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# TUNISIA

PHOENICIANS TO ROMANS,  
MOSAICS TO MOSQUES

Maximum of just 12 travelers!



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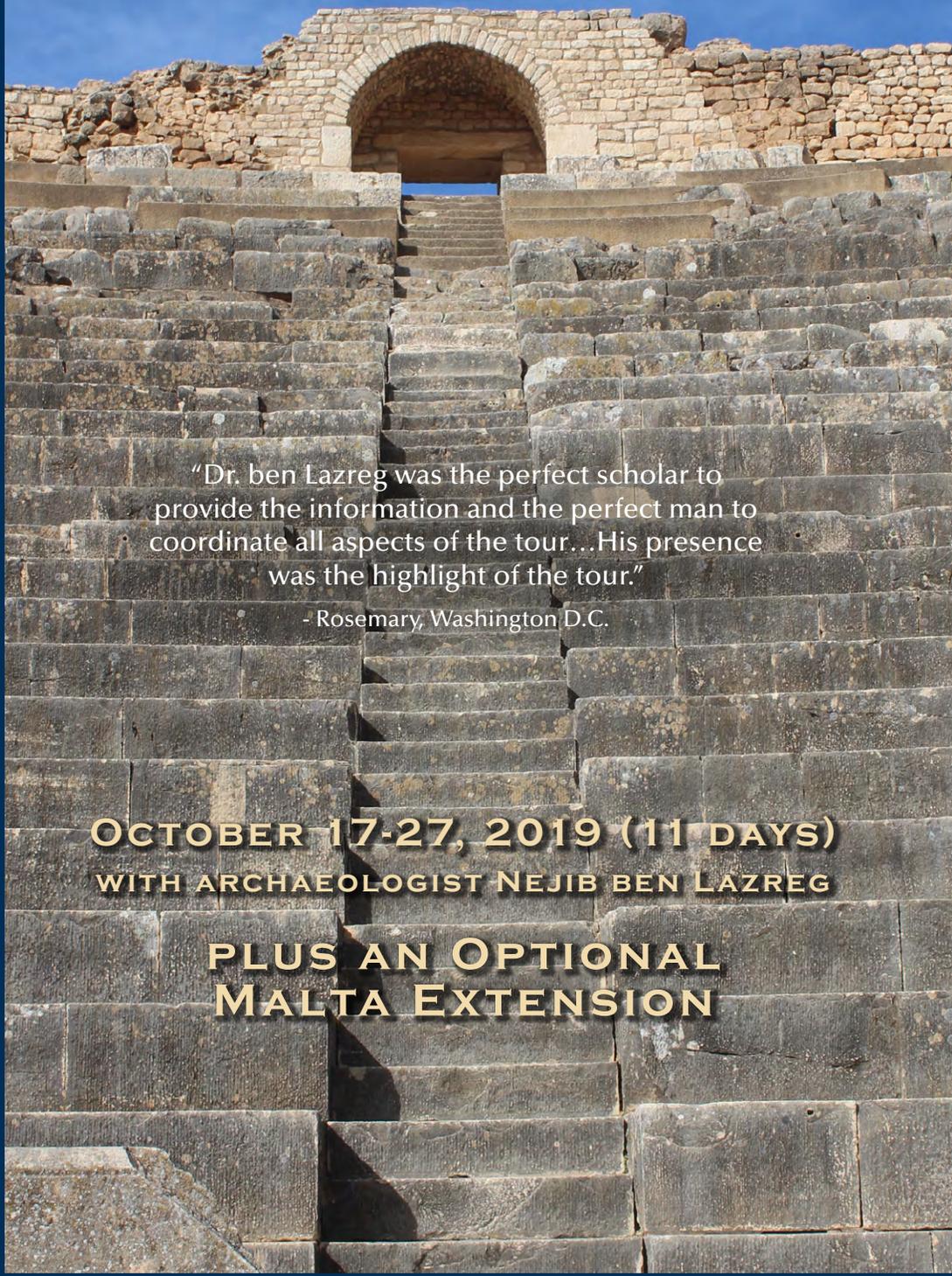
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“Dr. ben Lazreg was the perfect scholar to provide the information and the perfect man to coordinate all aspects of the tour...His presence was the highlight of the tour.”

- Rosemary, Washington D.C.

