



# ETHIOPIAN EXPEDITION

TAILOR-MADE & SMALL GROUP TOURS TO ETHIOPIA



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# OUR STORY

Ethiopian Expedition is an incredible tour company founded by Tesfaw Girmay that provides amazing experiences to all its guests. They specialize in small group departures to incredible photographic locations around the country at the best time of the year. Not only that, but they ensure that all their tours are tailored to their guests' needs. Their leaders and partners are chosen for their expertise and knowledge in photography, wildlife, culture and history. With a combined experience of over decade in the travel industry, their office staff works hard to make sure that each tour is as seamless and enjoyable as possible. With Ethiopian Expedition, you can be sure of an amazing experience!





# ABOUT ETHIOPIAN EXPEDITION



With more than a decade of experience, Ethiopian Expedition specializes in providing top quality individually tailored safari, family holiday, bird watching, film making & photography, group travel, guided tour and sole travel throughout Ethiopia. its friendly, experienced and multilingual staff, Ethiopian Expedition helps you have a great experience of your Ethiopian holiday. Besides to arranging tours, our company does also provide car rental services, hotel booking and flight reservations. Our prices are always competitive.





# THE TEAM

Ethiopian Expedition Teams are the best choice for your next adventure! Our highly experienced and knowledgeable guides are passionate about helping you get the most out of your trip, from finding the perfect spots to capture stunning photos to managing the daily logistics of the tour. Not only are our guides experts in their field, but they are also friendly and approachable, always happy to offer advice and tips to help you get the most amazing images. Whether you're looking for majestic wildlife or captivating landscapes, our team will make sure you get the most out of your journey.



# ABOUT ETHIOPIA

Ethiopia, land of origins, is a truly fascinating destination for travelers. With its ancient African civilization, colorful festivals, breathtaking landscapes, diverse tribal culture and friendly people, it's easy to see why Ethiopia has been a popular destination for centuries. Not only is Ethiopia the oldest independent country in Africa with 3000 years of independence, it is also the earliest known home of humankind. With more than 80 ethnic groups and 200 dialects, Ethiopia is a place where ancient cultures have been carefully preserved, with many unique customs and traditions still in place today. Additionally, Ethiopia's diverse landscape offers a variety of breathtaking sights, ranging from the 120 meters below sea level in the scorching salt flats of the Danakil Depression, to the 4624m peak of Ras Dashen of the Simien Mountain. Ethiopia is an unforgettable destination, and should be experienced at least once in a lifetime.







# OUR DESTINATIONS

- ★ NATURAL ATTRACTIONS
- ★ CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS
- ★ HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS
- ★ UNISCO WORLD HERITAGE
- ★ ETHIOPIA'S FESTIVALS

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Ethiopia is an incredible country with a rich culture, picturesque landscapes and incredible wildlife. At Ethiopian Expedition, we understand how important it is to tailor your holiday to make sure you experience the best of what Ethiopia has to offer. We offer customized programs of any duration that are designed to give you the most immersive experience possible. We also have specially tailored programs that provide the perfect combination of history, culture, wildlife, and landscapes. If you're travelling with a group of any size, we can also arrange customized and tailored tours just for your group. Finally, if you're travelling alone or in a small group, we have fixed departure tours in which you can join others and make new friends while exploring Ethiopia. No matter what type of holiday you're looking for, we have the perfect tour for you!





## NATURAL ATTRACTIONS

Ethiopia is an incredibly unique and diverse country, filled with stunning landscapes and rare wildlife. From its highlands that split 70 million years ago, creating the Great Rift Valley, to its rich forests, towering mountains and savannas, Ethiopia has a great deal to offer birders and nature lovers alike. Boasting a wide variety of endemic species and a rich selection of Palearctic migrants, Ethiopia is a top birding destination not to be missed. With its majestic beauty and abundant nature, Ethiopia truly lives up to its nickname as the “Chessboard of the Gods, Cradle of Humanity, and Roof of Africa.”





# CULTURAL ATTRACTION

Ethiopia is a beautiful and diverse country, with over 83 ethnic groups speaking more than 200 dialects. These groups can be divided into four main language families: Semitic, Cushitic, Nilotic, and Omotic. Even though countless generations of intermarriage and immigration have blurred the physical differences between the major ethnic groups, there are still many unique and distinctive people in Ethiopia. It truly is an authentic mosaic of cultures and traditions!

