

AMAZING ETHIOPIA

Historic and Omo Valley Route

Ex Addis Ababa 2nd February 2023

Venture off the beaten path and explore one of Africa's most fascinating and least visited destinations. Medieval castles, churches hewn out of solid rock, ancient temples, and nine UNESCO World Heritage sites (more than any other African country) Ethiopia is the perfect holiday and tour destination for travellers of all ages.

At the crossroad of ancient trade routes, and one of the world's oldest nations, amazingly Ethiopia was never colonized.

Unique cultures, natural beauty, amazing history, wonderful people: there are many reasons to visit Ethiopia.

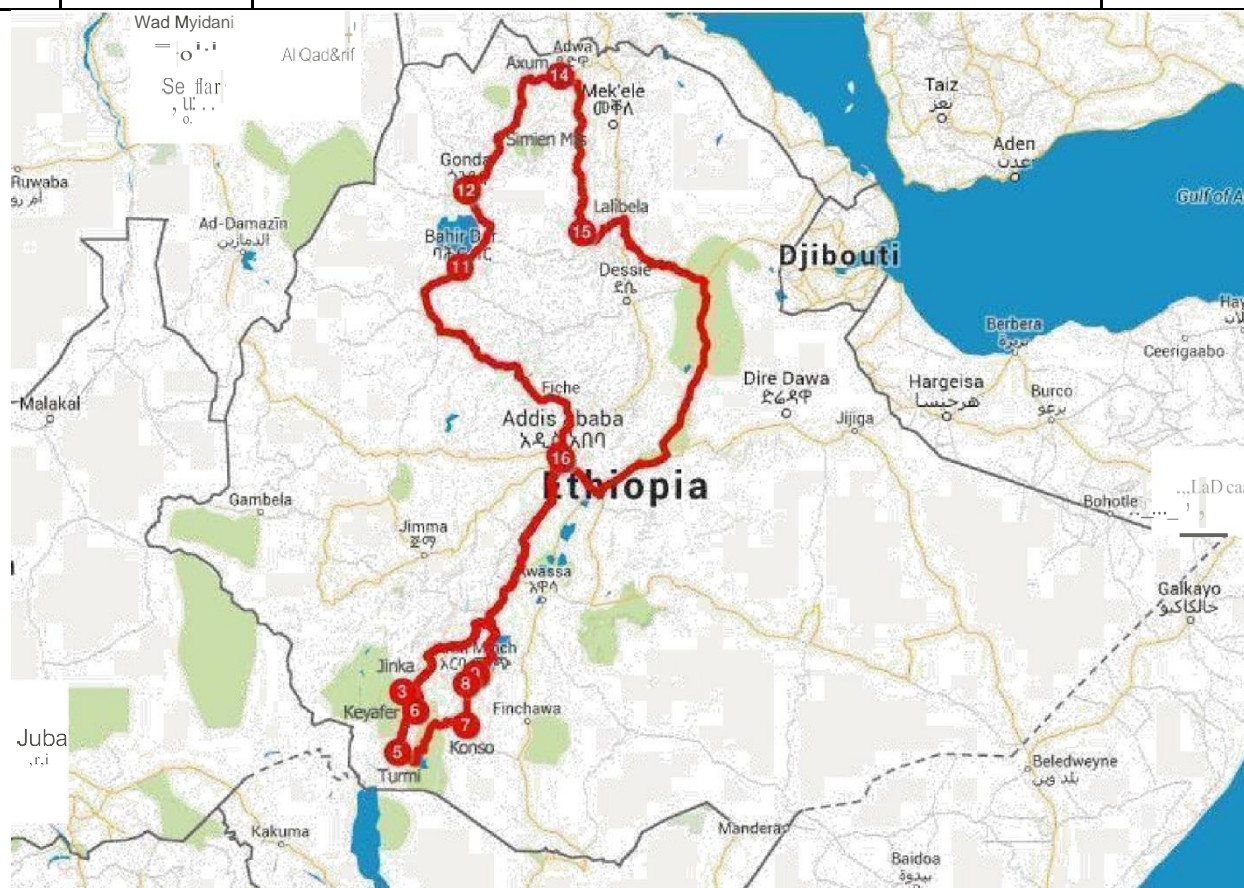


Fully Guided Trip with Local English Speaking Guide Plus Escorted Tour Leader

21- Day Tour

Day 1-2	ADDIS ABABA	Arrive Addis Ababa, transfer, City sights In Addis Ababa	Magnolia Hotel
Day 3	BAHIRDAR	Fly to Bahirdar Sights, Blue Nile falls	Jacaranda hotel
Day 4	BAHIRDAR	Visit Tana Monasteries in Zege ,visit the market, the hill at Bezawit	Jacaranda hotel
Day 5	GONDAR	Drive to Gondar and visit the city	Goha Hotel
Day 6	SEMIEN	Visit the Falasha, Womens Fistula Clinic and drive to the Semien Mt.	Simien Lodge

Day 7	SEMIEN	Full day visit in the Simien mountains	Simien Lodge
Day 8	GONDAR	In Smien mountains and drive back to Gondar	Goha Hotel
Day 9	LALIBELA	Fly to Lalibela and visit the three group of churches	Tukul Village
Day 10	LALIBELA	Visit Asheten Mariam and PM visit Yimrahine Kirstos	Tukul Village
Day 11	AXUM	Fly to Axum And city tour of Axum	Sabean Hotel
Day 12	GHERALTA	Drive to Gheralta and visit Yeha Temple and Adi Kesho Rock church	Gheralta Lodge
Day 13	GHERALTA	Visit Mariam Korkur and Abune Yemata Guh rock Church	Gheralta Lodge
Day 14	ADDIS ABABA	Visit Abreha Atsebeha Rock church and fly to Addis	Magnolia Hotel
Day 15	ARBAMINCH	Fly to Arbaminch and visit Dorze tribes	Haile resort
Day 16	JINKA	Visit Chamo Lake, drive to Jinka, visit Keyafer market	Jinka resort
Day 17	TURMI	Visit Mursi tribe and Drive to Turmi , visit Hamer tribes	Buska Lodge
