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PHOENICIANS TO ROMANS,
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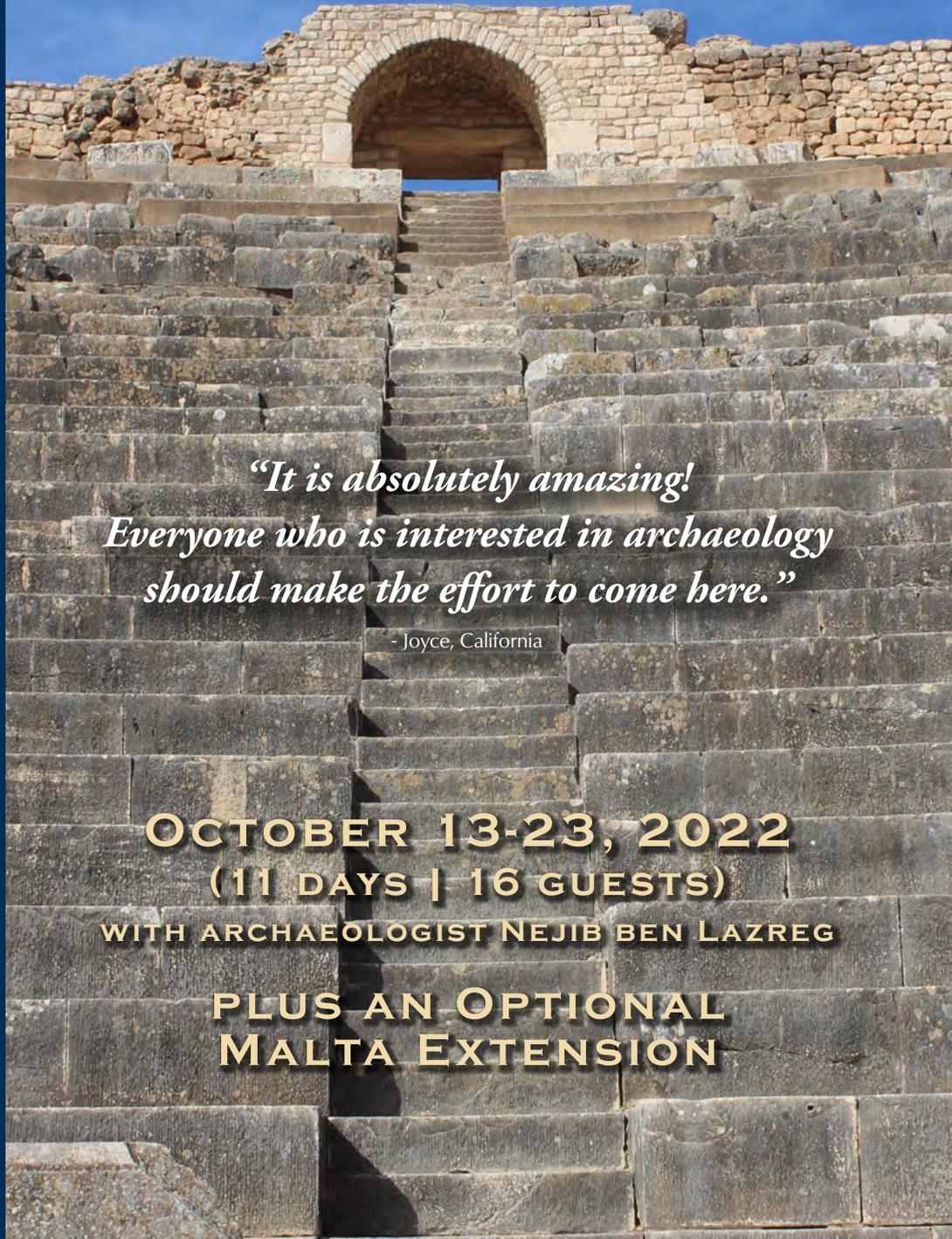
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*“It is absolutely amazing!
Everyone who is interested in archaeology
should make the effort to come here.”*

