

Historic Ethiopia

10 day - Addis Ababa to Addis Ababa

Ethiopia



This tour encompasses the best historical highlights Ethiopia has to offer! Combine some of the most ancient architecture to be found, with some stunning scenery to make this an unforgettable short tour!

Top Destinations visited on this tour

Addis Ababa - Bahir Dar - Simien Mountains - Axum - Mekele - Lalibela

Tour Price

Price: ZAR 14350 + ZAR 4125
(ZAR 600 single supplement)

Local Payment: Local Payment is a portion of your total tour cost which is paid locally to your Crew, in cash, at the beginning of your tour.

Single Supplement: Should you book this tour as a solo traveler and are happy to share a room, a single supplement may not apply (depending on availability). If you wish to have a room to yourself or can not be paired up with another same-sex traveler you would need to pay the single supplement.

Tour Length: 10 days

Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 9 Dinners

Crew: 2 crew (including cook)

Vehicle: Minibus

Tour Code: ADADH10-13

Tour Itinerary



Day 1 to 2 : Addis Ababa to Bahir Dar. A winding route over the Ethiopian Plateau take us towards our campsite at Bahir Dar. We stop for lunch at Debre Libanso on the way. Perched on the edge of Lake Tana makes for a deep blue backdrop to tonight's camp. Check out the fish market or some of the ancient churches on one of the 37 islands on Lake Tana.



Day 3 to 4 : Bahir Dar to the Simien Mountains National Park. After leaving Bahir Dar we head for Gonder - the first capital city of the Ethiopian Empire and home of some impressive ancient African architecture. Time to explore the famous Gonder castles and visit a Woleka village before continuing to the Simien Mountain National Park.



Day 5 : Simien Mountains to Axum. We pass the Limalimo Mountain range and cross the Tekeze Valley on the way to Axum - possible home of the Ark of the Covenant the site of Ethiopia's most ancient city, historical home of the Queen of Sheba and keeper of the crowns of Emperors. Whew! The next day we tour the ruins of the 2700 year old city of Yeha.



Day 6 : Axum to Mekele. Beautiful panoramic roads lead us to the 2700 year old city of Yeha and its impressive temple before we arrive at the oldest church in Ethiopia - the Debre Damo monastery. We reach Mekele in time for dinner.



Day 7 to 8 : Mekele to Lalibela. An all day drive on unpaved roads will get us to Lalibela late in the afternoon. The dry landscape climbs to 3000m+ before dropping down into river valleys - stunning! One of the holiest cities in the world, Lalibela is home to sub-ground-level churches carved from solid rock and we have the chance to explore.



Day 9 to 10 : Lalibela to Addis Ababa. As we travel back to Addis we pass through the homelands of Afar shepherds and recross the Ethiopian Plateau before our tour finishes on arrival.

Included Highlights

These 2 highlight(s) are included in your tour cost.

- **Axum Churches and Archaeological Sites**
- **Gondar**

Optional Highlights

These 5 highlight(s) are optional activities which you can do on your trip. We have supplied indicative prices so you can plan your spending money accordingly:

- **Bahir Dar Fishing**
- **Fasilidas Castle**
Tour - \$18
- **Lake Tana Scenic Boat**
Cruise - \$35
- **Lalibela Coffee Ceremony** -
\$15

General Notes

Departs daily.

Before and After Your Trip

Your pre-departure meeting starts at 08h00am on Day 1 of your tour at the Holiday Hotel Haile Gebre Silasie Road Addis Ababa.

Your trip departs from the Holiday Hotel at 07h30 morning of Day 1. We suggest you get there 15 minutes before to avoid delays.

Your trip ends at/in Holiday Hotel on On arrival in Addis Ababa. Please note end times are approximated.

Contact us from information and prices for the pre and post tour accommodation, flights, transfer, car rental and activity bookings.

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