



LALIBELA EXPEDITIONS

Let us guide you through the wonders of Ethiopia

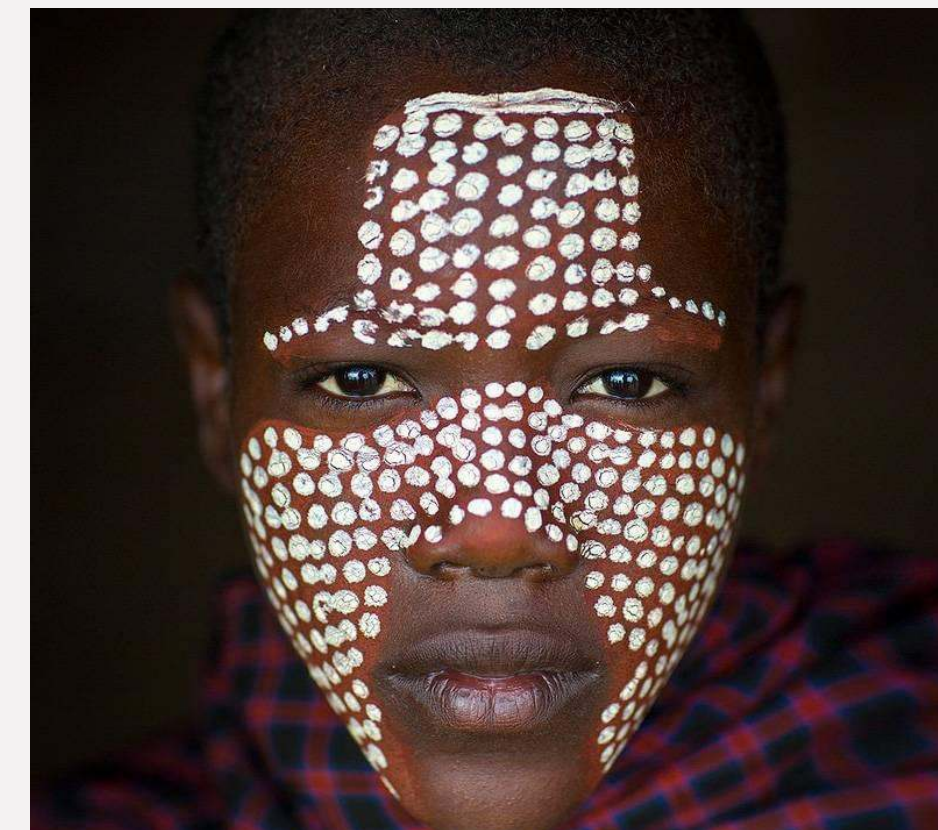
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OUR STORY

We are Professionals Licensed by the Federal Ministry of Trade and the Ethiopian Ministry of Culture and Tourism.

Lalibela Expeditions is established on a strong foundation with flexible, energetic and very well experienced tour, travel and car rental in Ethiopia. We will design the best tailor-made, individual, small group holyday tours.





WHAT

WE OFFER

At Lalibela Expeditions, we offer a variety of tours that include

Cultural Tours

1

Explore ancient churches, traditional villages, and vibrant markets.

Adventure Tours

2

Experience hiking, trekking, and wildlife excursions in Ethiopia's stunning landscapes.

Custom Itineraries

3

Tailor-made trips designed to meet your specific interests and preferences.



WHY CHOOSE US?

01 Our Team

Our team of passionate travel experts and local guides brings deep knowledge and years of tourism experience to deliver personalized, client-focused services.

02 Our Commitment

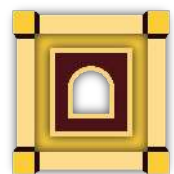
At Lalibela Expeditions, we promote sustainable tourism that supports local communities and the environment, so your journey makes a positive impact.

03 Authenticity

We provide genuine cultural and historical experiences, offering clients a true connection to Ethiopia's traditions and heritage.

04 Customer Focus

We design personalized tours tailored to each client's unique interests, ensuring unforgettable and special experiences.



OUR TEAM

Our team is comprised of passionate travel enthusiasts and local guides who possess an in-depth knowledge of the country. With years of experience in the tourism industry, we are committed to delivering personalized services that cater to the needs and interests of our clients.