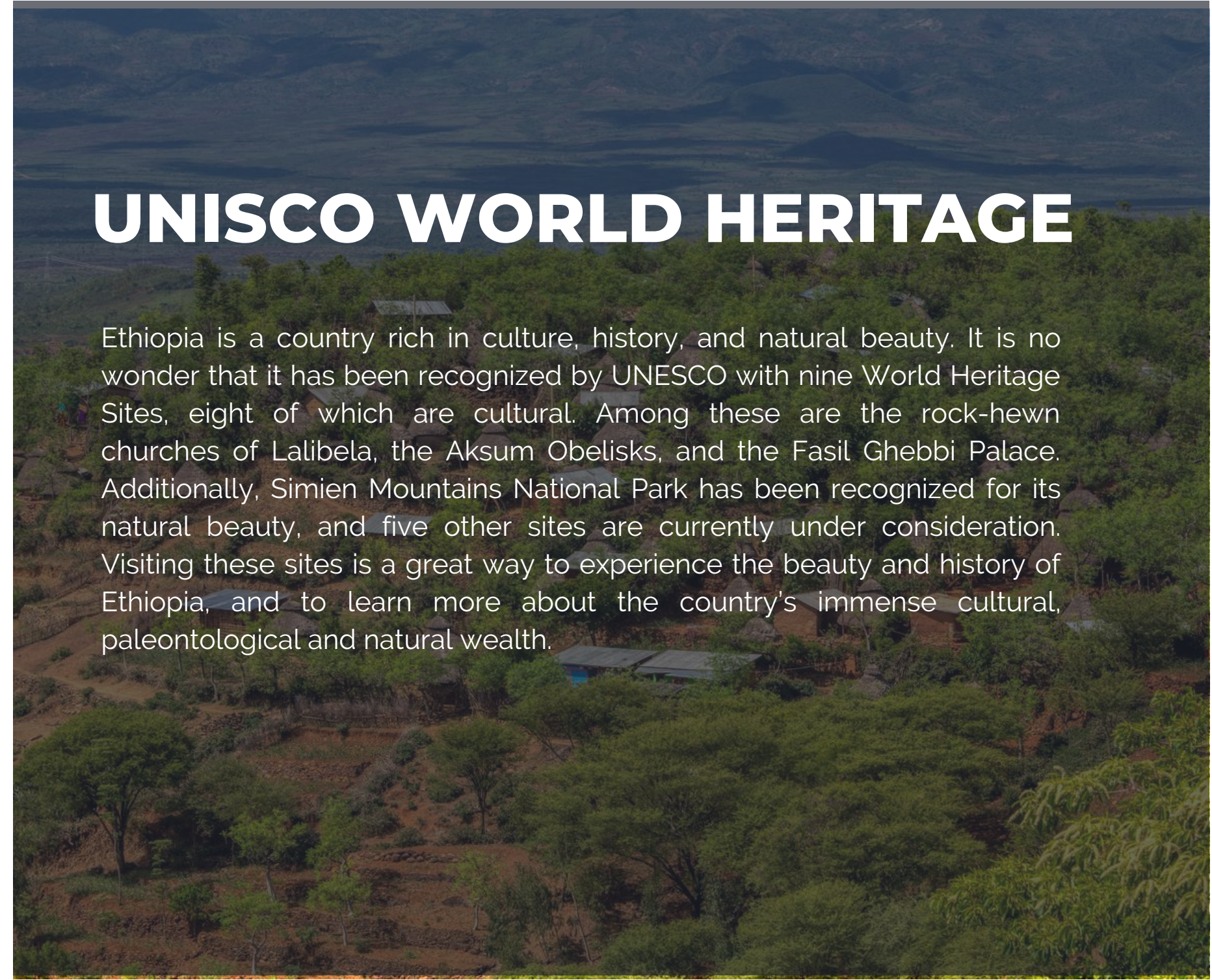




## HISTORICAL ATTRACTION

Ethiopia is a country with a rich and fascinating history. With evidence of its history stretching back as far as 1000BC, it is one of the oldest independent countries in Sub Saharan Africa. In addition to its ancient heritage, Ethiopia is also home to the oldest hominid on record, Lucy or Dinknesh, whose remains were found in the Great Rift Valley. With its many historical sites, including the obelisks and stele of Axum, the churches and Coptic monasteries of Tigrai, the ancient monasteries of Lake Tana, the monolithic churches of Lalibela, the royal enclosure in Gondar, and the walls of Harar, Ethiopia is an amazing destination to explore and discover. With so much to see and learn, Ethiopia is a must-visit destination for any traveler who wants to experience the history and beauty of this unique and incredible country.





# UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE

Ethiopia is a country rich in culture, history, and natural beauty. It is no wonder that it has been recognized by UNESCO with nine World Heritage Sites, eight of which are cultural. Among these are the rock-hewn churches of Lalibela, the Aksum Obelisks, and the Fasil Ghebbi Palace. Additionally, Simien Mountains National Park has been recognized for its natural beauty, and five other sites are currently under consideration. Visiting these sites is a great way to experience the beauty and history of Ethiopia, and to learn more about the country's immense cultural, paleontological and natural wealth.





## ETHIOPIA'S FESTIVALS

Celebrations in Ethiopia are truly a sight to behold! The vibrant colors and music, combined with the religious and cultural significance of the occasions, make these events unforgettable. Meskel, Ethiopian Christmas (Gena), Timkat, Kiddus Yohannes, and Easter are the most important Christian holidays celebrated in Ethiopia. Meskel is held in September and marks the finding of the True Cross, while Kiddus Yohannes is celebrated on September 11, which is also the start of the spring season after the rainy season. Ethiopian Christmas (Gena) is celebrated on the 7th of January and includes a church service that lasts all night, with people moving from one church to another. Finally, Timkat is the most colorful event of the year and commemorates Christ's baptism. All of these celebrations are wonderful examples of Ethiopia's rich culture and heritage.



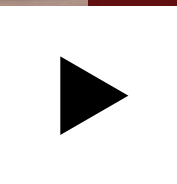
A line of white SUVs driving on a wet, reflective road. The vehicles are moving away from the viewer, leaving a trail of water behind them. The road is highly reflective, mirroring the sky and the vehicles. The sky is a pale, overcast grey. The SUVs are equipped with roof racks and some have gear on top. The overall scene suggests a rugged or off-road travel experience.

# TOUR PACKAGES

**TAILOR-MADE & SMALL  
GROUP TOURS TO ETHIOPIA**



# BEST OF ETHIOPIA TOURS







# ABOUT THIS TOURS

**Title:-** Best of Ethiopia  
 Mode of transportation surface and flight  
**Accommodation:-** Lodge, camping and Hotels  
**Duration:-** 22 Days and 21 Nights

This comprehensive program showcases the full spectrum of Ethiopia's magnificent natural landscape and intriguing cultural history. Overnight in Addis Ababa before flying to Bahir Dar, the base for exploring the monasteries of Lake Tana and visiting the Blue Nile Falls. The drive to Gondar winds through a dramatic volcanic landscape enroot to the traditional heartland of the Amhara people, where imposing castles once welcomed ambassadors of the Moghul and Ottoman Empires. Visit Gondar's church to inspect the stunning painted angels that illustrate the ceiling, Fascinating Ethiopia, is so different and so proud. The rock-carved churches in Lalibela, the origin of coffee, the Galada baboons in the Simien Mountains, and incredibly picturesque nature. The best of northern Ethiopia collected in one, a comfortable and varied trip, Spend Days/nights at Danakil, Fascinating rock and salt formations at Dallol, Spectacular and varied landscapes of high- lands, volcanoes, and deserts, Century-old salt mining at Lake Assale, Interaction with local people, Ertaale. Experience nature & people in the Omo valley Special excursions to view the Nile Crocodile, the endemic Swayne's Hartebeest & extensive aquatic bird life around rift valley lakes.

