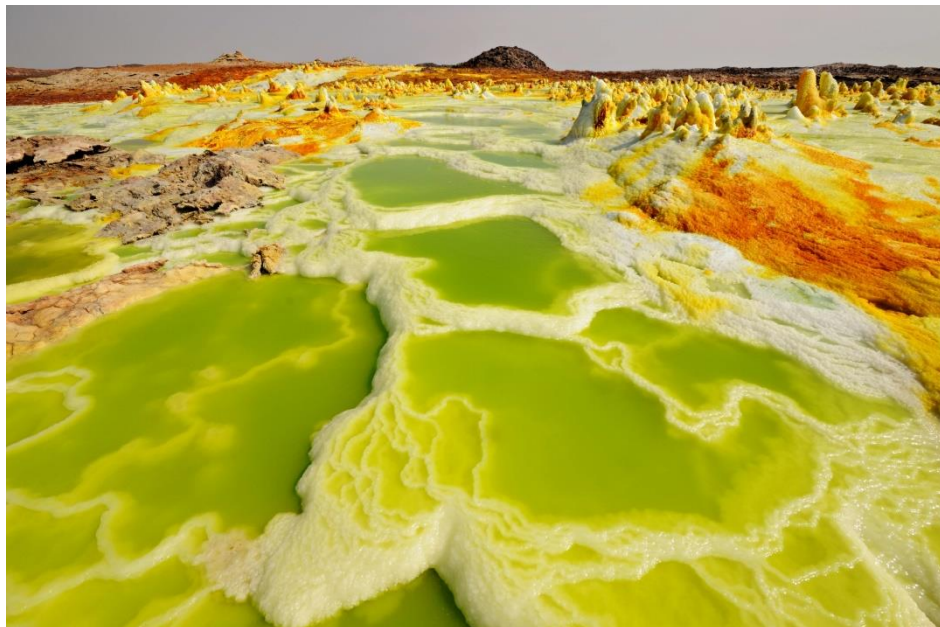


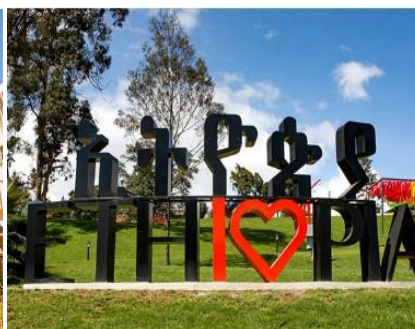
Ethiopia Package 11 Days

Tour of Addis Ababa, Lalibela, Danakil Depression, Arba Minch, Konso, Turmi, Omorate, Jinka



DAY 1 ARRIVAL-ADDIS ABABA

Arrive in Addis Ababa, early check in if rooms are available; **Addis Ababa**, capital and largest city of Ethiopia. It is located on a well-watered plateau surrounded by hills and mountains in the geographic centre of the country.visit the **National Museum**. The National Museum of Ethiopia, situated in the heart of the capital, Addis Ababa, near the Addis Ababa University's graduate school, is a repository of the country's cultural, historical, and archaeological treasures. It is also recognized for housing significant paleoanthropological exhibits. The museum was conceptualized in 1936 with an exhibition of ceremonial costumes donated by the Solomonic dynasty. Then we will go to Unity Park, located within the National Grand Palace, **Unity Park** offers travelers the opportunity to learn about nature and Ethiopian history and culture. You can view historical buildings and artifacts, learn about indigenous plants at the traditional garden, and check out the exotic animals at the zoo, including the endemic black mane lion. Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner. Transfer to Best Western Dynasty Hotel & Free time.



DAY 2 ADDIS ABABA-LALIBELA

Fly to Lalibela with ET122 at 08:20hr-visit first group. **Lalibela**, there's something intensely wonderful and spiritual about Lalibela, a truly amazing town located in the northern region of Ethiopia. Lalibela is often referred to as the "New Jerusalem" of Africa. One of the legends is that an angel took the Emperor of Lalibela to Jerusalem to see the churches there. Struck with wonder, upon returning to Lalibela, the Emperor built his own New Jerusalem so that pilgrims wouldn't have to make the dangerous and long journey to the true Jerusalem. No matter if the legend is true, pilgrims continue to journey to Lalibela each year where they receive the same

blessings as those pilgrims who travel to Jerusalem. Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner.

