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## **Tunisian Mosaic: Coastal Charm and Ancient Civilizations**

October 23 to November 5, 2027

**A ROMTravel Art and Culture Trip**



Figure 1: A mosaic at El Djem Archaeological Museum, El Djem, Tunisia. © Penelope Hughes, ROMTravel Volunteer, 2026.

The Republic of Tunisia is a stunning mosaic of geography and culture. Mediterranean coasts, rolling olive groves, and the vast Sahara Desert are blended with a rich heritage shaped by Amazigh (Berber), Phoenician, Roman, Arab, and Ottoman civilizations.

Begin your adventure in Tunisia's coastal capital city of Tunis, where you meet your National Guide and Local Expert, **Omar Khochkach**. Throughout your journey, visits to several museums, eight UNESCO-listed sites, and more are just some of the remarkable settings for learning about the history, customs, and cultures of this fascinating country.

**Zena Kamash**, the trip's Resource Person, shares her passion and knowledge of the significant and spectacular Roman archaeology, art and mosaics found in abundance here.

Travel inland through the rolling hills and fertile plains of northern Tunisia, visiting well-preserved archaeological sites and the holy city of Kairouan before returning to the Mediterranean coastline. Heading further south to Djerba Island, explore coastal towns and ports, ancient Islamic ribats (forts) and vibrant medinas. Visit Amazigh mountain and desert villages, and drive through terrain that looks like a moonscape.

Visit the Amphitheatre of El Djem, one of the best-preserved Roman amphitheatres in the world, before returning to Tunis. Spend your last few days visiting nearby archaeological sites, exploring Tunis' medina and visiting the splendid Bardo National Museum that houses one of the largest collections of Roman mosaics in the world.

### Trip Itinerary and Highlights



Figure 2: Map of Tunisia. © Worldwide Quest International, 2026.

#### Day 1 Arrivals in Tunis, Tunisia

Independent arrivals at Tunis–Carthage International Airport (TUN). Group transfer to the hotel on the glistening shores of the Mediterranean Sea. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening to celebrate the start of your adventure.

#### Day 2 Ancient Carthage, Sidi Bou Said

Today, visit two UNESCO World Heritage-designated sites. Founded in 814 BCE, the archaeological site of Carthage was one of the greatest cities of the ancient world. Enjoy wandering the picturesque blue and white coastal

village of Sidi Bou Said and strolling through its cobbled streets.



Figure 3: Punic Quarter of Byrsa, Tunis, Tunisia. © Penelope Hughes, ROMTravel Volunteer, 2026.

### **Day 3 Bulla Regia Archaeological Site**

En route to the old port town of Tabarka, discover Bulla Regia, a superb Roman site where underground villas are decorated with beautiful mosaics.



Figure 4: Dougga Archaeological Site, Dougga, Tunisia. © Penelope Hughes, ROMTravel Volunteer, 2026.

### **Day 4 Dougga Archaeological Site**

Head south to the UNESCO World Heritage-designated archaeological site of Dougga. The temples, forums, and markets, which date from the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> centuries, stand in remarkable repair.

Continue south towards the centre of Tunisia and the holy city of Kairouan.

### **Day 5 Holy City of Kairouan**

UNESCO World Heritage-designated Kairouan is one of the spiritual capitals of Islam. Visit the historic medina and Great Mosque. Travel back to the coast to Sousse, Tunisia's third-largest city.

### **Day 6 Coastal Monastir, Sousse**

After a short drive, arrive at the peninsula city of Monastir. Visit the well-preserved 8<sup>th</sup>-century Islamic ribat (fort), and the Mausoleum of Habib Bourguiba.



Figure 5: Ribat of Monastir, Tunisia. © Penelope Hughes, ROMTravel Volunteer, 2026.

Return to Sousse to explore the Archaeological Museum that houses the second-largest Roman mosaic collection in Tunisia after the Bardo Museum. End your day wandering through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed medina.

### **Day 7 Drive to Djerba Island**

Today, journey further south to Djerba Island. En route, stop at the Military Museum of the Mareth Line that offers a

look into Tunisia's military history and role in World War II.



Figure 6: Village of Chenini, Tunisia. © Penelope Hughes, ROMTravel Volunteer, 2026.