- Joyce, California

OCTOBER 13-23, 2022
(11 DAYS | 16 GUESTS)

WITH ARCHAEOLOGIST NEJIB BEN LAZREG

**PLUS AN OPTIONAL
MALTA EXTENSION**

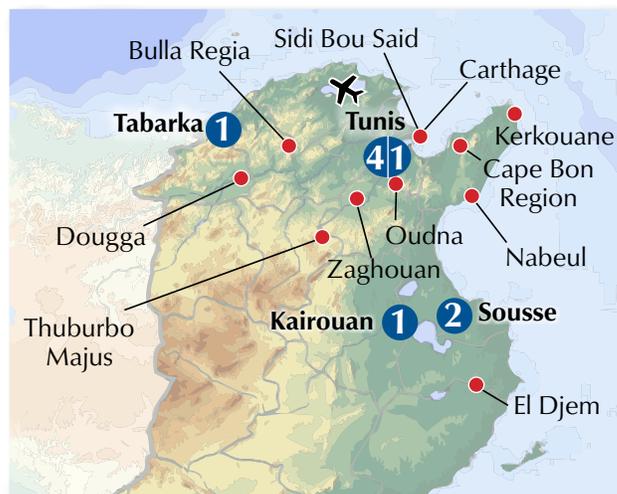
Archaeology-focused tours for the curious to the connoisseur.

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 Sullecthum). 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 Sullecthum, but also occasionally in the Kairouan region. Some of his major discoveries in Tunisia include an underground 4th-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 3rd-century A.D. athletes mosaic and 6th-century A.D. mosaic-covered baptistery at Thapsus; and Christian catacombs at Sullecthum. 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 four times since 2012, to excellent reviews.



- # Overnight stays
- Itinerary stops
- ✈ Flights

"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



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



Above, Ancient Roman columns in the Great Mosque at Kairouan. Below, spices at the souk in Tunis.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel and learn with **study leader/guide and archaeologist Nejib ben Lazreg and up to 16 guests.**
- **Visit ALL seven of Tunisia's cultural World Heritage Sites.**
- Explore fabled **Carthage**, including the Antonine Baths and the cisterns.
- 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 2nd-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**.

“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...Nejib was a very effective lecturer, both as an archaeologist of classical antiquity and as a commentator on modern political developments...”

- M.C., Iowa



ITINERARY

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

Thursday, October 13, 2022: Depart home

Friday, October 14: 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. *Overnight at the 5-star [Golden Tulip Carthage Tunis](#) hotel for four nights.* (D)

Saturday, October 15: Bardo Museum | Carthage | Sidi Bou Said | Tunis

This morning we gather for an introductory lecture before setting out to visit the world famous Bardo Museum, whose earliest exhibits (Punic) date to the 7th 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 1st 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 of this UNESCO World Heritage Site will include the tophets, Punic ports, Antonine Baths, Byrsa Hill, and cisterns. Continue on to the cliff top village of Sidi Bou Said, whose gleaming houses and stunning location above the 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. (B,L,D)

Sunday, October 16: 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 (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) 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 17: Oudna | Tunis walking tour

This morning 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. After lunch we return to Tunis and take an in-depth walking tour of its medina, the historic heart of the city, viewing the architecture of the Zitouna mosque and the nearby Hamouda Pasha and Youssouf Day mosques. Return to our hotel, where we gather for dinner. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, October 18: Bulla Regia | Tabarka

