

Tour Code : STE/TC-004
Tour : North Ethiopia Historic Route
Duration : 6 Days / 5 Nights
Group Size : 1 - 16



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Day 1 : Addis Ababa - Lalibela (Flight)

Checking in for your flight Lalibela at 5:45AM and arriving at 09:20AM, you will spend the day visiting the medieval monolithic cave churches of this 13th-century 'New Jerusalem'. End of the day, you will spend overnight at a hotel of your choice.

Day 2 : Lalibela

At 7:30AM (for good lighting), you will be proceeding to Yimrihana Kristos and Bilbala Giorgis Churches, located 35-40kms East of Lalibela. After your visits, you will be returning back to Lalibela where through the afternoon, you will be able to visit a local household in their usual grass-thatched-roof huts, thereby viewing their day to day lifestyle. End of the day, you will have dinner at the traditional Old Abyssinia Restaurant for the best and spicy Ethiopian cuisine while watching live music and dance performance of the Lastas - the natives of Lalibela and its surroundings. At 10:00PM, you will be transferred to your hotel for overnight stay.

Day 3 : Lalibela - Gondar (Flight)

At 7:30AM, you will be proceeding to the airport for your flight to Gondar. En route, you will be visiting the cave-Monastery of Neakuto Leab. Proceeding further and checking in for your flight to Gondar at 10:00AM - arriving Gondar at noon, you will spend the afternoon visiting Emperor Fasiledes' Castle Complex and spiritual Bathing Pool where Timkat and Epiphany festivals take place yearly. End of the day, you will be spending overnight at a hotel of your choice.

Day 4 : Gondar - Bahir Dar

At 7:00AM, you will be visiting 17th Century-built Debre Birhan Silassie Church (Light of the Trinity) with its colorfully decorated inner ceiling and. Early morning visit is recommended to allow you to possibly view a Church ceremony in procession. Mid-morning, you will also be able to visit Wolleka - the one-time Falashmura (Ethiopian Jews) village who were best known for their blacksmith and pottery skills. After lunch in Gondar, you will be proceeding to Bahir Dar, a 3 hours drive through the Amhara farmlands. Here, you will be able to visit a local village with adjacent farm fields, granary stores, cattle enclosures etc. Additionally with a short detour further at Woreta, you will be able to visit Awra Amba village <http://www.ezega.com/news/NewsDetails.aspx?Page=news&NewsID=1472>, an exemplary community where men and women share equally day-to-day community activities - farming, cotton weaving and cloth makings, caring for the community elders etc. Late afternoon, you will be proceeding to Bahir Dar, arrival and overnight at a hotel of your choice.

Day 5 : Bahir Dar

At 8:00AM, you will have a boat trip on Tana Lake where you will be able to visit two Monasteries, to be recommended are Ura Kidane Mihret and Azoa Mariam on the Island of Zeghe, best known for their collection of religious icons and paintings from the 16th to 18th centuries A.D. Returning back to Bahir Dar mid-afternoon, you will be visiting a Weito tribe village, initially and to this day as well the only locals that are engaged in papyrus boat making that is used on daily basis for fishing on Tana Lake. After having visited their village setting, you will proceed to Bahir Dar, spending overnight at a hotel of your choice.

Day 6 : Bahir Dar - Addis Ababa (Flight)

At 8:00AM, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Addis Ababa. Arriving Addis Ababa late morning, you will spend the day with a city tour of Addis Ababa and its various attractions - the Ethnographic Museum, Entoto Hills for a panoramic view of Addis Ababa and Mercato - the largest open-air market in Africa, thereby ending your 6 days tour of the Historic Route of North Ethiopia.

REMARKS :

***Available Accommodation Types :**

- Lalibela High End : Panoramic View Hotel / Mountain View Hotel / Roha Hotel / Lal Hotel
- Lalibela Mid-Range : Alef Paradise Hotel / Seven Olives Hotel
- Gondar High End : Haile Resorts / Gondar Hills Hotel / Goha Hotel / Taye Belay Hotel
- Gondar Mid-Range : Quara Hotel / Florida Hotel
- Bahir Dar High End : Radisson Blu Hotel / Kuriftu Resort / Unison Hotel / Avanti Hotel
- Bahir Dar Mid-Range : Jacaranda Hotel / Delano Hotel

****Ethiopian Airlines domestic flight schedule dates/times are subject to change.**



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