### Day 8 Desert Villages

Take a day trip to the desert towns of Tataouine, Douiret, Chenini and Ksar Hadada to learn more about the Amazigh mountain villages and ksour (fortified villages and granaries).

### Day 9 Djerba Island



Figure 7: Street art by Belgian artist ROA, Erriadh, Tunisia. © Penelope Hughes, ROMTravel Volunteer, 2026.

Stay on the island today, discovering this UNESCO World Heritage-listed location. Originally settled by the Phoenicians, Djerba is thought to be the mythical

"Land of the Lotus-Eaters" from Homer's "Odyssey".

Learn about the island's cultural heritage at the Guellala Museum, admire the Djerbahood street art in the village of Erriadh, visit the El Ghriba Synagogue and wander the Houmt Souk.

### Day 10 Troglodytes and "Star Wars"

Before going to the port town of Sfax, take a scenic detour into the Djebel Dahar mountains to see the Amazigh village of Toujane.



Figure 8: Troglodyte home, Matmata, Tunisia. © Penelope Hughes, ROMTravel Volunteer, 2026.

Receive a warm welcome into a traditional troglodyte (cave-dwelling) home that inspired the setting for George Lucas' "Star Wars" films.

### Day 11 Amphitheatre of El Djem

On the way back to Tunis, visit this UNESCO World Heritage-listed amphitheatre, and the Archaeological Museum. Built in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century, this remarkably well-preserved amphitheatre was the third largest in the Roman world and today is second in size only to the Colosseum of Rome.



Figure 9: Amphitheatre of El Djem, Tunisia. © Penelope Hughes, ROMTravel Volunteer, 2026.

### Day 12 Archaeological Sites

Today, take a day trip from Tunis to visit the ancient sites of Thuburbo Majus and Oudhna. Stop at the town of Zaghuan, home to the first and most important water source for Carthage.



Figure 10: Temple of Water, Zaghuan, Tunisia. © Penelope Hughes, ROMTravel Volunteer, 2026.

### Day 13 Tunis Medina, Bardo Museum

Spend the last full day of your trip in the city of Tunis. Explore the UNESCO World Heritage-listed medina that has bustled with activity since the 7<sup>th</sup> century. Visit the splendid Bardo Museum that houses

one of the finest collections of Roman mosaics in the world.



Figure 11: The medina in Tunis, Tunisia. © Penelope Hughes, ROMTravel Volunteer, 2026.

This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner to celebrate this amazing journey!

### Day 14 Departures from Tunis

This morning, take the group transfer to Tunis–Carthage International Airport (TUN) for your flights home.

## Hotels

#### Gammarth

The Residence Tunis for 2 nights

#### Tabarka

La Cigale for 1 night

#### Kairouan

Hotel La Kasbah for 1 night

#### Sousse

Mövenpick Resort and Marine Spa for 2 nights

#### Midoun, Djerba Island

Royal Garden Palace or similar for 3 nights

#### Sfax

Hotel Les Oliviers Palace for 1 night

#### Tunis

Sheraton Tunis for 3 nights

## Resource Person



Figure 12: Zena Kamash. © Zena Kamash, 2026.

Zena Kamash is a Senior Lecturer in Roman Archaeology and Art at Royal Holloway, University of London and a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.

An expert in the heritage and archaeology of the Roman world, in particular the Middle East, Britain and North Africa, she has published widely on a range of topics including water technologies and religion.

Zena regularly travels to Tunisia with groups, sharing her expertise and enriching the experience for travellers.

## National Guide and Local Expert

Omar Khochkach has been welcoming visitors to Tunisia for 20 years and is a National Professional Tour Guide, certified by the Tunisian Ministry of Tourism.

Omar will help you experience the country's cultural mosaic and share his specialized knowledge of its history and geography.



Figure 14: Omar Khochkach and Penelope Hughes. © Penelope Hughes, ROMTravel Volunteer, 2026.

## ROMTravel Coordinator

Penelope Hughes has led ROMTravel trips to Haida Gwaii, Morocco, Northwest Passage, Namibia and Botswana. She has explored more than 50 countries and enjoyed a range of experiences from a polar dip in Antarctica to gorilla trekking in Uganda.

