

❖ Group & Individual Tours

Mimosa-Ethiopia Tours encourages Group and Individual Tours to make Tourists to share Ethiopia's and their experiences, internal psychological feelings, cultures, social life, politics views and the like...

So that, Select the period convenient for you and make sure that you book for that trip in advance, before the last booking date, because there is a limit to maximum number of visitors in a group or individual, we will be serving you on a 'first comes first served basis'.

Mimosa-Ethiopia Tours will confirm you by email when you are part of it.

We have kept the prices to the minimum by sharing services among group members. The last booking date is 20 days before the departure date.

Mimosa Ethiopia Tours will be assigning multilingual guides for all trips based on the combination of the Group.

Mimosa-Ethiopia Tours reserves the right to alter an itinerary in case of unforeseen circumstances.

Note: - There will be special discount for Group bookings (3 people and above).

☞ **Domestic airfare (subject to change)**

➤ Price inclusive of: -

- ☞ Accommodation on a twin room sharing basis
- ☞ All meals throughout the Tour (Full Board)
- ☞ All entrance fees
- ☞ Transfers
- ☞ Mule hire
- ☞ Boat rent at Lake Tana, Chamo and Omo vally
- ☞ All ground transportations with fuel, and insurance
- ☞ Professional English or Italiano or Français or German or other language speaking guide
- ☞ Portage fees
- ☞ All local guides
- ☞ Scouts
- ☞ Government tax
- ☞ Domestic flight (if there is on the Tour)

➤ Price exclusive of:-

- ☞ - International airfare
- ☞ - Any alcoholic drinks
- ☞ - Personal expense like souvenirs, laundry, etc
- ☞ - Tips

- ☞ **We will set up Reasonable and negotiable price**
- ☞ **And all Itineraries are organized in realizing Tourists interest and demand on the attraction sites of Ethiopia.**

About These Scheduled Itineraries

Mimosa-Ethiopia Tours has organized different Historical, Cultural, Adventurer, Trekking or Mountain climbing, Hiking, Natural and the like Tour packages based on an inclusive price in conducting research on the interest and demand of Tourists, most of Tourists who are coming to Ethiopia would like to have Tour packages like as follow.

In these Itineraries Tourists will cover all the important sites in the Historic, Cultural, Adventurer, Trekking or Mountain Climbing, Hiking, Natural and other circuit by Flying, Driving and Ridding on Mule or Horse and Walking on foot from one site to another.

METs-01:- Historic Route including Simien Mountains

Route = Historic Route including Simien Mountains National Park

Duration = 9 days/ 8 nights and on full board base

Itinerary 01

In this Itinerary Tourists will cover all the important sites in the Historic circuit by Flying from one site to another. It also includes a visit to the Simien Mountains National Park, which is the only natural site of the country that is registered by UNESCO as a world Heritage. So that, the itinerary is designed for travelers who want to visit the northern historical attractions.

Day 1 – Arrival + Addis

You are going to be welcomed by your guide on arrival at Addis Ababa Bole International Airport, and transfer in to your hotel.

O/N – Intercontinental or Similar 5* Hotel

Day 2 – Addis – Bahir Dar

Fly from Addis to Bahir Dar and visit the Blue Nile Falls before lunch. In the afternoon, have a boat trip on Ethiopia's largest water body - Lake Tana (3,600 Km Sq) to visit the island monasteries of Ura Kidane Mihret (14th Century AD) and Azwa Mariam (14th Century AD).

O/N – AbayMinch Lodge or similar

Day 3 – Bahir Dar – Gondar

Drive from Bahir Dar to Gondar - the 17th century capital of Ethiopia. In the afternoon, visit the Imperial Castle Compound of Gondar (UNESCO World Heritage Site), the 'Bath of Emperor Fasiladas', the church of Quskum Mariam (17th century AD), the residence of Empress Mintwab, and the church of Debre Birhan Sillassie which is famous for its wall and ceiling paintings.

O/N - Goha or similar Hotel

Day 4 – Gondar – Simein Mountains National Park

Drive from Gondar to Debark (the headquarter of the Simien Mountain National Park), and after check-in to hotel at Debark drive 36 km farther to the Simien Mountains (UNESCO World Heritage Site) to visit the endemic mammal of Ethiopia - the Gelada Baboon, and the breathtaking scenery of the Simien Mountains.

O/N – Simien Lodge

Day 5 - Simein Mountains National Park – Axum

Drive to Axum - the earliest Capital of Ethiopia, crossing the Tekezze Gorge.

O/N - Consular or similar Hotel

Day 6 – Axum

Have a sightseeing tour of Axum which includes visiting the Archaeological museum of Axum, the famous stele park (UNESCO World Heritage Site), the church of St. Mary of Zion which is believed to be the last resting place of the original Ark of the Covenant, the palace and tomb of King Kaleb and Gebre Meskel (6th Century AD),

and the bath and ruin palace of the Queen of Sheba (10th Century BC).

