

## North and South Ethiopia Tour

### Preliminary Program

**Date:** 3<sup>th</sup> May to 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Duration:** 14 Days and 13 Nights

**Method of Transport:** Flight and Surface

*Spectacular landscapes, ancient civilization,  
excavations Religious rituals and modern life  
Social, political and cultural initiatives Encounters with  
activists from NGOs, parties, churches  
Meeting scientists at a symposium on the situation  
in Ethiopia.*



We don't only visit, but have the possibility to direct personal conversations with activists of NGO's, Political parties, Social projects, Churches etc.

### Some of Our activates will be as follow:

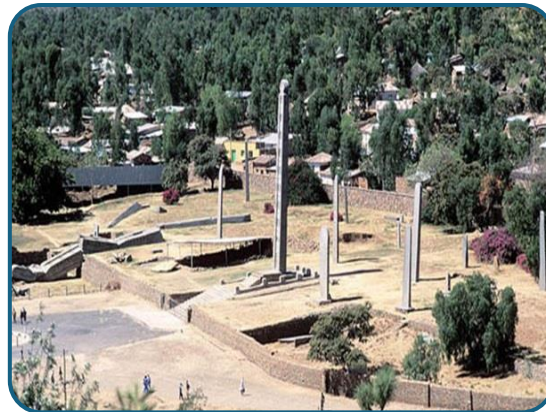
- Visiting Fresemaetat Primary Hospital in Hawzien
- Feeding Center of the Tigray Action Committee (TAC) in Hawzien
- Feeding Center of TAC in Adigrat
- University Scientist at the Symposium in Mekelle (University of Mekelle, University of Adigrat)
- Ethiopian Youth Organization
- Tigrayan Youth Organization
- Party officials
- Priests from the Catholic and Orthodox churches in Tigray
- Imam of Mosque in Tigray as Tigray is the place where you found the first mosque in Africa

#### **Day 1/May 4/Sun: Arriving in Addis and City Tour**

After lunch, you will have optional a city tour of Addis Ababa to visit the National museum, where the fossil of Lucy found, ethnological museum that was the palace of the last emperor Haile Selassie, holy Trinity Cathedral is the highest ranking [Orthodox cathedral](#) church in [Addis Ababa](#) and Mercato the biggest market in Africa and around the city. ***Overnight Addis Ababa Jupiter hotel or similar.***

**Meals: L, D**

#### **Day 2/May 5/Mon: Addis Ababa – Axum**



*Obelisks of Axum*

Today, you will take the morning flight to Axum at 08:25–09:55am to visit the world heritage site. Up on arrival in Axum you will be transferred to your hotel to check in and head to visit Axum's beautiful decorated obelisks. After lunch, you will visit the obelisks of Axum, the archeological museum for its prehistoric and historic relics, the 6th century tombs of king Kaleb and his son Gebremeskal, palace of queen Sheba, St. Mary of Zion church, where the original Ark of the Covenant resides. ***Overnight Sabean Hotel or similar.***

**Meals: B, L, D**

Day 3/May 6/Tue: Axum -Yeha – Hawzien



Yeha

Today, we will leave Axum at 9:00am and drive to Hawzien 200km Asphalt road 3hrs drive. On the way, you will have many stops to admire the stunning land scape, Adwa mountains, the historical battle field and Yeha Temple, 7th C Bc. You will have lunch in my home with mom. After lunch you will have few minutes to visit our TAC feeding center in Adigrat before we drive to Hawzien the home of the rock hewn churches. *Overnight Vision Hotel in Hawzien (2nights).*

Meals: B, L, D

Day 4/May 7/Wed: Rock hewn Churches of Gheralta



Abune Yemata

In the morning, we will drive to Megab 10km asphalt road to visit Abune Yemata or Mariam Korkor the churches on the sky which are carved in the 6<sup>th</sup> c AD. Each church needs 3hours hike. Rest and relax in the afternoon and we will visit **Fresemaetat hospital** and TAC feeding center. *Overnight Vision Hotel.*

Meals: B, L, D

**Day 5/May 8/Thu: Hawzien - Mekelle**

After breakfast, you will drive to Mekelle 100km asphalt road 2hrs drive. On the way, you will visit Al Nejashi Mosque the oldest mosque in Africa and Abraha We Atsibaha the 4<sup>th</sup> c rock hewn church, which was curved by the twin Kings of Axumite Kingdom and the monolithic church of Wukro Chirkos in Wukro after 10minuts drive from Abraha we Atsibaha. You will have lunch in Wukro and head to Mekelle. After that rest and relax in your hotel. ***Overnight Planet hotel or similar in Mekelle.***

**Meals: B, L, D**

**Day 6/May 9/Fri: Mekelle**

We will start our tour at 10:00am and visit the Yohannes IV palace, Kedamay weyane market and around the city. After lunch, visit attend the symposium in Mekelle to understand the life in Tigray and in Ethiopian as well. ***Overnight Planet Hotel or similar in Mekelle.***

**Meals: B, L, D**

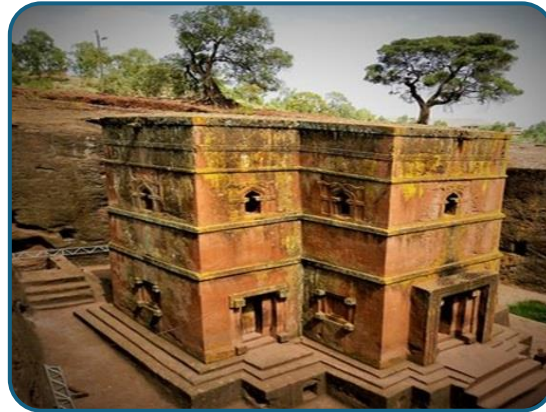
**Day 7/May 10/Sat: Mekelle – Addis Ababa**

**/Overnight in Addis Ababa or Departure home**

You will take the morning flight at 09:40 – 11:10am and have lunch on arrival in Addis Ababa. In the afternoon, visit the Austrian embassy. Have time for shopping and have dinner at one of the traditional restaurants in Addis Ababa with a live music where you can see different Ethiopian cultural dances. Some of the groups will have overnight in Addis and some of the groups will be transfer to the airport for their departure home.