## Mobility Requirements

The itinerary includes extensive walking on cobblestone streets, dirt roads, and hiking trails. Most of the stops are not wheelchair accessible. Please ask the ROMTravel Coordinator for more information if required.

## Trip Cost Per Person

All quoted costs are in Canadian dollars.

International flight costs to and from your home are not included.

Double Occupancy: \$ 8,950

Single Supplement: \$ 1,500

Trip begins and ends at Tunis–Carthage International Airport (TUN).

## Contact Information

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Figure 135: Street scene in Tunis Medina, Tunis, Tunisia. © Penelope Hughes, ROMTravel Volunteer, 2026.

## **Terms and Conditions**

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Please note that the living standards and practices at the destination and the standards and conditions there with respect to the provision of utilities, services and accommodation may differ from those found in Canada.

#### **Trip Cost Per Person**

All costs are quoted in Canadian dollars.

Trip cost does not include international flight costs to and from your home. Worldwide Quest International can assist with booking flights if you wish.

Double Occupancy: \$ 8,950

Single Supplement: \$ 1,500

Tour begins and ends at Tunis–Carthage International Airport (TUN).

#### **Trip Cost Includes**

Group arrival transfer from Tunis–Carthage International Airport (TUN) to hotel on Day 1. Group departure transfer from hotel to Tunis–Carthage International Airport (TUN) on Day 14.

Porterage of one standard sized suitcase per person at the hotels, where available.

Ground transport in private air-conditioned coach for transfers and excursions as per itinerary.

Shared accommodation in double occupancy room with private facilities in hotels listed or similar.

Free internet access inside the hotels.

Meals: Buffet breakfast daily, 12 lunches and 13 dinners. All meals include choice of bottled water, coffee, tea or soft drink. Welcome and farewell dinners with wine.

Bottled water daily in rooms and in vehicles during excursions.

All visits, entrance fees, speakers' fees and events as per itinerary.

Headset listening devices throughout the trip.

All taxes and tips for all goods and services, drivers, hotel, restaurant and guiding staff related to the basic trip.

All hotel and local taxes.

Services of a ROMTravel Coordinator, Resource Person and an English-speaking National Guide and Local Expert.

Pre-trip orientations; post-trip reunion.

A trip handbook.

#### **Not Included**

International flight costs to and from your home are not included.

Fuel surcharges if applicable.

Airport transfers, if not arriving and/or departing with the group.

Single supplement and room upgrades.

Internet access outside the hotels.

Items of a personal nature such as laundry or phone calls for example.

Airline baggage or video camera fees, if any. Excess baggage charges.

Visa fees if any.

Meals, snacks, beverages, and other services unless specified.

Additional meals and accommodations due to delays for any reason.

Emergency evacuation costs.

Trip cancellation, interruption, baggage and out of province health insurance.

Any item not mentioned in "Trip Cost Includes".

### **Costs, Rates and Schedules**

All costs quoted herein are based on rates, fees and taxes as of October 1, 2026. All costs and rates are based on current tariffs and exchange rates and are subject to adjustment in the event of changes therein, at the time of final payment. Schedules, departure dates, times and itineraries quoted by Worldwide Quest International are subject to change without notice. Any costs associated with changes must be borne by the individual. Worldwide Quest International reserves the right to substitute itineraries, hotels, airlines, vehicles, or vessels due to conditions beyond their control. Any changes to itinerary will not result in eligibility for a refund. No price increases are permitted

after the customer has paid in full. If the price increase is more than 7% (except increases resulting from an increase in GST, PST, HST or other taxes), the customer has the right to cancel the contract and obtain a full refund.

### **ROM Membership Requirement**

Participants must be members of The Royal Ontario Museum. For a full list of membership levels and benefits, visit the [ROM website](#). Only one person per room must be a member.

### **Deposits and Final Payment**

An initial non-refundable deposit of \$1,500.00 per person is required at the time of booking. A second non-refundable deposit of \$2,500.00 per person is due on February 23, 2027. The non-refundable balance of payment of \$4,950.00 per person, and if applicable, the non-refundable single supplement of \$1,500.00, are due on July 25, 2027.

### **Reservations**

As the number of participants is limited, reservations should be made as soon as possible. In the event of over subscription, a waiting list will be maintained.