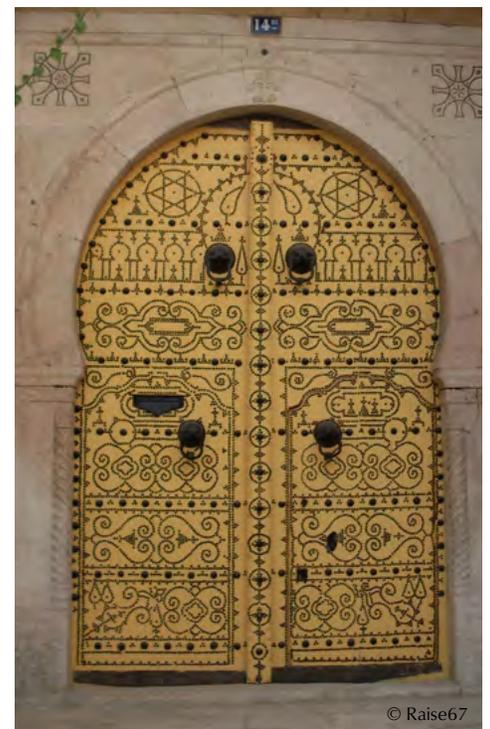
Depart Tunis, driving northwest along both scenic back roads and main roads. This area remains relatively undeveloped, with beautiful rural scenery and fertile farmland. Make a visit to Bulla Regia, an unusual and very well preserved site that features underground Roman villas; a Temple of Apollo, the oldest extant structure on the site; and a 2nd-century theater. From Bulla Regia we drive into the mountains to the seaside town of Tabarka, where we check-in to our beautifully-located hotel and gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 5-star [La Cigale Tabarka Hôtel](#).* (B,L,D)



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“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



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A door in Tunis



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

Wednesday, October 19: Dougga | Kairouan

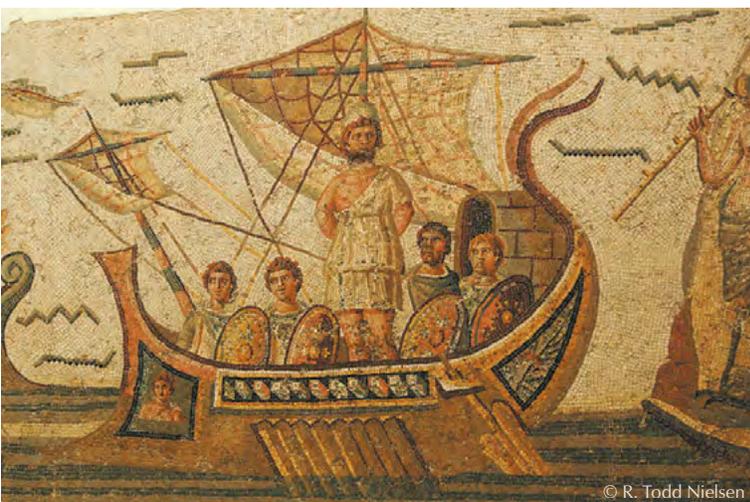
This morning we drive along scenic country roads to Dougga (ancient Thugga), Tunisia's most extensive archaeological site. Covering some 60 acres on a steep slope some 2,000 feet above the plain, Dougga was known as the "city of temples" and today is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the theater, which accommodates almost 3,500 people; the Temple of Saturn, under which was found evidence of a pre-Roman 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)



A door in Tunis

Thursday, October 20: 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 this UNESCO World Heritage Site'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 7th century. Set out on a drive to El Djem, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most extraordinary sites in Tunisia thanks to the marvelous, 3rd-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 21: Sousse: AM walking tour, PM at leisure

Visit the historic heart of Sousse, long a thriving trading center and major port and today a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the Great Mosque, originally constructed in A.D. 850; and walk through the souk, dominated by woolworkers. After lunch, the balance of the day is at leisure. Dining suggestions will be provided. (B,L)



Medina, Tunis



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

Saturday, October 22: Thuburbo Majus | 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, 2nd-century A.D. Capitol and Forum. Continue on to Tunis, where lunch will be in the medina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, after which you will have time to further explore the medina with Nejb before driving to your hotel. This evening, we gather for a farewell dinner in a wonderful setting. *Overnight at the 5-star [Sheraton Tunis Hotel](#) (or similar).* (B,L,D)

Sunday, October 23: 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)

THE AIA & AIA TOURS

The Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) is the oldest and largest archaeological organization in North America. The AIA seeks to educate people of all ages about the significance of archaeological discovery. For more than a century the AIA has been dedicated to the encouragement and support of archaeological research and publication, and to the protection of the world’s archaeological resources and cultural heritage. By traveling on an AIA Tour you directly support the AIA while personally gaining the benefit of the AIA’s network of scholars and worldwide contacts.