Alene Zewdu

Co-founder and owner



Belay Giday

Team Member



Demeke Zewdu

Team Member



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Team Member



SERVICES WE PROVIDE

Lalibela Expeditions offers tours, car rentals, hotel bookings, flight reservations, documentary film support, and bird watching, guided in English, French, Spanish, German, and Italian. Join us to explore Ethiopia's wonders while supporting sustainable tourism. We work with local guides and businesses to ensure your journey leaves a positive impact and lasting memories.

Tailor-Made Trips

Car Rental Service

Hotel Booking

Flight Reservation



OUR DESTINATIONS

NATURAL ATTRACTIONS

Discover breathtaking landscapes, from the Simien Mountains to the Danakil Depression.

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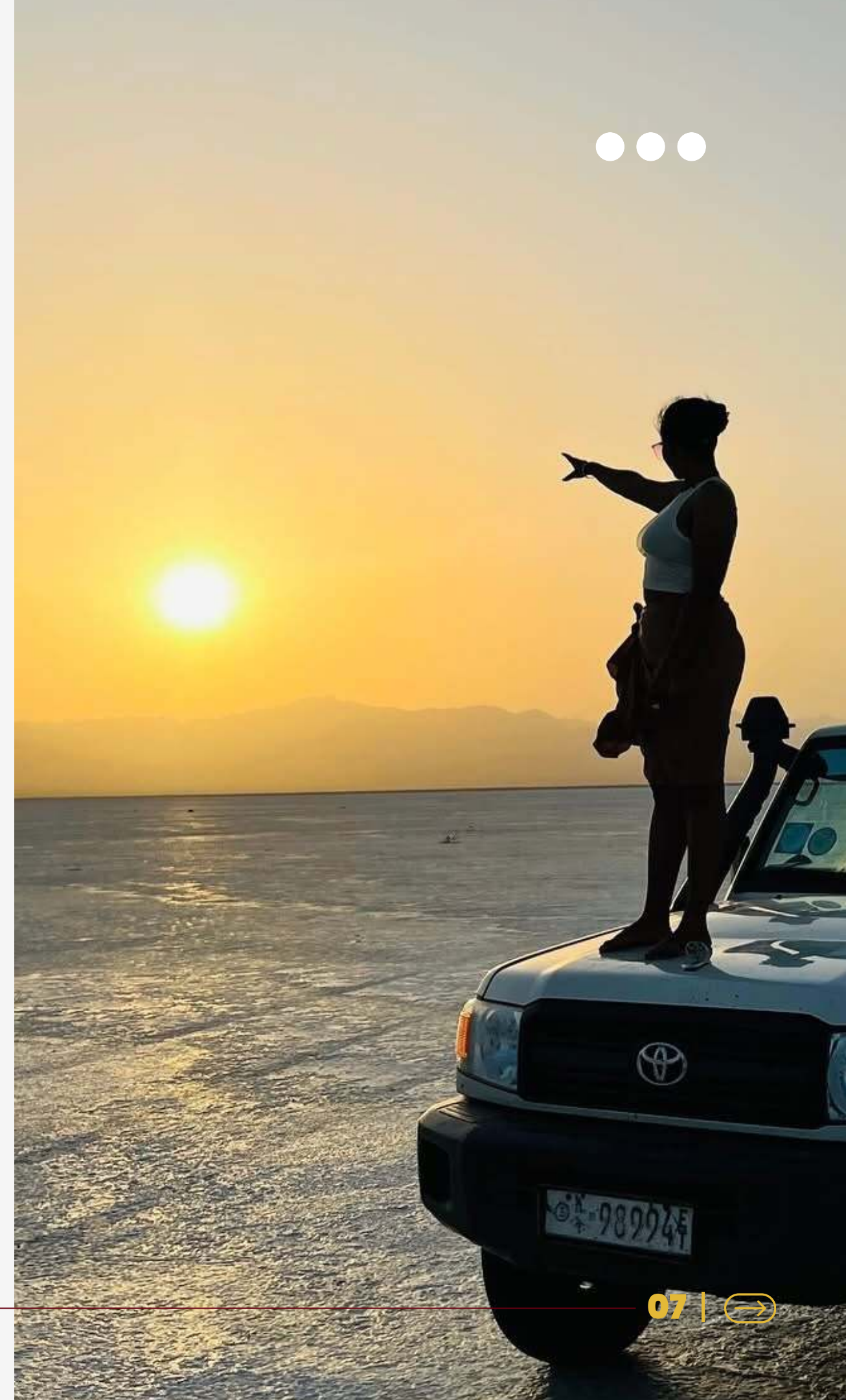
Immerse yourself in Ethiopia's rich traditions, tribal life, and vibrant daily customs.

HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS

Walk through centuries of history with visits to rock-hewn churches, ancient castles, and obelisks.

ETHIOPIA'S FESTIVALS

Experience the color and spirit of Ethiopia's iconic festivals like Timket, Meskel, and Genna.





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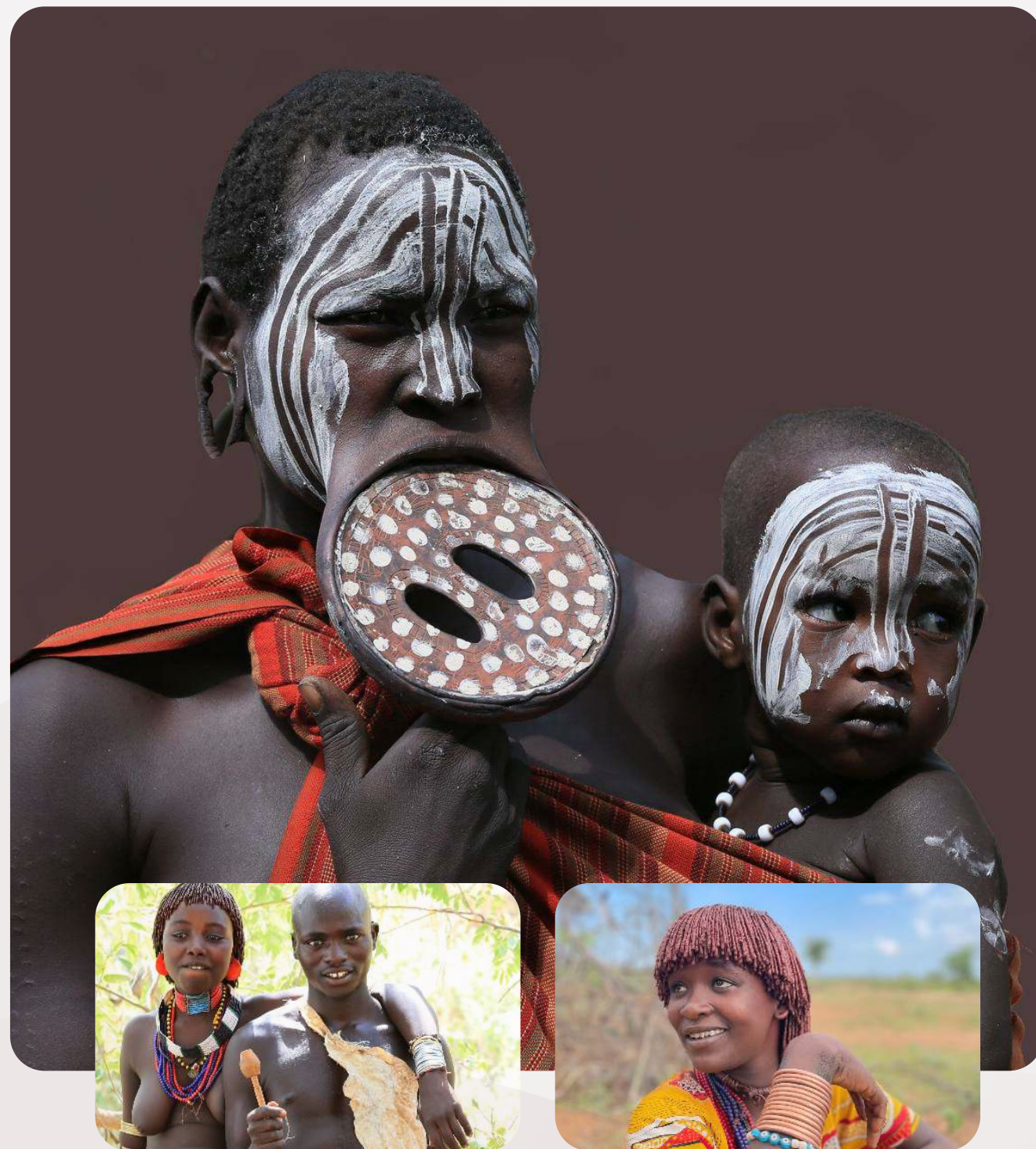
Ethiopia is a land of stunning contrasts and dramatic scenery. Lalibela Expeditions takes you to nature's masterpieces:

Simien Mountains National Park – Trek through jagged peaks and deep valleys, and spot endemic wildlife like the Gelada baboon and Ethiopian wolf.

The Danakil Depression – One of the hottest and most surreal places on Earth, with neon-colored sulfur springs, lava lakes, and salt plains.

Lake Tana & the Blue Nile Falls – Cruise Ethiopia's largest lake and witness the roaring majesty of the Tis Issat Falls.

Bale Mountains – A biodiversity hotspot perfect for trekking and wildlife lovers.



CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

Ethiopia's culture is as diverse as its landscapes. With over 80 ethnic groups, it's a vibrant tapestry of traditions, music, cuisine, and daily life:

Omo Valley Tribes – Visit indigenous groups like the Hamar, Mursi, and Karo, known for body art, rituals, and deep-rooted customs.

Coffee Ceremonies – Participate in Ethiopia's sacred coffee ritual—an invitation into the heart of every household.

Local Markets & Villages – Explore bustling markets, traditional homes, and learn firsthand how culture shapes life in rural Ethiopia.

Traditional Cuisine – Taste authentic Ethiopian dishes like injera, doro wat, and shiro, often enjoyed with locals.



HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS

Ethiopia's ancient history is carved in stone and written in legend. Visit sites that date back millennia:

Lalibela's Rock-Hewn Churches – Explore 12th-century underground churches, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the “New Jerusalem.”

Axum – Discover the heart of the ancient Axumite Empire, with towering obelisks, royal tombs, and the legendary Ark of the Covenant.

Gondar – Known as the “Camelot of Africa,” Gondar's castles and palaces tell stories of emperors and intrigue.

Tigray Churches & Harar Jugol – Climb to cliff-top churches or roam Harar, one of the oldest Islamic cities in Africa with over 80 mosques.



ETHIOPIA'S FESTIVALS

Traveling during one of Ethiopia's vibrant festivals is a once-in-a-lifetime experience:

Timket (Epiphany) – A colorful, sacred festival reenacting Christ's baptism, with processions, chanting, and holy water blessings.

Meskel (Finding of the True Cross) – Bonfires light up towns as Ethiopians celebrate a spiritual discovery made centuries ago.

Genna (Ethiopian Christmas) – A joyful time marked by church services, feasting, and a unique traditional game similar to hockey.

Fasika (Easter) – Observe the rich religious traditions of the Orthodox Church after 55 days of fasting.



TOUR PACKAGES

With our deep-rooted passion for Ethiopia and a commitment to sustainable tourism, Lalibela Expeditions offers an unparalleled travel experience.



1 DAY ADDIS ABABA CITY TOUR

Experience many of Addis Ababa's highlights on one comprehensive full-day tour. After a convenient hotel or airport pickup, explore the National Museum, where the 3 million-year-old fossils of Lucy is kept, and Merkato, the giant open-air market. Catch amazing views of Ethiopia's capital city from Enoto, enjoy a delicious lunch, and stop by St. George Cathedral, the 15th century church and Rastafarian pilgrimage site.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ETHIOPIA

Step into the fascinating world of Ethiopian history and culture at the National Museum of Ethiopia. Explore ancient artifacts, including the famous Lucy skeleton, and gain insights into the country's rich past.

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

Marvel at the architectural grandeur of the Holy Trinity Cathedral, one of the largest Orthodox churches in the world. Admire its intricate murals, stained glass windows, and impressive dome.