### **Physical Limitations or Disabilities**

Any physical limitation or disability requiring special attention or treatment must be reported when reservation is made or when it occurs, if later. Royal Ontario Museum, ROMTravel, Worldwide Quest International and/or its agents reserve the right to decline to accept or to retain anyone who may in their sole

judgment require care and attention beyond that which can be provided.

### **Cancellations and Refunds**

All cancellations must be made in writing to Worldwide Quest International. All payments are non-refundable. No refunds will be given for payments made or unused services.

For more information, read Worldwide Quest International's [Trip Cancellation and Refund Policy](#).

### **Travel Documentation**

Passengers must ensure they possess valid passports for international travel, along with any necessary visas and/or proof of vaccination required by specific countries. Passports may need to be valid for a period beyond the return date (typically six months). It is the personal responsibility of travellers to acquire all required travel documents, including valid passports, visas, eTA, Permanent Residency Card, proof of Covid-19 vaccination (if required), etc. Passengers must provide their correct legal name as it appears in their passport at the time of booking. Failure to do so may result in denied boarding.

Worldwide Quest International, ROMTravel, and Royal Ontario Museum are not responsible for errors in travel documents based on the information provided by travellers. Any costs arising from name changes, including airline surcharges and penalties, will be borne by the traveller. Additionally, any costs related to re-booking a ticket, including

missed connections on multi-destination trips, will be the responsibility of the traveller. Worldwide Quest International, ROMTravel, and Royal Ontario Museum assume no responsibility for passengers who fail to meet identification, visa, or passport requirements. No refund will be issued for incomplete travel documents, and any additional costs incurred, including denied entry, quarantine, health tests, etc., will be the responsibility of the traveller. It is important to note that entry to another country may be refused even if the required information and travel documents are complete.

### **Canadians**

You require a valid passport to travel, and failure to comply will result in denied boarding of the aircraft. Your passport must be valid for at least six months beyond the date of your expected return. It is possible that you may require a visa for travel to one or all countries on your trip. Worldwide Quest International will advise if a visa is necessary. Please contact the appropriate Consulate or Embassy immediately, as it is your responsibility to acquire all necessary travel documents before departure. Failure to provide the necessary visa(s) may result in denied entry, and any costs incurred will be borne by you.

### **Non-Canadian Foreign Nationals**

You require a valid passport to travel, and failure to comply will result in denied boarding of the aircraft. Your passport may need to be valid for a longer period. It is possible that you may require a visa

for travel to one or all countries on your trip. Worldwide Quest International will advise if a visa is necessary. Please contact the appropriate Consulate or Embassy immediately, as it is your responsibility to acquire all necessary travel documents before departure. Failure to provide the necessary visa(s) may result in denied entry, and any costs incurred will be borne by you. Re-entry to Canada: As of November 10, 2016, non-Canadian foreign nationals travelling to or via Canada require a visa or an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA). Visa-exempt foreign nationals of approximately 50 countries, including Britain, Australia, and France, are required to apply for an eTA in order to return to Canada. An eTA can be obtained online. Failure to obtain an eTA will result in denied boarding of the aircraft for your return flight. All costs associated with obtaining an eTA and/or denied re-entry to Canada will be solely borne by you. For further information or to apply for an eTA, use your Internet browser to search for “Canada Electronic Travel Authorization”, and then click on “Electronic travel authorization (eTA)”. Note that citizens of the United States of America are exempt.

### **Canadian Permanent Residents**

If you are a foreign national with Canadian permanent resident status you must travel with your valid passport and any applicable visas for intended destinations (see above) as well as your valid Permanent Resident (PR) Card in

order to return to Canada. You are not eligible to apply for an eTA, as your PR card is the necessary travel document. Failure to travel with your PR card will result in denied boarding of the aircraft for the return flight to Canada, and any costs incurred due to denied re-entry will be your responsibility. For more information, visit the [government website](#).

### **Dual Canadian Citizens**

Dual Canadian citizens who have previously used a non-Canadian passport to travel to or transit through Canada must now use a valid Canadian passport for re-entry, as of November 10, 2016. Failure to carry your Canadian passport will result in denied boarding. Any costs associated with denied re-entry will be solely borne by you. For more information, visit the [government website](#).