Day 18	TURMI	Visit Dasanach and karo tribes	Buska Lodge
Day 19	ARBAMINCH	Drive to Arbaminch and visit Konso tribes on the way	Haile resort
Day 20	ADDIS	Fly to Addis, refresh in hotel	Magnolia Hotel
Day 21	DEPARTURE	transfer out	--



DETAILED ITINERARY



ADDIS ABABA

Day 1 - Arrive in Addis Ababa. Transfer to Magnolia Hotel, an attractive four star hotel in the center of Addis.

Day 2- Today we will have a day sightseeing tour of the capital which includes the National (Archaeological) Museum, the superb Holy Trinity Cathedral, the various historical monuments of Addis Ababa; and Merkato largest open-air market in Africa. We will visit Mount Entoto for panoramic view point at the highest pick in Addis with an altitude of 3200 meters and St. Mary Church .

Accommodation Magnolia Hotel

Rooming Standard twin/double room (Based on your preferences)

Meals Breakfast and dinner

Included Activities: Transfer to hotel, city tour and rest

BAHIRDAR

Day 3 – Fly to Bahirdar. After check in the hotel we drive to Bezawit Hill to have a panoramic view of the town of Bahir Dar, visit the place of emperor Haile Silassie and the colorful market of Bahirdar

Accommodation Jacaranda Hotel

Rooming Standard twin/double room (Based on your preferences)

Meals Breakfast and dinner

Included Activities: City tour of Bahirdar, Market and Viewpoint of Bezawit

BAHIRDAR-LAKE TANA

Day 4 - In the morning we will have a boat excursion in Ethiopia's largest water body, Lake Tana (3,600 sq km) to visit the monasteries of Ura Kidane Mihret and Azwa Mariam which are found on the largest peninsula of the lake.

These monasteries are known for the colorful frescoes of religious scenes, different ancient types of crosses, paintings, murals and an impressive display of illuminated Bibles written in

Ge'ez, Ethiopia's oldest language. In the afternoon drive 32 km southwest of Bahir Dar to the small town of Tiss Abay to visit the Blue Nile Falls. We will walk some distances to the Falls and visit some of the villages around there.