**OCTOBER 17-27, 2019 (11 DAYS)**

**WITH ARCHAEOLOGIST NEJIB BEN LAZREG**

**PLUS AN OPTIONAL  
MALTA EXTENSION**

*Archaeology-focused tours for the curious to the connoisseur.*

# TUNISIA

- Itinerary stops
- # of Hotel Nights
- Overnight



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*I've traveled to Italy, Sicily, Spain, Greece, and Turkey in order to study classical sites, but nothing prepared me for the number of sites, their extensiveness, the quality of the mosaics, and the way in which these sites revolutionized my view of the Roman Empire...Nejib was a very effective lecturer, both as an archaeologist of classical antiquity and as a commentator on modern political developments...Nejib was at his best on the sites, pointing out the various features of baths, temples, houses, etc., teaching us to 'read' the site for ourselves. I learned a ton.*

- M.C., Iowa

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel and learn with **study leader/guide and archaeologist Nejib ben Lazreg and no more than 12 travelers.**
- **Visit ALL seven of Tunisia's cultural World Heritage sites.**
- Explore **Carthage**, including the Antonine Baths, the cisterns, and the Carthage museum with its unparalleled collection of Punic artifacts.
- Spend three full days in and around **Tunis**, including a visit to the **Bardo Museum**, featuring exquisite exhibits of Roman and Byzantine mosaics.
- See the beautiful **Cape Bon coast** and the Punic site of **Kerkouane**.
- Marvel at **Bulla Regia**, a well-preserved site featuring underground Roman villas, a museum, a Temple of Apollo, and a 4<sup>th</sup>-century theater.
- Tour **Dougga**, established prior to the Romans, with its 3,500 seat theater; Temples of Saturn, Augustan Piety, and Mercury; and Capitol.
- Discover **Kairouan**, the fourth holiest city in the Muslim world, founded in A.D. 670, with its carpet, leather, brass, and spice vendors; and its Great Mosque with a three-tiered minaret.
- Visit **El Djem**, one of Tunisia's most extraordinary sites, with a marvelous 30,000 seat ancient amphitheater and a museum that houses lovely mosaics.
- Wander through **Thuburbo Majus**, a sprawling site occupied in turn by Berbers, Phoenicians, and Romans. The imperial remains include the Forum, Temple of Mercury, and sunken winter baths.
- Join our **optional three-night extension to Malta** and visit the megalithic temples at **Tarxien, Hagar Qim, Mnajdra, and Ggantija**; and the scenic medieval cities of **Valletta and Mdina**.

Cover, (main image) the steps of the Roman theater in Dougga; (left, top to bottom) Kairouan Mosque Cemetery, the El Djem amphitheater, mosaic detail on display at the Bardo Museum, AIA travelers at Dougga.

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA STUDY LEADER & GUIDE



**Professor Nejib ben Lazreg** is an archaeologist and researcher with the Institut National du Patrimoine in Tunisia. He is the Curator of the Salakta Archaeological Museum, the Lamta Museum, and Roman sites in Tunisia's Sahel region (Leptis Minor, Thapsus, and Sullectum). Nejib's area of specialization is Tunisia's Roman and Early Christian mosaics, though his career has also spanned other topics such as Punic, Roman, and Christian necropolises; and Roman pottery kilns, baths, and houses. He has conducted archaeological surveys in central Tunisia and excavations mainly in the Roman port cities of Leptis Minor, Thapsus, and Sullectum, but also occasionally in the Kairouan region. Some of his major discoveries in Tunisia include an underground 4<sup>th</sup>-century Christian chapel and catacombs, and the mosaics of Venus (A.D. 300) and of the birth of Helen and the Dioscuri (A.D. 400), at Leptiminus (Lamta); the 3<sup>rd</sup>-century A.D. athletes mosaic and 6<sup>th</sup>-century A.D. mosaic-covered baptistery at Thapsus; and Christian catacombs at Sullectum. In 2017, Nejib received the Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters medal from the French Minister of Culture; and he organized the exhibition called "Shared Holy Places: Coexistence in Europe and the Mediterranean" at Tunis's Bardo Museum, in cooperation with the Museum of Civilization of Europe and the Mediterranean of Marseille (MUCEM). Nejib was the AIA's Kress Lecturer for 2009-10, and **he has led this AIA tour of Tunisia three times since 2012, to excellent reviews.**

