



PROFIL
Holidays

10 Days Tour

ETHIOPIA



DAY 01

MANILA / ADDIS ABABA

Depart Manila onboard a prestigious airline for an overnight flight to Addis Ababa. Enjoy inflight meals and entertainment.

DAY 02

ADDIS ABABA

Arrive at Addis Ababa Bole International Airport and transfer to your hotel. Depending on your arrival time, you can settle into your accommodation and get some rest and enjoy a first Ethiopian meal.

DAY 03

ADDIS ABABA

After breakfast, set out for the day to discover Addis Abeba. Visit the National Museum, which exhibits antiquities, historical relics, and archaeological and paleontological objects from Ethiopia. Later, you can also visit one of the city's many fine Ethiopian Orthodox churches, St. George's Cathedral, which contains interesting modern paintings and mosaics. Also visit the Mercato, the biggest open market of its kind in Africa, and get a commanding panoramic view from atop Mt. Entoto. Balance of the day will be yours at leisure.

DAY 04

BAHIR DAR: BOAT CRUISE & BLUE NILE FALLS

After breakfast, checkout of your hotel and drive Bahir Dar (a trip of around three hours). The pleasant city of Bahir Dar is located on the shores of Lake Tana, the largest lake in Ethiopia. After checking into your hotel, explore Lake Tana and its islands by boat. Visit the monastery churches of Ura Kidane Mihiret and Azwa Mariam. Take an afternoon drive to the Blue Nile Falls, which is known locally as Tissisat (smoking water). Climb down to the base of the falls for an up-close look, and then ascend the other side. The round-trip walk will take about one hour. Then, cross the Blue Nile by boat.

DAY 05

GONDAR: AFRICAN ARCHITECTURE ADVENTURE

After breakfast, take three hour drive to Gondar first capital city of the Ethiopian Empire, which began in 1632 with the reign of Fasilidas. Visit Fasilidas' Palace, the oldest and probably the most impressive of all the castles. Continue on to the Bath of Fasilides and Quskuam Church. In the afternoon, visit the Church of Debre Berham Selassie (Light of the Trinity). The interior is decorated with beautiful frescoes, cherubs, and

DAY 06

SIMIEN MOUNTAINS

After breakfast, drive for about 1.5 hours through to the Simien Mountains National Park, a UNESCO-listed area. Ethiopia's scenic centerpiece is a mountainous central plateau that covers half of its surface area, and supports the vast majority of its population. It's the most extensive contiguous block of fertile land on the eastern side of Africa. The elevated plateau stands almost entirely at altitudes above 6500 feet (2000 m.), and includes dozens of peaks above 13,000 feet (4000 m.), including Ras Dashen, the fifth-highest mountain in Africa at 14,905 feet (4543 m.)



DAY 07

AXUM: OLDEST AFRICAN EMPIRE

After breakfast, drive 5.5 hrs to Axum, in northern Ethiopia. Upon arrival visit the steles, granite monoliths dating from pre-Christian times and decorated with symbolic engravings. In ancient times, there were seven steles. Now, one of them is in Rome, as Mussolini took it there during Italy's occupation of Ethiopia. Also visit the church of Santa Maria of Zion, which contains the crowns of Ethiopian kings, and other treasures.



DAY 08

CHURCHES OF LALIBELA

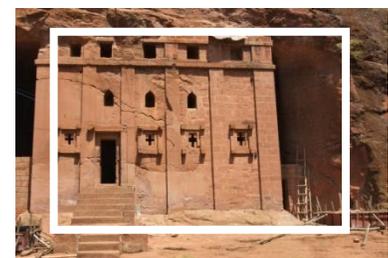
In the morning, take a short flight from Axum through to the city of Lalibela (40 minutes). Lalibela contains 11 monolithic churches that were built in the 12th century, carved out of pink granite rock, that have been classified as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Bet Medihanialem is the largest church, supported by 72 pillars and housing the 15 lb (7 kg.) gold Lalibela Cross. We also visit Bet Danaghel, a chapel built in honor of martyred nuns. Bet Golgotha and Bet Mikael are twin churches and many believe that a visit to Bet Golgotha alone can guarantee your place in heaven. Bet Giyorgis is one of the more recent churches and best preserved. In the afternoon, visit the Eastern Rock Churches. Bet Amanuel is one of the most beautifully carved churches in Ethiopia, following the Aksumite style. Bet Merkorios has a wonderful painting of The Three Wise Men, which dates back to the 15th century. Also stop to see Bet Abba Libanos and Bet Gebrieal-Rafael, which might have once been the home of the royal family before it became a church.



DAY 09

ABBIS ABABA / MANILA

Pack up your bags and your wonderful memories and make your way to Lalibela Airport for a short flight through to the Abbis Ababa International Airport. From there, connect to your flight home.



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