### **Visa Assistance**

Worldwide Quest International cannot schedule visa appointments. We can provide a travel agency letter outlining the nature of your trip and the urgency of obtaining a visa at least 120 days prior to departure. However, this letter does not guarantee visa approval or expedited processing, as visa issuance is at the discretion of the respective embassy/consulate, and it may vary depending on your individual circumstances. Please contact the appropriate Consulate or Embassy immediately, as it is your responsibility to acquire all necessary travel documents

before departure. Failure to provide the necessary visa(s) may result in denied entry, and any costs incurred will be borne by you. Worldwide Quest International, ROMTravel, and Royal Ontario Museum are not liable for inadequate or additional travel documents required by any destination.

To determine if a visa is needed, travellers can use [Sherpa](#) for current up-to-date travel documentation and understanding entry requirements and restrictions worldwide.

### **Online Electronic Authorization Visas**

This includes ETIAS in the EU and ETAs in the UK. It is the responsibility of each traveller to apply online individually and pay the requisite fee to the governing body. The price of electronic visas is not included in the tour price. Processing time for electronic visas varies from 3 to 7 days. It is the responsibility of all travellers to apply for electronic visas if required for entry to their intended destination well in advance of travel.

### **COVID-19 and Pandemics**

You acknowledge that exposure to viruses or diseases, including COVID-19, is an inherent risk of travel that cannot be controlled by Worldwide Quest International, ROMTravel, or Royal Ontario Museum. We bear no responsibility for interrupted or cancelled travel plans caused by COVID-19 or related restrictions, and any costs incurred for rebooking or adjustments are solely the responsibility of the

traveller. Travellers must comply with public health guidelines at their intended destinations (e.g., testing, vaccination requirements, mask mandates, social distancing, self-isolation protocols, and other requirements) and accept that guidelines can change rapidly. Failure to comply with local laws and regulations could impact the vacation, including termination of travel services at the expense of the traveller. Worldwide Quest International will advise travellers on entry requirements to their destination(s) and the return to Canada. The information and disclosures provided are not exhaustive and are provided as guidance to make an informed decision. Travellers must understand that their trip may be extended for an indeterminate amount of time in the event of a disease or pandemic, with additional expenses incurred. Worldwide Quest International, ROMTravel, and Royal Ontario Museum bear no responsibility for any costs related to a traveller testing positive for any infection or disease, which may include self-isolation, quarantine, COVID tests, meals, beverages, airline rebooking fees, medical fees, and other incidentals.

It is strongly recommended that travellers purchase comprehensive travel insurance to safeguard against unforeseen circumstances.

### **Publication of Contact Information**

Your contact information will be published in the trip handbook unless

you advise ROMTravel not to do so. It is for the sole use of trip participants, ROMTravel and the travel agency. ROMTravel will not share such contact information with anyone else. For this trip, Worldwide Quest International will not publish a list of participants and will not use photographic images of you for future promotional purposes.

### **Travel Insurance**

It is strongly recommended that each participant obtain adequate trip cancellation and interruption insurance should an unexpected event occur or should the trip become inoperable for reasons beyond the control of Worldwide Quest International, ROMTravel, and Royal Ontario Museum. A ROMTravel waiver of insurance will be required if the participant does not have trip cancellation and/or trip interruption insurance.

Emergency medical insurance is mandatory. Proof of emergency medical insurance coverage is required.

All travellers must submit a copy of their insurance policy to both Worldwide Quest International and ROMTravel prior to departure.

Insurance can be purchased from many different insurance providers. Once purchased, travel insurance is non-refundable. It is the responsibility of each participant to ensure that they have adequate out of province medical, hospital, trip cancellation and interruption insurance and baggage

insurance to cover changes in health or other circumstances prior to, or during, the trip, including coverage related to COVID-19 or other transmissible diseases. All losses suffered or additional costs incurred associated with failure to have insurance, or to have sufficient insurance, are the sole responsibility of the participant.

Insurance purchased through Worldwide Quest International is underwritten by Manulife Financial. Insurance may be purchased up to the time the initial deposit is processed, or at a later time but, if purchased later, would be subject to any changes to the premiums and/or to the participant's health or other circumstances at the time of purchase. Travellers may provide their own travel insurance or purchase travel insurance through another provider. For coverage options and complete coverage details, limitations and exclusions, please contact Worldwide Quest International for a quote.

