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ETHIOPIAN ODYSSEY

13 DAYS & 12 NIGHTS / DISCOVERY GROUP JOURNEY

ADDIS ABABA, HAWZIEN, AXUM, LALIBELA, SIMIEN MOUNTAINS, GONDAR & BAHIR DAR

Journey through Ethiopia and discover the layers of history of this breathtakingly beautiful country. Your explorations here are a heady mix of the sacred and the historical as you discover the wonders of the ancient cities of Bahir Dar, Gondar, Lalibela and Axum.



2012 DATES	*PRICES FROM
Jan 08	\$ 4,890
Single Supplement	830
Jan 22, Feb 12, Apr 15	4,720
Single Supplement	830
Aug 12	4,550
Single Supplement	830
Sep 15, Nov 27	4,855
Single Supplement	830
Oct 14	4,635
Single Supplement	830
Jan 07 2013	4,890
Single Supplement	830
Feb 10, Mar 24 2013	4,720
Single Supplement	830

*Price is per person, double occupancy.

Day 3: To Axum

Morning drive to Axum, the center of early civilization in Ethiopia and reputed home to the Queen of Sheba and the Ark of the Covenant. *Yeha Hotel or similar – 2 nights (B, L, D)*

Day 4: Axum

Morning excursion to the tombs of King Kelab and Gebra Meskel, the Queen of Sheba's swimming pool and palace, King Ezana's Stone and the magnificent stelae (obelisks). In the afternoon, visit the Cathedral of St. Mary of Zion, the Ark of the Covenant and Axum Museum. *(B, L, D)*

Day 5: To Lalibela

Fly to the world heritage site of Lalibela, via Gondar. Created as the 'new Jerusalem' by King Lalibela in the 12th century, Lalibela is still home to 11 rock-hewn churches, most of which are still used for worship today. Afternoon visit to the north-west cluster of churches, including the Church of St. George. *Mountain View Hotel or similar – 2 nights (B, L, D)*

Day 6: Lalibela

Choose a hike or a scenic drive this morning; then explore the southeast churches. *(B, L, D)*

HIGHLIGHTS

- VISIT AXUM
- EXPLORE LALIBELA'S CHURCHES
- CRUISE LAKE TANA
- SEARCH FOR GELADA BABOONS
- SEE THE CASTLES OF GONDAR

EXTENSIONS

- RIFT VALLEY • HARAR
- BALE MOUNTAINS • ZANZIBAR

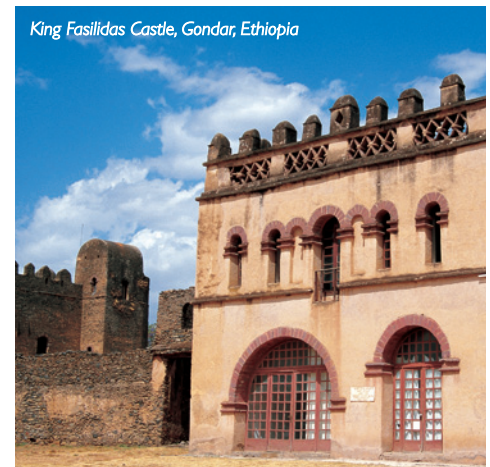
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Day 1: Arrive Addis Ababa

Arrive in the third highest capital in the world. Afternoon city tour, including the Ethnographic Museum, Holy Trinity Cathedral and the Mercato. *Hilton Hotel or similar – 1 night (L, D)*

Day 2: To Hawzien

Fly to Mekelle, then drive to Hawzien. En route, visit two rock-hewn churches. *Gheralta Lodge – 1 night (B, L, D)*



King Fasildas Castle, Gondar, Ethiopia

Reserve for your clients today.

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St George's Rock Hewn Church, Lalibela

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Day 7: To the Simien Mountains

Fly to Gondar, Ethiopia's first capital, located at the foot of the Simien Mountains. Afternoon visit to the church of Debre Berhan Selassie and see its murals. *Simien Mountain Lodge – 2 nights (B, L, D)*

Day 8: Simien Mountains

Morning scenic drive to Chennek, 3,620 meters above sea level and home to the endemic Walia ibex as well as klipspringers and bushbucks. En route, pass some of the most spectacular mountain scenery in Ethiopia; stop to view gelada monkeys and take a short walk to a

waterfall. A picnic will be arranged in a scenic spot. Afternoon at leisure. *(B, L, D)*

Day 9: To Gondar

Drive to Gondar and take an afternoon tour of the castles of Emperor Fasiladas and the Palace of the Queen Mentuab. *Goha Hotel – 1 night (B, L, D)*

Day 10: To Bahir Dar

Drive to Gorgora and visit the monastery of Debre Sina Mariam. Cross Lake Tana by boat and stop off at various island monasteries, including Daga Istafanos. Continue to the Zeghe peninsula and visit Ura Kidhane Mihret and Azuwa Mariam. *Kuriftu Resort & Spa – 2 nights (B, L, D)*

Day 11: Bahir Dar

Visit the Blue Nile Falls at Tissisat. Afternoon visit to the Bezawit Palace and the market in Bahir Dar. Optional spa treatments available. *(B, L, D)*

Day 12: To Addis Ababa

Fly to Addis Ababa in the morning. This evening, savor a festive dinner. *Hilton Hotel or similar – 1 night (B, L, D)*

Day 13: Depart Addis Ababa

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. *(B)*

WHAT'S INCLUDED

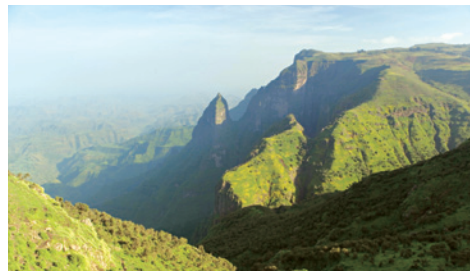
- All hotel accommodations as per the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch & D=Dinner)
- All transfers and transportation
- Sightseeing as described in itinerary including entrance fees and services of professional local guides

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International air travel
- Airport departure taxes
- Visa fees
- Flights in Ethiopia
- Travel insurance
- Excess baggage fees
- Personal items and alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities to your guides, drivers, porters and hotel service



Obelisk, Axum



Simien Mountains National Park, Ethiopia