departing to Tozeur which we will reach in 25 minutes by air from Tunis. In Tozeur we will travel by ground to our hotel in Nafta which is a newly built palace in the southern region of Tunisia, surrounded by desert and oasis. We will lunch in a local afa eatery followed by a visit to the towns of Nafta and Tozeur. Sunset camel ride among the dunes and dinner overlooking the palms of Nafta.





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Day 5:

Breakfast at the hotel followed by a traditional Turkish bath and massage. After lunch we will return to Nafta for shopping at the rug markets. Spend the night in Nafta.

Day 6:

Breakfast in the hotel followed by departure and return to Sidi Bou Said. Afternoon to yourself for relaxing or shopping in the village where shopkeepers invite passersby to buy pottery from Nabeul, carpets from Kairouan, "Sidi Bou" birdcages, and much more. Jasmine sellers in their white robes, red chechia hats, with jasmine behind their ears, hold out their fragrant wrapped jasmine bundles on a shallow woven platter. Visit the produce market with the evening's local chef followed by dinner in a private home.



Day 7:

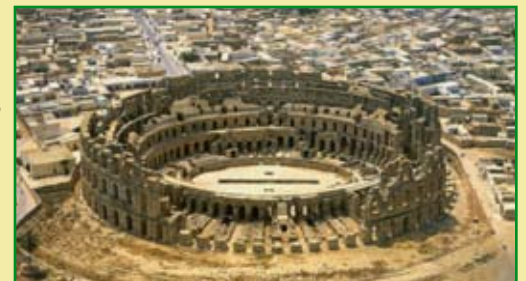
Breakfast in the hotel and travel to Nabeul, a one-hour drive, to visit the ceramic and limestone carving workshops. Walking along the streets we will see donkeys pulling carts filled with limestone. Lunch in Nabeul and continue one hour drive to the city of Sousse where will stay in a 5-Star hotel by the Mediterranean. Dinner in Sousse.

Day 8:

After breakfast at the hotel, visit El Jem where you will see one of the largest Roman amphitheaters. After lunch in El Jem, travel to Kairouan, the Islamic capital in North Africa to visit the Aghlavite Mosque and tour of the Arab town. Dinner and overnight in Kairouan.

Day 9:

Return to Sidi Bou Said through villages, towns, and cities, sometimes following a donkey, other times another car. Lunch in the vicinity of Sidi Bou Said. The afternoon will be at your discretion to either revisit your favorite destination or relax at the hotel. Farewell dinner.



Day 10:

Depart for Tunis-Carthage International airport.