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Holiday-gearred Hammamet has long attracted international vacationers, a fact to which the glorious decades-old Yasmine resort complex serves as testament. The town itself offers just the right dose of thrills to culture enthusiasts looking to break the lethargy of an all-inclusive respite with some sightseeing and shopping - all within the ancient walls of a cream-colored, low-rise Medina.

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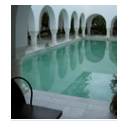
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The first touristic center to be established in Tunisia, Hammamet preserves a lasting attraction to visitors (since it was first discovered by the beau monde in the 1920s) - perhaps, much due to the abundance of luxury resorts and affordable upmarket hotels in and around the area. Beaches in this part of the country are of particular appeal - apart from bits of the coast occupied by big hotels, boundless beaches stretch sandy miles north and south of town. Hammamet's location at the start of Cap Bon peninsula makes it a great vantage point for exploring the area further, traveling up to the Tunisian capital or the settlement of Nabeul (known for its vibrant Friday market), or even all the way up north - to the peninsula's very tip, with places like scenic Kelibia or the Roman Caves of El Haouaria. If you choose to venture south, you might want to consider towns such as Sousse and Monastir.

DO & SEE



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While urban life might not exactly be Hammamet's main draw, its cream-colored Medina is an attractive oriental maze of windy alleys emblematic of the region, and a definitive must-visit for holidaymakers. Tourist infrastructure in Hammamet is ever-evolving, with vacationer's paradise of Yasmine occupying multiple acres of land south of town. Around Hammamet, multiple archaeological sites and coastal settlements serve as excellent field-trip destinations to those willing to venture elsewhere.

Medina



The historic Medina is one of the city's simply unmissable sites - thick walls around it used to contain the settlement preceding that of modern Hammamet (up until late 19th century); today its windy narrow alleys and souqs are packed with ample shopping and dining spots.

Photo: Mildax/Shutterstock.com

Address: Medina de Hammamet, Hammamet

Yasmine Hammamet



Yasmine is a gargantuan resort complex just outside Hammamet proper. As of today, Yasmine amounts to a miniature city with a Medina of its own and various facilities such as markets, hotels, entertainment centers, and a waterside promenade - all of it covering an area of nearly 300 hectares.

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Address: Yasmine Hammamet, Nabeul
Internet: www.yasmine.com.tn

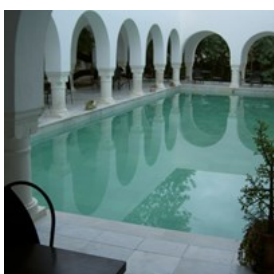
Beaches



Some of the major attractions of coastal Hammamet are its beaches, extending miles upon miles north and south of town. While some areas may belong to resorts, there are plenty of spots along the shore that are open to the public. Water sport enthusiasts will find rentals dotted along the coast.

Photo: Stana/Shutterstock.com

International Cultural Center



Having at different points in time hosted prominent figures such as Winston Churchill and served as a Nazi headquarters, the lavish mansion has regrettably lost much of its extravagant allure over the years. It today contains art exhibitions and plays host to the annual Festival of Music and Drama.

Photo: Dag Terje Filip Endresen/Flickr(image cropped)
Address: 97 Avenue des Nations Unies, Hammamet
Phone: +216 72 280 410
More Info: Festival held July-August

Great Mosque



The Great Mosque towers over the spread of Medina's dwellings, and makes for a fine example of Tunisian architecture (which, in this case, is a fusion of Moorish and Turkish tradition). Adjacent to the Grand Mosque is the now religious school (formerly another mosque) Sidi Abdel Kader.

Photo: E.Selmaj/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)
Address: Medina, Hammamet

Kasbah



The fortification, first erected in the 13th century, still stands today - and relatively well-preserved, at that. An on-site museum tells the brief history of the fort, but its main draw is, perhaps, the unbeatable view over the Medina and the sea surface - things may get a bit crowded at sunset.

Photo: despa/Shutterstock.com
Address: Medina, Hammamet

Nabeul



One of the largest towns in the area, Nabeul is best visited on a Friday, when the famous local market is set up all along the city's main artery. Other attractions include the very pleasant

beach and the city Archaeological Museum, containing findings and artifacts found in the area.