O/N – Consular or similar Hotel

Day 7 – Axum – Lalibela

In the morning, fly to Lalibela – home of the 12th century AD rock hewn churches of King Lalibela. And in the afternoon, visit the second and the third group of churches of King Lalibela (UNESCO World Heritage Site).

O/N – Roha or similar Hotel

Day 8 – Lalibela

In the morning, mule back ride to the hill top semi monolithic church of Asheton Mariam (13th century AD). Getting to the top of the hill rewards with great and unforgettable scenery of the area. In the afternoon, visit the remaining second and the third group of the churches of Lalibela.

O/N – Roha or similar Hotel

Day 9 – Lalibela – Addis + departure

Fly back to Addis and have a half-day city tour of Addis that includes visiting the National Museum of Addis Ababa where is Lucy found, Merkato - the largest open-air market in Africa, and driving to Mt. Entoto (3,200 meters) to have the former palace of Emperor Menelik II who was the founder of Addis and a panoramic view of the capital. In the evening, you will be invited a fare well dinner party at one of the best traditional restaurants of Addis to see the folkloric dances of the Ethiopian people and to taste the variety of meals.

Departure

METs-02:- Exploring the Historic Route

Route= Historic Route Simien Mountains and Tigray Rock Hewn churches- Full drive

Duration= 15 days/ 14 nights

Itinerary 02

As you drive from one spot to another, you can also visit the attractive countryside and interact with the local people and see their way of life.

This well paced itinerary enables you discover almost all the historical attractions of the northern Ethiopia. It offers a relaxed visit of the churches of Lalibela- one of the major attractions.

Day 1 - Arrival

Arrive at Addis Ababa, you are going to meet your guide at the air port and transfer to hotel.

O/N – Ghion or similar (4*)

Day 2 - Addis - Debre Markos

Drive from Addis to Debre Markos visiting the remarkable Blue Nile Gorge that is comparable in scale with the American ‘Grand Canyon’, and the largest monastery in Ethiopia - Debre Libanos Monastery (13th Century AD) where you can visit the mosaics by the most famous Ethiopian Artist Afework Tekle and the Portuguese Bridge which was built in 16th C.

O/N – Shebel or similar Hotel

Day 3 - Debre Markos - Bahir Dar

In the morning, drive from Debre Markos to Bahir Dar and in the afternoon drive 32 km south of Bahir Dar to the remarkable Blue Nile Falls, and visit the cultural market of Bahir Dar. Late in the afternoon, drive 7 km to the Bezawit Hill to have a panoramic view of the town of Bahir Dar, Lake Tana and the outlet of River Nile from its source.

O/N - Tana or similar Hotel

Day 4 - Bahir Dar - Gondar

In the morning make a boat trip on Ethiopia’s largest water body (Lake Tana - 3,600Km Sq) to visit the island monasteries of Ura Kidane Mihret (16th Century AD) and Azwa Mariam (16th Century AD). These monasteries are famous for their colorful murals and collection of manuscripts. After lunch, drive 185 Km North of Bahir Dar to the 17th Century capital of Ethiopia -Gondar.

O/N - Goha or Florida Hotel

Day 5 - Gondar

Full day visit of Gondar which includes visiting the Imperial Castle Compound of Gondar (UNESCO World Heritage Site), the ‘Bath of Emperor Fasiladas’, the church of

Quskuam Mariam (17th century AD), the residence of Empress Mintwab, and the church of Debre Birhan Sillassie which is famous for its wall and ceiling paintings.

O/N - Goha or similar Hotel

Day 6 - Gondar - Simien Mountains NP

Drive from Gondar to Debark (the headquarter of the Simien Mountain National Park), and after check-in to hotel at Debark drive 36 km farther to the Simien Mountains (UNESCO World Heritage Site) to visit the endemic mammal of Ethiopia - the Gelada Baboon, and the breathtaking scenery of the Simien Mountains.

O/N – Simien Lodge

Day 7 – Simien Mountains NP- Axum

Drive to Axum - the earliest Capital of Ethiopia, crossing the Tekezze Gorge.

O/N - Yeha or similar Hotel

Day 8 - Axum

Visit of Axum which is known for its huge stele cut from granite stones. The visit includes, the Archaeological museum of Axum, the famous stele park (UNESCO World Heritage Site), the church of St. Mary of Zion which is believed to be the last resting place of the original Ark of the Covenant, the palace and tomb of King Kaleb and Gebre Meskel (6th Century AD), and the ruin palace of the Queen of Sheba (10th Century BC).

O/N - Yeha or similar Hotel

Day 9 - Axum - Adigrat

Drive from Axum to Adigrat visiting the Yeha Temple (5th Century BC), and Debre Damo Monastery (6th Century AD), which is allowed only for male visitors and accessible only by using rope.