***Overnight Jupiter hotel.***

**Day 8/May 11/Sun: Addis Ababa-Lalibela**



***St. George church in Lalibela***

Take the morning flight to Lalibela at 11:50am-13:05pm. Up on arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel to check in. After lunch you will visit the 11 rock hewn churches carved from a living rock by king Lalibela himself in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. You will have lunch in one of the restaurants with an amazing landscape. ***Overnight Lalibela Mountain View Hotel or similar.***

**Meals: B, L, D**

**Day 9/May 12/Mon: Lalibela-Addis Ababa**

After breakfast, you will visit the remaining churches and transfer to the airport at 13:35 – 14:50pm to Addis Ababa. Today, you will have early lunch in Lalibela or late lunch in Addis Ababa. Then time to visit MFM at 4:30pm. ***Overnight Addis Ababa Jupiter hotel or similar.***

**Meals: B, L, D**

**Day 10/May 13/Tue: Addis Ababa-Jinka**

Today, you will take the flight at 12:20pm - 13:35pm in the afternoon to Jinka. Up on arrival in Jinka, you will be transferred to your hotel to check in and you will have lunch before you visit the Ari tribes who are famous for agriculture, pottery and making local alcoholic drink “Areki” in Jinka. Then have discussion with the locals to understand about the consequences of slavery, nomadic, traditional agricultural life and modernization. And visit one of the health centers in Jinka. ***Overnight Ecoomo lodge if there is availability or Nassa hotel.***



Meals: B, L, D

Day 11/May 14/Wed: Jinka – Mursi – Turmi



*Mursi Tribe in Mago National Park*

After breakfast, drive to Mago National park about 45km one way to meet the Mursi tribes, who are famous in putting lip plates as a way of beautifying themselves. You will spend some time in the national park to spot some mammals and birds. After lunch, you will visit one of the schools I Janke and drive to Turmi for about 122km 2& half hrs good rough road to meet the Hamar tribes, who are known for their bull jumping, body adornment and wearing a multitude of colorful beads. If its Thursday, you will have a stop at KeyAfar market on your way to Turmi to admire the colorful market where Banna, Hamar, Ari, Mursi, and Tsemay tribes meet. ***Overnight Emerald resort or similar in Turmi.***

Meals: B, L, D

**Day 12/May 15/Thu: Turmi – Karo – Turmi**



*Hamer people in Turmi*

In the morning after breakfast, you will drive to the left bank of Omo river to meet the Karo tribes known for their extraordinary body and face painting rituals 80km asphalt with some good rough road. Then drive back to Turmi for lunch. After lunch you will rest a little and visit the Hamer village. ***Overnight Emerald resort or similar.***

**Meals: B, L, D**

N.B. If there is a Bull Jumping today in Hamer land the program will be adjusted to see it.

**Day 13/May 16/Fri: Turmi – Omorate – Jinka**



*Dassanech People in Omorate*

In the morning, you will make excursion to Omorate (100km) asphalt road 2hrs drive to visit the Dasenech tribes crossing the Omo River on a wooden boat or walk over the bridge. Then drive back to Turmi for lunch and then you will visit Turmi Market, to meet the Karo and Hamer tribes as if its Monday. Then drive back to Jinka for overnight. ***Overnight Jinka,***

***Ecoomo Lodge.***

**Meals: B, L, D**

**Day 14/May 17/ Sat: Jinka – Addis Ababa – Departure Home**

You will rest and relax in the morning and take the flight at 14:04 – 15:25pm in the afternoon. Up on arrival in Addis Ababa you will have some time for shopping coffee. After dinner you will be transfer to the airport for your final departure home. **No overnight.**

**Meals: B, L, D**

**Preliminary Calculation**

Calculation is cautious and has some leeway. Prices may change due to inflation or exchange rate fluctuations and program changes. About € 200 is a donation to the renovation for the primary hospital in Hawzien.

**Prices as of January 2025**

Price per person for 10 PAX is	€ 2.220,-
International flight from VIE-ADD-VIE is	€ 700,-
Domestic flights per person (ADD-AXU/MQX-ADD-LLI-ADD-BCO-ADD)	€ 580,-
Total:	€ 3.500,-

Please note: Prices are subject to change

If your international flight is not with Ethiopian airlines:

Additional costs for internal flights € 882,-

If you would like to have single room (Single supplement) please add € 87,-



**Price includes:**

- Coaster bus (Model year 2012-2022) with a working AC including petrol and driver's allowances
- Hotel accommodation on double room sharing basis
- Costs for the Symposium
- Meals full board (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)
- Bottled mineral water each day
- All entrance and village fees as per the itinerary
- Professional English-speaking guide all the way
- Local guide at each destination as it's compulsory
- Scout fee at Mago national park
- Boat fee at Omo River for crossing the Omo River in a wooden boat
- Photo payment at for each tribe in the in south Ethiopia
- Government tax

**Price excludes:**

- All other personal expenses that are not mentioned above.