Accommodation Jacaranda Hotel

Rooming Standard twin/double room (Based on your preferences)

Meals Breakfast and dinner

Included Activities: Tana lake monasteries

GONDAR

Day 5 - Early Morning drive to Gondar - Gondar was the first capital city of the Ethiopian empire, which began in 1632 with the reign of King Fasilledes. In Gondar there are dozens of castles built by various emperors over the course of 236 years.

Gondar visit includes the palaces, residences and open air baths of King Fasilledes; (World Heritage Site by UNESCO), the monasteries of Qusquom, the church of Debre Berhan Sellassie (Light of the Trinity) with its 16th century paintings and frescoes, which is located at the summit of a hill and surrounded by fortified walls.

Accommodation Goha hotel

Rooming Standard twin/double room (Based on your preferences)

Meals Breakfast and dinner

Included Activities: Palaces, Churches, paintings, Murals, Crosses

Travel Distance : 180kms

SEMIEN MOUNTAIN

Day 6 and 7 - In the morning we will visit Beta Israel or the Felasha Mura in the outskirts of Gondar. Continue drive to the Semien Mountains National Park via Debarke the gateway to the park and continue driving to reach to Sankaber 3230masl through a beautiful scenery and Ahmara people and villages. The Semien Mountains National Park is a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and we will visit its exceptional natural beauty which includes superb scenery, endemic fauna and flora. Among other endemics it is here that the Gelada Baboon (bleeding heart Baboon) is found.

Accommodation Simien Lodge

Rooming Standard twin/double room (Based on your preferences)

Meals Breakfast and dinner

Included Activities: Day excursion, walk and visit the Baboons

Travel Distance : 100kms

GONDAR

Day 8 –In the morning we will walk around the park and its surroundings and continue drive to Gondar for overnight

Accommodation Goha hotel

Rooming Standard single room (Based on your preferences)

Meals Breakfast and dinner

Included Activities: Park and Scenery

LALIBELA

Day 9 - Fly to Lalibella to tour the famous eleven rock- hewn churches of 12th century. The city contains 11 monolithic churches that were built in the 12th century and are carved out of the pink granite rock; they have been classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Each church (Bet) has a unique architectural style; all are superbly carved and most of them are decorated with well-preserved paintings. We will visit the three group of Rock hewn Churches.

Accommodation Tukul Village

Rooming Standard twin/double room (Based on your preferences)

Meals Breakfast and dinner

Included Activities: three group of Rock churches

LALIBELA

Day 10 - In the morning drive to the top of Asheten Mariam Monastery. This is very famous for its 12- century monastery church and beautiful view at 10,298 ft above sea level. We will walk/mule ride through dramatic highland scenery and which eventually ends in a beautiful serene agricultural hamlet. In the afternoon drive to Yimrahene Kirstos(let Christ Lead us) monastery church.

Accommodation Tukul Village

Rooming Standard twin/double room (Based on your preferences)

Meals Breakfast and dinner

Included Activities: Yimrahine Kirstos ,Rock hewn Churches

AXUM

Day 11 - Fly to Axum, Axum is Ethiopia's oldest city, dating back some 2,000 years when it was the hub of the Axumite Empire. The Queen of Sheba made it her capital 1000 years before Christ. The Ethiopian Orthodox Church was founded here in the 4th Century and Axum remains the holiest city of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church.

We will visit the Axum stele or obelisks; the largest single pieces of stone standing anywhere on the

world (World Heritage Site by UNESCO), castles of former monarchs, the Axum Museum and Mariam tsion Church, built on the site of Ethiopia's first church AD, and palace of Sheba and the Gundit stelae field, King Ezana's inscriptions and the tombs of Kings Kaleb and Gebre Meskel.

Accommodation Sabean hotel

Rooming Standard twin/double/ single room (Based on your preferences)

Meals Breakfast and dinner

Included Activities: Stele, Churches, monuments, Archeological sights

GERHALTA/ HAWZEN

Day 12 -13: Early in the morning drive to Gerhalta, Hawzien has a 3,000 year history. Originally an old trading center, today the area is exclusively agricultural, en route visit -Yeha Temple- a pagan temple of the 5th C BC. Drive to Atsebe to visit Churches around Hawzen area, Mariam Qorkur Church:

Accommodation Gerhalta Lodge

Rooming Standard twin/double/ single room (Based on your preferences)

Meals Breakfast and dinner

ncluded Activities: Temple and Rock Churches and Scenery

Travel Distance : 190kms

MEKELE- ADDIS ABABA

Day 14 – Drive to Mekele and visit Wukro Cherkos and Abreha We-Atsbeh- Fly to Addis for overnight.

