Tunisia

**Full name:** Tunisian Republic

**Government:** republic

**Location:** Northern Africa, bordering the Mediterranean Sea, between Algeria and Libya

**Capital:** Tunis

**Area:** 164,150 sq km (63,378 sq miles); slightly larger than Georgia

**Climate:** temperate in north with mild, rainy winters and hot, dry summers; desert in south

**Terrain:** mountains in north; hot, dry central plain; semiarid south merges into the Sahara

**Population:** 10 million (UN, 2005)

**Ethnicity:** Arab 98%, European 1%, Jewish and other 1%

**Major Language:** Arabic

**Religion:** Muslim 98%, Christian 1%, Jewish and other 1%

**Life expectancy:** 71 years (men), 75 years (women) (UN)

**Currency:** 1 Tunisian dinar (TD) = 1,000 millimes