



Full Circle Historic Route – Drive

12 Days/ 11 Nights

Day 1: Drive north from Addis Ababa to Bahar Dar via Debre Markos. On the way you'll visit the Debre Libanos monastery and the Portuguese Bridge, the first bridge in Ethiopia. You will also pass through the spectacular Blue Nile Gorge. Overnight in Bahar Dar.



Day 2: Take a boat trip to Lake Tana to visit the island monasteries. In the afternoon, drive out to the Blue Nile Falls for a short hike. View the sunset over the beautiful spot at the source of the Nile. Overnight in Bahar Dar.

Day 3: Continue to Gondar. After settling in the hotel, explore the castles of King Fasilidas and the famous Debre Birhan Selassie church. Overnight in Gondar.

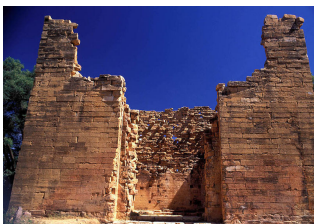
Day 4: Morning visit in Gondar. In the afternoon drive to Debark, the base from which you'll explore the Simien Mountains National Park. Overnight in Debark.

Day 5: Visit Simien Mountains National Park, the Afro-alpine habitat plays host to many endemic species, including the walia ibex, gelada baboon, the extremely rare Ethiopian wolf, as well as several endemic species of birds. Then drive to Axum. Overnight in Axum.

Day 6: In Axum you explore the historical landmarks of the ancient Axumite Empire, including the Queen of Sheba's Bath, King Bazen's tomb and the ancient stelae erected as burial tombs for the most respected Kings. Overnight in Axum.



Day 7: In the morning, you go even further back in history as you explore the ruins at Yeha, believed to be the capital of Ethiopia before Axum. You will also stop at the Debre Damo monastery to climb to the plateau above for a visit (no women allowed). Overnight in Adigrat.



Day 8: Getting a taste for what's to come in Lalibela, you visit the rock-hewn churches of the Tigray Region such as those in the Gheralta Cluster before proceeding to Mekele for overnight.

Day 9: Today you proceed driving to Lalibela, visiting the Yemrehanna Kristos church on the way. Overnight in Lalibela.

Day 10: The whole day will be dedicated to visiting the rock-hewn churches of the remarkable King Lalibela. Overnight in Lalibela.

Day 11: You start your journey back to Addis Ababa, via Woldia. On the way you will stop in Hayk for beautiful views over Lake Hayk. Overnight in Dessie or Kombolcha.

Day 12: Your final day of the journey, you continue back to Addis Ababa. If this day is a Monday, you will definitely not miss a stop in Bati for a visit to the camel market before continuing back to Addis.

Price Includes:

- All transfers and ground transport: Minivan for 1-6 pax, & Coaster bus for 7 pax and above.
- Accommodation on F/B basis (bed, breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- All entrance fees as per the program
- English speaking guide and helpers
- Government tax and service charge
- Day use room on the last date of the tour

Price Excludes:

- International flights
- Domestic Flights
- Alcoholic drinks
- Photographic or video camera fees, if any
- Expenses of personal nature such as telephone calls, laundry service, internet, souvenirs, tips to hotel staff and other service providers

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