# ITINERARY

(B)= Breakfast, (L)= Lunch, (D)= Dinner

**Thursday, October 17, 2019: Depart home**

**Friday, October 18: Arrive Tunis, Tunisia | Welcome dinner**

Arrive today at Tunis-Carthage International Airport (TUN), where you will be met and transferred to our hotel near the seashore. Enjoy a welcome dinner at our hotel this evening. *Overnight at the 5-star [Golden Tulip Carthage Tunis](#) hotel for four nights.* (D)

**Saturday, October 19: Carthage | Bardo Museum | Sidi Bou Said | Tunis**

This morning we visit the world famous Bardo Museum, whose earliest exhibits (Punic) date to the 7<sup>th</sup> century B.C., and whose most exquisite exhibits (Roman and Byzantine) are mosaics from sites all over Tunisia, many virtually intact. After lunch we explore the vast site of Carthage, founded in 814 B.C. by the Phoenicians and sacked by the Romans in 146 B.C. It was not until the 1<sup>st</sup> century A.D. that Rome rebuilt the city, and within a few years it expanded and prospered to the point where it was second only to Rome. Our visit will include the tophets, Punic ports, Antonine Baths, Byrsa Hill, cisterns, and the Carthage museum, which houses an unparalleled collection of Punic artifacts. Continue on to the cliff top village of Sidi Bou Said, whose gleaming houses and stunning location above the

*“As far as the overall most enjoyable thing about the trip goes, it definitely had to be our guide and wonderful teacher Nejib...his knowledge, speaking ability, teaching experience, good humor, patience, generosity and superb sense of what is important and what is not were crucial to the success of the trip.”*

*-William and Michele, Massachusetts*



Gulf of Tunis make for a wonderful stroll through its maze of lanes and alleys. The village has attracted generations of European artists and writers, and is often called a “living museum.” Dinner is at our hotel in Tunis this evening. (B,L,D)

**Sunday, October 20: Cape Bon Region | Tunis**

Set out early this morning for Cape Bon, a fertile agricultural region that was developed by the French as the heart of Tunisia’s wine industry. As we travel the Cape, we will have opportunities for scenic stops, such as at the Punic city of Kerkouane and in Nabeul, at the southern base of the peninsula, where there is a small but interesting archaeological museum. Late this afternoon we return to Tunis, where the balance of the day is at leisure. Restaurant suggestions for dinner will be provided, as there are many enjoyable dining options. (B,L)

**Monday, October 21: Tunis walking tour | Oudna | Tunis**

Take an in-depth walking tour of the medina of Tunis, the historic heart of the city, including a visit to the 7<sup>th</sup>-century Zitouna Mosque. After lunch we drive to Oudna (Roman Uthina), one of Tunisia’s more recently excavated sites that is still a work in progress. See the fine amphitheater and nearly a dozen villas with many mosaics, cisterns, and storage areas. We return to Tunis and have dinner at our hotel this evening. (B,L,D)



Left, Thuburbo Majus; above, Carthage.



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Both the Bardo and El Djem Museums are superb, with extensive collections of mosaics and sculptures. Above is the Bardo Museum and below is one of the Museum's numerous and exquisite mosaics ("rugs in stone").



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Above, Bulla Regia theater arcades. Below, ancient Roman columns in the Great Mosque at Kairouan.

### Tuesday, October 22: Bulla Regia | Tabarka

Depart Tunis, driving northwest along both scenic back roads and main roads. This area remains relatively undeveloped, with beautiful rural scenery and fertile farmland. Make a visit to Bulla Regia, an unusual and very well preserved site that features underground Roman villas; a Temple of Apollo, the oldest extant structure on the site; a 4<sup>th</sup>-century theater; and an excellent museum. Arriving in the seaside town of Tabarka, we check in to our beautifully-located hotel and gather for dinner this evening. *Overnight at the 5-star [La Cigale Tabarka Hôtel](#).* (B,L,D)

### Wednesday, October 23: Dougga | Kairouan

This morning we drive along scenic country roads to Dougga (ancient Thugga), Tunisia's most extensive archaeological site.