Transfer to Maribela Hotel or Similar.

DAY 3 LALIBELA

Continue to visit second group of churches. The last of the eleven rock-hewn churches to be built in Lalibela, the Church of Saint George, known locally as **Bete Giyorgis**, was built by King Gebre Mesqel Lalibela of the Zagwe dynasty and remains a site of huge cultural and religious significance.

Bete Amanuel has a pinkish-red color and is smoother than other Lalibela churches. Many scholars agree that it is the most beautiful and finest of all churches of Lalibela.



Some of them suggested that Bet Amanuel was the royal family's private chapel. It is a monolithic church. The structure is completely freed from the surrounding trench at a depth of 24 meters. **Bet Merkorios** house of Saint Merkorios, This church is accessible via a long, narrow, pitch-black tunnel from Bet Gabriel-Rufael side. It may be larger than the current size. The front and roof parts of the buildings collapsed and were neglected for a long time until local people raised funds for reconstruction work in 1982. **Bet**

Abba Libanos is unique among Lalibela's churches because only the roof and floor remain attached to the strata. Many of its architectural features, such as the friezes, are Aksumite. Curiously, although it looks large from the outside, the interior is actually very small. The carved corners of its cubic capitals represent angel eyes. **Bete Gabriel**, the entrance to this church is found in the most unusual location, connected by a bridge over a moat-like dry deep ditch. According to one priest, the moat is a symbol of hell and the narrow bridge



symbolizes a path to heaven. The small gallery to the east of the bridge has a spectacular view of the Bete Gebriel Church. Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner and transfer to Maribela Hotel or Similar.

DAY 4 LALIBELA-ADDIS ABABA

Fly back to Addis Ababa using ET123 at 11:10hr-visit Entoto Natural Park; **Entoto Natural Park** is a park of serenity and resounding joy. It's a unique place to discover the most breathtaking ancient mountain nature with streams flowing from clear springs and waterfalls. The Park lies on the south-eastern slopes of Mt Entoto, between the northern limit of the city of Addis Ababa at an altitude of 2,600 m and the track along the mountain ridge at altitude over 3,100 m. Now Entoto Park is fully equipped with various indoor and outdoor facilities including sport centers, library, Entertainment, Restaurants and coffee shops, Artificial Lake and Fountains Walk ways, Bike, scooter and cart roots. Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner. Transfer to the hotel (Best Western Dynasty Hotel).

DAY 5 ADDIS ABABA-SEMERA

Fly to Semera using ET110 at 07:10hr. **Semera** is the capital of Afar Region, Ethiopia. It is a town on the Awash–Assab highway in north-east Ethiopia, having been planned and built to replace Asaita. Drive to **Lake Afrera**-watch sunset, Lake Afrera sits over 100m below sea level in the Danakil Depression, and contains the world's lowest lying island, known as Deset. At the horizon, dormant volcanoes protrude out from Afrera's shimmering green topology, and Afrera's extreme salt concentration results in mounds of salt building up on the lakes shores. Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner and Camping.



DAY 6 AFRERA-ERTA ALE

Drive to Dodom and trek to Erta Ale. The way to Erta Ale leads first to the village of **Dodom**, once again a real village in the middle of nowhere. Dodom even has a school, and other brick buildings, not everything is corrugated iron like the few other villages we have come through in the Danakil Depression. Outside Dodom, stone structures that are likely to be graves. **Erta Ale** is a basaltic shield volcano rising 613 metres out of the Danakil Depression. The volcano contains an active lava lake, which means the lava in the crater remains liquid due to convection currents of the magma system underneath. Visually, the result is a thin charcoal crust that's pierced by glowing red fissures of searing liquid lava. The lava spits and splatters, and the lack of guard rails at the crater rim means you can peer directly into the fiery belly, known locally as the 'gateway to hell'. Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner and Camping.

DAY 7 AFRERA-SEMERA-ADDIS ABABA

Head to Afrera. Drive to **Dallol depression**, The Danakil Depression is a desert area in the Afar region of northeastern Ethiopia, north of the Great Rift Valley that is widely known locally as the Dallol depression. This is both the hottest region on earth averaged year round and one of the most geologically active. It is an area of singular geological fascination. A strange lunar landscape studded with active volcanoes, malodorous sulphur-caked hot springs, solidified black lava flows, and vast salt encrusted basins. Then drive to Semera and fly to Addis Ababa via ET165 at 17:30hr. Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner and drop off at the hotel.