## TRIP HIGHLIGHT

- Visit Six UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
- Experience the natural beauty of the country from the stunning savannah plains and elaborately terraced hillsides to the vast coffee fields.
- See the elaborate hairstyles and personal adornment of the country from the four quadrants of the country
- Visit colorful and exuberant African markets.
- Take a cruise on Lake Chamo to watch Nile crocodiles and hippos.
- The rock-hewn churches of Lalibela, one of "the living wonders of the world".
- Explore the ancient city of Axum — the last resting place of the Ark of the Covenant.
- Defining geological feature of Ethiopian rift valley lakes
- Danakil Depression, the Lowest place and extraordinary landscapes
- Discover the fairytale castles of Gondar.
- Take a cruise on Lake Tana to visit the ancient island monasteries.
- See the source of the mighty Blue Nile River and Blue Nile Falls.
- Visit the vibrant city of Addis Ababa.
- Off the beaten path in the Tigrai region ( Gheraltha Churches)
- Dramatic landscape of semien mountains
- Watching the rarest walia ibex and Gilada Baboon
- Culinary and coffee ceremony





**GRAND HISTORIC ROUTE, DENAKIL DEPRESSION  
AND OMO VALLEY**





# ABOUT THIS TOURS

**Title:** Grand Historic Route, Denakil Depression and omo valley

**Mode of transportation:** - surface and flight

**Accommodation:** - Hotels

**Duration:** - 15 Days and 14 Nights

Ethiopia has a fascinating history stretching back more than 3,000 years to the fabled reign of the Queen of Sheba and King Solomon, and even further into the past. It is from this region that many scientists believe the earliest mankind, Homo erectus, migrated out of Africa via the Levantine corridor and the Horn of Africa to Eurasia around 1.9 million years ago. Essentially, Ethiopia is the ancestral home to all of mankind. In the northern part of the country, you will experience ancient monasteries, Castles, rock-hewn churches, and Ethiopia's magnificent natural beauty. The Afar region visits the famous volcano with bubbling lava and has the possibility of experiencing the nomadic Afar tribe living in the desert. The Danakil Depression 'begins' here. It is one of the most spectacular regions of the world, The landscape will become drier and deserted. Where as in the southern part, you will witness and learn the meaning behind age-old customs and rituals that remain an integral part of everyday life in this region, Isolated for millennia from the rest of the world, the beautiful Omo Valley is home to an exciting mix of many small and distinctive tribal groups. Amongst others, we find the Karo, The Arbore, the Mursi, and the Hamar — all of whom have retained their own unique customs and traditions. Lifestyles are as varied as the tribes themselves. Lacking any material, culture, and artifacts common to other cultures, these tribes find unique ways in which to express their artistic impulses. Both the Surma and the Karo, for example, are experts at body painting, using clays and locally available vegetable pigments to trace fantastic patterns on each other's faces, chests, arms, and legs. These designs are created purely for fun and aesthetic effect, each artist vying to outdo the others

## TOUR HIGHLIGHT

- Generally four World Heritage Sites
- The sacred monastery of lake tana
- Rock-hewn churches in Lalibela
- 17th-century trading town of Gondar
- The royal enclosure of Gondar
- Rift valley lake ( Lake Ziway)
- The wildness and breathe taking semien mountains
- Melting pot of omo valley
- In general (Dorze , Konso, Bena, hammer, Dassenech, karo, Ari And Mursi Tribes)
- Culinary or food test and coffee ceremony





# **HISTORICAL AND OMO VALLEY TRIBES**





# ABOUT THIS TOURS

**Title:** Historical and Omo valley Tribes

**Mode of transportation:** - surface and flight

**Accommodation:** - Lodge and Hotels

**Duration:** - 12 Days and 11 Nights

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In the country's northern part, you will experience ancient monasteries, Castles, rock-hewn churches, and Ethiopia's magnificent natural beauty. The southern part boasts many diverse and colorful cultures in the Omo Valley. This expedition takes you on a historical and cultural journey to some of the most remote areas of Ethiopia for the adventure of a lifetime.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHT

- Generally five UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia
- Dorze weaving culture
- Lake Chamo in the Rift Valley
- Cultural Landscape of Konso
- Great East African Rift Valley
- Tribes of the Great Rift and Plains ( Lower Valley of the Omo )
- Attending the Colorful religious festival of meskel ( finding of the true cross)
- Bahir Dar and the sacred monastery of lake tana
- Blue Nile Falls
- Rock-hewn churches in Lalibela
- 17th century trading town of Gondar
- The royal enclosure of Gondar
- The wildness and breathe taking semien mountains
- Culinary or food test and coffee ceremony