Photo: Paul Da Silva/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: Nabeul, Tunisia

More Info: 10km north of Hammamet

Kerkouane



The ruins of Kerkouane are a rare vestige of a civilization long-gone.

The area was once inhabited by Phoenicians (who lived off fishing and

manufacturing colored dye - particularly a purple shade produced from shellfish), but fell victim to the Romans during the Third Punic War. Some traces of its former glory still remain today.

Photo: WitR/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kerkouane, Nabeul

More Info: 85 km north of Hammamet

El Haouaria



The settlement of El Haouaria is primarily known for two things - its craft of falcon training (the village even serves host the annual Falconry

Festival in May, and the wild gracious birds are often sighted here in spring) and the Roman Caves, carved inside sand cliffs several kilometers to the north.

Photo: WitR/Shutterstock.com

Address: El Haouaria, Tunisia

More Info: Approximately 110km north of Hammamet

Kelibia



The northern town of Kelibia is a good vantage point for a clear sunny day - if you're in luck, you may even be able to see as far the coast of Sicily.

Other than its hilltop fort, the town is known for its beaches, which are claimed by some to be some of the best in the Mediterranean.

Photo: WitR/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kelibia, Tunisia

Korbous



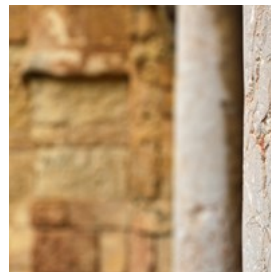
The hot springs of Korbous have been celebrated for their medicinal properties for centuries, ever since they were first discovered at

the turn of the 19th century. Some skin conditions and health issues such as arthritis are believed to be if not healed, then largely eased by the thermal waters.

Photo: schankz/Shutterstock.com

Address: Korbous, Tunisia

Sulayman (Soliman)



The settlement of Soliman (on the Gulf of Tunis side) is worth the 40km trip for its characteristic feel - the town is very reminiscent

of Moorish architecture typical of the Spanish south. Soliman is home to a couple historic mosques, and is only a short drive away from the nation's capital of Tunis.

Photo: oksmit/Shutterstock.com

Friguia Park



Wildlife-lovers are bound to write the Friguia animal park into their Tunisian itineraries - species present here range from tigers and crocodiles to flamingos and sea lions, all well-kept inside the spacious reserve welcoming tours and individuals to its animal shows and countless entertaining activities for young ones.

Photo: [evantravels/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: Bouficha, Sousse

Opening hours: Tie-Sun 9am-4pm

Phone: +216 71 530 302

Pupput



The archaeological site of Pupput is often empty of visitors - those arriving early in the mornings may find themselves one-on-one with the scant remains of a former settlement and some rather well-preserved - for the time being, at least - Byzantine mosaics.

Photo: [Rais67/Wikimedia Commons\(image cropped\)](#)

More Info: 6.5 km outside of Hammamet

Flipper Aquapark



Half-way between Hammamet and Nabeul lies the Flipper Aquapark, a water entertainment center with rides for the whole family. There are several open and tube slides for the grown-ups and a separate area with miniature rides and shallow pools for the younger visitors.

Photo: [Zurijeta/Shutterstock.com](#)

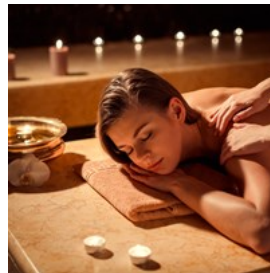
Address: Mrezga, Tunisia

Opening hours: Daily 10am-7pm

Phone: +216 20 114 125

Internet: [www.flipper.com.tn](#)

Spas & Baths



The name "Hammamet" itself translates as the plural of "bath", so a visit to one of the local spas is bound to figure on your local itinerary. For a budget option, try the public baths in the Hammamet Medina (next to the Grand Mosque). Several spas and thalasso centers operate within the city limits, some much favored by holidaymakers.