O/N – Eve or Hohoma Hotel

Day 10 - Adigrat - Mekelle

Drive from Adigrat to Mekelle visiting the first Ethiopian Orthodox rock-hewn churches of Abreha Atsbeha (4th Century AD) and Wukro Cherqos (4th Century AD) as well as the first Mosque of Islam which is Negashi Mosque (7th Century AD)

O/N - Axum or similar Hotel

Day 11 - Mekelle - Lalibela

Drive from Mekelle to Lalibela (home of the incredible hand carved 12th century rock hewn churches of King Lalibela) through the scenic Wollo Mountains visiting the Amhara people.

O/N - Yemreha or Bete Abraham Hotel

Day 12 - Lalibela

Visit of the rock-hewn churches of King Lalibela, which are unofficially regarded as 'the eighth wonder of the world'. In the morning, visit six churches that are grouped as first group of churches and in the afternoon visit the second and the third group of churches of Lalibela. These churches are Ethiopia's top tourist attractions and are registered as UNESCO World Heritage Site.

O/N – Yemreha or Bete Abraham Hotel

Day 13 - Lalibela

In the morning, make a mule back ride to the hill top semi monolithic church of Asheton Mariam (13th Century AD). The peak of the hill offers a wonderful viewpoint to have a bird eye view of the surrounding area including the town of Lalibela, and in the afternoon enjoy a typical Ethiopian coffee ceremony.

O/N – Yemreha or Bete Abraham Hotel

Day 14 - Lalibela - Dessie

Drive from Lalibela to Dessie enjoying the breathtaking scenery of the Wollo Mountains and visit the Monastery of Hayek Estiphanos (Lake Stefano's)

O/N -Tossa or similar Hotel)

Day 15 - Dessie – Addis

Drive back to Addis. In the evening before departure, you will be invited a farewell dinner party at one of the best traditional restaurants in Addis where you taste variety of Ethiopian meals while you are watching Ethiopian folkloric dances.

Departure

METs-03:- Omo valley Cultural Safari Route = Omo valley tribes

Duration= 11 days/10nights

Itinerary 03

Day 1 – Arrival + Addis

You are going to be welcomed by your guide on arrival at Addis Ababa Bole International Air Port, and transfer-in to hotel.

O/N – Global or Similar 4* Hotel

Day 2 – Addis – Tiya – Adadi Mariam – Langano

Drive south to the Rift Valley Lake of Langano visiting the rock-hewn church of Adadi Mariam that is believed to be the southernmost church founded by King Lalibela, the pre-historic archeological site of Melka Kunture, and the stelea field of Tiya (UNESCO World Heritage Site). At Lake Langano enjoy swimming and bird watching around.

O/N – African Vacation or Sabana Beach Resort

Day 3 – Langano – Arba Minch

Drive 300 km south to Arba Minch visiting the tribal people of Alaba who are noted for their beautifully painted houses, Wolita, known for their cultivation of Enset or False Banana, and Dorze – who are renowned for their huge huts and colorful cotton clothes.

O/N – Paradise Lodge

Day 4 – Arba Minch

Morning visit of the Nech Sar National Park to visit mammals like Swains Hartebeest (endemic), Burchil's Zebra, Grants Gazelle and also endemic birds like the thick-billed raven, the Wattled ibis, and the mysterious Nech Sar nightjar, and in the afternoon have a remarkable boat trip on the rift valley lake of Chamo to visit the 'crocodile market' where you can see display of large African Crocodiles, hippopotamus, and low land water birds.

O/N – Paradise Lodge

Day 5 – Arba Minch – Jinka

Drive 275 km south to Jinka visiting the villages of the Konso people who are renowned for their colorful hand-woven cotton clothes and beautiful rock terraces. (If the day is Thursday, stop on your way at Key Afer to visit the most colorful multicultural market in the Lower Omo Valley,

which is attended, by the tribal groups of Ari, Benna, Hamer and Tsemai.)

O/N – Jinka Resort Hotel

Day 6 – Jinka

Today, you will have an excursion to the Mago National Park and visit the people of Mursi who are typically known for the clay lip plates of the women. Then, drive back to Jinka and visit the Cultural Museum of the People of the Lower Omo Valley.

O/N – Jinka Resort Hotel

Day 7 – Jinka – Turmi

Drive to Turmi – the village of the Hamer people whose women are noted for their typical hairdressing, and leather skirts. *(If today is Saturday or Tuesday, you will have a stop at the colorful weekly market of the Hamer and the Benna people at Dimeka.)*

O/N – Buska or Turmi Lodge

Day 8 - Turmi

In the morning, you will have an excursion to Omo Rate to visit the Dasenech people who are the southernmost people of the country and are known for their scarifications. Then, with a picnic lunch stop at Murulle, head to Korcho – the village of the Karo people. *(OR if the day is Saturday or Tuesday, have an excursion in the afternoon to visit the colorful weekly market of the Hamer at Dimeka, or if Monday at Turmi.)*

O/N – Buska or Turmi Lodge

Day 9 – Turmi – Yabello

Drive to Yabello with a stop at the villages of the nomadic people of Erbore who are one of the tribes found in the southern part of Ethiopia and the typical people who build their houses in papyrus.