At this time, travel cancellation insurance does not cover COVID-19, as COVID-19 and all variants are deemed a foreseeable event. Worldwide Quest International, ROMTravel and Royal Ontario Museum bear no responsibility or liability for cancelled or rescheduled travel plans due to COVID-19, any other pandemic, or a Canadian Level 3 or 4 Travel Advisory for any reason. Worldwide Quest International, ROMTravel and Royal Ontario Museum have no influence on insurance

companies' claim departments, or the outcome of a policy claim. We strongly recommend all travellers have a travel insurance policy that meets their individual needs.

Worldwide Quest International, ROMTravel and Royal Ontario Museum do not endorse any particular insurance company. All travellers should do their research and have an insurance policy that meets their needs.

If you choose to extend your trip beyond the duration covered by the insurance policy you've purchased, such as deviating from a group trip and staying abroad longer, it is your sole responsibility to contact your insurance provider and arrange for a policy extension.

In the case of insurance purchased through Worldwide Quest International, be aware that the insurance policy's coverage is exclusively valid for the trip dates as outlined in this brochure. You will assume full responsibility for liaising with the insurance provider and covering any additional costs required to extend the existing insurance policy or to acquire a new policy that aligns with your individual travel dates. Worldwide Quest International, ROMTravel and Royal Ontario Museum bear no responsibility if you fail to ensure you possess comprehensive insurance coverage for the entire duration of your stay abroad, including any extensions beyond the group trip dates.

If you decide to upgrade aspects of your trip, such as opting for business class airfare or a suite or cabin upgrade, after the initial purchase of your insurance policy, it is your responsibility to inform your insurance provider of the additional costs associated with these upgrades. Worldwide Quest International, ROMTravel and Royal Ontario Museum bear no responsibility if your insurance policy does not include coverage for the extra costs associated with upgrades due to your failure to inform your insurance provider.

Travel medical insurance does not provide trip cancellation or trip interruption coverage. Insurance premium costs are not included in the trip cost.

If you choose to travel without trip cancellation or trip interruption insurance, you will be entirely responsible for covering expenses associated with cancelling your trip before departure for any reason including medical issues, pandemics, and any unforeseen events that may occur during the trip. Liability insurance is the responsibility of the individual.

### **Limitation of Liability for the Royal Ontario Museum**

None of the Royal Ontario Museum, ROMTravel or the Department of Museum Volunteers of the Royal Ontario Museum, or any of their respective trustees, officers, employers or members (collectively "ROM") assumes any

responsibility for financing, arranging, conducting or performing the trip. The Royal Ontario Museum shall not be liable for any indirect, incidental, special, punitive, incidental, consequential damages relating to, in connection with, or arising out of, the group trip, including but not limited to, loss of enjoyment, lost profits, or travel expenses, whether such damages are based on contract, tort (including negligence and gross negligence), strict liability or any other legal theory, even if such damages could have been foreseen or prevented or if Royal Ontario Museum was advised of the possibility of same and whether or not a representative of Royal Ontario Museum accompanies the group trip. The maximum liability of Royal Ontario Museum to the participant for any claims relating to, in connection with, or arising from, the group trip shall not exceed \$ 50.00 CAD. This limitation applies to all claims, including those based on breach of contract, tort (including negligence and gross negligence), or any other cause of action.

#### **Governing Law and Jurisdiction**

The Terms and Conditions are governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario. Any disputes arising from these Terms and Conditions shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Province of Ontario.

#### **Responsibility and Jurisdiction of Worldwide Quest International**

Worldwide Quest International and their agents act solely as agents for passengers regarding all services provided by others, including but not limited to transportation, accommodations, restaurants, guides, and attractions. Therefore, Worldwide Quest International will exercise reasonable care in making arrangements and conducting the trip.

#### **Limitation of Liability for Worldwide Quest International**

Worldwide Quest International does not assume any responsibility or liability for any claims, damages, expenses or other financial loss whether to person or property arising out of injury, accident, death, cancellation, delay, alteration or inconvenience resulting from any act of omission, commission, or inadvertence of any hotel, carrier, restaurant, cruise line or other company or person rendering any of the services included in the tour or caused by weather, pandemics, sickness, strikes, quarantines, war, armed conflict, humanitarian crisis, “force majeure”, or the willful or negligent acts or any other cause whatsoever beyond the control of Worldwide Quest International.

