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Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against Hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Tunisia. Frequent or long stay travellers should consider vaccination against Hepatitis B, Rabies (particularly if working with animals) and Typhoid (particularly when travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene).

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations, including a recent annual Influenza vaccination. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures. Australians travelling to Tunisia should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips.

Tourist Visa Conditions

Australian ordinary passport holders do not require a visa to enter Tunisia as a tourist. Upon arrival at border crossings into Tunisia, Australian passport holders will usually be granted entry for up to 90 days.

When entering Tunisia, travellers should present their passport (recommended six months validity beyond intended stay and blank pages), and be able to provide a copy of their itinerary, tickets for their onward destination and documents confirming their ability to financially maintain themselves.

Additional conditions apply to minors. Travellers are recommended to contact a Tunisian mission on the details below for further information and to ensure their specific circumstances make them eligible to enter Tunisia without a pre obtained visa.

Current Travel Advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

Exercise a high degree of caution in Tunisia due to the high threat of terrorist attack. Reconsider your need to travel to areas south of, and including, the towns of Nefta, Douz, Medenine, and Zaris, due to the ongoing threat of terrorist attack and kidnapping. Except do not travel to the militarised zone south of Dhehiba and El Borma, and within 30 kilometres of the border with Libya. Reconsider your need to travel to the governorates of Kasserine, Le Kef, Jendouba and Sidi Bouzid due to the ongoing threat of terrorist attack and kidnapping. Do not travel to the militarised zone south of the towns of El Borma and Dhehiba. Do not travel within 30 kilometres of the border with Algeria, due to the ongoing threat of terrorist attack and kidnapping. Do not travel to the Mount Chaambi National Park area, including the town of Kasserine, due to ongoing security force operations and the high threat of terrorist attack and kidnapping. Do not travel within 30 kilometres of the rest of the Libya border area north of Dhehiba, including the town of Ben Guerdane and immediate surrounding area, due to the ongoing threat of terrorist attack and kidnapping. See [Safety and security](#).

Information indicates that terrorists are planning attacks in locations in Tunisia likely to be frequented by tourists. The Tunisian Government has improved protective security around tourist resorts and major cities following separate terror attacks in Sousse and Tunis in 2015, which killed 60 foreign tourists. However, further terrorist attacks are likely, including in tourist areas. See [Safety and security](#). Authorities may restrict travel or enforce local curfews at short notice. See [Safety and security](#).

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Tunisia at www.smartraveller.gov.au.

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Embassy of Tunisia, Canberra

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O'MALLEY ACT 2606

Tel: (02) 6290 2321
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Time Differences between Tunisia and Australia

Tunisia is Greenwich Mean Time +1 hour. Daylight saving is not observed. The applicable time zone in Tunisia is called Central European Time (CET).

Tunisia, 12 noon, December = Perth 7pm; Darwin 8:30pm; Brisbane 9pm; Adelaide 9:30pm; Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 10pm.
 Tunisia, 12 noon, June = Perth 7pm; Darwin, Adelaide 8:30pm; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 9pm.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Tunisia: +216

To Dial Australia Call: 00 61 <City> <Number>

Travelex Card Services:
 Call the US on +1 954 838 8294

Visa Global Assistance:
 Call the US on +1 303 967 1090

MasterCard:
 Call the US on +1 636 722 7111

American Express Travellers Cheques:
 Call the UK on +44 20 7365 4846

Emergency Services:
 Ambulance - 190
 Fire - 198
 Police - 197

These emergency services numbers may not be reliable in rural areas. The emergency services may not have English speaking staff. To avoid delay it may be best to seek the assistance of a Arabic speaker to call the emergency services.

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _ _ _ _ _

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Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _ _ _ _ _

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _ _ _ _ _

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in Tunisia

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Canadian Embassy, Tunisia

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 Berges Du Lac 2
 TUNIS

Tel: (+216) 70 010 200
 Fax: (+216) 70 010 393

Web: www.tunisia.gc.ca

Australia does not maintain a permanent consular presence in Tunisia. The Australian High Commission in Malta is accredited to this country and can provide full consular services. The Canadian Embassy in Tunis may provide limited consular services to Australians. Australians may also obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Canberra on (+61 2) 6261 3305.

Australians are encouraged to register their presence in Tunisia with the Canadian Embassy as well as The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade via the on-line registration service, at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances for Tunisia and Australia

Duty Free limits when entering Tunisia:

Alcohol: 1 L spirits (>25% alc vol) or 2 L other beverages.
 Tobacco: 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 500g of tobacco.
 Perfume: Reasonable amounts for personal use.
 Other Goods: Up to a value of TND10.

Duty Free limits when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 L.
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.
 Other Goods: Up to a value of \$900 (\$450 if under 18 years).

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting Tunisia and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For information on Tunisian customs please visit www.douane.gov.tn, or for information regarding Australian customs please visit www.border.gov.au.

Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

Electrical Socket type: European.

Voltage: 220-240 volts (same as Australia, no voltage/frequency converter required).

Modem Plug: French.

To purchase electrical/modem adaptors, or for further information on this matter, please view the Korjo adapter guide at www.korjo.com.au.

