

Cruise: **MEDITERRANEAN**

 Cruise Ship: **MSC SEASIDE**

## La Goulette

### CULTURE AND HISTORY



#### UNCOVER HISTORY AND CULTURE IN CARTHAGE AND SIDI BOU SAID (Code: TUN01)


**Duration**  
 4.50 h


Begin a deep dive into history in Carthage on an excursion lasting four and a half hours, starting with a 30-minute drive from the port at La Goulette. The ninth-century BC Phoenician capital was once one of the biggest cities in the world, rivalling the might of ancient Rome and Greece. The Romans sacked Carthage in 146 BC and later built their own city on top of it, resulting in a fascinating mix of architecture and archaeology. Spend half an hour at the Sanctuary of Tophet, a captivating crumbling cemetery where French archaeologists excavated tens of thousands of urns in the 1920s. Next is a one-hour visit to the Antonine Baths, the largest bathhouse complex in Africa, with many classic Roman characteristics such as cold, warm, and hot rooms. A drive to Roman cisterns is followed by a 15-minute photo stop, before another drive brings the excursion to Sidi Bou Said, where a guide leads an hour-long tour of this picturesque coastal village, perched high on a cliff with views over the Gulf of Tunis. The hour will also include some free time for exploration. A 30-minute drive back to the ship concludes the excursion.

Please note: the museum visit in Sidi Bou Said is optional and not included in the price; guests must pay the entrance fee if they wish to visit. This tour includes walking on uneven ground in Carthage and on cobblestones and uneven surfaces in Sidi Bou Said. There are 12 steps to reach the Baths of Antoninus. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part.

#### Price per person

- Adult: \$64.00
- Child: \$45.00

Minimum number of participants required: 0

### SOMETHING SPECIAL



#### SHOPPING AND SIGHTSEEING IN TUNIS AND SIDI BOU SAID (Code: TUN02)


**Duration**  
 4.50 h


A 45-minute drive begins this four-and-a-half-hour excursion, travelling from the port at La Goulette to the UNESCO-listed Medina of Tunis, which once contained the entire city within its walls for more than a millennium. Today, the historic marketplace is still thriving, demonstrated on a 90-minute guided tour through the medina's meandering alleys and colourful doors. Time for shopping is included within the 90 minutes, offering a chance to browse and purchase goods and souvenirs such as carpets, perfume, spices, and countless other items. Discover yet more photo-worthy sights at Sidi Bou Said, a cliff-top village reached via a drive from the Medina. The village gazes over the waters of the Gulf of Tunis, and it's not difficult to see why it appealed to artists, writers, and creatives, such as Simone de Beauvoir, Paul Klee, and Gustave Flaubert. After experiencing Sidi Bou Said's charms during an hour-long combination of guided tour and free time, a 30-minute drive returns back to the ship.

Please note: the museum visit in Sidi Bou Said is optional and not included in the price; guests must pay the entrance fee if they wish to visit. This tour includes long periods of walking, including on cobblestones and uneven surfaces in Sidi Bou Said. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part.

#### Price per person

- Adult: \$65.00
- Child: \$45.00

Minimum number of participants required: 0

## CULTURE AND HISTORY



### HISTORIC HIGHLIGHTS OF TUNIS AND CARTHAGE (Code: TUN05)



This five-hour excursion begins with a 45-minute drive from the port to the Medina of Tunis, where a 90-minute guided tour offers the opportunity to explore the historic heart of the capital. This sprawling maze of narrow alleys is packed with monuments, mausoleums and mosques, and the high walls all around marked the boundaries of the city for more than 1,000 years. Afterwards, following a drive from the Medina, peer back into the days of antiquity in Carthage, the once mighty capital of its namesake empire and a window back into the days of ancient Rome and Greece. One of the most striking archaeological sites in the area is the Antonine Baths (offering sublime views of the sea), which will be viewed during 90 minutes at Carthage alongside a visit to the Sanctuary of Tophet, an ancient burial ground. The excursion concludes with a 30-minute drive back to the ship.

Please note: this tour includes walking on uneven ground in Carthage; there are 12 steps to reach the Baths of Antoninus. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part.

