

# Exploring Africa: 5 Places To Visit in Tunisia

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## 1. El Haouaria

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, the small, coastal town in southern Tunisia, allows you to relax and enjoy the beautiful beach without a flock of other tourists. You can also hike along the rocky coastline while taking in the nature around it. If that's not enough, being able to submerge yourself in the culture and locals presents a unique experience that's incomparable to mass tourism.

## 2. Bardo National Museum

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is one of the largest museums in Tunisia, and is located in Tunis. It's been around for over a century, and is dedicated to preserving Tunisia's cultural heritage. With excavated pieces and historical artwork exhibited throughout the museum, centuries of the country's rich history can be seen on display during your visit.

### 3. Theatre Municipal de la Ville de Tunis

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Theatre Municipal de la Ville de Tunis is a remnant of the French colonial era, and opened in 1902. This architectural beauty, more inside than outside, houses operas, ballets, plays, and concerts with Tunisian, African, Arab, and international artists. Be advised to get your tickets in advance because they're known to have sold out shows nightly.

## 4. Douz

Tunisia is also home to **Douz**

, a famous palm oasis in the Sahara. Every December, Douz hosts thousands for the country's oldest festival. The Fantasia International Festival of the Sahara features horse races, camel marathons, poetry readings and dancing.



El Haouaria seascape, Tunisia



Bardo museum, Tunisia

In addition to the festival you can visit the Museum of the Sahara, to see more about the history of the Mrazig, who are natives to the region. Riding camels or doonbuggies is also a popular thing to do when visiting.

## 5. The Medina District

The **Medina District** is historic as one of the first Arab-Islamic towns and once considered one of the wealthiest too. Entering the main gate, Bab el Bahr, leads you historic sites, landmarks, cafés and shopping. You can't help but to admire the architecture during your adventures through the district. It's easy to find yourself there the entire day, but also easy to navigate for a quick stop near downtown Tunis.

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