

HF- 401: 15days/14nights Historic and Cultural route

Day 1 Addis Ababa

Arrive in Addis Ababa. Morning free. Afternoon citytour in the capital: visit Entoto mountains with views over the capital, the National museum, St. George church. Overnight in hotel.

Day 2 Addis Ababa – Bahir Dar

Fly to Bahir Dar , which will take one hour up on arrival drive to the hotel to check in Afternoon boattrip on lake Tana for some visits of monasteries, 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. Dinner & overnight hotel in Bahirdar.



Day 3 Bahir Dar - Blue Nile – Gondar

Morning excursion to the Blue Nile which is 30km out of BahirDar on the way enjoy spotting birds and the landscape. Then abck to Bahir Dar for luch afternoon drive to Gondar 180kms which will take 3 hours on the way visit the village of Amhara people. Ovenright hotel in Gondar.



Day 4. Full day Gondar

Full day city tour of Gondar, which was the capital of Ethiopia during the 17th C since 1632, which includes

- 17C AD castle compound in which you find 6 castles for six kings of the Gondar period.
- Bath of Fasiladas. Fasilades was the first king of the Gondar kingdom and the founder of the city of Gondar as the capital city.
- Debre birhan selassie church, built by one of the kings of Gondar kingdom with its colorful wall and roof painting from the 17th c.
- Quskuwam Marriam church, which was constructed by queen Mintwan who was one of the queens of the Gondar period
- If time allows visit the open airmarket in Gondar.

Overnight hotel in Gondar



Day 5. Gondar - Semien mountain National park – Gondar

Excursion Semein mountain national park which 100kms from Gondar to the land scape , walking spotting Gelada baboon which is Endemic to Ethiopia late in the afternoon drive back Gondar. Overnight hotel in Gondar.



Day 6 Gondar – Lalibela

Fly to Lalibela, known as the African petra because of the rock hewn churches constructed in a cluster during the 13th C AD . Which is 30 min flight up on arrival meet the car for transfer service to the hotel. Afternoon visit the 1st group of the rock-hewn churches, the earthly jerusalem . overnight hotel in Lalibela.





Day 7 Lalibela

On this day morning you drive out of Lalibela for about 42 kms to visit the interesting built up cave church called Yemerehane Cristos and after getting back for lunch, you can visit the Second of group of rock hewn churches of Lalibela. Overnight hotel in Lalibela



Day 8 Lalibela – Mekele

Fly to Mekele meet the car for the transfer service to the hotel Overnight in Mekele.

Day 9. Mekele – Axum

Drive to Axum which is 180kms from Mekele on the way visit the Rock hewn churches Wukro mariam and Abreha Atsbeha churches which are semi monolith church carved in the 4th C AD enjoying the spectacular view of Gerealta mountain and the ruin Yeha temple 5C BC Temple with its adjacent muisum. Overnight Hotel in Axum

Day 10. Axum

Fully day city tour of Axum ,the capital of the Aksumite kingdom one of the four powerful kingdom in the world till 7th C AD. Axum is also known to be “cradle of civilisation “.

The city tour includes Archeological sites , Queen of Sheba palace , The Stelae compound , the palace of the 6th C Ad Kings , 4th C AD inscription etc and finally visit Saint marry of tsion Church. Overnigh hotel in Axum

Day 11. Axum – Addis Ababa

Fly back to Addis Ababa. Up on arrival transfer to hotel . then you will be at your leisure . overnight Hotel in Addis.

Day 12 Fly Addis Ababa – Arbaminch

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. Departure to Arba Minch. After arrival, departure to the mountains to the village of the Dorzie tribe. Dorzie are famous for their unique houses in the shape of an elephant's head. These amazing buildings, made of bamboo poles and leaves, the so-called false banana trees reach 10 -12 m in height and are very durable. The village is very colourful, you can buy clay vessels, fabrics, and simply interesting, unique souvenirs. Late in the afternoon a water safari on Lake Chamo, watching crocodiles, hippos and various species of birds (pelicans, herons, eagles) during the cruise. Accommodation at a hotel in Arba Minch, dinner and overnight stay.



Day 13 Arbaminch – Turmi

Drive towards the town of Turmi through the lands of the Konso people, admiring colourful costumes and picturesque terraces in the fields. Konso villages, their culture and way of farming have been included on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Proceed to Turmi on the way visit Thursday market of the Bana and Tsemai people at the place called Key Afar. Accommodation, dinner and overnight stay at the lodge in Turmi.

Day 14. Turmi – Omorate – Turmi

Early morning excursion to Omorate ,where Dassanech people live which is 70km from Turmi close to the bank of the Omo river. Up on arrival cross the Omo river by cultural boat to visit one of the village of the Dassanech people . if there is Dhimmi ceremony by luck , announcement of child girl that she reached to be married or turns to adult, you will

have the chance to attend. Back to Turmi. Late in the afternoon visit the village of the hammer people. overnight lodge in Turmi.

Day 15 Turmi – Karo – Turmi

Drive to visit the Karo people who live also at the bank of the Omo river which is 65 kms from Turmi. The Karo people are known for the elaborated body painting. After the visit drive to Dimeka to visit the colorfull Saturday market of the Hammer , Bana and Karo people. by luck if there is Bull jump, transformation ceremony of the Hammer boy in to Adult you will have the chance to attend. Overnight Lodge in Turmi.





Day 16 Turmi – Mursi – Konso

Early drive to the Mursi village enter into the Mago National park, admiring different mammals and birds on the way and proceed to visit the Mursi people and villages. For beauty women use to put round plates into their lips and men do body scarification. Then drive to Jinka for some refreshment then proceed to Konso. Overnight Lodge in Konso.



Day 17. Konso – Arbaminch

After breakfast, you start visiting Konso which is the UNESCO Cultural Heritage site. You will visit the village compound and the local museum, and usually are also welcomed in the Konso chief's compound, which includes the family graveyard and house mummies. The Konso people have a rich agrarian culture and construct ingenious terraces and walls that

encircle their fields and villages for protection against livestock damage and flooding.
Proceed to Arbaminch . overnight hotel in Arbaminch



Day 18 Arbaminch – Addis Ababa

Fly back to Addis Ababa. Evening traditional dinner with folkloristic dances. Then departure.

Departure from Addis Ababa :

- **03/08/2024**
- **21/09/2024**
- **04/11/2024**
- **17/01/2024**

The price is

No of pax	Price per person in Euro
2	2578
3	2232
4	2468
5	2282
6	2190
7	1967
8	2005

9	1974
10	2004
11	1961
12	1926

Price includes

- * Accommodation thought out the tour on full board basis (Breakfast , lunch , dinner included) and on the last day use rooms in Addis Ababa.
- *all transfers from and to the airport.
- * all entrance fees to the attractions.
- * official + non official local taxes, payments, entrance and park fees
- *1/2 of water per day per person though out the day.
- * local English or French speaking professional guide
- * portorage in hotels & airports
- * deluxe coach for Historical route/Addis / 4x4in good mechanical conditions for South (max 3 pax per vehicle) with fuel expense and well experienced driver.
- *Domestic flights

Price do not include

- International flight
- Tips to the drivers , guide
- Alcoholic drinks .
- Foto and video camera fees