



## Historic Route, Semien Mountain and Partial South (#6781)

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### Trip Highlights

Addis Ababa - Bahirdar - Gonder - Arbaminch

### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 01

#### Day 1, Arrival Addis Ababa

Arrival into Bole International Airport, Meet your English-Speaking Guide and transfer to the hotel.

After some rest at the hotel depart on an Addis Ababa City Tour including a drive to Mount Entoto for a panoramic view of the city, National Museum the resting place of Lucy the mother of humanity, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Ethnological Museum, Red Terror Museum, Merkato which is the biggest market.

**Hotel:** Swiss Inn Nexus Hotel / Similar (Standard Room)



**Meal:** No Meal

**Day 02**

**Day 2, Addis Ababa-Bahirdar**

Breakfast at the hotel

Check out, Meet your English-Speaking Guide and transfer to the airport for your morning flight to Bahir Dar

Arrival into Bahir Dar Belay Zeleke International Airport, meet your English-Speaking Guide and transfer to the hotel

Take a boat trip over Lake Tana to the Zeghie peninsula to visit the beautifully painted Churches that are found hidden in the small forest: Azwa Mariam Monaster.

Second stop will be at the Bete Maryam Monastery (The House of Mary) located on the Zege peninsula, one of the oldest and most spectacular monasteries on the peninsula.

Return to Bahir Dar for Lunch, in the afternoon visit the Bahir Dar market and enjoy a city tour.

**Hotel:** Homeland hotel / Similar (Standard Room)

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Day 03**

**Day 3, Bahirdar-Gonder**

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning drive to Gonder, on the way visit the Guzara Castle, admire the wonderful landscape and views.

Transfer to the hotel where you will enjoy lunch, on the way visit the Awramba community in the Northwest of Ethiopia, which is an intentional community of about 500 people, founded by Zumra Nuru.

In the afternoon you will visit the Fasil Ghebbi a UNESCO World Heritage site, where you can see the medieval castle of king Fasilidas, King Yohannes, King Eyasu, King Dawit, King Bakafa and Queen Mentewab.

Also visit the Churches of Debre Birhan Selassie with amazing wall paintings and the bath of King Fasilidas.

**Hotel:** Gonder hills resort / Similar (Standard Room)

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch



**Day 04**

**Day 4, Gonder-Semien Mountain**

Breakfast at the hotel

In the morning drive to Semien Mountain to visit the marvellous scenery of the Semien Mountain, the endemic animals of Walya Ibex, Chilada Baboon and birds.

Five Kms from Gonder you will see the old village of the black Jews at Woleka.

Proceed to Simien Mountain, time with the Chilada baboon which is endemic mammal in Ethiopia.

Enjoy the view at Sankaber and trek around. Sankaber lies within the park and found at an altitude of 3825msl. It is the place to see troops of Gelada Baboon on the way. They are very attractive and so taking picture of them is unforgettable. These are a different primates found only in Ethiopia and live on vegetables and soft roots. Walk to the wonderful viewpoints around Sankaber. Lunch box will be taken on the site/viewpoint.

Late in the afternoon drive back to Gonder.

**Hotel:** Gonder Hills resort / Similar (Standard Room)

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Day 05**

**Day 5, Flight back to Addis**

Breakfast at the resort.

Check out, meet your English-Speaking Driver-Guide and transfer to the Gonder Airport for your flight to Addis Ababa.

Arrival into Addis Ababa, in the afternoon visit the Ethnological Museum which is a public institution dedicated to ethnology and culture. Also visit Merkato which is the biggest Market.

**Hotel:** Swiss Inn Nexus Hote / Similar (Standard Room)

**Day 06**

**Day 6, Flight to Arbaminch**

Breakfast at the hotel





Check out, drive with your English-Speaking Driver-Guide to Lalibela Via Werota Weldia on the way visit the Amhara people and their village, the real countryside of Ethiopia.

Arrival in Lalibela check in and enjoy the evening at leisure.

**Hotel:** Haile Resort / Similar (Standard Room)

### Day 07

### Day 7, Arbaminch: Lake Chamo and Crocodile market

Breakfast at the resort

Today you will have a boat ride over Lake Chamo (551sq. and 10m deep- 3rd biggest Lake in Ethiopia, located at 1,225 meters above sea level) to see Africa's gigantic Nile Crocodile, hippos and aquatic birds.

Lake Chamo: It has an area of 551km<sup>2</sup> length 26km, Width 22 km10m, and Altitude 1235m. The Lakes (Abaya and Chamo) are ringed by Savannah Plains and smoky Mountain Crests.

The best point from which to explore these two Lakes- which many consider to be the most Beautiful in the rift Valley –and national park of which Part of their Surface is an integrated part is from the town of Arba Minch. From the town on the ridge of Land that divides Abaya and Chamo, there are Commanding Views of the Panorama all around Including Bothe Lakes with Nachisar. The Shore of Lake Chamo is a good place to view crocodiles, just south of the town, at a Place popularly referred to as the azo Gabaya or Crocodile market. This spot offers one of Africa's most impressive displays of big crocs. An Unusual attraction is the crocodile farm close to the Abaya port at the northeast sector of Arab Minch, where visitors can see at Close hand these primeval creatures at various stages of growth. As well as their crocodiles and bird life such as the fish eagle, for Nile perch- often weighing more than 100 kilos-and for the fighting tiger fish.

**Hotel:** Haile Resort / Similar (Standard Room)

### Day 08

### Day 8, Flight back to Addis Ababa

Breakfast at the resort

Enjoy the views from your resort and around noon transfer to Arbaminch Airport for your flight back to Addis Ababa.

Arrival into Addis Ababa, do souvenir shopping and evening farewell dinner at one of the city's best traditional restaurants to enjoy a variety of Ethiopian cuisines and watch traditional dancing transfer. Then transfer to the Bole International Airport



for your flight onwards

End of services.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

## Inclusions

Accommodation as specified in itinerary

Meals as specified in itinerary

Transfers as specified in itinerary

English Speaking Driver as specified in itinerary

English Speaking Guide as specified in itinerary

Services of an experienced English-speaking driver-guide

All entrance fees and guided excursions as described in itinerary

## Exclusions

International Flights and Airport Taxes.

Visa Fees (if applicable).

Medical & Travel Insurance.

Incidental tips to hotel/lodge staff.

Gratuity to tour driver/guide (This is not mandatory. It depends with the quality of service delivery).

All expenses of personal nature.

## Note

Hotels Used or Similar

Addis Ababa - Swiss Inn Nexus Hotel or Similar (Standard Room)

Bahir Dar - Homeland hotel / Similar

Gonder - Gonder hills resort / Similar

Arbaminch - Haile Resort / Similar

Domestic flight cost: Available on request.



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## Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

## Departure Period

**12 Feb, 2025 to 31 Dec, 2025**

2-3 pax

AUD 5,188 P P twin share

AUD 6,005 P P single

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