Accommodation Magnolia hotel

Rooming Standard twin/double/single room (Based on your preferences)

Meals Breakfast and dinner

Included Activities: Rock Churches and Scenery

Day 15 – Fly to Arbaminch and today we visit the Dorze village,

one of the many small group of tribes in southern Ethiopia. Once warriors, the Dorze are now turned to farming and weaving to earn a living.

Accommodation Haile resort

Rooming Standard twin/double room (Based on your preferences)

Meals Breakfast and dinner

Included Activities: Rift valley lakes, Scenery

JINKA

Day 16 - After breakfast we drive to Nech Sar national park and we will have a boat excursion on Lake Chamo to the "Crocodiles Market", where large numbers of Crocodile (some up to 6 meters long) gathers to sunbath and the Hippos pool. Continue to Jinka visiting keyafer market.

Accommodation Jinka Resort

Rooming Standard twin/double room (Based on your preferences)

Meals Breakfast and dinner

Included Activities: Chamo lake

TURMI

Day 17 - Morning drive to Mago National Park located in the eastern bank of the Omo River. From here we will visit the Mursi highlands where the most illustrious of Ethiopia's unique tribes lives. The Mursis are known for their decorative lip plates that adorn the lower lips of the Mursi women. The various cultural aspects of the tribe will be explained and you will be able to take their photographs and interact with them, drive to Turmi.

Accommodation Buska lodge

Rooming Standard twin/double room (Based on your preferences)

Meals Breakfast and dinner

Included Activities: Tribal area, Villages,

TURMI

Day 18 - After breakfast you will then walk to the non-touristic Hammer Village to explore the Hammer tribes (best known for elaborate hairstyles, body painting using clays and vegetable pigments to make fantastic patterns on their faces, chests, arms and legs), Optional excursion: attend the bull jumping – if possible and available with luck.

Accommodation Buska lodge

Rooming Standard twin/double room (Based on your preferences)

Meals Breakfast and dinner

Included Activities: Tribal area, Villages,

ARBAMINCH

Day 19 - Drive to Arbaminch en route meet the people of Konso and their villages. The cornerstone of Konso culture is a highly specialized and successful agricultural economy. Meet the people, take photographs and learn of a culture that has had very little outside influence.

Accommodation Haile Resort

Rooming Standard twin/double room (Based on your preferences)

Meals Breakfast and dinner

Included Activities:, tribes, Konso Village,

ADDIS ABABA

Day 20- Fly to Addis Ababa and Transfer to hotel

Accommodation Magnolia hotel

Rooming Standard twin/double room (Based on your preferences)

Meals Breakfast and dinner

ADDIS ABABA

Day 21 – This day you will be transferred to the airport for your flight back home and end of the tour.

Meals Breakfast

Costing and Conditions

Please note that these prices will increase slightly for 2021

No. of Pax	**Price in AUD TWIN SHARE
6-8	5500
Single Supplement	<i>Please enquire re single supplement</i>

****ET discount:** *If you are using Ethiopian airlines for the international flight to Addis Ababa (Arrival and departure), there is a discount on the domestic flight price and that is already applied to the tour price above. Using other airlines, there will be extra 600 AUD p/p payment.*

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Price Includes	Price Excludes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Accommodation :- Double/twin Room as stated in the Itinerary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Photo or Video fee of any ceremony or local festivals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Transportation:- Surface transportation with 4WD Toyota Land cruiser for Omo Valley 4 pax in a car and minibus/ coaster bus for historic route ● Boat excursion on Lake Tana, Omo river and Chamo in Arbaminch ● All Domestic flight ticket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tips ● Alcohol drinks and personal expenses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All Transfers in and out ● Arrival and departure transfers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Travel and accident insurance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fees: All entrance fees ● Villages fees in the Omo Valley ● Porter ● Park fee 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● English speaking driver Guide services 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meal:- Breakfast and dinner 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● a bottle of water P/P per day 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scout and local Guides in MNP 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All government taxes 	

