

HISTORIC ROUTE 10 days, flights and drive



Day 1 - Friday

FRI. Arrival in Addis Ababa. Transfer to the chosen hotel. Have a free morning. Afternoon (1400 hrs from the hotel) tour of the capital: visit Entoto mountain with views over the capital, the National museum, St George church and the Mercato, biggest open air market in Africa. Meals free. Overnight.

Day 2 - Saturday

Fly to Axum (meet your guide & driver at your hotel 2 hrs before the flight time- as will be done for each flight day-). Ones in Axum transfer to the hotel for check-in. Visit the steles, St Mary of TSION church (where legend says the Ark of Covenant is deposited), the bath and the palace of Queen of Sheba, and archeological sites. Breakfast can be at the airport or in Axum. Lunch and dinner at the hotel in Axum

Day 3 - Sunday

Drive to Wikro or Hawsen. On the way make very interesting visits, as Yeha pre-Christian temple, Debre Damo monastery (where to reach the monastery men have to climb 16 meters by ropes) and Wikro Cherkos church. Lunch on the way. Dinner and overnight.

Day 4 - Monday

Full day visit of the very interesting Tigray region churches, with also spectacular views. Visit Micael Imba, Debre Selam Atsbi and Micael Barka churches. (otherwise can also be Abreha Atsbeha, Degum Selassie and TeceleHaimanot Hawsen) Lunch on the way. Dinner at a traditional restaurant in town. Overnight in Mekele

Day 5 - Tuesday

Drive to Lalibela, visiting on the way the very interesting church of Yemerehenna Kristos. Reach Lalibela late afternoon. Lunch on the way; Dinner and overnight.

Day 6 - Wednesday

Full day visit of the rock-hewn churches in Lalibela, defined as the 8th wonder in the world. Churches built in the 12th century; the African Jerusalem. Late afternoon take part of the coffee ceremony in a traditional house or the hotel. Dinner and overnight

Day 7 - Thursday

Drive to Gondar, the city of castles and churches, defined the African Camelot, admiring very nice views over the Semien mountains. Reach Gondar late afternoon. Lunch on the way; dinner in a restaurant in town or at the hotel. Overnight in Gondar.

Day 8 - Friday

Morning visit of Gondar: the castles, Debre Birhan Sellasie church (light of Trinity) with wonderful murals, King Fasiladas bath and Qusquam monastery. Afternoon drive to Bahirdar, with views at lake Tana and Amhara people villages. Have lunch at the hotel in Gondar. Dinner and overnight in Bahirdar

Day 9 - Saturday

Drive about 1 hr to the Blue Nile falls, then need a 15 mts walk. Admire these spectacular views. Drive back then late morning to Bahirdar. Afternoon have a boat excursion on lake Tana to admire some monasteries over the lake's islands, as Asua Mariam and Ura Kidane Mehret, with also visits of an Amhara people village & coffee plantations. Have your lunch at the hotel. Dinner in a restaurant in town. Overnight in Bahirdar

Day 10 - Sunday

Fly to Addis Ababa & have your free afternoon. Lunch free. Dinner invited in a traditional restaurant with folkloristic dances. Then transfer to the airport for departure.

Add-On: for those that want to join the Omo valley, on this day can proceed with the Omo valley program.