DAY 8 ADDIS ABABA-ARBAMINCH

Fly from Addis Ababa to Arba Minch with ET171 at 07:40hr. **Arba Minch** (formerly called Ganta Garo) is a city and separate woreda in the southern part of Ethiopia. "Arba Minch" means "40 Springs", originated from the presence of more than 40 springs. It is located in the Gamo Zone of the Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples Region about 500 kilometers south of Addis Ababa, at an elevation of 1285 meters above sea level. Boat trip on Lake Chamo to see **Crocodile market** or head to Dorze village. Lake Chamo is a lake in the Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' Region of southern Ethiopia. Located in the Main Ethiopian Rift, it is at an elevation of 1,110 meters. The Chamo Lake is just to the south of Lake Abaya and the city of Arba Minch, east of the Guge Mountains, and west of the Amaro Mountains. **The Dorze Village** is a small community primarily residing in a village located in close proximity to the city of Arbaminch, Ethiopia. The estimated population of the Dorze tribe is approximately 15,000 individuals. Many Dorze individuals engage in Waver as their primary occupation. The traditional textiles produced by the Dorze are renowned for their vibrant colors and are considered to be of the highest quality in Ethiopia. Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner and transfer to Haile Resort.



DAY 9 ARBAMINCH-KONSO-TURMI

Drive to **Konso** and visit the village. Konso also known as the Xonsita, are a Lowland East Cushitic-speaking ethnic group primarily inhabiting south-western Ethiopia. Konso family traditions indicate that they are a composite people, both physically and culturally, with members originally hailing from all the surrounding areas. In terms of physical appearance, the Konso tend to be small and wiry, with high cheekbones and pointed chins. Skin color ranges

from reddish brown to almost black, but is dark brown on average. Then drive to Turmi and visit Hammar people village. Turmi is a market town in south-western Ethiopia. Located in the Debub Omo Zone of the Southern Nations, Nationalities, and People's Region. Home to many of the Hammer people, Turmi has a weekly market on Mondays. One product available at this market is incised gourds, used by local women as shopping baskets. **Turmi** is also notable for its traditional dances and the Jumping of the Bulls. Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner and transfer to Buska Lodge.



DAY 10 OMORATE-TURMI-JINKA

Drive to Omorate, **Omorate** (also known as Kelem) is a town in southern Ethiopia near the Kenyan border. Based on figures from the Central Statistical Agency in 2005, Omorate has an estimated total population of 3363, of whom 1842 were males and 1521 were females. The 1994 national census reported this town had a total population of 1,857 of whom 1,020 were males and 837 were females. Then visit **Dassanatch people**, also spelled Dassanech, do a Cushitic ethnic group inhabit parts of Ethiopia, Kenya, and South Sudan. They live where the Omo River delta enters Lake Turkana and their name means "People of the Delta". According to the 2007 national census, they number 48,067 people (or 0.07% of the total population of Ethiopia), of whom 1,481 are urban dwellers. Then return to Turmi and drive to Jinka. **Jinka** is a market town in southern Ethiopia. Located in the hills north of the Tama Plains, this town is the capital of the Debub Omo Zone of the Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples Region. Currently Jinka is the center of Jinka town administration. Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner and transfer to Eco Omo Lodge.



DAY 11 MURSI-JINKA-ADDIS ABABA

Head out to Mago National Park, **Mago National Park** is one of the National Parks of Ethiopia. Located in the Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' Region about 782 kilometers south of Addis Ababa and north of a large 90° bend in the Omo River, the 2162 square kilometers of this park are divided by the Mago River, a tributary of the Omo, into two parts. To the west is the Tama Wildlife Reserve, with the Tama River defining the boundary between the two. Then visit **Mursi people**, The Mursi Tribe are found in the far southwest corner of Ethiopia, just north of the Kenyan border in the valley of the River Omo. Here in the remote Omo Valley palaeontologists have discovered some of the oldest human remains on earth and the tribes who live there today still follow many ancient practises. The Mursi Tribe, of which there are less than 10,000, is well known for the large plates the women wear in their lower lip. Then return to Jinka and fly to Addis Ababa with ET270 at 14:15hr and depart. Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner and transfer to Best Western Dynasty Hotel. End of service.





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- Purified bottled water per person per day
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