

# TUNISIA, THE ROSE OF COUNTRIES, RECOVERS ITS TOURISTIC VITALITY

The “Bab Tours” Team visited its major cities, Historical and Natural Landmarks

The historical mosque of Oqba Ibn Nafei in Al-Keirawan city . It is the first mosque for Muslims in Africa

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**T**o green Tunisia we flew on the wings of travel with the Bab Tours Team. We toured its regions enjoying the beauty of the present and the fragrance of history in a country which God endowed with the most ravishing nature. Civilizations rushed to it, cultures met on its soil and it gave its old name “Africa” to the black continent.

We arrived via Carthage International Airport and headed to the recently-opened Four Seasons Resort in the luxurious hotels area of Komart adjacent to the touristic areas of Marsa and Sidi Bou Said.

Our first tour was in the Sidi Bou Said area, famous for its white and blue houses, its alleys overlooking the sea, with tourists often comparing it to the Greek island of Santorini. One of the most beautiful stops there was the Baron d'Erlanger palace, also known as “ Ennejma Ezzahra” which beside its architectural splendor, is home to the Arab and Mediterranean Music Center and a collection of rare instruments.

From Sidi Bou Said we traveled to Carthage with its ruins of one of the most famous Phoenician-Roman cities. We wandered through it and visited its

famous amphitheater which hosts the annual Carthage International Festival and some of the most prominent world artists. We also visited the museum of the site with its important masterpieces such as the Lady of Carthage mosaic.

After Carthage we had an appointment with ancient Tunis via the Tunis Lake and to the Habib Bourguiba Avenue, also known as “ the Tunis Champs-Elysees” due to its notable similarity with the famous French avenue. Beside its important official and commercial buildings and the National Theater, there is the statue of Ibn Khaldoun, the founder of sociology, which stands hundreds of meters from Bab El Bahr leading you to the old streets and markets (the narrow street is called Al Nahj in Tunis).



An underground Roman house in Bulla Regia.



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