El Mouradi

Yasmine Hammamet

+216 72 249 199

Bio Azur Thalasso

Groupe Les Orangers

+216 72 278 310

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Internet: [www.groupeorangers.com/bio_azur](#)

DINING



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Eateries in and around Hammamet (and the Yasmine resort complex) cater to a plethora of different tastes, given that the city regularly receives large numbers of foreign visitors. Seafood features prominently on local restaurants' menus, and so does lamb. One local specialty not to be missed is couscous, a dish containing the grain itself along with meat and/or vegetables. Meals often come with a side of harissa - a spicy peppery paste, to be mixed in with food or used as a spread.

Le Barberousse



Tremendously popular with local and international diners, Le Barberousse is another restaurant set directly on the Medina ramparts.

Views from here are superb, and the menu doesn't fall far behind, listing a wide assortment of fresh fish and seafood dishes.

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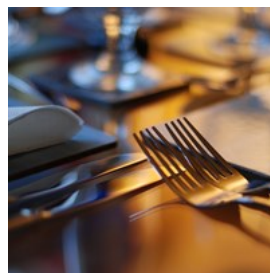
Address: Kasbah, Hammamet

Opening hours: Daily 11am-2am

Phone: +216 72 280 037

Internet: www.restaurantbarberousse.com

La Belle Vue



La Belle Vue is a decent quality eatery serving a pleasant selection of local and international dishes at reasonable prices. The restaurant's name does not betray expectation - views from here unfold over the Hammamet beach with a line-up of scenic boats, with the setting sun as backdrop.

Photo: Sarah Marchant/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenue Habib Bourguiba, Hammamet

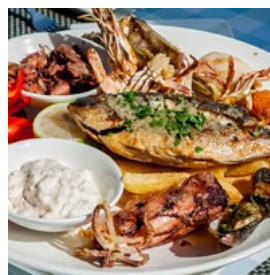
Opening hours: Daily 8am-2am

Phone: +216 55 312 915

Internet: www.labellevue.com.tn

More Info: Centre Commercial

Fatma



Located on the waterfront, Fatma is a safe bet when it comes to picking a dining spot in the vicinity — dishes here are of honest quality, with an emphasis on local fare and seafood. The restaurant is set only a few meters away from the beach, and is a good people-watching location.

Photo: IrinaChevzhik/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenue Habib Bourguiba, Hammamet

Opening hours: Daily 11am-11pm

Chez Achour



Chez Achour ranks amongst the finest in Hammamet - in terms of seafood, at the very least - the display of freshly caught marine creatures entices diners with its abundance, and dishes are served in the restaurant's intimate, shaded

courtyard. Located steps away from the Medina.

Photo: monofaction/Shutterstock.com
Address: Rue Ali Belouare, Hammamet
Phone: +216 72 280 140

Condor



The refined Mediterranean restaurant enjoys a great reputation locally, and serves a variety of well-made dishes, fusing French, Tunisian, and other culinary traditions. The outdoor terrace is especially inviting at night, when the space is dimly lit.

Photo: Nadya Lukic/Shutterstock.com
Address: Avenue Moncef Bey, Hammamet
Opening hours: Daily 12.30pm-1am
Phone: +216 72 227 910

La Bouillabaisse



The restaurant's imposing sign is hard to miss — especially so at night, when the letters light up.

La Bouillabaisse serves French cuisine with an individual spin, with cooked-to-perfection meats, seafood (escargot in garlic sauce), and other dishes gracing tables of loyal customers.

Photo: marco mayer/Shutterstock.com
Address: Yasmine, Hammamet
Phone: +216 72 241 841
More Info: Located at Yasmine Marina

La Bella Marina



La Bella Marina is a vacationer's darling — apart from serving some excellent seafood, the restaurant also provides a complimentary

shuttle-to-hotel service, making it very easy to access. Do not skip on the starters and fresh bread with a selection of spreads.

Photo: Andrey Bayda/Shutterstock.com
Address: Rue Dag Hammarshold, Hammamet
Phone: +216 72 261 374

Resto de la Plage



The restaurant is set directly on the beach, offering diners unobstructed views of the water and — during the evening hours - the

golden sunsets. Cuisine served is a mix of Mediterranean culinary traditions, with an emphasis on Italian flavours and seafood. Mind that alcohol is not served here.