O/N – Yabello Motel

Day 10 – Yabello – Awassa

Head to the north visiting the nomadic people of Borena, and the other people of Sidama who are renowned for their cultivation of Enset or False Banana and coffee plantation.

O/N – Haile resort or Pina Hotel

Day 11 – Awassa – Addis

Visiting the ‘Fish Market’ at the Shore of Lake Awassa, drive back to Addis visiting the chains of the Rift Valley Lakes of Langano, Abiyatta, Shalla, and Ziway. Have a free afternoon in Addis. In the evening before departure, have a fare well dinner party at one of the best traditional restaurants where you will see the folkloric dances of the people of Ethiopia, and taste the variety of Ethiopian meals.

Then, be transferred to the airport for your departure

METs-04:- The Best of Ethiopia

Route = Historic route and Omo valley tribes

Duration= 18 days/17nights

Itinerary 04

Day 1 –Arrival + Addis

Our representative is going to receive you from Addis Ababa Bole International Airport, and transfer in to your hotel.

O/N – Ghion or similar 4* Hotel

Day 2 –Addis – Bahir Dar

Fly from Addis to Bahir Dar and visit the Blue Nile Falls before lunch. In the afternoon, have a boat trip on Ethiopia’s largest water body - Lake Tana (3,600 Km Sq) to visit the island monasteries of Ura Kidane Mihret (14th Century AD) and Azwa Mariam (14th Century AD).

O/N – Tana or similar Hotel

Day 3 –Bahir Dar – Gondar

Drive from Bahir Dar to Gondar - the 17th century capital of Ethiopia. In the afternoon, visit the Imperial Castle Compound of Gondar (UNESCO World Heritage Site), the ‘Bath of Emperor Fasiladas’, the church of Quskuam Mariam (17th century AD), the residence of Empress Mintwab, and the church of Debre Birhan Sillassie which is famous for its wall and ceiling paintings.

O/N - Goha or similar Hotel

Day 4 –Gondar – Simein Mountains National Park

Drive from Gondar to Debark (the headquarter of the Simien Mountain National Park), and after check-in to hotel at Debark drive 36 km farther to the Simien Mountains (UNESCO World Heritage Site) to visit the endemic

mammal of Ethiopia - the Gelada Baboon, and the breathtaking scenery of the Simien Mountains.

O/N – Simien Lodge

Day 5 –Simein Mountains National Park – Axum

Drive to Axum - the earliest Capital of Ethiopia, crossing the Tekezze Gorge.

O/N - Yeha or similar Hotel

Day 6 –Axum

Have a sightseeing tour of Axum which includes visiting the Archaeological museum of Axum, the famous stele park (UNESCO World Heritage Site), the church of St. Mary of Zion which is believed to be the last resting place of the original Ark of the Covenant, the palace and tomb of King Kaleb and Gebre Meskel (6th Century AD), and the ruin palace of the Queen of Sheba (10th Century BC).

O/N – Yeha or similar Hotel

Day 7 –Axum – Lalibela

In the morning, fly to Lalibela – home of the 12th century AD rock hewn churches of King Lalibela. And in the afternoon, visit the second and the third group of churches of King Lalibela (UNESCO World Heritage Site).

O/N – Roha or similar Hotel

Day 8 –Lalibela

In the morning, mule back ride to the hill top semi monolithic church of Asheton Mariam (13th century AD). Getting to the top of the hill rewards with great and unforgettable scenery of the area. In the afternoon, visit the remaining second and the third group of the churches of Lalibela.

O/N – Roha or similar Hotel

Day 9 –Lalibela – Addis – Langano

Fly back to Addis and drive 200 km south of Addis to the Rift Valley region visiting the chains of Rift Valley Lakes of Ziway, Langano, Abiyatta and Shalla. Spot various birds at Lake Ziway, and enjoy swimming at Lake Langano.

O/N – Sabana or African Beach Resort

Day 10 - Langano - Arba Minch

Drive 300 km south to Arba Minch and visit the Alaba, the Wolita and the Dorze people on your way.

O/N – Paradise Lodge

Day 11 - Arba Minch

Morning visit of the Nech Sar National Park to see mammals like the Burchil's Zebra, Greater Kudu, and the endemic Swain's Hartebeest. In the afternoon, have a remarkable boat trip on the Rift Valley Lake of Chamo to visit the 'Crocodile Market' where you can visit display of big African Crocodiles, hippos, and various low land water birds.