MERKATO (OPEN MARKET PLACE)

Experience the vibrant energy of Merkato, the largest open-air market in Africa. Browse through an array of colorful stalls selling spices, textiles, traditional crafts, and more.

MOUNT ENTOTO

Ascend to the summit of Mount Entoto, the highest point in Addis Ababa. Enjoy panoramic views of the city and the surrounding mountains, and visit the historic Entoto Maryam Church.



BIRD WATCHING TOUR



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Ethiopia is a premier birding destination with over 860 species, including 31 endemics and many rare migratory birds. Key sites like the Rift Valley Lakes, Bale Mountains, Awash National Park, and Yabello offer sightings of unique species such as the Abyssinian Ground Hornbill and Blue-winged Goose. As a year-round habitat and migration corridor via the Great Rift Valley, Ethiopia hosts a rich mix of endemic, intra-African, and Eurasian species, some rarely seen elsewhere.

ADDIS ABABA & HIGHLAND ADVENTURE

Warm welcome to Ethiopia's vibrant capital. Dive into a cultural city tour before heading north for a scenic day trip to Debre Libanos Monastery and the dramatic Jemma Valley, home to breathtaking views and highland birdlife.

RIFT VALLEY WONDERS & AWASH NATIONAL PARK SAFARI

Head east to Awash National Park via Bishoftu and Metahara crater lakes. Enjoy two days of birding and wildlife before heading south through the Rift Valley's scenic wetlands and lakes.

SOUTHERN BIRDING TRAIL & BALE MOUNTAINS DISCOVERY

Discover birdlife at Ziway, Abijata-Shalla, and Langano, then head to the Bale Mountains to spot endemic species at Gaysay, Dinsho, Saneti Plateau, and Harena Forest—home to the rare Ethiopian Wolf.

LAKES, FORESTS & FAREWELL TO ETHIOPIA

End your journey with forest hikes in Wondo Genet, birding at Hawassa's fish market, and a cultural stop at Tiya before returning to Addis Ababa.



CULTURAL TOUR OF SOUTH

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Journey south through fertile hills and savanna, visiting historic landmarks and diverse ethnic communities including the Dorze, Konso, Mursi, Ari, Hamar, Dassanech, and Borana peoples. Highlights include vibrant local markets, traditional ceremonies, and stunning natural landscapes such as Lake Chamo, Mago National Park, and the Bale Mountains. The trip features wildlife viewing, cultural immersion, and visits to UNESCO heritage sites and coffee plantations.

WELCOME TO ETHIOPIA & SOUTHERN DISCOVERY BEGINS

Upon arrival in Addis Ababa, you'll be transferred to your hotel & explore city highlights like the National Museum or Entoto Hills. Next day, head south via Butajira Road, visiting sites like Melka Kunture and UNESCO-listed Tiya stelae.

TRIBES, MARKETS & CULTURE OF THE OMO VALLEY

Travel from Arba Minch to Dorze village and Lake Chamo, then south to Konso and Key Afar market. Visit Jinka, Mursi tribe, South Omo Centre, Dimeka market, and Turmi for Hamar culture and ceremonies.

REMOTE VILLAGES, SINGING WELLS & COFFEE HIGHLANDS

From Turmi, cross the Omo River to visit the Dassanech people. Visit Arbore village, then discover Konso's UNESCO sites. Continue to Borana's singing wells and El Sod salt lake, ending with a stay at a coffee plantation eco-lodge in Yirgalem.

BALE MOUNTAINS ADVENTURE & FAREWELL AT LAKE LANGANO

Visit Hawassa's fish market, explore Bale Mountains for rare wildlife, then relax at Lake Langano. Return to Addis with birding at Lake Ziway and a farewell dinner before departure.



2 DAYS LALIBELA TOUR

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The isolated town of Lalibela, high up in the Lasta Mountains, is famous for its incredible rock-hewn churches. This group of monuments consists of six churches to the north and five churches to the south, and are linked by a series of rock-hewn tunnels.

ARRIVAL IN LALIBELA & ROCK-HEWN CHURCHES TOUR

Fly to Lalibela with Ethiopian Airlines and explore its UNESCO-listed rock-hewn churches—an awe-inspiring collection of eleven monolithic structures carved into the mountainside over 800 years ago. Highlights include the world's largest monolithic church, a network of passageways, and vivid icon paintings. Wrap up the day with a traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony and injera-making demonstration.