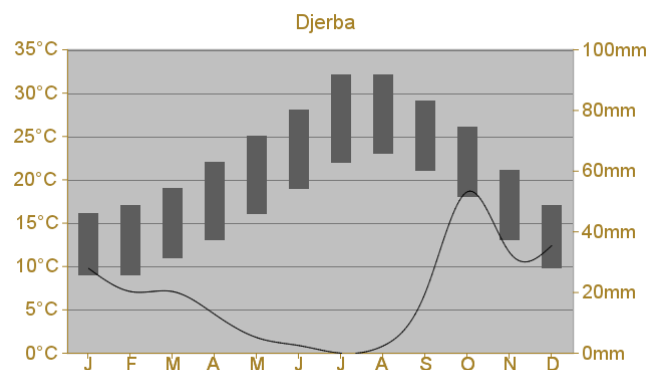
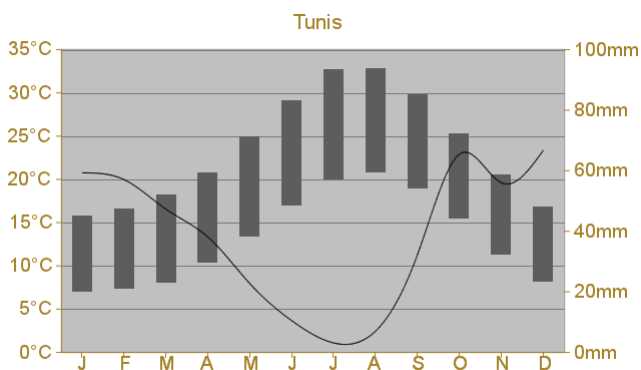


Tunisian Holidays 2018

01 Jan:	New Year's Day	25 Jul:	Republic Day
14 Jan:	Revolution Day	13 Aug:	Women's Day
20 Mar:	Independence Day	22 - 23 Aug:	Feast of Sacrifice*
09 Apr:	Martyrs' Day	12 Sep:	Islamic New Year*
01 May:	Labour Day	15 Oct:	Evacuation Day
15 - 17 Jun:	End of Ramadan*	21 Nov:	Birth of Muhammad*

*Islamic holidays are determined by the sighting of the moon and thus may vary slightly to those dates outlined above.

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Tunisia



Source: National Institute of Meteorology, Tunisia. For local forecasts please go to www.meteo.tn or www.bbc.co.uk/weather.

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Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 2.07 Tunisian Dinar
 1 Tunisian Dinar (TND) = 0.48 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) will buy 1.99 Tunisian Dinar
 1 Tunisian Dinar (TND) will cost 0.50 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

Currency Cheat Sheet

0.50 DT = \$0.25 AUD		This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.		100 DT = \$50.32 AUD	
1 DT = \$0.50 AUD	10 DT = \$5.03 AUD	100 DT = \$50.32 AUD	2 DT = \$1.01 AUD	20 DT = \$10.06 AUD	200 DT = \$100.65 AUD
3 DT = \$1.51 AUD	30 DT = \$15.10 AUD	300 DT = \$150.97 AUD	4 DT = \$2.01 AUD	40 DT = \$20.13 AUD	400 DT = \$201.30 AUD
5 DT = \$2.52 AUD	50 DT = \$25.16 AUD	500 DT = \$251.62 AUD	6 DT = \$3.02 AUD	60 DT = \$30.19 AUD	600 DT = \$301.94 AUD
7 DT = \$3.52 AUD	70 DT = \$35.23 AUD	700 DT = \$352.27 AUD	8 DT = \$4.03 AUD	80 DT = \$40.26 AUD	800 DT = \$402.59 AUD
9 DT = \$4.53 AUD	90 DT = \$45.29 AUD	900 DT = \$452.92 AUD			
		1,000 DT = \$503.24 AUD			

Banknotes of Tunisia

The legal currency of Tunisia is the Dinar, which has the currency code "TND" and the symbol "DT". The subunit of the dinar is called the milim (plural millimes), of which there are 1,000 in every dinar. The following units of currency are the most common, however other versions and denominations are also in circulation. Pictures are not to scale. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised to remove the below images prior to travelling. It is illegal to import or export dinars from Tunisia.





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About Tunisia

Full Name: Al Jumhuriyah at Tunisiyah (Tunisian Republic).

Independence: March 1956 (from France).

Size: 163,610 sq km (70% the size of Victoria).

Population: 10.8 million. Tunis 1.9 million.

Ethnicity: Arab 98%, European 1%, Jewish and other 1%.

Language: Arabic (official), French (commerce), Berber.

Religion: Sunni Muslim 98%, Christian 1%, Jewish and other 1%.

GDP Per Capita: \$9,700 (Australia US\$40,800).

Significant Dates:

- 1100BC - Phoenicians from modern Lebanon settle in the area. City of Carthage is established.
- 650-146BC - Carthaginian Empire rules the western Mediterranean.
- 218-201BC - 2nd Punic War, Hannibal's army marches with elephants from the Iberian Peninsula into northern Italy, but is defeated by Rome.
- 149-146BC - 3rd Punic War, Rome destroys Carthage. The area becomes a Roman province.
- 600's AD - Arab Muslim Umayyads conquer area of modern Tunisia.
- 909 - Indigenous Berbers take control of the region.
- 1600's - Tunisia becomes part of the Ottoman Empire.
- 1883 - Tunisia becomes a protectorate of France.
- 1942-43 - Allied forces drive out German and Italian troops during WW2.
- 1956 - Tunisia becomes independent.
- 1956-87 - Rule of President Bourguiba.
- 1987-2011 - Rule of President Ben Ali.
- 2011 - Ben Ali is overthrown in the first revolution of the "Arab Spring".