O/N – Paradise Lodge

Day 12 - Arba Minch - Key Afer Market - Jinka

Drive from Arba Minch to Jinka and make a stop at Key Afer to visit the colorful weekly market where the Ari, the Tsemai, Hamer and the Benna people meet.

O/N - Jinka Resort Hotel

Day 13 - Jinka - Mago National Park - Jinka

Make an excursion trip to Mago National Park. Visit the most famous people of the Omo Valley - the Mursi people, whose women are typically known for their clay lip plates they insert in their lower lips. Then, drive back to Jinka, and visit the cultural museum of the Omo people.

O/N - Jinka Resort Hotel

Day 14 - Jinka – Dimeka Market - Turmi

Drive from Jinka to Dimeka to visit the weekly market of the Hamer people. Then, drive to Turmi for Overnight. Around Turmi, visit the cultural village of the Hamer people. The Hamer people are famous for their typical hair dressings which the women decorate with red soil and butter.

O/N – Buska or Turmi Lodge

Day 15 - Turmi - Omorate - Turmi

Make excursion trip to Omorate, cross the Omo River by boat, to visit the Dasenech people who are known for their body scarification. In the afternoon, have a leisure time in Turmi.

O/N – Buska or Turmi Lodge

Day 16 - Turmi - Konso – Yabello

Drive from Turmi to Yabello visiting the Erbore people and the Konso people.

O/N - Yabello Motel

Day 17 - Yabello - Awassa

Drive from Yabello to Awassa visiting the nomadic Borena people, and the Sidama people who are noted for their cultivation of False Banana (*Enset*). On the way visit the coffee plantations around Yirga Chefe where one of Ethiopia's most flavored coffee beans grow. In the later afternoon, enjoy bird watching and the sun set over the Rift Valley Lake of Awassa.

O/N – Haile resort or Hotel

Day 18 - Awassa - Addis

In the morning, drive to the shore of the lake and visit the 'Fish Market' at Lake Awassa. Then, drive 273 km north to Addis. In the afternoon, have a half-day city tour of Addis, which includes visiting the National Archaeological Museum, Merkato - the largest open air market in Africa, and driving to Mt. Entoto for the panoramic view of the capital.

In the evening before departure, you will be invited a fare well dinner party at one of the best traditional restaurants in Addis where you taste variety of Ethiopian meals, and watch the folkloric dances of the Ethiopian people.

Departure

METs-05: Grand Tribal Culture Expedition

Route = Omo valley- Surma, Mursi, Hamer, Karo, Dasenech, Konso, Agnuak, Nuer, Etc... tribes

Duration= 16 days/15nights

Itinerary 05

Day 1 – Tue - Arrival + Addis

You are going to be welcomed by your guide on arrival at Addis Ababa Bole International Air Port, and transfer-in to hotel.

O/N – Jupiter or similar 4* Hotel

Day 2 – Wed - Addis – Gambella

Fly west to Gambella, in the morning, and after lunch visit the cultural market of Gambella, and have an interesting

walk by the Baro River, which joins the White Nile in Sudan, enjoying bird watching and the sunset.

O/N – Ethiopia Hotel

Day 3 – Thu - Gambella

In the morning, drive 48 km to Itang to visit the Nuer people who are cattle keepers and fishermen, and in the afternoon, visit the Agnuak people on the outskirts of the town of Gambella.

O/N – Ethiopia Hotel

Day 4 – Fri – Gambella – Bebek

Drive to Bebek, where the largest coffee plantation is found at, visiting the people of Maji people, and the Tepi Tea Plantation on the way.

O/N – Bebek Guest House

Day 5 – Sat – Bebek – Tulgit – Kibish

With a short visit of the Rubber Plantation around Bebek, proceed driving farther south to Kibish, via Tulgit – the other settlement of the Surma people, and crossing the Akobo River, which flows, to Baro River.

O/N – Camping at Kibish

Day 6 – Sun – Kibish

Full day with the Surma people who share the practice of the women's inserting of clay discs in their lower lips, and the men's 'Stick Fighting' – with the Mursi people who live on the other side of the Omo River.

O/N – Camping at Kibish

Day 7 – Mon – Kibish – Mizan Teferi

Drive Mizan Teferi via Bebek where you will visit the coffee exporting processes from nursery to packing and transporting.

O/N – Eden Hotel

Day 8 – Tue - Mizan Teferi – Jimma

Visiting the Chat or mild Stimulant cultivation, and the Muslim Oromo people on the way, drive to Jimma – which was the regional capital of Ethiopia in the late 19th Century.

