

## T.T.A 5T : EL JEM - KAIROUAN - SOUSSE - EL KANTAQUI

### PROGRAM:

The day will start with visiting the coliseum of El Jem, Apart from the Roman coliseum; the sights of El Jem are still covered by sand. And the city of El Jem is a sleepy place without much character. But the coliseum is great, almost as big as the one of Rome, and in better condition.

The tour continues to discover the holiest city of Tunisia, being the oldest Islamic settlement, having the oldest mosque in North Africa and the world's oldest minaret. Enjoy a visit of the Great Mosque, the Barber Mausoleum and the Aghlabit Pools, Bir Barruta, the Medina and a famous carpet shop, to see the products which Kairouan is renowned for.

After lunch at the 5\* hotel El Kasbah at Kairouan, continue to Sousse, the Enchanting sea resort town. You will also visit the local museum and the Mosque, and take a walk at the old Souks. We then continue to visit the famous Port El Kantaoui for walking, sightseeing, and photography. Come back to the hotel at 18H00.

### DESCRIPTION:

The coliseum was constructed between 230 and 238 CE by the command of the Imperial official Gordian. It's believed to have given room for as much as 30,000 spectators; some estimates set it at 45,000. This in the town of Thysdrus with only 30,000 inhabitants but was a wealthy town, probably eager to impress its visitors.

Kairouan is a great tourist destination, being the best place in Tunisia to learn about the country's Islamic history. In addition to the Great Mosque there are a number of smaller, still very interesting and attractive, religious institutions open to non-Muslims too.

And then enjoy a leisurely stroll around the El Kantaoui pleasure port and discover the bustling town of SOUSSE with its old and modern quarters.