Photo: Ekaterina Pokrovsky/Shutterstock.com
Address: Avenue Habib Bourguiba, La Plage, Hammamet
Phone: +216 72 282 280

Golden Fish



The excellent seafood restaurant comes recommended as one of the finest in Hammamet (meat-lovers won't be at a loss either). The

refreshingly attentive service, generous portions, and the beachfront outdoor terrace combined make for one memorable dining experience.

Photo: hlphoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: Yasmine Hammamet
Opening hours: Daily 12pm-10pm

CAFES



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Leisurely afternoons at local cafes are a staple pastime in Hammamet. Their open-air terraces are good sites to people-watch, all while sipping on a glass of traditional Tunisian mint tea or freshly squeezed fruit juice. Some of the best views are to be had from atop the Medina walls, especially so at sundown.

Liliane Cupcake



The cupcake and sweets shop is a must for all those with a sweet tooth - endless varieties of decadent-looking cupcakes, with flavours

ranging from everyone's favorite Oreo to Snickers and other candy brands well-known internationally. Other treats include delectable glazed donuts and cookies.

Photo: Marharyta Kovalenko/Shutterstock.com
Address: Avenue Taieb El Azzabi, Hammamet
Phone: +216 21 101 875

Internet: restaurantguru.com/Liliane-Cupcake-Hammamet

Canari



A hugely popular local cafe, Canari is known for its great desserts and ice creams, as well as fresh fruit juices (a couple varieties are on offer at all times). The adjacent shop is an attraction in itself - stop by on your way out and pick up local treats at manageable prices.

Photo: Dani Vincek/Shutterstock.com
Address: 8 Avenue Ali Belhouane, Hammamet
Opening hours: Daily 8am-12am
Phone: +216 72 281 104

Le Pêcheur



For those on a budget, Le Pêcheur is the place to be — at very fair prices, the establishment serves a selection of Tunisian and Mediterranean dishes, many with a certain home-made quality to them. The location is fortunate, just across from the old castle and steps away from the Centre Commercial.

Photo: AS Food studio/Shutterstock.com
Address: Centre Ville, Hammamet

Bridge Cafe



A pit stop at Bridge Cafe is certainly worth it if only for its decadent-looking, photogenic whipped cream-topped milkshakes - one of those would perhaps be enough to satiate a small hunger, but the menu offers a variety of savoury foods and a good breakfast selection.

Photo: BuaRaWong/Shutterstock.com
Address: Avenue de la Republique, Hammamet
Opening hours: Daily 12pm-12am
Phone: +216 97 651 544

La Terrasse



The upscale restaurant and cafe in Hammamet Nord attracts visitors year round - especially so during the summer time, with its beautiful outdoor beachfront terrace. The specialty here is seafood and Mediterranean cuisine, which continuously receives praise by customers.

Photo: Romaset/Shutterstock.com
Address: Zone touristique El Merezka, Hammamet Nord
Phone: +216 72 260 659

El Marsa



The oriental Marsa cafe invites guests to a relaxing soiree in an authentic Tunisian setting, complete with blue-and-white motifs in its interior, ornate pillows and rugs, shisha service, and a refreshing outdoor terrace. Big games are broadcast frequently, too.

Photo: Dasha Petrenko/Shutterstock.com
Address: Yasmine Marina, Hammamet
Phone: +216 55 600 018

Germaine



The hidden gem of a cafe isn't easy to stumble upon, so do head here with purpose. By night, as multiple lamps light up in the lush green garden furnished with antique pieces, the cafe gains a

whimsical charm and turns conducive to hours of lounging. Try one of the excellent fruit juices.

Photo: Oksana Shevchenko/Shutterstock.com
Address: Rue de Nevers, Hammamet
Phone: +216 72 264 909
More Info: Hammamet Sud

Le Petit Pecheur



For local eats and seafood in the city center, try the well-visited Le Petit Pecheur up Avenue de la Republique. Orders come with sides and salads, and portions are normally relatively generous. Free of charge bread and dips come with your order. Alcohol is not served.

Photo: FPWing/Shutterstock.com
Address: Avenue de la Republique, Hammamet
Opening hours: Daily 11am-2am
Phone: +216 72 265 510

Two-M



The fast food restaurant is incredibly successful with the local population, and its small space tends to get filled with customers in no time around lunch and dinner. A sure bet order recommendation would be a "cornet" (pizza-cone type concoction) with a side of fries.