O/N – Central Jimma Hotel

Day 9 – Wed – Jimma – Sodo – Arba Minch

With a stop at Gojeb River where you may spot hippos, drive 360 km to Arba Minch. On your way visit the people

of Wolita who are known for their cultivation of Enset of False Banana. O/N – Paradise Lodge

Day 10 – Thu – Arba Minch – Key Afer – Jinka

Visiting the most colorful multicultural market in the Lower Omo Valley at Key Afer – which is attended by the tribal groups of Ari, Benna, and Tsemai, drive 275 km to Jinka. O/N – Jinka Resort Hotel

Day 11 – Fri – Jinka – Mago NP – Jinka

Today, you will have an excursion to the Mago National Park and visit the people of Mursi who are typically known for the clay lip plates of the women. Then, drive back to Jinka and visit the Cultural Museum of the People of the Lower Omo Valley.

O/N – Jinka Resort Hotel

Day 12 – Sat – Jinka – Dimeka – Turmi

Drive to Turmi – the settlement of Hamar people. Stop off at Dimeka to visit the other interesting weekly cultural market of the Hamar and the Benna people. After dinner at your hotel, you will be driven to the nearby village of the Hamar people to see the traditional dances of the Hamar people – the Evangadi Dance.

O/N – Turmi or Buska Lodge

Day 13 – Sun – Turmi

In the morning, you will have an excursion to Omo Rate to visit the Dasenech people who are the southernmost people of the country and are known for their scarifications. After a picnic lunch at Murulle, proceed driving to Korcho to visit the Karo people. And, finally drive back to Turmi.

O/N – Turmi or Buska Lodge

Day 14 – Mon – Turmi – Arba Minch

With an early start, drive north to Arba Minch with a stop at Lake Chamo to have a remarkable boat trip to visit the ‘Crocodile Market’ where you can visit display of big African Crocodiles, hippos, and various low land water birds.

O/N – Paradise Lodge

Day 15 – Tue – Arba Minch – Langan

Drive north to the Rift Valley Lake of Langan visiting the people of Dorze who are known for their huge bamboo huts, and colorful cotton clothes. You will also visit the chains of Rift Valley Lakes on your way. O/N – Sabana Beach Resort

Day 16 – Wed – Langano – Addis + departure

Drive back to Addis, in the morning, and after lunch at Addis have a short city tour of Addis to visit the National Archeological Museum of Addis Ababa, and Merkato – the largest open air market in Africa. In the evening, before departure, you will be guest of Dinknesh Ethiopia Tour at one of the best traditional restaurants to taste the variety of Ethiopian meals and to see their folkloric dances.

Then, be transferred to the airport for your departure.

METs-06: Expedition to Danakil and Tigray Rock hewn Churches

Route = Danakil Depression and Tigray Rock Hewn Churches

Duration = 10 days/ 9 nights

Itinerary 06

Day 1 – Arrival + Addis

You are going to be welcomed by your guide on arrival at the airport, and transfer in to your hotel.

O/N – Ghion or similar 4* Hotel.

Day 2 – Addis – Axum

Fly to Axum and have a sightseeing tour of Axum which includes visiting the Archeological museum of Axum, the Cathedral of St. Mary of Zion which is believed to be the last resting place of the Original Ark of the Covenant, and in the afternoon visit the famous ‘Stele field’ (4th Century AD and UNESCO World Heritage Site, the ruin palace and tomb of King Kaleb and King Gebre Meskel (5th and 6th Century AD) and the residence of the legendary Queen of Sheba (10th century BC).

O/N - Yeha or Consular Hotel

Day 3 – Axum – Hausien

Visiting the ancient Temple of Yeha (5th Century BC), and the rock-hewn church of Tigray, Michael Milhazhengi on the way, drive to Hausien. On your way, enjoy the scenic and historic range of Adowa Mountains. From your lodge, you can enjoy the sunset behind the picturesque Geraltha Mountains. O/N – Geraltha Lodge

Day 4 – Hausien – Mekelle

Visiting the rock-hewn churches of Mariam Korkor, Abune Yemata, and Wukro Cherkos, drive 150 km to Mekelle – the regional capital of Tigray.

O/N – Axum Hotel

Day 5 – Mekelle – Ahmed Ela

With an early start drive to Ahmed Ela visiting the people of Tigre and the nomadic people of Afar. At Ahmed Ela, visit the deep-water wells used by the nomadic people of Afar, and the interesting Camel Caravans, which transport bars of salt to the Tigray Highlands.

O/N – Camping

Day 6 – Ahmed Ela – Dallol (in the Denakil Depression) – Ahmed Ela

In the morning, drive to one of the lowest points on earth, Dallol (116 meters below sea level) to see the wonderful and colorful formation of sulfur and phosphorus. And after lunch you will visit the salt lake of Asale and discover how people get salt in traditional ways.

O/N – Camping

Day 7 – Ahmed Ela – Dodom - Erta'ale

Drive to Dodom, and after arranging mules to transport luggage and camping gear, and around the sunset start hiking to the active volcanic eruption of Erta'ale, which takes about 3 – 4 hours. Spend, the rest of the night at the rim. O/N Camping

Day 8 – Erta'ale – Afdera

Trek back to the place where you left your cars, and drive to the salt lake of Afdera.

