



Tunisia 3 : Between tradition and modernity



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Djerba, is synonymous with sun, warm seas and white beaches. Since the days of Homer, poets have been inspired to sing its praises.

Ulysses supposedly passed through.

It has been Christian, Vandal, Byzantine, and then Arab.

Nabeul is one of the most important of the chain of towns which line the coast of the gulf of Hammamet. The environment here is one of lush gardens and orchards.

Hammamet, 60 kilometres to the South of Tunis, is growing into one of the largest seaside resorts in Tunisia.

The recent development of the Yasmine Hammamet Marina has reinforced the importance of the tourist trade within the local economy.

Until the 11th century, Kairouan was one of the major Islamic centres of Muslim North Africa, « Ifriqiyya ».

Here, the mosques and public buildings function to the rhythm of the regular prayer calls, while the medina and the markets are constantly buzzing with life.

Within the labyrinth of little streets of the souk, the merchants have formed themselves into corporations, with separate areas for the book souk, the flower souk, or the wool and carpet traders.