

What to do in Mahdia?



EL JEM

The amphitheater El Jem is one of the most emblematic architectural contributions of ancient Rome. The large amphitheater of El Jem is undoubtedly the most elaborate of the Roman monuments of its kind. Impressive by its massive architecture and its beautiful state of conservation, it had from the Middle Ages retained the attention of Arab authors. Even European travelers have spoken of this monument.



FESTIVALS

EL JEM MUSIC FESTIVAL

Every year, the prestigious Roman amphitheater Thysdrus resurrects to the sound of enchanting melodies. The program of the festival includes the biggest orchestras of the world such as the famous Vienna Opera, the Sinfonica di Roma or the 100 gypsy violins.



Mahdia is a coastal tourist town located 200 km from Tunis, the capital of Tunisia. It is known for its beautiful white sand beaches and historical monuments such as La Skifa Kahla, El Jem and the Great Mosque. It is also known by its marine cemetery by the sea and by its fishing port, very animated. This is your first visit to Mahdia and you have a lot of questions ? What to see ? What to do ? Where to go out ? Prepare your trip to Mahdia in Tunisia. Organize your stay with our activity ideas and practical informations. This compilation of the top places to visit will help you to have a great stay in Mahdia.



PLACES TO VISIT

Mahdia is a city with many architectural masterpieces thanks to its rich past. There is the fortified gate of Skifa Kahla, the old port, the big Bordj El Kebir and the museum of Mahdia. It is also known by the Great Mosque, the old ramparts, the marine cemetery and the amphitheater El Jem.



SKIFA EL KAHLA

Skifa El Kahla is a huge gate dating back to the beginning of the 10th century. It is still one of the access points to the historic center of the city of Mahdia and one of the few remains of the old city walls, located in the center of the ancient citadel. The Skifa is part of the system of ramparts rebuilt by the Turks at the end of the 16th century. Fortified city gate, Skifa el Kahla was the main tower of the 2nd line of defense to block access to the city.