MORNING EXCURSION: ASHETON MARYAM OR YEMREHANNA KRISTOS

Choose between a scenic mule-supported hike to the mountaintop monastery of Asheton Maryam for panoramic views, or a drive to the stunning Yemrehanna Kristos Church, nestled in a cave and predating Lalibela's churches. Both options offer immersive cultural and natural experiences of the highlands.

FAREWELL DINNER & DEPARTURE

Fly back to Addis Ababa in the morning. Spend time visiting local souvenir shops for gifts and keepsakes. Conclude your journey with a memorable farewell dinner featuring traditional Ethiopian cuisine and music before your transfer to the airport for departure.



4 DAYS COFFEE TOUR

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Explore Ethiopia's coffee roots on this immersive 4-day journey through the birthplace of Arabica coffee. Start in Addis Ababa with a visit to the National Museum, then head south through the scenic Great Rift Valley to Hawassa, gateway to Ethiopia's lush coffee highlands. In Yirgacheffe, tour renowned cooperatives and experience traditional coffee cultivation. End your trip with a peaceful stay at Aregash Lodge before returning to Addis for a farewell evening of food, music, and reflection.

WELCOME TO ETHIOPIA – ARRIVAL IN ADDIS ABABA

Arrive at Bole International Airport and transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon, visit the Ethiopian National Museum to see ancient artifacts, including the fossil "Lucy," and explore Ethiopia's rich coffee heritage. Return to your hotel to rest.

SCENIC DRIVE TO HAWASSA

Depart Addis Ababa and head south through the Great Rift Valley to Hawassa, enjoying scenic views en route. This lakeside city will be your base for exploring Ethiopia's famed coffee regions.

COFFEE HEARTLAND: YIRGACHEFFE & AREGASH LODGE

Drive south to Yirgacheffe, known for its world-class Arabica coffee. Visit local cooperatives, see traditional processing, and stop by the ancient Tutu Fela stelae. Arrive at the tranquil Aregash Lodge by late afternoon for a restful evening.

RETURN TO ADDIS & FAREWELL

In the morning, drive back to Addis Ababa. Spend your afternoon with some last-minute souvenir shopping. Celebrate your journey with a traditional farewell dinner at a local restaurant, featuring live Ethiopian music and cuisine, before your transfer to the airport for your departure.



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ARRIVAL IN ADDIS ABABA & CITY TOUR

Arrive at Bole International Airport and transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon, tour Addis Ababa's highlights, including the National Museum, Ethnological Museum, Holy Trinity Cathedral, and finish with panoramic views from Entoto Hill.

ADDIS ABABA – SEMERA – INTO THE DANAKIL DESERT

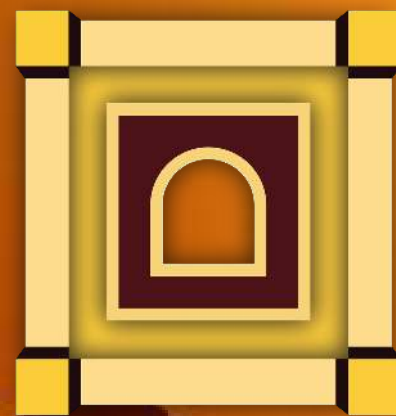
Fly or drive to Semera, Afar's capital, to arrange permits for your Danakil expedition. Next, travel by 4x4 through the Afar Desert, visiting Lake Afdera and Amidala for permits and escorts, then continue to Ahmed Ela, passing camel caravans and salt traders.

DALLOL & ERTA ALE VOLCANO – THE HARSH BEAUTY OF DANAKIL

Explore Dallol's colorful mineral springs and salt flats, watch Afar nomads harvest salt, then trek to Erta Ale volcano to see its glowing lava lake by night.

RETURN TO ADDIS ABABA VIA SEMERA

Descend Erta Ale early and drive to Semera, stopping at Lake Afdera's hot springs for a swim. After lunch, fly back to Addis Ababa for a relaxing evening or optional cultural dinner.



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