



# People, Culture, Nature

Itinerary 9. April - 23. April 2026

Duration 14 Days and 13 Nights

Method of Transport Flight and Surface

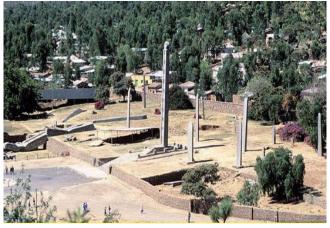
### Day 1/Apr 10/ Fri: Arrival and City tour of Addis Ababa

Upon Arrival in Addis Ababa in the airport in the morning, you will be welcomed and you will be transferred to your hotel to check in. After that you will take some rest in your hotel. 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 as its Good Friday you will see the people celebrating in the church of Trinity.

Overnight Addis Ababa Jupiter hotel or Similar

Meals: L & D

Day 2/Apr 11/Sat: 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

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Day 3/Apr 12/Sun: Axum -Adwa - Yeha - Adigrat



Yeha

Today, you will see some of the sites in Axum and head to Adwa to visit Abune Gerima project. After having lunch in Adwa you will drive to Adigrat 235km asphalt road 3hrs drive. On the way, you will have many stops to admire the stunning landscape, Adwa mountains, the historical battle field and Yeha Temple, 7the C BC.

Overnight Canaan Hotel

Meals: B, L, D

### Day 4/Apr 13/Mon: Adigrat - Hawzien

After breakfast, you will attend the symposium in Adigrat in the morning to understand the life in Tigray and in Ethiopia as well. In the afternoon, you will visit 2 cooperatives in Adigrat before you head to Hawizen. The drive to Hawzien will be only 60km asphalt road 1hr and 30 min drive.

**Overnight Vision Hotel** 

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Day 5/Apr 14/Tue: Rock hewn Churches of Gheralta



Abune Yemata

In the morning, we will drive to Megab 10km asphalt road to visit Abune Yemata, the churches on the sky which is named after one of the nine saint and its curved in the 5<sup>th</sup>c AD. That takes 2hours. Rest and relax in the afternoon and we will visit Fresemaetat hospital and TAC feeding center in the late afternoon.

**Overnight Vision Hotel** 

Meals: B, L, D

### Day 6/Apr 15/Wed: Rock Hewn churches of Gheralta

After breakfast, hike to Mariam Korkor and Daniel Korkor which is curved in the 4<sup>th</sup>c AD to admire the beautiful landscape. The hike takes 3 hours. Rest and relax in the afternoon or optional visit to Giorgis Maikado church.

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Day 7/Apr 16/Thu: Hawzien - Mekelle - Dallol



Sunrise at the Salt Lake

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 head to Dallol 200km 3hrs drive to Dallol to see the sunset at the salt ground. *Overnight Spend the night in traditional open-air beds, under a blanket of stars.* 

Altitude: 80 meters below sea level and the temperature is 35-degree C during the day. But we will drive there early morning and in the late afternoon. Plus, our car has excellent AC. Meals: B, L, D

Day 8/ Apr 17/Fri: Dallol - Mekelle - Addis Ababa



Dallol

In the morning at 6:00 am you will have time to see the sun rise at the Salt Lake and drive to the Dallol, to see the colorful minerals bubbling over the ground for few hours then you will back to your camp site for coffee as you will have your breakfast at the Salt Lake with the view and drive 200km asphalt road 3hrs to Mekelle. You will have lunch in Mekelle and visit the palace of Emperor Yohannes the IV in Mekelle before your flight to Addis Ababa at 18:20pm -19:50pm. *Overnight Jupiter Hotel* 

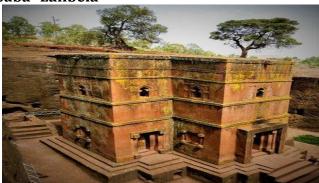
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Day9/ Apr 18/Sat: Addis Ababa- Lalibela



St. George church in Lalibela

Take the morning flight to Lalibela at 10:15 - 11:30am. 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 Sora Lodge

Meals: B, L, D

### Day 10/ Apr 19/Sun: Lalibela - Addis Ababa

After breakfast, you will visit the remaining churches and transfer to the airport at 12:00 – 13:15pm to Addis Ababa. Today, you will have early lunch in Lalibela or late lunch in Addis Ababa. In the afternoon you will visit **Ensra** women's cooperative in Addis Ababa.

**Jupiter hotel or Similar** 

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Day 11/Apr 20/Mon: Addis Ababa-Jinka - Turmi



Mursi Tribe in Mago National Park

Today, you will take the morning flight at 7:40 – 8:55am. Up on arrival in Jinka you will have coffee time and head 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. Then head to Turmi 122km good road 2hrs and 30min drive. On the way you will meet the Banna stick walking boys.

Overnight Emerald resort or Similar in Turmi

Meals: B, L, D

Day 12/Apr 21/Tue: 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, 65km asphalt with some good rough road. Then drive back to Turmi for lunch. After lunch you will visit a **school and health center in Turmi** then the Hamer village. *Overnight Emerald resort or Similar* 

N.B. If there is a Bull Jumping today in Hamer land the program will be adjusted to see it **Meals: B, L, D** 

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### Day 13/Apr 22/Wed: Turmi - Omorate - Jinka



Dassanech People in Omorate

In the morning, you will make excursion to Omorate (100km) asphalt road 2hrs drive to visit the Dassanech 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 drive back to Jinka for overnight.

Overnight Jinka, Ecoomo Lodge

Meals: B, L, D

### Day 14/Apr 23/Thu: Jinka - Addis Ababa - Departure Home

Today, you will visit the Ari tribes who are famous for agriculture, pottery and making local alcoholic drink "Areki" in Jinka. After lunch, you will be transfer to the airport for your departure to Addis Ababa at 2:00 – 3:00pm in the afternoon. Up on arrival in Addis Ababa you will have some time for shopping or coffee. After dinner you will be transfer to the airport for your final departure home. *No overnight* 

Meals: B & L

Price per person € 1.950 EURO

Price domestic flights € 650 EURO

Price international flights € 650 EURO

Total Price per person € 3.250 EURO

The price per person is calculated on the basis of 15 participants. The price may vary due to currency fluctuations and changes in airfares. If you would like to have a single room supplement please add EUR 300,- per person. If your international flight is not with Ethiopian airlines, the price for domestic flight is EUR 964,- instead of EUR 650,-.

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#### **Price Includes**

- ✓ International and domestic flights with the Ethiopian Airline
- ✓ Coaser bus in the north, 4x4 Toyota Land Cruiser or Nissan Patrol (Model year 2012-2019) with a working AC including petrol and driver's allowances and minibus for transfers
- ✓ Hotel accommodation on Double room sharing basis
- ✓ Meals: Full board, including meals prepared by the cook and his assistants in Dallol and in hotels and restaurants in other sites
- ✓ Drinks: Mineral water provided during your visit without any limit
- ✓ All entrance fees as per the itinerary
- √ Camping Equipment: Mattresses, cooking materials, and related gear at Dallol
- ✓ Boat rent on to cross lake 0mo in 0morate
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Photo fees at each village in Omo valley
- ✓ Scout fee at Mago National park
- ✓ Security: Regional police escorts and local assistants and helpers in Gheralta
- ✓ Cost of the symposium in Adigrat
- ✓ Government tax

#### Price excludes:

✓ All other personal expenses that are not mentioned above.

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