Djerba, the largest island of North Africa, is situated southeast of Tunisia on the Gulf of Gabes, and is ringed by miles of sandy beaches and luxury hotels. With its ideal temperate climate, this is another very popular Tunisian destination. The many resort hotels provide anything you need for lazy days of sunbathing, plus a wide range of activities like thalassotherapy or water sports.

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Djerba is first and foremost known for its exceptional beaches, landscape and hotels, as well as its shooting location for the Tatoine’s Mos Eisley exterior scenes in the famous Star Wars movie. The main tourist zone is situated on the east side, along Sidi Mahrez and Seguia beaches (around Midoun).

Touring the island is affordable. Wherever you go, you’ll never be more than thirty minutes from your hotel, and you will be surprised how splendid Djerba is in its diversity. The main centre is the city of Houmt Souk, with its beautiful lively markets and souks, and traditional hotels with vault rooms - the “funduqs.” Most of the hotels have been built around courtyards and are very atmospheric. The rest of the island is a series of villages and small places, often ignored by tourists, yet authentic and picturesque – such as Guellala which houses a huge pottery and ceramic production centre.

You’ll be amazed by the atypical mosques, some are very old and built like fortresses, and the traditional architecture of the “menzels,” farms made up of square whitewashed houses.

With hundreds of mosques, five hundred thousand olive trees and hundreds years of history influenced by the Roman, Ottoman, Berber and Jewish empires, this oasis at the doors of Sahara has everything to give your stay a real change of scenery!

**Houmt Souk - The Market Area**

A tour in town is recommended to get a glimpse of Tunisian life – from the fishing port to the lively markets, and the beautiful “funduqs” houses (some are hundred of years old). There is also a special small church and two notable mosques (Mosque of the Turks and Mosque of the Strangers).

**Musée des Arts et Traditions Populaires**

This museum features beautiful collections of traditional costumes as well as Jewish and Muslim jewels. The museum is located in an old Koranic education centre from the 18th
The picturesque village of Guellala is renowned for its ceramics and this museum presents the richness of Derjba’s traditions. The beautiful location on a hill grants it one of the best views over the island.

The Ghriba Synagogue

Situated in the village of Er Riadh, the synagogue serves as the focal point of Jews in North Africa. It has been a holy place for 1,400 years.

The Mosques

Among the many mosques in Djerba’s villages, two should not be missed: the Turkish Mosque in El May, in the heart of the island, with whitewashed walls, this fortified mosque is simply beautiful. El May’s market is also worth a visit.

In Mellita, another village near the airport, their 9th-century Mosque is one of the oldest in the world.

Bordj el Kebir

Originally built in 13th century and restored several times throughout the years, Bordj el Kabir overlooks the Houmt Souk region. On a sunny day you can take a hike up the hill and enjoy a great view of the harbor.

Plage Sidi Maharès

If you want to enjoy a day on the beach come to Plage Sidi Maharès to soak up the sun. This is Djerba’s main beach and offers you a clean area at the blue ocean.

Plage de la Seguia

Summer, sun and happy people is what you find at Plage de la Séguia. Here you can easily spend a whole day of swimming and sun bathing. If you get hungry there are several places to grab a bite nearby.
More Info: Located between Aghir and Ras Lalla Hadria

**Nefta**

You're an outdoor freak and are looking for an adventure? Then head over to Nefta, walk the medina of the desert town and explore the sand dunes and canyons nearby.

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Address: Nefta

**Gightis**

Originally a Roman town, Gightis dates back to the 2nd century and features Roman sights from years gone by. Explore the baths, walk the forum and visit the temples.

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Address: Gightis, Mednine

**DINING**

The national dish is rice and curry, traditionally eaten with your fingers. Cutlery is provided for foreigners. The meal consists of six or seven plates of fiery meat, fish and chicken served with heaps of rice accompanied by side dishes of yoghurt and cucumber and vegetable curries. Roadside stalls also dish up snacks like rotis (pancakes) and malu pan (spicy meat or fish rolls).