#### Price per person

- Adult: \$64.00
- Child: \$45.00

Minimum number of participants required: 0

## CITY TOUR



### UNCOVERING TREASURES OF TUNIS AND NEARBY (Code: TUN14)



After a 45-minute drive from the pier at La Goulette, begin this nine-hour excursion by investigating what's happening in the alleyways of the UNESCO-listed Medina of Tunis on a guided tour through the maze of narrow streets (lasting one hour and 15 minutes). Fast-forward in time at the superb Bardo Museum, a former 13th century Palace, with its outstanding collection of mosaics and major findings from Carthage. Enjoy a guided tour of one hour and 15 minutes to view some of the rooms to admire the most significant displays, including the exquisite Virgil Room, which houses a spectacular 3rd century mosaic from Sousse. Following a 45-minute drive to Carthage, enjoy a 75-minute-long lunch before exploring the remnants of a once-great empire that still gives this Tunis suburb its name. This includes a 45-minute visit of the Antonine Baths. A drive to Sidi Bou Said signals the excursion's final stop. The cobblestone streets and colourful buildings of this cliff-top village make an hour-long visit even more enjoyable, before the 30-minute drive back to the ship. Please note: the museum visit in Sidi Bou Said is optional and not included in the price; guests must pay the entrance fee if they wish to visit. This tour includes long periods of walking and standing. Please note that some of the rooms of the Bardo Museum may be closed during your visit, so we cannot guarantee a visit to all the rooms of the Museum. There are stairs inside the Bardo Museum and 12 steps to reach the Baths of Antoninus and cobblestones and uneven surfaces in Sidi Bou Said and in the Medina. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests with any type of food intolerance are requested to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call.

#### Price per person

- Adult: \$103.00
- Child: \$71.00

Minimum number of participants required: 0

## SEA & SUN



### RELAX TIME & LUNCH AT A HAMMAMET BEACH RESORT (Code: TUN21)



Ready for relaxation? There's plenty available at Hammamet on this seven-hour excursion, thanks to miles of sandy beaches. After the 75-minute drive from the pier at La Goulette, a welcome drink provides a suitably indulgent greeting, signalling the start of a generous allocation of free time, lasting approximately four hours and a half including time for lunch at the resort restaurant. Take a dip in the clear sea waters, relax on the sand, and get engrossed in a good book, or take a scenic stroll - there are plenty of ways to enjoy the day. Known not only as a centre for therapeutic wellness thanks to its waters, Hammamet has over the years become a popular tourist destination thanks to the beauty of the place, its nightlife but especially its beaches and its turquoise sea. The drive back to the ship at the end of the excursion takes 75 minutes.

Please note: this tour operates from middle June to the middle of September and is subject to weather conditions. We recommend bringing a towel and sunscreen. 1 parasol, 2 sunbeds and 2 beach chairs every 4 guests are included. Water sports are not included in the tour price. Guests with any type of food intolerance are requested to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call.

#### Price per person

- Adult: \$98.00
- Child: \$74.00

Minimum number of participants required: 25

## KEY TO SYMBOLS

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- Possibility of swimming
- No guide available
- Tasting included
- Shooting videos and/or taking pictures is not allowed or subject to fee
- Lunch or dinner included
- Shopping
- Drink included
- Limited seats
- Snack included
- Best seller
- Multilanguage tour
- English Only Tour

**NEW** New

Wheelchair and disabledfriendly tour

Wheelchair guests must be accompanied by their own helper to get on/off the coach. Wheelchairs must be foldable as coaches do not have ramps or lifts. Once on board, please contact the MSC Excursions desk staff promptly so they can help make arrangements.

### DIFFICULTY LEVEL

**Easy**  
May involve a limited quantity of steps, uneven surfaces and/or periods of standing.

**Moderate**  
May involve inclines, steps, uneven surfaces and/or extended periods of standing.

**Strenuous**  
Active excursions recommended only for guests in good physical health.

Please check your ticket for meeting time and location. There will be no announcements to remind you of departure times or meeting points.

## OUR EXCURSION CATEGORIES

ACTIVE & ADVENTURE	Thrill seekers can find adventures for sports and fun. Trekking, snorkeling kayak tours and 4x4 vehicles.
CITY TOUR	The easiest way to explore the city center and local scenery. A guided tour with a comfortable coach ride.
CULTURE AND HISTORY	Learn the destinations history and culture with visits to must-see locations and guided tours.
NATURAL WONDERS	Immerse yourself in spectacular scenery and discover the fascinating flora and fauna of your destination.
SCENIC ROUTE	Take in the destinations best views and main points of interest in total comfort, with a scenic coach tour.
SEA & SUN	Treat yourself to pure relaxation, on a beautiful beach or enjoying the stunning views on a scenic boat ride.
SOMETHING SPECIAL	Unique experiences from gastronomic tours and guided shopping trips to religious visits. Explore your passion.
FAMILY FUN	Take your children on a journey of discovery designed for families and kids.
PROTECTOURS	Experience the world in a sustainable way to preserve its beauty for generations to come.
MSC BIKE ADVENTURES	Explore from the unique vantage point of an MSC Bicycle. A truly immersive guided tour of the destination.

Some excursions are very popular and therefore availability cannot always be guaranteed. We recommend booking in advance the tours you are interested in.

The availability of language guides (ENG-ITA-GER-FRE-SPA-POR) varies depending on the destination. At the time of booking, you will be able to select your preferred language from the available options. The language in which each excursion will be conducted will be confirmed on board during the cruise.