Covering some 60 acres on a steep slope some 2,000 feet above the plain, Dougga was known as the "city of temples." Visit the theater, which accommodates almost 3,500 people; the Temple of Saturn, under which was found evidence of a pre-Roman

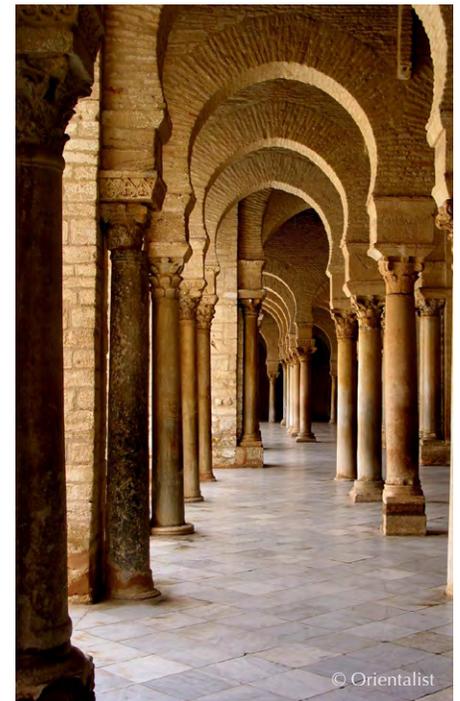


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sanctuary dedicated to the Carthaginian god Baal; the Temples of Augustan Piety and Mercury; and the grandest structure—the Capitol that was dedicated to the gods Jupiter, Juno, and Minerva, and to the glory of co-emperors Marcus Aurelius and Lucius Verus. Continue on to Kairouan, where we check in to our hotel and have dinner. *Overnight at the 5-star [Hôtel La Kasbah](#).* (B,L,D)

### Thursday, October 24: Kairouan walking tour | El Djem | Sousse

Kairouan's location along the old caravan routes provided a base for a flourishing crafts industry, which lives on today in its rugs and textiles. Today we walk through the heart of the city's medina, past sellers of carpets, leather goods, brass works, and spices to the Great Mosque, which has been rebuilt several times since its original construction in the 7<sup>th</sup> century. Set out on a drive to El



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Djem, one of the most extraordinary sites in Tunisia thanks to the marvelous, 3<sup>rd</sup>-century A.D. amphitheater in the heart of the town. Nearby is the museum of El Djem, which houses some lovely mosaics and the remains of some recently-excavated luxury villas. Continue on to the seaside city of Sousse, Tunisia's third largest city, where we have dinner. *Overnight at the 5-star [Mövenpick Resort & Marine Spa](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D)

### Friday, October 25: Sousse walking tour | Lamta | Sousse

Visit the historic heart of Sousse, long a thriving trading center and major port. Visit the Great Mosque, originally constructed in A.D. 850; walk through the souk, dominated by woolworkers; and continue on to the Kasbah, constructed around the 9<sup>th</sup> century. Continue south to Lamta, which was the Roman port

city Leptis Minor. Even though Lamta is not open to the public, our group has this special opportunity to visit the site and learn about important discoveries made here under the direction of our AIA study leader, archaeologist Nejib ben Lazreg. Return to Sousse, where we have the balance of the day at leisure. Dining suggestions will be provided. (B,L)

**Saturday, October 26: Thuburbo Majus | Zaghouan | Tunis | Farewell dinner**

Travel inland to the vast, sprawling site of Thuburbo Majus, one of Tunisia's best-preserved sites. It was occupied by the Berbers, Phoenicians, and (in 27 B.C.) the Romans. Its imperial remains are typical of a Roman city and include the towering, 2<sup>nd</sup>-century A.D. Capitol and Forum. En route to Tunis, stop at Zaghouan (ancient Ziqua), with its monumental, 2<sup>nd</sup>-century A.D. fountain (nymphaeum), whose mountain springs were an important water source for Roman Carthage. We arrive in Tunis mid-afternoon, and have some free time to re-visit the medina, a short walk from our hotel, or pursue other interests. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner in a wonderful setting. *Overnight at the 5-star [El Mouradi Hôtel Africa Tunis](#) (or similar).* (B,L,D)

**Sunday, October 27: Fly home OR Begin Malta extension**

Transfer this morning to Tunis-Carthage International Airport (TUN) for flights homeward or onward to Malta, for those on the post-tour extension. (B)



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The Great Mosque at Kairouan, founded in A.D. 670.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

This program involves extensive walking, often on uneven terrain or up and down stairs that may be steep and without handrails. Some site visits can easily last two hours. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Participants who are not able to walk unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour unless accompanied by a companion who will be available to assist you at all times. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not the program is appropriate for you.