Photo: carpe89/Shutterstock.com
Address: Rue Taleb el Ezzabi, Hammamet
Phone: +216 50 503 040
Internet: two-m-pizzeria.business.sit

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Nightlife entertainment primarily centers around Hammamet Sud, while the Yasmine marina area is more known for its low-key, lounge-type bars. In the drinks department, Tunisia boasts some quality locally-produced wines (stocked in most places that serve alcohol) and a fig-based brandy variety (boukha). Celestia is a popular non-alcoholic beer. Do mind that not all local establishments serve alcohol, so it might be a good idea to enquire beforehand. Alcohol sale is restricted on Muslim holidays.

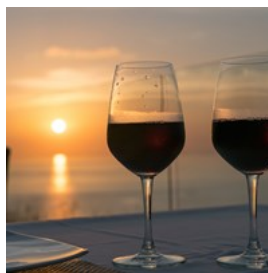
Hammamet Sud



After sundown, party vibes emerge in Hammamet Sud — an area not too far west from the Medina, half-way between the city proper and Yasmine Hammamet. Here one will find the highest concentration of nightclubs and bars in town and, quite possibly, the entire country.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Marina Yasmine Hammamet



The Yasmine port and marina area are a widely-known tourist magnet, much due to the abundance of charming waterfront (and even some floating on the water surface itself!) bars and restaurants, mostly known for their loungy vibes. For harder partying, head to Hammamet Sud after sunset drinks here.

Photo: Dmitry Galaganov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Yasmine Hammamet

Calypso



The glitzy Calypso is a massive, fashionable nightclub (some say, the best on the entire continent) that packs hundreds at a time - local and international party-goers fill the floor from midnight onward, dancing to tunes spun by guest DJs from all over the world. Drinks are on the pricey side.

Photo: Maxim Blinkov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ave Moncef Bey, Hammamet

Phone: +216 72 227 530

Canari



Ice cream cafe and bakery by day, Canari tends to get increasingly filled up with vacationing internationals as the sun begins to set. One of its main draws is the outdoor patio, a perfect spot for people-watching steps away from the Hammamet Medina.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 8 Avenue Ali Belhouane, Hammamet
Opening hours: Daily 9am-1am
Phone: +216 72 281 104

Sidi Bou Hadid



The oriental cafe serves refreshments by day, and turns into a well-visited shisha bar by night. Two choices of seating are available, European-style and some amidst ornamental rugs and cushions, with multiple spots overlooking the golden Tunisian sunsets.

Photo: Chubykin Arkady/Shutterstock.com
Address: La Medina Arabe, Hammamet
Opening hours: Daily 6am-11pm
Phone: +216 72 280 040
Internet: www.sidibouhdid.net

Latino Club



One of the best clubbing locations in Hammamet, Latino plays - conceivably – Latin beats and local hits, keeping the dance floor alive till the early morning hours. The club is popular with locals and tourists alike, and frequently offers special deals on drinks.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
Address: 40 Avenue de la Paix, Hammamet
Opening hours: 10pm-4.30am
Phone: +216 97 539 639

Le Berbere Sky Bar



What keeps customers coming back for more is one of the best panoramic terraces in town - from here, you will enjoy a direct view of the Kasbah and sun setting straight into the sea. The restaurant offers great dining, but coming for a drink only is not at all frowned upon.

Photo: Stas Walenga/Shutterstock.com
Address: Avenue de la Republique, Hammamet
Opening hours: Daily 12.30pm-1.30am
Phone: +216 72 280 082

Pupput le Bar



The elegant gastrobar is located at the upscale Hotel Club President in Hammamet Nord. Here, exquisite bar food is served in a refined setting, all to accompany the bar's extensive drink list. Hosts live music shows and karaoke nights — consult the page for schedules.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com
Address: Boulevard de l'Environnement, Hammamet
Opening hours: Daily 12pm-2am
Phone: +216 23 554 433
More Info: Hotel Club President