**Delice Resto**

The restaurant Delice Resto is well renowned for its high quality haute cuisine. The presentation as well as the service is on target and appealing.

Photo: Rano90/Shutterstock.com
Address: rue Ali Belhaouane 14, Djerba
Opening hours: Closed Sundays
Phone: +216 97 90 69 65

**Chouchou**

Chouchou is a warm and welcoming restaurant well known for its friendly staff, kind owner and fresh food. They've received praise for their couscous.

Photo: Martin Rettenberger/Shutterstock.com
Address: Avenue de l’environnement, Midoun, Djerba
Phone: +216 25 919 349

**Ristorante Haroun**

What separates Haroun from other restaurants in Djerba is the location. It is beautifully situated on the water's edge and is a replica of a boat deck. The portions are hearty and you won't leave hungry.

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<td>This restaurant and casino offers entertainment and fun for the whole evening. Drop by at the downstairs bar, get some live music on the top floor, indulge yourself in tasty food at the restaurant or play a round of roulette at the casino. No matter what you're looking for, it's always worth a visit.</td>
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CAFES

Djerba offers some wonderful oceanview cafes to rest your feet and discuss further actions for the day. Grab a tea or coffee in the afternoon and come back in the evening for cocktails. Most offer you spacious terraces with tables in the shadow to enjoy your time.

El Flouka

If you're looking for a cozy place after a full day of beachlife and sightseeing, El Flouka is the place for you. Delicious bites and refreshing tea make it a favourite of travellers from all over the world. For great pictures under the palm tree drop by in the late afternoon.

Café Ben Yedder

Try one of the best cakes in town at Cafe Ben Yedder. Locals love it for its cozy setting and friendly atmosphere. Ask for the pie of the day and enjoy some strong coffee with it.

BARS & NIGHTLIFE

Bars are a relatively new concept, although there are some old favourites patronized by expats and regular visitors. Generally quiet, they erupt into life at the weekend with live music, good value food and a reasonable drinks’ list.

The best nightlife revolves around the upscale hotels where you’ll find bars, nightclubs and karaoke lounges. Dress is smart casual and entry for hotel guests is free.
**Le Cyclone**

Le Cyclone is located inside the Hotel Green Palm. Here you will surely have a great dancing with DJ playing the latest hits.

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Address: Hotel Green Palm, Djerba
Phone: +216 2026 2020
More Info: Located at Hotel Green Palm

**Sunset Beachbar**

On a balmy night, drop by at Sunset Beachbar and enjoy your evening under the starlit sky. The upbeat place attracts international guests with their great service and stunning location. Grab a drink and relax while listening to the sound of the sea.

Photo: Netfalls - Remy Musser/Shutterstock.com
Address: Plage Sidi Mehrez, Djerba
Internet: www.facebook.com/sunsetdjerbabeachbar
Email: sunsetjerba@yahoo.fr

**Chichkhan**

This place is the ideal location for a relaxed evening activity. At Chichkhan you can choose from various alcoholic drinks, teas and fruity water pipes. The oriental decor and comfy sofas will make your visit a lasting memory.

Photo: Chubykin Arkady/Shutterstock.com
Address: Route de Midoun, Djerba
Opening hours: Sunday - Saturday: 7.00-2.00
Phone: + 216 75765793

**Bar Ithaque**

Located in Radisson Blu Djerba, this classy bar offers you coffee as well as drinks. On their outdoor terrace you can enjoy a great view of the sea and the hotel garden while enjoying your drink with a bite to eat.