O/N – Camping

Day 9 – Afdera – Semera

Visiting Lake Afdera in the morning, drive across the desert landscape to Semera. On your way, stop to visit hot springs.

O/N – Camping or local Hotel

Day 10 – Semera – Addis + departure

Drive back to Addis. Have a farewell dinner at one of the best traditional restaurants of Addis where you can taste the variety of Ethiopian meals, and see the folkloric dances of the Ethiopians.

Then, be transferred to the airport for your departure

METs-07:- Hiking in the Simien Mountains- Roof of Africa

Route = Simien Mountains, Gondar and Laliebla

Duration = 12 days/11 nights

Itinerary 07

Day 1: Arrival

Upon arrival you will be welcomed by your guide and drive about 15 minutes to your hotel.

Overnight at Ghion or Global Hotel (4*)

Day 2: Sanka Ber (3,200m)

Fly from Addis to Gondar and drive 136 km north to Sanka Ber via Debark, the headquarters of Simien Mountains National Park. Around Sankaber, make short walks to visit the incredible Simien Mountains and one of the endemic mammals of Ethiopia.

Overnight: First class camping gear with private cook and necessary camping gears

Day 3: Sankaber – Geech (3,550m)

Trekking time: 5 – 6 hrs

Activities: Trek from Sanka Ber to Geech visiting the Jinbar Falls and with stops to visit the other views of the Simien Mountains.

Overnight: Camping

Day 4: Geech - Imetgogo (3,986m) – Geech

Trekking time: ~ 6 hrs

Activities: Make excursion to Imetgogo to have one of the best views of in the Simien Mountains National Park.

Overnight: First class camping gear with private cook and necessary camping gears

Day 5: Geech - Chenek (3,600m)

Trekking time: ~ 7 hrs

Activities: Trek from Geech to Chenek. Today you will have a chance to visit the other endemic not only to Ethiopia but only to the Simien Mountains – the Walia Ibex.

Overnight: First class camping gear with private cook and necessary camping gears

Day 6: Chenek – Ambiqo

Trekking time: 6 – 8 hrs

Activities: Trek from Chenek to Ambiqo climbing Buhit Mountain the 2nd highest peak next to Ras Dasha in Simien Mountain ranges.

Overnight: First class camping gear with private cook and necessary camping gears.

Day 7: Ambiqo – Ras Dasha (4,620m) - Ambiqo

Trekking time: 7 – 9 hrs

Activities: Trek from Ambiqo climbs to the Ras Dasha the highest peak in Ethiopia (4620 m) and return to Ambiqo

Overnight: First class camping gear with private cook and necessary camping gears

Day 8: Ambiqo – Cheneck

Trekking time: 6 – 8 hrs

Activities: Trek back to cheneck. En route you may see some Simien Fox or the Ethiopian Wolf.

Overnight: First class camping gear with private cook and necessary camping gears.

Day 9: Chenek- Gondar

Driving time: 5 hours

Activities: Drive back to Gondar, and make sightseeing tour of Gondar

Overnight: Goha Hotel (3* Hotel)

Day10: Gondar – Lalibela

After breakfast, transfer in to airport for your flight to Lalibela that is home to the 12th century handy carved rock churches of King Lalibela (1181 - 1221) whom the town is named after.

After lunch in your hotel, visit the first group churches of Lalibela (UNESCO World Heritage Site) which are found northeast of a stream named 'River Jordan'.

Overnight: Roha or similar Hotel (3* hotel)

Day 11: Lalibela

In the morning, make a mule back ride to the hill top semi monolithic church of Asheten Mariam (13th Century AD). The peak of the hill offers a wonderful viewpoint to have bird eye view of the surrounding area including the town of

Lalibela. In the afternoon, visit the second and the third group of churches of Lalibela.

Overnight: Roha or similar Hotel (**3* hotel**)

Day 12: Fly Lalibela – Addis

Fly back to Addis and make sightseeing tour of Addis Ababa that includes visiting the National Archeological Museum, Merkato (the largest open air market in East Africa). We will also have time for shopping. In the evening, you will be guest of Mimosa-Ethiopia Tours at one of the famous traditional restaurants of Addis where you enjoy watching the folkloric dances of the Ethiopian people, and taste Ethiopian meals.

Departure

METs-08:- Exploring the Historic Route

Route= Historic Route with Simien Mountains and Tigray Rock Hewn churches- Full drive

Duration= 15 days/ 14 nights

Itinerary 08

This well paced itinerary enables you discover almost all the historical attractions of the northern Ethiopia. It offers a relaxed visit of the churches of Lalibela- the major attraction.

As you drive from one spot to the other, you can also visit the attractive countryside and interact with the local people and see their way of life.

Day 1 - Arrival

Arrive at Addis Ababa, be met by your guide at the air port and transfer-in to hotel.