Below (from left): Cape Bon; flavors of the local market; AIA study leader Nejb ben Lazreg and AIA travelers at Bulla Regia, a unique site featuring underground villas

WHAT TO EXPECT

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. You must be in good physical condition to participate, and be able to make long walks unassisted over uneven terrain and up and down steps that may be steep and/or without handrails. Walking some of Tunisia’s and Malta’s expansive sites require being fit, and some site visits can easily last two hours. Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. 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 this program is appropriate for you. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. Up-to-date COVID-related protocols will be communicated in pre-trip documents.

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, with the evenings cooler than the days. Accommodations have been selected to offer the ultimate experience of true Tunisian (and Maltese) culture, ambiance, and hospitality. It is important to keep in mind that star ratings for Tunisian facilities are decided by the Ministry of Tourism in Tunisia and may not meet the standards expected by most North American travelers. 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 variety of continental and local options. *Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.*



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THE MYSTERIES OF MALTA

Optional Post-Tour Extension October 23 – 26, 2022 (4 days)

Sunday, October 23, 2022: Depart Tunis | Arrive Malta | Mdina walking tour | Sliema | 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 1st-century B.C. Roman Villa, featuring fine floor mosaics. Continue along the narrow, winding roads to St. Paul's Catacombs, which date to the 4th and 5th centuries. In the late afternoon, drive to Sliema, 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 5-star [AX The Victoria](#) hotel for three nights.* (D)



Guest archaeologist
Nicholas Vella

Monday, October 24: Hal Saffieni Hypogeum | Tarxien | Hagar Qim | Mnajdra | Valletta city tour | Sliema

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 (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) at

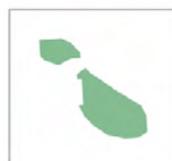
Tarxien, dating from 3600-2500 B.C., which are renowned for their detailed carvings; plus the temples at Hagar Qim and Mnajdra, overlooking the sea. Bid farewell to Dr. Vella and continue on to the capital city of Valletta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After lunch at leisure, enjoy a guided tour of 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 Sliema and gather for dinner at our hotel. (B,D)

Tuesday, October 25: Gozo | Sliema | 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. Return to Sliema and gather for a farewell dinner. (B,D)

