DFD-03-2011: Historic Route Highlights

Duration = 7 days/ 6 nights
Route = Historic Route by flight

Transportation: - Bus

Month	Tour Dates	4-10pax	2-3pax	Single room supplement
	Jan 02 – Jan08,2011			
Jan	(Ethiopian Christmas (Genna) in Lalibela)	USD 1,225	USD 1,699	USD 330
Feb	Feb07– Feb13,2011	USD 1,225	USD 1,699	USD 330
Mar	Mar7-Mar13,2011	USD 1,225	USD 1,699	USD 330
Apr	Apr14 – Apr20,2011	USD 1,090	USD 1,512	USD 294
May	May02 May08,2011	USD 1,090	USD 1,512	USD 294
	Jun15 – Jun21,2011			
Jun	Jun 27-Jul 03,2011	USD 1,090	USD 1,512	USD 294
Aug	Aug17 – Aug23,2011	USD 1,146	USD 1,590	USD 309
Sep	Sept20- Sep26,2011	USD 1,146	USD 1,590	USD 309
Oct	Oct12 – Oct18,2011	USD 1,192	USD 1,653	USD 321
Nov	Nov27 – Dec03,2011	USD 1,192	USD 1,653	USD 321

Domestic airfare (subject to change)

USD 250 per person if flying with Ethiopian airlines in the International flight USD 695 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.

Day 1 - Arrival + Addis

Arrival and transfer in to hotel.

O/N - Global 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 - Tana or similar Hotel

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 - Axum

Fly to Axum, the most ancient capital of Ethiopia, in the morning. And, then 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 5 -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 6-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 7 - Lalibela - Addis

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