

Tour code: HF -403 Historic -DANAKIL

Tour Type: Historical/Natural

Duration of stay: 14 days/ 13 nights

Means of Transportation: Flight/Surface

Description: Visiting the 8th wonder of the world, Lalibela which is characterized by the monolithic rock hewn churches, and Danakil Depression which is known as the hottest place on the planet and home to salt lakes, lava lakes, volcanoes, colorful acidic springs...

Day 1 .Arrival Addis Ababa

Arrival in Addis Ababa meet the guide and the car for the transfer service . city tour of Addis Ababa including historical monuments , Merkato and walking in Entoto Park or /and Unity park . Overnight in hotel Addis Ababa

Day 2 . fly Semera - Erteale

Early flight to Semera meet the car at the airport for the drive to Erteale on the way we arrange the camel to ascend our logistics and for those who wish to ride, Local militia and road guide apart from those who already with us. Late afternoon start walking to Erteale. Around 5 o'clock trek climb to Erta Ale volcano and overnight on the top of the mountain Erta Ale is 613 meters tall, with a lava lake, one of only five in the world, at the summit. It is notable for being the longest existing lava lake, present since the early years of the twentieth century. Overnight on the Summit



Day 3. Erteale-Amedela

Early in the morning walk once again to the see the volcano . Around 9 AM we will be at foot base of the volcanic mountain where our cook and cars camp have our breakfast and drive to Hammed

Ela via Kusrewad. This day drive will be the most challenging drive of all day which may be happen to stuck in the Sand and inhospitable weather, we should keep rehydrate to you manage the driving. Arrive Amedela overnight camping at Amedela.



Day 4. Amedala - Dallo – Amadedela

Excursion to Dallol (116 meter below sea level, one of the lowest places in the world) where you are going to enjoy the hydrothermal phenomenon with colourful sulphur fountains, colourful salts mining, visit Lake Assale, follow up camels caravans and walk with the Afar and people from highland. The traditional way of extracting Salt bar, which once used as local currency, packing on the Camel. You will see how they prepare their traditional bread, how they travel, communicate & more. It is another unique experience. Back to Amedela. Camping.

Day 5. Amedela – Semera

Drive back to semera on the way visit the edible salt extraction and Lake Afdera proceed to Semera. Overnight Semera hotel.

Day 6. Semara – Lalibela

Drive 355 kms to Lalibela, the African Petra and the holiest city of Ethiopia. On the way we will have stop of visit of village of Amhara people. Overnight in Hotel

Day 7. Lalibela

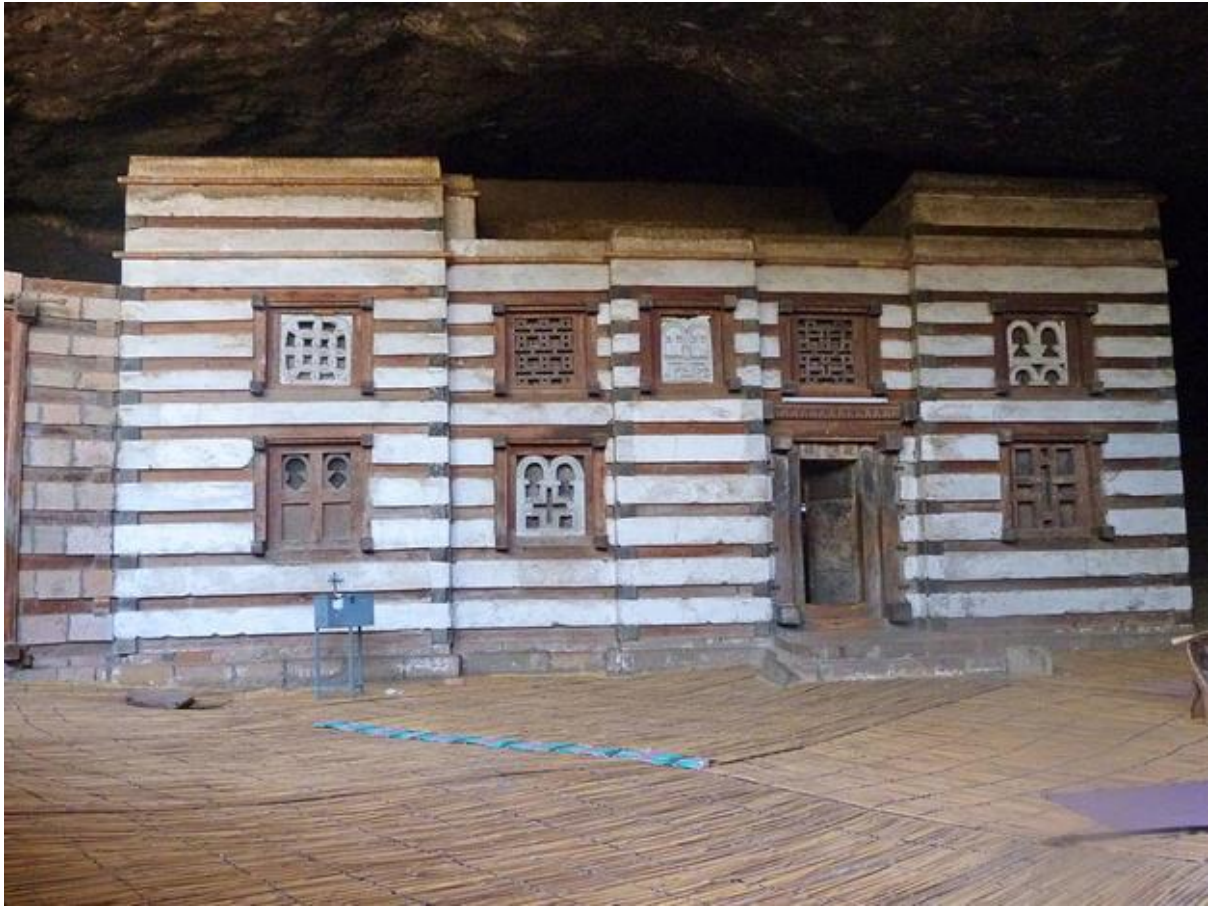
In the Morning first group of the rock hewn churches, the earthly Jerusalem, carved out of rocks during the 13th century by king Lalibela which makes Lalibela to be considered as the holiest city of Ethiopia and the African Petra with the adjacent museum which has got a collection of treasures of