Tunisia and Malta have warm weather almost year-round, and autumn and spring are the most comfortable times to travel. Expect a true Mediterranean climate, with temperatures ranging from the low 60s to the low 80s Fahrenheit, and prepare for the evenings to be cooler than the days. Our elegant, 5-star accommodations in Tunisia (4-star on Malta) have been selected to offer the ultimate experience of true Tunisian (and Maltese) culture, ambiance, and hospitality. Sightseeing buses and/or mini vans are air-conditioned and are the most modern and comfortable. Tunisian cuisine combines African, Arabic, and European elements. Maltese cuisine has been influenced by Sicilian, French, and North African flavors, and is considered typically Mediterranean. We have selected restaurants that will give you a taste of the excellence and complexity of local dishes. Also, all hotels offer a varied buffet selection of continental and local choices.

*Complete pre-departure details, what to bring with you, and what to expect will be sent to participants.*

## THE AIA & AIA TOURS



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Below, (left) Zaghouan's Temple of Waters; (center) flavors of the local market; (right) AIA lecturer Nejib ben Lazreg and AIA travelers at Bulla Regia, a unique site featuring underground villas.



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# THE MYSTERIES OF MALTA

## OPTIONAL POST-TOUR EXTENSION

October 27 – 30, 2019 (4 days)

**Sunday, October 27, 2019: Depart Tunis | Arrive Malta | Mdina walking tour | St. Julian's | Welcome dinner**

From Tunis, take a 50-minute flight to Malta, where we will be met at the International Airport (MLA). Begin our exploration of the island with a walking tour of Malta's old capital, Mdina, including the exterior of the Cathedral whose imposing bastions provide a panoramic view of most of the island; and visit the 1<sup>st</sup>-century B.C. Roman Villa, featuring fine floor mosaics. Continue along the narrow, winding roads to St. Paul's Catacombs, which date to the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> centuries. In the late afternoon, drive to the seaside town of St. Julian's, where our hotel is located within a short walk of cafés, shops, and the seaside. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner of Maltese cuisine. *Overnight at the 4-star [Golden Tulip Vivaldi Hotel](#) for three nights.* (D)



Guest archaeologist  
Nicholas Vella

**Monday, October 28: Hal Saffieni Hypogeum | Tarxien | Hagar Qim | Mnajdra | Valletta city tour | St. Julian's**

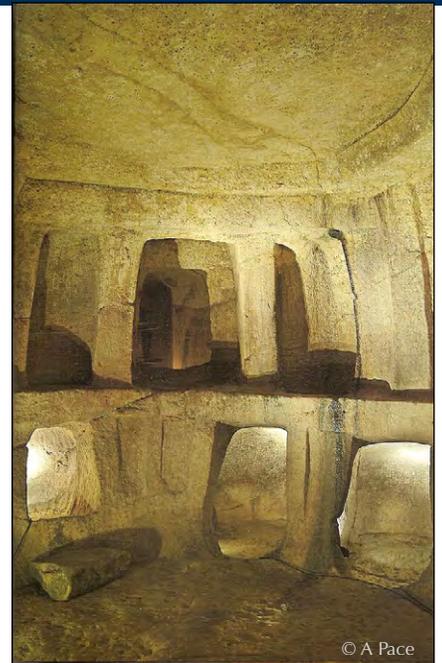
For this morning's excursion we will be joined by special guest Dr. Nicholas Vella, a noted Maltese archaeologist from the University of Malta. Begin the morning with a visit (permission pending) to the Hal Saffieni Hypogeum, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The Hypogeum ("underground" in Greek) is a subterranean structure dating from 3600-2500 B.C. that is the only known underground, prehistoric temple in the world. (Only 80 visitors are allowed per day, by advance arrangement.) Drive to the southern portion of the island to visit the intriguing megalithic temples at Tarxien, dating from 3600-2500 B.C., which are renowned for their detailed carvings; plus the temples at Hagar Qim and Mnajdra, overlooking the sea. Bid farewell to Dr. Vella and continue on to the capital city of Valletta. After lunch at leisure, enjoy a guided tour of the city, including St. John's Co-Cathedral, featuring impressive Baroque architecture and precious works of art, and the Grand Master's Palace. Return to St. Julian's and gather for dinner at our hotel. (B,D)

**Tuesday, October 29: Gozo | St. Julian's | Farewell dinner**

Set out early today to visit Malta's sister island of Gozo, barely 20 minutes from the mainland by ferry. Visit the Ggantija megalithic complex, dating from about 3600 to 3200 B.C., which is among the oldest and best preserved temples in the world. Continue on to Ta' Pinu Church, Xlendi Bay, and Victoria's Citadella, which presents the opportunity to visit the Gozo Museum of Archaeology, the Folklore Museum, and the Old Prison. Gather for a farewell dinner this evening. (B,D)

**Wednesday, October 30: Depart Malta | Arrive USA**

Transfer this morning to the International Airport (MLA) for flights homeward. (B)



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Top, Hal Saffieni Hypogeum; center, St. John's Co-Cathedral; below, Ggantija megalithic complex.

