



## Historic Route including Semien Mountain (#12388)

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### Trip Highlights

Addis Ababa - Bahirdar - Gonder - Lalibela - Addis

### 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 or Similar (Standard Room)



**Meal:** No Meal

**Day 02****Day 2, Addis Ababa-Bahir Dar**

Breakfast at the hotel

Check out, Meet your English-Speaking Guide and transfer to the airport for your 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.

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

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 03****Day 3, Bahir Dar**

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning drive trip to visit Tississat named after the water falls of the Blue Nile River (the life blood for the Sudanese and Egyptians). Please note that you will have to walk about 30 minutes to get near the water falls on Blue Nile.

Travel back to the city and late afternoon take a drive to Bezawit palace for the panoramic view of Blue Nile River, Lake Tana, the town of Bahir Dar with a wonderful sun set view.

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

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 04****Day 4, Bahir Dar- 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 Awramb 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:** Goha hotel or Similar (Standard Room)

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

## Day 05

## Day 5, Gonder

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 kilometers from Gonder you will see the old village of the black Jews.

Take a hike to Jimbar waterfalls, do trekking and some time with Chilada baboon around the Sankaber campsite.

Late in the afternoon drive back to Gonder.

**Hotel:** Goha hotel or Similar (Standard Room)

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 06

## Day 6, Gonder-Lalibela

Breakfast at the hotel

Check out, drive with your English-Speaking 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:** Mezena lodge or Similar (Standard Room)

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 07****Day 7, Lalibela**

Breakfast at the lodge

Today you will visit the 1st group Churches which are included in Bieta Medhaniale (Chapel of Holy Savior) which is the biggest and Bieta Mariam (Chapel of Mary): three aisled with mural paintings and a covered pillar containing inscriptions about the end of the world according to the gadl (act) of saintly king.

Visit Bieta Denagel (Chapel of the Virgins), the “Double- Church” of Debre Sina and Bieta Golgotha (women are not allowed in the latter since it's where the remains of King Lalibela are and because it contains the tabernacle of the Holy Trinity).

In the afternoon visit the second group of rock-hewn churches that are namely: Bieta Gabriel and Raphael, Bieta Merqorios, Bieta Emmanuel with unprecedented Axumite style and the Bieta Abaa Libanos (said to have been built by King Lalibela's consort Meskal Kebra and visit the Bieta Ghiorghis which is the cruciform chapel of St. George.

**Hotel:** Mezena lodge or Similar (Standard Room)

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 08****Day 8, Lalibela-Addis**

Breakfast at the lodge

Check out, meet your English-Speaking Guide and drive to the charming semi-cave church of Neakutoleab, a church of the early 13th century. Inside, there are various artefacts believed to have belonged to Na'akuto La'ab, including crowns, gold-painted drums, crosses, a large painted canvas depicting ancient kings and an old, illuminated Bible. Intriguingly, the monastery has some ancient stone receptacles that gather the water that drips from the cave's roof, thought to be holy water.

Proceed to Lalibela Airport for your flight to Addis Ababa.



Arrival into around 14:30, have lunch and Souvenir shopping, evening farewell dinner at one of the City's best traditional restaurants to enjoy a variety of Ethiopian cuisines and watch traditional dancing. Then transfer to the Bole International Airport for the night flight onwards.

End of services.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

## Inclusions

Accommodation as specified in itinerary.

Meals as specified in itinerary.

Transfers as specified in itinerary.

Services of an experienced English-speaking driver-guide.

All entrance fees and guided excursions as described in itinerary.

All park fees.

Bottled water on all excursions and transfers.

## Exclusions

International Flights and Airport Taxes

Visa Fees (if applicable)

Medical & Travel Insurance

Incidental tips to hotel/lodge staff.

Gratuity to tour driver/guide (To be paid directly but this is not mandatory. It depends with the quality of service delivery)

All expenses of personal nature.

Any entrance fees and guided excursions not included in the above itinerary.

Early Check In & Late Check Out.

Internal & Domestic Flights (priced separately).

## Note

Hotels Used or Similar

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

Bahir Dar - Homeland hotel or Similar (Standard Room)



Gonder - Goha hotel or Similar (Standard Room)

Lalibela - Mezena lodge or Similar (Standard Room)

Domestic flight cost (Addis – Bahirdar// Lalibela- Addis ) AUD 1731/Person.

#### NOTE:

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-Timings in remote areas such as national parks may vary from day to day. It is very important that your clients ask their tour guide or lodge manager to reconfirm flights 24 hours before departure. This reconfirmation process will give the departure and arrival details for the flight(s) the following day and will save unnecessary waiting time and discomfort. Charter companies reserves the right to change departure times or carrier when so required for operational, weather or safety reasons.

-Passenger weights limits apply for light aircraft flights and additional seats may be required if exceeding the weight limit. However, please let us know in advance if this is likely to apply so we can do whatever is possible to minimize the likelihood of this becoming an issue.

## Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

## Departure Period



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