O/N – Jupiter International or other similar 4* Hotel

Day 2 - Addis - Debre Markos

Drive from Addis to Debre Markos visiting the remarkable Blue Nile Gorge that is comparable in scale with the American ‘Grand Canyon’, and the largest monastery in Ethiopia - Debre Libanos Monastery (13th Century AD) where you can visit the mosaics by the most famous Ethiopian Artist Afework Tekle.

O/N - Shebel or Similar Hotel

Day 3 - Debre Markos - Bahir Dar

In the morning, drive from Debre Markos to Bahir Dar and in the afternoon drive 32 km south of Bahir Dar to the remarkable Blue Nile Falls, and visit the cultural market of Bahir Dar. Late in the afternoon, drive 7 km to the Bezawit Hill to have a panoramic view of the town of Bahir Dar, Lake Tana and the outlet of River Nile from its source.

O/N – Summerland or similar Hotel

Day 4 – Drive Bahir Dar - Gondar

In the morning make a boat trip on Ethiopia's largest water body (Lake Tana - 3,600Km Sq) to visit the island monasteries of Ura Kidane Mihret (16th Century AD) and Azwa Mariam (16th Century AD). These monasteries are famous for their colorful murals and collection of manuscripts. After lunch, drive 185 Km North of Bahir Dar to the 17th Century capital of Ethiopia - Gondar.

O/N - Goha or similar Hotel

Day 5 - Gondar

Full day visit of Gondar which includes visiting the Imperial Castle Compound of Gondar (UNESCO World Heritage Site), the 'Bath of Emperor Fasiladas', the church of Quskuam Mariam (17th century AD), the residence of Empress Mintwab, and the church of Debre Birhan Sillassie which is famous for its wall and ceiling paintings.

O/N - Goha or similar Hotel

Day 6 – Drive Gondar - Simien Mountains NP

Drive from Gondar to Debark (the headquarter of the Simien Mountain National Park), and after check-in to hotel at Debark drive 36 km farther to the Simien Mountains (UNESCO World Heritage Site) to visit the endemic mammal of Ethiopia - the Gelada Baboon, and the breathtaking scenery of the Simien Mountains.

O/N – Simien Lodge

Day 7 – Drive Simien Mountains NP- Axum

Drive to Axum - the earliest Capital of Ethiopia, crossing the Tekezze Gorge.

O/N – Yeha or similar Hotel

Day 8 - Axum

Visit of Axum which is known for its huge stele cut from granite stones. The visit includes, the Archaeological museum of Axum, the famous stele park (UNESCO World Heritage Site), the church of St. Mary of Zion which is believed to be the last resting place of the original Ark of the Covenant, the palace and tomb of King Kaleb and Gebre Meskel (6th Century AD), and the ruin palace of the Queen of Sheba (10th Century BC).

O/N – Yeha or similar Hotel

Day 9 – Drive Axum - Adigrat

Drive from Axum to Adigrat visiting the Yeha Temple (5th Century BC), and Debre Damo Monastery (6th Century AD), which is allowed only for male visitors and accessible only by using rope.

O/N - Eve or similar Hotel

Day 10 – Drive Adigrat - Mekelle

Drive from Adigrat to Mekelle visiting the rock-hewn churches of Abreha Atsbeha (4th Century AD) and Wukro Cherqos (4th Century AD).

O/N - Axum or similar Hotel

Day 11 – Drive Mekelle - Lalibela

Drive from Mekelle to Lalibela (home of the incredible hand carved 12th century rock churches of King Lalibela) through the scenic Wollo Mountains visiting the Amhara people.

O/N – Roha or similar Hotel

Day 12 - Lalibela

Visit of the rock-hewn churches of King Lalibela, which are unofficially regarded as ‘the eighth wonder of the world’. In the morning, visit six churches that are grouped as first group of churches and in the afternoon visit the second and the third group of churches of Lalibela. These churches are Ethiopia’s top tourist attractions and are registered as UNESCO World Heritage Site.

O/N – Roha similar Hotel

Day 13 – Lalibela

In the morning, make a mule back ride to the hill top semi monolithic church of Asheton Mariam (13th Century AD). The peak of the hill offers a wonderful viewpoint to have a bird eye view of the surrounding area including the town of Lalibela, and in the afternoon enjoy a typical Ethiopian coffee ceremony.

O/N – Roha or similar Hotel

Day 14 – Drive Lalibela – Kombolcha

Drive from Lalibela to Dessie enjoying the breathtaking scenery of the Wollo Mountains.

O/N – Sunnyside Hostel

Day 15 – Drive Kombolcha - Addis

Drive back to Addis. In the evening before departure, you will be invited a farewell dinner party at one of the best traditional restaurants in Addis where you taste variety of Ethiopian meals, and watch the folkloric dances of the Ethiopian people.

Departure