Photo: Jirus Malawong/Shutterstock.com
Address: Route touristique, Djerba
Opening hours: Monday-Sunday: 09.00-00.00
Phone: +216 75 758 777
Internet: www.radissonblu.com/en/resort-thalasso-djerba
Email: info.ulyssedjerba@radissonblu.com
More Info: Located at Radisson Blu Ulysse Resort & Thalasso, Djerba

**La Taverne Djerba**

This bar and bistro is located at Hôtel Haroun and invites you to spend an evening in a cozy atmosphere. The low-light setting of the lounge and the soft background music make this the ideal place to linger over a cocktail or two.

Photo: Chad McDermott/Shutterstock.com
Address: Route Sidi Zekri, Djerba
Phone: https://fr-fr.facebook.com/pg/La-Taverne-3121571688
Email: 34935/about/?ref=page_internal
More Info: Located at Hotel Haroun
**SHOPPING**

Souk means market in Arabic, and you should definitely visit one of them in Houmt Souk, which is the island’s capital. Everything between heaven and earth is sold here. Goods from tools to raw meat are common sights.

The market is one of the few places where you see the female population. It is only men that are visible at the cafés and around the smaller villages.

The villages have local craftsmen, these include pottery and ceramics, carpets, baskets and leather goods to name but a few. The richness of olive wood is shown to good effect in the carved bowls, kitchen utensils and even in jewellery items.

**Houmt Souk Bazar**

Visit the Houmt Souk Bazar to get a taste of a true oriental bazaar. Goods on sale here range from handcrafted items to traditional clothing, spices, fresh produce and more. Haggling is part of the experience.

**Dar Bibine**

Dar Bibine is a traditional island architecture house and holds various artworks. Come by to take a look on the local craft scene with pottery, design and contemporary art.

**Aries**

At this small shop you get exclusive silk from the area. From scarves to dresses you can buy everything and the owner Marie Aries will even tailor it to your needs.
Djerba-Zarzis International Airport

Djerba-Zarzis International Airport is located near Mellita, just 8 kilometres from Houmt Souk. Taxis are the most efficient and fastest way to get in town. The journey time is 20 minutes.

Photo: Juan Garces
Address: Djerba-Zarzis International Airport
Phone: +216 75 650 233
Internet: www.djerbaairport.net

Public Transport

The best way to get anywhere in Djerba is by taxi. They are cheap and readily available in all main beach resorts, everywhere and at all times of the day or night.

Once you find a taxi driver you like, ask for his phone number and he will be happy to come pick you up and give you a ride. If you’re a group, another good option is to use shared taxis, which go to a fixed destination. They leave only when they’re full. If you need a booking back to the airport, it’s also good to ask your hotel.

If you have time, an original way to explore Djerba is by bicycle or small motorbike. Ask your hotel for more details about rentals.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair
Address: Gare Routière, Houmt Souk, Djerba

Ferry

For those who arrive by car, the ferry between Jorf and Ajim (southwest of the island) runs every hour from 4 am to midnight and every two hours from midnight to 4 am (free for pedestrians).

Photo: M-O Vector/shutterstock.com
Address: Port d’Ajim, Djerba

Post

Bureau de Poste Houmt Souk

Photo: Andy Fuchs
Address: Av. Habib Bourguiba, Djerba
Phone: +216 75 65 33 31

Pharmacy

Pharmacie Fourti

Photo: Gemma Garner
Address: Avenue Farhat Hached, Djerba
Phone: +216 75 730 326
More Info: In front of the hospital

**Telephone**

Country Code: +216
Area Code: 75

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**Electricity**

220 Volts, 50 Hertz.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

**Population**

139,000

**Currency**

TND (Tunisian Dinar)

**Opening hours**

In general public services, banks, museums and shops are open from 8.00 to 12.00 noon and from 14.00 to 17.00. During the summer the afternoon hours can be from 15.00 to 18.00. Some banks open non-stop from 8.00 to 16.15, Monday to Friday. Museums close on Monday and Bank Holidays. Shops close on Sunday and Bank Holidays.

**Newspapers**

Le Renouveau
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**Emergency numbers**

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