this time. After noon visit the second group of Lalibela churches , heavenly Jerusalem. Later in the afternoon attend coffee ceremony in a local house. Overnight Hotel



Day 8. Lalibela

Early in the Morning excursion to Yimrehane Kirstos 11 C AD constructed cave church , on the way enjoy the scenery of landscape back to Lalibela for lunch . afternoon enjoy coffee ceremony in a local house.



Day 9. Fly Lalibela – Gondar

Fly from Lalibela to Gondar check in to the hotel then start city tour of Addis Ababa.

- the 17th century castle compound where there are six independent castles for each emperor
- the church of Debrebirhan silase for its wall and ceiling painting of the 17th century
- the bath of Fasillades (the first king of the Gondarean period and the founder of Gondar).

Afternoon attend the celebration of Timket (Baptism) 18 January later in the afternoon all the covenants of different churches will be taken out being on the head of the priests to be taken to where baptism commemoration takes place in a colorful way. Overnight in Gondar



Day 10. Early in the morning drive to the baptism place to attend the Timket ceremony, Fasilades bath to enjoy the ceremony then after the baptism is finished go back to the hotel for breakfast and some rest. Later in the afternoon accompany the procession to back to the church. Overnight Hotel in Gondar

Day 11. Gondar - Semien mountain national park.

Full day excursion Semien Mountain National Park admiring the amazing landscape which makes Ethiopia to be called the roof of Africa and some wild life like Gelada Baboon or bleeding heart baboon, clip springer, bush buck and birds. Enjoy walking for a couple of hours enjoying the breath-taking view of the landscape. Overnight Smeim lodge or similar

Day 12. Semien Mountains national park

Early in the morning drive further in to the Semien national park then start walking to enjoy more of the landscape, spotting birds, Gelada baboon, if lucky Walia Ibex and Red fox. Then drive back to Debarq. Overnight night Semeim lodge or similar.

Day 13. Semeim lodge – Bahir Dar

Drive to Bahir Dar which is 280 kms which take around 4 to 5 hours including the stops for visit of the Amhara village and for landscape. Late in the afternoon city tour of Bahar Dar which includes the panoramic view of Bahardar and open air market of Bahirdar . overnight in Bahir Dar

Day 14. Bahir Dar

Morning Boat trip on Lake Tana, the biggest high land lake of Ethiopia, to peninsula to visit two of the 14th century churches called Ura kidanemihiret and Aswa Mariam which involves 30 minutes walking through the jungle of the coffee plantation. In each of the church you can enjoy the traditional mural paintings of 14th ,17th and 18th century. Afternoon excursion to the Bule Nile fall which 30 kms from Bahir Dar. Overnight Hotel in Bahir Dar.



Day 15. Fly back to Addis Ababa

Morning drive directly from Debarke to Gondar airport for the flight back to Addis Ababa . upon arrival transfer to the day use hotel in Addis Ababa. If time allows do some visit in the city. In the evening after farewell dinner transfer to the airport for the flight back home.

Departure from Addis Ababa

- 09/11/2024
- 12/12/2024
- 12/01/2025

Price for the above program is

No of pax	Price per person in Euro
2	2258
3	1791
4	1558
5	1418
6	1324
7	1386
8	1264
9	1219
10	1228
11	1194
12	116

Service

- Transfer in and out to and from the airport during international as well as internal flights.
- Accommodation in the hotels as specified above on full board basis with one soft drink or water during each meal and camping gears and beds during the trip of Danakil depression.
- ½ L of bottle of water during the drive , 1 ½ L of water per day per person during the walking and Danakil visit.
- Well experienced cook with all cooking material during camping days .
- All entrance , Local guide at each places , scout , embarkation , formal and informal taxes though out the tour.
- Professional and well experienced English speaking Guide though out the tour
- Excellent condition 4X4 Toyota land cruisers for the trip of Danakil depression which can accommodate 4 pax per car and mini bus or Bus depending of the number of pax for the rest of the trip .
- Apart 4X4 Jeep for cook , cooking material , camping gears .

Service Excludes

- International flight
- Alcoholic drinks
- Video camera fees
- Tips to porter, guide , driver etc
- Any personal expenses