Restaurant Shéhérazede



Shéhérazede is the definition of "dinner and a show" - guests are invited to watch an Oriental performance complete with ornate Arabic costumes and enchanting music or admire the professionalism of guest belly-dancers, all while tucking into a delightful meal.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com
Address: Yasmine, Hammamet
Phone: +216 97 394 907

SHOPPING



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A trip to the souks may prove to be slightly disorienting at first, but do persevere - once the initial confusion passes, there are lots of bargains to be had on quality hand-made goods. Some pieces to look out for are silver jewellery typical of the region, leather goods (bags and belts), clothing, carpets, and traditional ceramics (pottery from Nabeul enjoys a particular popularity, and is distinguished by recognizable patterns featuring geometric shapes, floral and animal motives). Olive oil and spices are another idea for items to bring home with you.

Souks



The maze of Medina's streets is dotted with shops and stores selling all manner of items, from authentic clothing to local art and crafts (ceramic goods, ornate rugs, leather items, and even edible delicacies). Haggling is often expected, but only start if your intention is buying.

Photo: eFesenko/Shutterstock.com
Address: Medina, Hammamet

Costa Mall



Those in search for a hassle-free shopping experience will have found the right address here, at Costa - a fixed-price store (rather than a mall) that eliminates need for haggling. Items on sale range from local souvenirs to clothing, accessories, food, and spices.

Photo: LuckyImages/Shutterstock.com
Address: Boulevard El Medina, Yasmine Hammamet
Phone: +216 72 240 374

MG Supermarket



MG is the place to go for travellers on a budget - it's a great spot to stock up on local and international snacks and drinks (and any small necessities) at very reasonable prices. Located at the Centre Commercial, right by the Medina of Hammamet.

Photo: Iakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com
Address: Avenue de la Republique, Hammamet
Opening hours: Daily 8.30am-8pm

Nabeul Friday Market



Every Friday, the nearby town of Nabeul serves host to a bustling market, where everything from fresh produce to intricate handicraft designs are put up for sale. The market isn't only a shopping spot but an attraction in itself - a good way to soak in the character of an oriental bazaar.

Photo: Curioso/Shutterstock.com
Address: High Street, Nabeul

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Airport



Hammamet may be reached via two different airports, both located at approximately the same distance from town (about an hour's drive

away).

Buses to Tunis-Carthage Airport run three times daily, departing from and arriving to the central bus station on Avenue Habib Thameur.

The newly opened Enfidha-Hammamet International Airport is best reached via privately arranged transfer (these can be pre-booked in preparation for your trip).

Both airports have taxi stands, cabs may be hired upon arrival.

Photo: Juan Garces

Internet: www.enfidhahammametairport.com

More Info: www.tunis-airport.com

Public Transport



Buses to various destinations depart from bus stops along the main avenue of Yasmine Hammamet (the main stop is directly outside the Yasmine Medina). Tickets may be purchased on board.

Another local means of transportation is a so-called "louage" - a smaller, fixed-fare mini-bus (white in color with red stripes on the sides). To take one of those to Tunis, go to Place Pasteur. For other destinations (Kairouan and Sousse), you will need to head out to Barrak-es-Sahil - a couple of km north of town.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



Yellow taxis circulate around Hammamet, and may be easily hailed off the side of the road or taken at taxi stands. Do make sure to either agree on the price before departure, or check that the meter is running to pay the correct fare.

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Pharmacy



Several pharmacies operate in the area. One address is: Pharmacie Drira Omar 278 Avenue de la Libération +216 72 279 521

Photo: Gemma Garner

Internet: www.pharmacie-drira.tn

Post



There are two post offices on Ave de la Republique - one right next to Centre Commercial, and the other (main branch) further up the Avenue.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Telephone

+216



Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity

220-240 volts



Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

97,579

Currency

Tunisian dinar

Opening hours

Working hours of local businesses may vary, but those that cater to tourists often stay open all through the day.

Newspapers

La Presse de Tunisie (French)

Emergency numbers

Police - 197

Ambulance - 190

Fire - 198

National guard - 193

Tourist information

Tourist Office

Crossing of Ave de la Republique and Ali Belhouane
(next to Centre Commercial)

+216 72 280 423

Jul-Aug daily 9am-12am

Sep-Jun 9am-1pm & 3-8pm (Mon-Sat), 9am-1pm (Sun)