Individual travellers must recognize there are inherent risks associated with certain activities, including but not limited to, swimming, sports, biking, adventure activities (e.g., ziplines, off-road vehicles, horseback riding, skiing,

rappelling and hiking), water-based activities, (e.g., boating, swimming, canoeing), and motorized vehicles (e.g., scooters, e-bikes, ATVs, jet-skis, helicopters, etc..). Participation in activities involves inherent risk, danger and hazards including but not limited to: accidents which occur in the water; slips, trips, falls; overturning or upsetting of watercraft; entrapment by trees, logs, deadfall and/or equipment; falling from watercraft; encounters with domestic or wild animals including bees and jellyfish; high winds or adverse conditions; equipment failure; failure of safety equipment; variation in water conditions, surfaces or currents; negligent first-aid; infectious disease contracted through viruses, bacteria, parasites and fungi which may be transmitted through direct or indirect contact; the negligence of other participants. It is the individual choice of each participant to engage in activities. Worldwide Quest International assumes no responsibility or liability for injuries, damages, or losses resulting from participation in activities. It is strongly advised that travellers review their travel insurance to ensure it provides adequate coverage for any high-risk or optional activities they choose to participate in.

By accepting the Terms and Conditions you agree to waive your legal rights including the right to sue for negligence, breach of contract, breach of liability or claim compensation:

- Waive any and all liability against Worldwide Quest International including vicarious liability, except in circumstances of gross negligence or willful misconduct.
- Not commence or participate in any type of claim, lawsuit, or class action against Worldwide Quest International, except in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct.
- Release, indemnify, hold harmless, and forever discharge Worldwide Quest International for any losses or injuries arising during their participation in the travel program, except in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct. In entering into this Release Agreement, you are not relying on any oral or written representation or statements made by Worldwide Quest International staff, agents and suppliers with respect to water, mountain, jungle or desert conditions and safety of participating activities.
- Assumption of Risk: You must be aware that participation in water activities and other activities involves inherent risk, danger and hazards including but not limited to: accidents which occur in the water; slips, trips, falls; overturning or upsetting of watercraft; entrapment by trees, logs, deadfall and/or equipment; falling from watercraft; encounters with domestic or wild animals including bees and jellyfish; high winds or adverse conditions; equipment

failure; failure of safety equipment; variation in water conditions, surfaces or currents; negligent first-aid; infectious disease contracted through viruses, bacteria, parasites and fungi which may be transmitted through direct or indirect contact; the negligence of other participants. Communication on the water, mountains or other isolated territory is difficult and in the event of an accident rescue and medical treatment may not be available. You are aware that camping, hiking, skiing and trekking involve risks and hazards including but not limited to steep slopes, eroded riverbanks, glaciers and crevasses, obstacles and hazards; uneven terrain that is not regularly patrolled; becoming lost or separated from the guide; risks associated with camp or forest fires.

In the event of a Canadian Government Level 3 or Level 4 Travel Advisory, Worldwide Quest International does not assume responsibility or liability for any losses arising from cancelled travel plans for airlines or bundled land services including but not limited to accommodations and transportation.

All tickets, coupons, and orders are subject to the terms and conditions imposed by the suppliers. If a performance or festival included in your itinerary is cancelled, the remainder of the trip will proceed as scheduled. If required to cancel, standard cancellation terms will apply.

In case of an accident or crime occurring during the land portion of the tour, the passenger must submit any claim therefore only to the competent judicial authorities of the jurisdiction where such accident occurred, to be determined exclusively in accordance with the laws of such jurisdiction. Airlines and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance. The passage contract issued by these companies constitutes the sole contract between the companies and the purchasers of these tours and/or passengers.

Worldwide Quest International reserves the right to modify the itinerary when necessary to ensure the safety and convenience of the participants.

Changes may include adjustments to transportation, accommodations, restaurants, attractions, and excursions. Any additional costs arising from these changes will be the responsibility of the participants. Deposits and payments made by participants to Worldwide Quest International are allocated to the various service providers and are non-refundable for any unused portions of the trip. For group trips, no adjustments to the itinerary or group sizes will be permitted from clients after the final payment deadline, as such changes can disrupt the integrity of the trip.