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A view of Dougga, Tunisia's most extensive site, covering 60 acres.

## Main Tour Pricing per person (9 nights)

Double Occupancy (11-12 participants) .....	\$5,295
Double Occupancy (9-10 participants).....	\$5,895
Double Occupancy (6-8 participants) .....	\$6,195
*Single Supplement (limited availability).....	\$875

## Malta Post-Tour Extension Pricing per person (3 nights)

Double Occupancy (11-12 participants) .....	\$2,190
Double Occupancy (8-10 participants).....	\$2,490
*Single Supplement (limited availability).....	\$255

*Flight from Tunis to Malta is not included and is estimated to cost \$200.*

*\*Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required.*

*With fewer than 6 participants on the main tour, and/or 8 participants on the Malta extension, a small group surcharge may be added.*

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- Leadership of Study Leader/Guide **Nejib ben Lazreg** on the main tour, and an English-speaking local guide on the Malta extension.
- **Nine nights' accommodations** on the main tour, and **three nights** on the extension as indicated, in deluxe or finest available hotels
- **Most meals:** breakfast daily, 8 lunches and 7 dinners on the main tour, including bottled water and Tunisian tea. Meals on the extension include **3 breakfasts and 3 dinners**, with bottled water
- Guest lecturer **Nicholas Vella** on Malta extension (half day, Oct 28<sup>th</sup>)
- Individual arrival and departure **airport transfers**
- **All sightseeing and excursions** as indicated in the itinerary
- **All entrance fees** to sites included in the itinerary
- Surface transportation by **deluxe, air-conditioned minivan or motor coach**, including bottled water; **ferry to/from Gozo** on Malta extension
- **Gratuities** to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, and restaurant staff for included meals
- **Baggage handling**
- Parking fares, highway tolls, and local taxes
- **Complete pre-departure information**, including a suggested reading guide and packing suggestions

### AIR ARRANGEMENTS & TRANSFERS

Airfare to/from Tunis-Carthage International Airport (TUN), or Malta (MLA) for the extension, is not included in the tour cost. Complimentary individual transfers from and to the airports in Tunis, Tunisia, and Malta are provided. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.

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Enroll me/us in the optional Malta post-tour extension.

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Double (one bed) Twin (two beds) Single

I will be sharing with: Share-please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)

I am a Non-smoker Smoker Please share my contact information with potential roommate(s).

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No refunds will be made for any part of the program in which participants choose not to participate. Refunds cannot be made to participants who do not complete the tour for any reason, nor to participants whose entry into any country on the itinerary is delayed or denied. **TRIP INSURANCE:** Sponsor strongly recommends that participants purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Sponsor and others and covers certain expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident and damaged or lost luggage. Sponsor will send participants an application upon receipt of their reservation. **RATES:** Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to changes at any time. 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At the participant's option, however, in lieu of litigation, Sponsor will agree to binding arbitration in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive, but not procedural, New Hampshire law, pursuant to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. In any such arbitration, the arbitrator, and not any federal, state, or local court or agency, shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. **CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:** Sponsor reserves the right to cancel this tour prior to departure, in which case payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. However, if trip cancellation, itinerary changes, and/or delays are mandated by causes beyond our control, the participant shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered by Sponsor, or else, receiving a refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as Sponsor is able to recover on the participant's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc. Sponsor, however, shall not have any obligation or liability to the participant beyond the foregoing. **U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT & CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL:** Both the U.S. State Department and the Centers for Disease Control publish and update important country-specific information for travelers. We strongly recommend that you review them. They can presently be found at: <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html> and <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices> **MISCELLANEOUS:** Participants should not purchase airline tickets prior to receiving your final payment invoice so as to avoid airline cancellation penalties if a tour is canceled or otherwise modified subsequent to the participant's purchase of those tickets. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant. If, due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. Sponsor reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any participant at any time. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person it judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, leaders, or third parties, or who is determined to detract from the enjoyment of the trip by others. Specific room assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel.

**ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT:** By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she agrees with these terms and conditions, and accepts the terms contained in these Terms and Conditions, Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.



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