TUNISIA
Accompanied by Lecturer
Dr. Laurence Michalak
MARCH 25 – APRIL 7, 2019
“What a wonderful and educational trip. Very well done, with great people.”

Robin S.
TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Experience the beauty and bounty of Tunisia with Cal Discoveries Travel. Explore ancient and pristine Roman ruins, many of which still stand tall and in better shape than their European archeological counterparts. Dip your feet in the Mediterranean Sea and enjoy the unspoiled blue topaz waters against the breathtaking arid land beyond. Visit the other-worldly sites where *Star Wars* was filmed and submerge yourself in these real-life dreamscapes. Immerse yourself in Arab and Berber culture as you stroll through lively, colorful souks—winding labyrinths filled with local shopkeepers and bright wares for sale. A treat for all your senses!

Soak up knowledge under the tutelage of Dr. Laurence Michalak, cultural anthropologist and specialist in North Africa at UC Berkeley. Learn about Dr. Michalak’s research in Tunisia as you gain insight into religious, political, and historical topics of interest.

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Day 1 | March 25
EN ROUTE
Depart from your gateway city to arrive in Tunis, Tunisia on Day 2. Bon Voyage!

Day 2 | March 26
TUNIS
After arriving in Tunis, transfer to your hotel, Tunisia Palace, a beautiful French colonial period bank converted to a hotel. Tonight, meet your fellow travelers and learn about your journey at a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3 | March 27
CARTHAGE
This morning, tour the extensive archaeological digs around Carthage, one of the most famous names from antiquity. Explore the remains of the theater, residential villas, steam baths, and a Punic sacrificial temple. Then, stroll through whitewashed Sidi Bou Said overlooking the Bay of Tunis. The village is undoubtedly Tunisia’s most picturesque, with breathtaking vistas framed in bougainvillea, an inspiration to generations of artists. After lunch in the village, head to the immense Bardo Museum, a former palace of the Bey of Tunis, world-renowned for its archaeological and Islamic collections. The Roman mosaics, the best to be seen anywhere, present a study through craftsmanship of the rise and fall of the Empire. (B, L, D)

Day 4 | March 28
DOUGGA
Archeology again dominates the day as you head west to Dougga. Tunisia’s prime Roman site, Dougga is a complete city with temples, theaters, baths, government buildings, residential quarters, and even the gents’ room. From there, continue to the equally impressive ruins of Bulla Regia. The site is renowned for its unique underground Roman villas with astounding mosaics that have been sheltered from the elements for two millennia. (B, L)

Day 5 | March 29
OLD TOWN
This morning, walk through Tunis’ medina (old town) and experience its mosques, palaces, handicraft museum, lively bazaars, and an ornate necropolis of former Ottoman rulers. After a lunch of local specialties in a mansion, the remainder of the afternoon is free for personal pursuits and relaxing. (B, L)

Day 6 | March 30
DJERBA
Take an early morning flight to the idyllic Isle of Djerba, a realm of sand and palm trees. Upon landing, proceed to the synagogue of Hara Sghira, one of the oldest, holiest Jewish monuments in North Africa and still the site of a major annual pilgrimage. From there, reach the Isle’s “capital” of Houmt Souk in time to see the superbly designed, informative museum of arts and traditions. The remainder of the day is free to enjoy the Radisson Blu Palace Resort’s beachside amenities or wander around the bazaars of Houmt Souk, the best in the country for traditional crafts. (B, L, D)

Day 7 | March 31
THE GHORFAS
Take an excursion to the region of Foum Tataouine to see the unique ghofra Berber settlements, built for protection like beehives atop outcrops of rock. Each settlement has its own unique charm and history: Chenini village, the South’s most picturesque; the restored Ksar Oulad Soltane; and 11th-century Ksar Kedim, the model for all other structures in the area, with its mysterious geometrical bas-reliefs. (B, L, D)

Day 8 | April 1
MATMATA
Today, head to the hilly region of Matmata. The area has dozens of underground dwellings with open-air courtyards dug into the ground and rooms carved out on the sides. They are masterpieces of vernacular architecture, staying cool in the summer and warm in the winter. To the early Greek visitors, these were the “troglodytes,” or the cave dwellers. The iconic
craters were used in the filming of the original Star Wars. From here, cross the great salt lake Chott el Djerid. An immense flat stretch of white, the lake provides your best opportunity to see a desert mirage. By late afternoon, reach the town of Tozeur and its Ksar Rouge Hotel, with the remainder of the day free to relax. (B,L,D)