# NATURE AND HISTORY





# ABOUT THIS TOURS

**Title:** Nature and History

**Mode of Transportation:** Flight and Drive

**Accommodation:** - Lodge and Hotel

**Duration:** 13 Days and 12 Nights

Discover the wonders of an ancient land where nature, culture, and history are equally magnificent. There is no other place in sub-Saharan Africa where one can enjoy great wildlife and landscape photography and combine it with extraordinary cultural experiences. Ethiopia has all of this and more: the awesome landscapes and wildlife of the Bale and Simien Mountains National park, the spectacular cranes and other water birds of the Rift Valley Lakes, and the palaces of Gondar, home of many of Ethiopia's kings and emperors. Our special Ethiopia wildlife photography tours combine all of these wonders this package touches the living rock-hewn churches of Lalibela, the fortress of Goner, and the dramatic landscapes of the Simien Mountains.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHT

- Visit three UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
- Be amazed by a visit to the rock-hewn churches of Lalibela, one of "the living wonders of the world".
- Discover the magical castles of Gondar.
- Explore the birding paradise of the Great rift valley
- Explore the wilderness of Bale mountain national park
- Dramatic landscape of semien mountains national park
- Numerous specious of birds and wildlife
- Try the varied Ethiopian food.
- Attend an Ethiopian coffee ceremony.





**OMO VALLEY WITH EXTENSION OF LALIBELA  
ROCK HEWN CHURCHES**





# ABOUT THIS TOURS

**Tour Title:-**Omo Valley with extension of Lalibela rock hewn churches

**Mode of transportation:** - flight and Surface

**Accommodation:** - Lodge and Hotel

**Duration:** - 10 Nights and 9 days

On this fascinating tour, you will witness and learn the meaning behind age-old customs and rituals that remain an integral part of everyday life in this region, Isolated for millennia from the rest of the world, the beautiful Omo Valley is home to an exciting mix of many small and distinctive tribal groups. Amongst others, we find the Karo, The Arbore, The Nyangatom the Mursi, and the Hamar — all of whom have retained their own unique customs and traditions. Lifestyles are as varied as the tribes themselves. Lacking any material, culture and artifacts common to other cultures, these tribes find unique ways in which to express their artistic impulses. Both the Surma and the Karo, for example, are experts at body painting, using clays and locally available vegetable pigments to trace fantastic patterns on each other's faces, chests, arms, and legs. These designs are created purely for fun and aesthetic effect, each artist vying to outdo the others. The 11 rock-hewn churches of Lalibela are one of the world's most incredible manmade creations, commonly referred to as one of the "living wonders of the world". These remarkable edifices were carved out of solid rock, in a region where the rugged landscape. The wildlife highlight of the Simien is undoubtedly the encounters we are going to have with huge troupes of Gelada Baboons

## TOUR HIGHLIGHT

- Meet varies ethnic groups. ( Dorze, Konso, Tsemey, Benna, Arebore, hamer, karo, nyingantom, dasenech, Ari, and mursi.)
- Experience the natural beauty of the country from the stunning savannah plains and elaborately terraced hillsides to the vast coffee fields.
- See the elaborate hairstyles and personal adornment omo valley tribes
- Visit colorful and exuberant African markets.
- Visit the rock-hewn churches of Lalibela, one of "the living wonders of the world".
- Try the varied Ethiopian food.





# VIBRANT MARKETS





# ABOUT THIS TOURS

**Title:** Vibrant markets

**Mode of Transportation:** Flight and Drive

**Accommodation:** - Lodge, Hotel and camp

**Duration:** 9 Days and 8 Nights

Meet the Argoba, the wollo Oromo, and Afar People people, During our time in this region we will visit four significant markets that are excellent for street and portrait photography and The walking effort is easy throughout.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHT

- Mercato is the Biggest open-air market in east Africa
- Senbetie market on Sunday
- Bati market on Monday
- Assayita market on Tuesday
- Denakil depression







