
DFD-01-2011: Classic Historic Route with Simien Mountains**Duration = 9 days/ 8 nights****Route = Historic Route with Simien Mountains National Park****Transportation:- Bus**

Month	Tour Dates	4-10pax	2-3pax	Single room supplement
Jan	Jan 16- Jan 24,2011 (<i>Timket Festival</i>)	USD 2,019	USD 2,968	USD 459
Feb	Feb05- Feb13,2011	USD 2,019	USD 2,968	USD 459
Mar	Mar23-Mar31,2011	USD 2,019	USD 2,968	USD 459
Apr	Apr12- Apr20,2011 (<i>Palm Sunday festival in Axum</i>)	USD 1,798	USD 2,643	USD 409
May	May 28- Jun 05,2011	USD 1,798	USD 2,643	USD 409
Jul	Jul 13- Jul 21,2011	USD 1,890	USD 2,778	USD 429
Aug	Aug01-Aug09,2011	USD 1,890	USD 2,778	USD 429
Sep	Sep19-Sep27,2011 (<i>Meskel Festival in Addis Ababa</i>)	USD 1,890	USD 2,778	USD 429
Oct	Oct 12 – Oct20,2011	USD 1,965	USD 2,889	USD 447
Nov	Nov25- Dec 03,2011 (<i>St Marry Axum Zion Festival in Axum</i>)	USD 1,965	USD 2,889	USD 447
Dec	Dec11 – Dec 19,2011	USD 1,965	USD 2,889	USD 447

Domestic airfare (subject to change)**USD 190 per person if flying with Ethiopian airlines in the International flight****USD 542 per person if flying with other carrier in the International flight**

Itinerary

This itinerary is designed for travelers who want to visit the northern historical attractions but don't have much time. Visitors will cover all the important sites in the Historic circuit by flying from one site to the other. It also includes a visit to the Simien Mountains National Park, which is the only natural site of the country that is registered by UNESCO as a world Heritage.

Day 1 – Arrival + Addis

Be welcomed by your guide on arrival at Addis Ababa Bole International Airprt, and transfer in to your hotel.

O/N – Jupiter or Similar 4* Hotel

Day 2 – Addis – Bahir Dar

Fly from Addis to Bahir Dar and visit the Blue Nile Falls before lunch. In the afternoon, have a boat trip on Ethiopia's largest water body - Lake Tana (3,600 Km Sq) to visit the island monasteries of Ura Kidane Mihret (14th Century AD) and Azwa Mariam (14th Century AD).

O/N – AbayMinch Lodge or similar

Day 3 – Bahir Dar – Gondar

Drive from Bahir Dar to Gondar - the 17th century capital of Ethiopia. In the afternoon, visit the Imperial Castle Compound of Gondar (UNESCO World Heritage Site), the 'Bath of Emperor Fasiladas', the church of Quskuam Mariam (17th century AD), the residence of Empress Mintwab, and the church of Debre Birhan Sillassie which is famous for its wall and ceiling paintings.

O/N - Goha or similar Hotel (B, L, D)

Day 4 – Gondar – Simein Mountains National Park

Drive from Gondar to Debarq (the headquarter of the Simien Mountain National Park), and after check-in to hotel at Debarq drive 36 km farther to the Simien Mountains (UNESCO World Heritage Site) to visit the endemic mammal of Ethiopia - the Gelada Baboon, and the breathtaking scenery of the Simien Mountains.

O/N - Simien Lodge (B, L,D)

Day 5 - Simein Mountains National Park – Axum

Drive to Axum - the earliest Capital of Ethiopia, crossing the Tekezze Gorge.

O/N - Remhai or similar Hotel (B,L,D)

Day 6 – Axum

Have a sightseeing tour of Axum which includes visiting the Archaeological museum of Axum, the famous stele park (UNESCO World Heritage Site), the church of St. Mary of Zion which is believed to be the last resting place of the original Ark of the Covenant, the palace and tomb of King Kaleb and Gebre Meskel (6th Century AD), and the ruin palace of the Queen of Sheba (9th Century BC).

O/N - Remahai or similar Hotel

Day 7 – Axum – Lalibela

In the morning, fly to Lalibela - home of the 12th century AD rock hewn churches of King Lalibela. And in the afternoon, visit the second and the third group of churches of King Lalibela (UNESCO World Heritage Site).

O/N - Jerusalem or similar Hotel

Day 8 – Lalibela

In the morning, mule back ride to the hill top semi monolithic church of Asheton Mariam (13th century AD). Getting to the top of the hill rewards with great and unforgettable scenery of the area. In the afternoon, visit the remaining second and the third group of the churches of Lalibela.

O/N - Jerusalem or similar Hotel

Day 9 – Lalibela – Addis + departure

Fly back to Addis and have a half-day city tour of Addis that includes visiting the National Archeological Museum of Addis Ababa, Merkato - the largest open-air market in Africa, and driving to Mt. Entoto (3,200 meters) to have a panoramic view of the capital. In the evening, you will be invited a fare well dinner party at one of the best traditional restaurants of Addis to see the folkloric dances of the Ethiopian people and to taste the variety of meals of the Ethiopian people.

Departure

Price inclusive of: -

- Accommodation on a twin room sharing basis

- All meals out of Addis, and only breakfast in Addis
- All entrance fees
- Transfers
- Mule hire
- Boat rent at Lake Tana
- All ground transportations with fuel, and insurance
- Professional English speaking guide
- Portage fees
- All local guides
- Scouts
- Government tax

Price exclusive of:-

- International airfare
- Lunch and dinner in Addis
- Any alcoholic drinks
- Personal expense like souvenirs, laundry, etc
- Tips
- Any expense which is not stated in the 'Included List' above