

# Tunisia

## Information for applicants

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Tunisia is situated on the Mediterranean coast. It borders Algeria to the west and south-west, and Libya to the south-east. Tunisia's coastline is 1,148 km in length, and also features islands and lagoons (the total coastline is 2,290 km in length). Tunisia covers an area of 163,610 square kilometres, with a population of just under 11 million, 2.5 million of whom live in the Tunis metropolitan region. Tunis is the capital of Tunisia.

### Climate and sights

Tunisia has a Mediterranean climate with hot summers (30 degrees) and mild winters (15 degrees) and occasional heavy but short showers of rain in the northern coastal region. The deserts and zones of transition are hot and arid all year round. Average temperatures in Tunis are between 6 and 14 degrees in January and 21 to 33 degrees in August.

Tunisia is a country of contrasts, with spectacular landscapes and many cultural treasures. The historic old town of Tunis, with its winding alleys and magnificent mosques, is a UNESCO world heritage site.

### Medical care

Medical services in Tunis are good. There is a network of government-run hospitals of various sizes. As a rule, they do not reach German hygiene standards and should be used with a certain degree of caution. Tunis also has a range of private clinics that offer good initial

and emergency medical care. If hospitalisation is required, the El Amen Group hospitals are a good choice. In spite of this, we recommend returning to Germany once your condition has stabilised in the event of serious illnesses or accidents (e.g. standards after operations on bones/joints are unclear). Everybody should choose a general practitioner while healthy and find out how to get there. Ideally, you should also introduce yourself to them beforehand.

Yellow fever vaccinations are not necessary if you are travelling directly from Germany. The German Federal Foreign Office still recommends reviewing and completing the standard vaccinations in accordance with the Robert Koch Institute's latest immunisation schedule. These include vaccinations against tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), as well as polio, mumps, measles, rubella, pneumococcal infections and influenza where applicable. For long-term stays, hepatitis A, hepatitis B and rabies vaccinations are recommended.

### Accommodation and quality of life

Most foreign nationals live and work in the Tunis metropolitan region, where they can generally find both furnished and unfurnished apartments in all price classes and a wide range of comfort standards. There are many real estate agents who can help you find accommodation; the daily newspapers and the Internet are also useful sources. Between the inner city and *banlieue nord*, upper middle-class residential districts like Menzah and Manar and new districts like Berges du Lac and Aouina are an alternative.

## Shops and services

Shopping for everyday items in Tunisia is no problem. You can find a wide range of foodstuffs in the grocery stores, markets and supermarkets. Basic foods like bread, sugar and milk are state-subsidised and sold at fixed prices.

## Find out more

<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/laenderinformationen/tunesien-node>

<https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/326.html>

## Accompanying partners and children

International schools are available in Tunis.

There is no German school in Tunisia. However, the English-language American Cooperative School of Tunis offers German classes for native speakers from the first to the twelfth year (*Abitur* level). There are also French schools in Tunisia, though they require pupils to have native-level French language skills.

Local employment contracts with international employers (GIZ, UN etc.) are possible, if the accompanying partner has a work permit. National employment contracts with national employers are possible. Self-employment is also possible.

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