# COFFEE TOUR





# ABOUT THIS TOURS

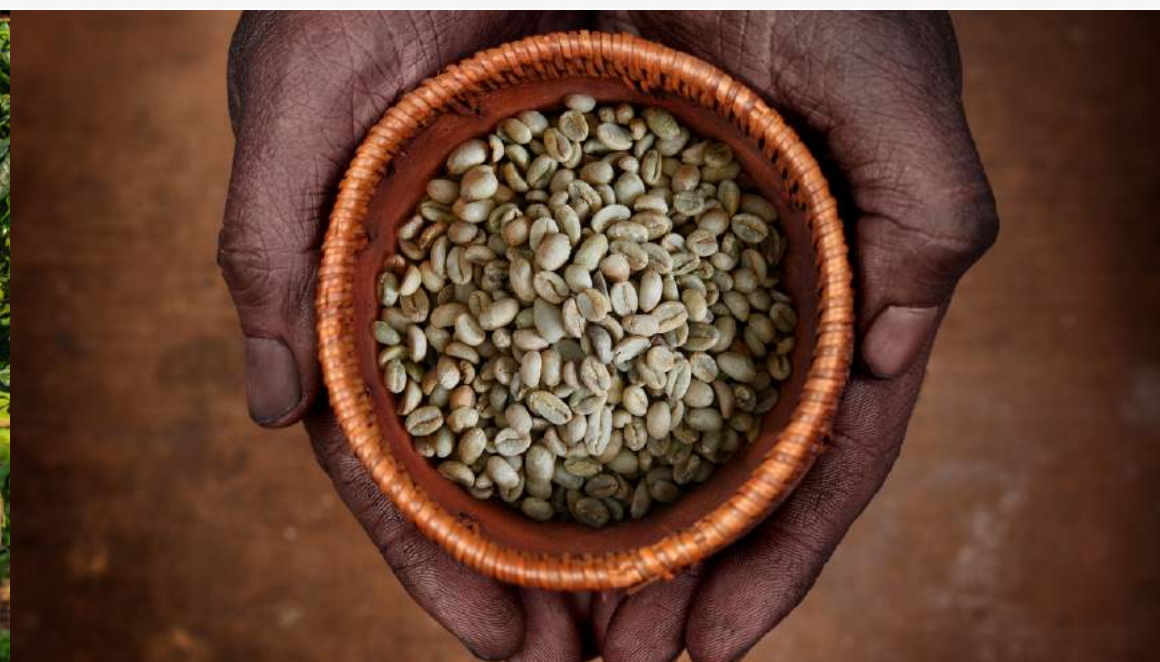
**Title: Coffee Tour to Ethiopia( Jimma, Yirgalem and Yirga Chefe)**

**Mode of Transportation:** Flight and Drive

**Accommodation:** - Lodge, Hotel and camp

**Duration:** 9 Days/10 Nights

This specific tour is genuinely made for you to explore the main Ethiopian coffee sites. It includes the birthplace of Coffee Arabica. Besides you will also have a chance to reach and spot some western Ethiopian Historic Sites National park and culture.





# HIGHLIGHT OF OUR SERVICES

Destination management company

TOURS/ACTIVITIES ★

CAR HIRE ★

TRANSFER ★

★ CHARTERED FLIGHTS

★ MICR





# WHY YOU SHOULD TRAVEL WITH US?

## The Environment is Our Family

Our company is established with the objective of doing business that has no harm to the environment. Our carefully designed products consider the globe in general and Ethiopia specifically.

## Community Friendly

We do believe that the community is the source of the products and these products shall benefit them. The community-based tours would help our clients experience authentic local lifestyles. We act as a bridge to connect our guests to our community.

## Value Your Money and Time

Every request gets a response in not later than an hour. Pricing requests may take longer and up to 24 hrs. We do the breakdown reasonably with the lowest mark up possible.

We encourage you to visit our website to learn more about us, Ethiopia, and products.

## Tailor-Made Programs

We don't just sell you the typical ones. We tailor-made programs following your interests and/or suggestions.

## Close Contacts with Destinations

Personal relationships usually have an influence on the overall operation. Most of our team have been to every destination several times. The has built close relationships with the local guides, scouts, HQs, etc. This helps us to smoothen the tours.







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