For trips that include airline group bookings, generic seating arrangements are provided by the airline when names are submitted for ticketing. Worldwide Quest International cannot guarantee specific seat assignments as seating is managed directly by the airline. Passengers may adjust their seating at the time of check-in, subject to availability.

Group airfares are based on a minimum number of travellers. Any requests to deviate from the group airline booking will be considered on a special request basis and are subject to availability. Travellers are fully responsible for any additional costs associated with booking a deviation. Deviation requests must be submitted at least 120 days before departure to be considered. Refunds or credits for unused group airfare are not guaranteed.

Worldwide Quest International, as the organizer of the group and its agents, reserves the right to decline, accept, or retain any participant or trip member at any time. Worldwide Quest International reserves the right to decline or remove any participant whose behaviour is deemed harmful to themselves and/or other group participants. Travellers agree to abide by the laws of the countries they visit, especially with respect to the use of alcohol and drugs. It's important to note that while cannabis may be legal in Canada, its legality may differ in other countries. Participants agree to abide by the rules of hotels, resorts, and villas

where they stay. All additional costs associated with early departure from the trip will be assumed by the participant, and there will be no refund for the unused portion of the trip. Any costs associated with room or property damage deemed intentional by hotel, resort, and/or transportation suppliers will be the sole responsibility of the occupants and individual travellers.

Any changes in health or medical status must be reported as soon as possible and, in some cases, may result in Worldwide Quest International withdrawing services and cancelling the participant's trip. Group trips typically involve active itineraries, requiring participants to walk approximately 6 kilometres (about 4 miles) per day over uneven terrain including but not limited to: cobblestone streets, staircases, bridges and unpaved walking trails. Unless specifically arranged and agreed upon during the trip planning process, trips are not designed to accommodate physical disabilities or limited mobility. Worldwide Quest International reserves the right to cancel a participant's booking if significant changes in health or mobility occur between the deposit and the commencement of the trip, compromising the participant's ability to complete the itinerary or affecting the group's overall experience. Any resulting losses or costs will be the sole responsibility of the traveller. Worldwide Quest International does not provide or make booking arrangements for mobility

aids (such as scooters, walkers, or crutches) or a personal support worker. Any additional costs incurred due to reduced mobility or injury will be the sole responsibility of the traveller.

Participants are strongly advised to have adequate travel insurance, including coverage for trip interruption or cancellation due to health changes, including COVID-19 and other transmissible diseases, prior to departure.

Dietary restrictions and allergies must be disclosed at the time of registration. While Worldwide Quest International and individual restaurants will make every effort to accommodate these needs, not all requests can be fulfilled, and reasonable substitutions will be provided when possible. Travellers should be aware that meals in foreign countries often reflect local customs and may differ significantly from Canadian standards. Kosher or Halal meals cannot be guaranteed, and in such cases, vegetarian options may be recommended. Worldwide Quest International assumes no responsibility if meals do not fully meet dietary requirements or in the event of an allergic reaction.

If a traveller requires a single-occupancy room for any reason, this must be disclosed at the time of registration. The additional cost of a single supplement will be the sole responsibility of the traveller. Similarly, if a traveller requires a

personal support worker or assistant for any reason, all related costs must be covered by the traveller. Worldwide Quest International, including group trip leaders, do not provide personal support or assistance to individual travellers. Accommodation is assigned based on the "best in class" available at the time of booking. However, Worldwide Quest International cannot guarantee specific room views, amenities, bed configurations, or floor locations at individual properties.

The decision to travel is solely the participant's choice, and each traveller is accountable for their personal safety while abroad. Participants agree to take all reasonable precautions to protect their well-being during the trip, including but not limited to the proper use of safety devices and adherence to all posted signs, as well as verbal or written health and safety warnings. Worldwide Quest International and its third-party suppliers are not liable for any loss, injury, or damages resulting from a participant's failure to follow safety guidelines or warnings.

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The Terms and Conditions concerning publication of a list of participants and use of photographic images of you supersede any such Terms and Conditions set by Worldwide Quest International.

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you must accept when completing  
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Figure 16: Food stall on the side of the road, Tunisia. © Penelope Hughes, ROMTravel Volunteer, 2026.

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