



Historic Route and Harar by flight

14 Days/ 13 Nights

Day 1: Arrive Addis Ababa and transfer to hotel. Overnight in Addis Ababa.



Day 2: Fly to Bahar Dar. In the afternoon enjoy a boat ride on Lake Tana to visit the famous ancient island monasteries. Overnight in Bahar Dar.

Day 3: Early morning visit the majestic Blue Nile falls. After lunch visit of the Bahar Dar town's most popular open-air market and the viewpoint by the late emperor's place. Overnight in Bahar Dar.

Day 4: Fly to Gondar. Visit the 17th century Castles, the bath of Emperor Fasilidas, the monastery of Qwesquam and the icon rich church of Debre Berhan Silassie. Overnight in Gondar.

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. Overnight in Gondar.

Day 6: Fly to Lalibela. Visit the first group of the rock-hewn churches comprising of: Bete Medehanialem, Bete Mariam, Bete Meskel, Bete Denagel, and Bete Michael & Golgota, sharing the same roof. These groups of churches are surrounded by courtyards and trenches, so that they mimic normal buildings. Several of these churches are monolith ices or three-quarter – free from the surrounding rock on three or four sides a style of excavation that is unique in Ethiopia. Overnight in Lalibela.



Day 7: After early breakfast you will have a half day mule ride to the Asheton Mariam church which was built by Na'akuto Le'ab who was one of the Zagwe Dynasty rulers. You will enjoy the breathtaking scenery and the morning fresh air. In the afternoon visit the second group of churches in Lalibela consisting of five churches: Bete Emanuel, Bete Merkorios, Bete Abba Libanos, and Bet Gebriel- Rufael as well as the eleventh church and the carefully carved cross shaped Bete Giorgis. Overnight in Lalibela.

Day 8: Fly to Axum. Visit the St. Mary of Zion cathedral where, legend has it, the original Ark of the covenant is housed, stelaes, tombs, museum, and palace. Overnight in Axum.

Day 9: After breakfast drive to Yeha and go even further back in history as you explore the ruins. Yeha is 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) and proceed to Makele. Overnight in Makele.



Day 10: Fly to Addis Ababa. Enjoy a leisure day of shopping at Merkato or a sight seeing tour of the city. Overnight in Addis Ababa.

Day 11: Fly to Dire Dawa. Visit the traditional Kefira Market and the railway station. Drive to Harar and stay overnight.

Day 12: After an early breakfast, take a city tour of Harar which includes it's encircling wall, the Medhane Alem Church, the rich market place, the Grand Mosque, one of over 90 mosques and shrines, and just after sunset, the Hyena men. Overnight in Harar.



Day 13: Drive back to Dire Dawa & fly back to Addis Ababa. Overnight in Addis Ababa.

Day 14: Take in more sight seeing of Addis Ababa before departure.

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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