Day 9 | April 2

TOZEUR & MOUNTAIN OASES

A morning excursion takes you to three unique “mountain oases” of the En Negueb Hills: Chebika with its lush spring-fed vegetation, Tamerza overlooking an ancient ruined kasbah, and Mides in a narrow gorge. Visit Tozeur in the afternoon, complete with a horse-drawn buggy ride through Tunisia's largest oasis. Learn about local agriculture including the date palm and other crops. Then, walk through the old city viewing its unique brick architecture. Finish with a visit to the zoo of desert fauna. This evening, be entertained by local Saharan folklore over dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 10 | April 3

SBEITLA

Depart for the ruins of Sbeitla. The Byzantines turned this former Roman town into one of their main strongholds. The visit covers the impressive Forum temples and Byzantine churches. From there we continue North to Kairouan, the former Arab capital of all Northern Africa and still one of Islam’s most sacred sites. A late afternoon tour includes the Great Mosque, the oldest religious monument still in use in North Africa, and the “Barber’s” mausoleum with superb Andalusian decor. (B, L, D)

Day 11 | April 4

EL JEM & SOUSSE

Today, visit the well-preserved El Jem Amphitheatre. One of the largest in the Roman world, it stands in splendid testimony to the former wealth of these Roman provinces. Its museum presents a reconstructed Roman villa from the period. Next up is Sousse, with a stop at its archaeological museum, renowned for its extensive collection of Punic and Roman artifacts. Finish with a tour of Sousse's lively medina before returning to Golden Yasmine La Kasbah hotel in Kairouan for the night. (B, L, D)

Day 12 | April 5

THE BON CAPE

Venture northeast to Nabeul, the country’s prime pottery center, and stroll in its market. Next, stop at the Domaine Atlas, one of the country’s prime wine producers, for a tour of the facility, a tasting of its prime crûs, and a private lunch. From there, drive up the Bon Cape, a lovely garden-like peninsula which juts out from Tunisia and comes within 125 miles of Sicily. Make a stop at UNESCO World Heritage Site Kerkouanne, Africa’s sole ruins of a Phoenician city without another city built on top of it. Continue the picturesque drive via thermal station Korbous with an evening return to Tunis. (B, L)

Day 13 | April 6

TUNIS

Take time to check any last items off your list in Tunis or relax at your hotel, Moevenpick Tunis. You will enjoy the luxurious beachside property with a renowned spa. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at a former palace of the old city. (B, D)

Day 14 | April 7

TO USA

Transfer to Tunis this morning for flights home as we bid adieu to this beautiful corner of the world. (B)

Meals included as listed above: B=Breakfast; L=Lunch; D=Dinner

Please note: Every effort will be made to operate the itinerary as planned, but Cal Discoveries Travel reserves the right to make changes as necessary.

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$400 single supplement
ABOUT THE ACCOMMODATIONS
Each hotel has been thoughtfully chosen for its ambiance, location, and first-class service to give you the best travel experience possible. We will stay at Tunisia Palace in Tunis (four nights), Radisson Blu Palace Resort in Djerba (two nights), Ksar Rouge in Tozeur (two nights), Golden Yasmine La Kasbah in Kairouan (two nights), and Moevenpick in Tunis (two nights).

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ABOUT THE PROFESSOR
Dr. Laurence Michalak is a cultural anthropologist and specialist in North Africa, originally from Woodland, California. After completing his bachelor’s degree at Stanford in 1964, Larry was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Tunisia, then earned his master’s degree at the University of London in 1970 and his Ph.D. at UC Berkeley in 1983. At Cal, Larry was Vice Chair of UC Berkeley’s Center for Middle Eastern Studies and taught for 23 years, retiring in 2002. Besides Arabic, he speaks fluent French, good Spanish, and fair German. He has traveled widely in Europe, Asia, Latin America, and both Northern and sub-Saharan Africa. He has taught and lectured on the anthropology of food, tourism, migration, globalization, and problems of economic development. He is the author of books on social legislation and labor migration and is currently working on a book on informal commerce.

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