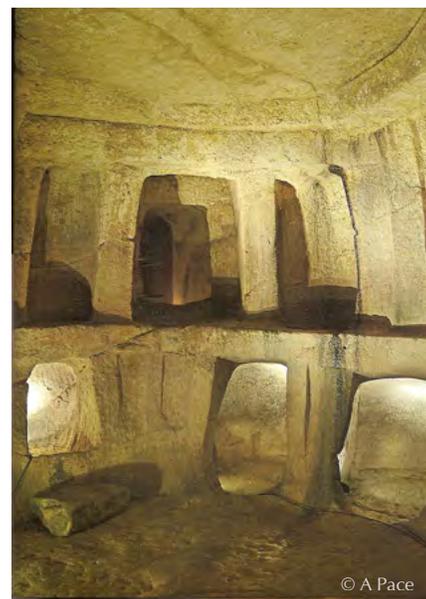
Wednesday, October 26: Fly home

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



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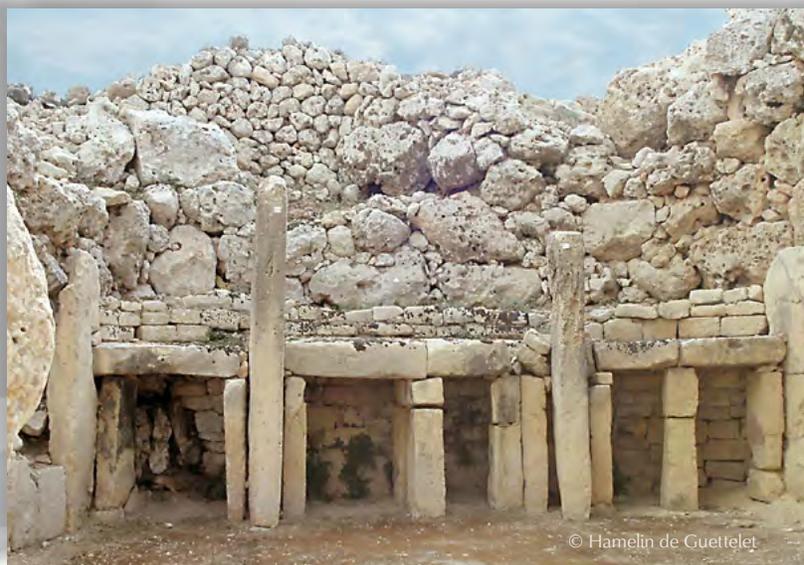
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Top, Hal Saffieni Hypogeum; center, St. John's Co-Cathedral; bottom, Ggantija megalithic complex.



El Djem Amphitheater
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Accommodations



TUNIS: *Four nights at the 5-star
Golden Tulip Carthage Tunis*



TABARKA: *One night at the 5-star
La Cigale Tabarka Hôtel*



KAIROUAN: *One night at the 5-star
Hôtel La Kasbah*



SOUSSE: *Two nights at the 5-star
Mövenpick Resort & Marine Spa*



TUNIS: *One night at the 5-star
Sheraton Tunis Hotel*



Post-tour extension MALTA: *Three nights
at the 5-star AX The Victoria*



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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 (10-16 participants)	\$6,595
Double Occupancy (7-9 participants)	\$6,995
*Single Supplement (limited availability)	\$985

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

With fewer than 7 participants on the main tour, and/or 4 participants on the Malta extension, a small group surcharge may be added.

PRICES INCLUDE:

- **Study Leader/Guide Nejb ben Lazreg**, and services of a **professional tour manager** on the main tour. On the Malta extension, a local guide throughout and guest lecturer **Nicholas Vella** for a half day on October 24th
- **In-program flight** to Malta for extension participants
- **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. The extension includes 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners, with bottled water
- 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 tour manager, guides, drivers, porters, hotel staff, and restaurant staff for included meals
- **Baggage handling**
- Parking fares, highway tolls, and local taxes
- **Complete pre-departure information**, including a suggested reading/media guide and packing suggestions

FLIGHTS & TRANSFERS

Airfare to/from Tunis-Carthage International Airport (TUN), or from Malta (MLA) for the extension, is not included in the tour cost. Complimentary individual transfers from/to the airport in Tunis, Tunisia, and in Malta are provided. The in-program flight on the extension from Tunis to Malta will be booked for you and is included in the extension pricing at approximately \$200, and is subject to change. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights from/to home. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. *We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

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

8-16 participants	\$2,645
4-7 participants	\$2,945
*Single Supplement (limited availability)	\$385

Prices Do Not Include: Airfare to and from Tunis (and from Malta for the extension); passport and visa fees; all airport fees and departure taxes; cost of personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; transportation of excess baggage; meals or beverages other than those indicated; personal tips; items of a personal nature, such as laundry; taxi, telephone, and fax charges; optional excursions or deviations from scheduled tour.

Payments: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to "EOS-Passenger Account-AIA Tunisia10/22." Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure or elsewhere published.

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- Rosemary, Washington D.C.



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I/We have read the 'What to Expect' section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes, _____

Please sign me/us up for the optional Malta extension (additional fee).

How did you hear about this tour? eNewsletter mailing website friends/family other _____

ACCOMMODATIONS:

(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

Double (one bed) Twin (two beds) Single

I will be sharing with: _____

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