
DFD-08-2011: Hiking in the Simien Mountains- Roof of Africa

Duration = 12 days/11 nights

Route = Simien Mountains, Gondar and Laliebla

Transportation:- Bus

Month	Tour Dates	4-10pax	2-3pax	Single room supplement
Jan	Jan 09 – Jan 20, 2011	USD 2,892	USD 4,019	USD 256
Nov	Nov 10 – Nov 21, 2011	USD 2,815	USD 3,912	USD 249
Dec	Dec 04 – Dec 15, 2011	USD 2,815	USD 3,912	USD 249

Domestic airfare (subject to change)

USD 210 per person if flying with Ethiopian airlines in the International flight

USD 560 per person if flying with other carrier in the International flight

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival

Upon arrival you will be welcomed by your guide and drive about 15 minutes to your hotel. Overnight at Ghion or Global Hotel (4*) (BB)

Day 2: Sanka Ber (3,200m)

Fly from Addis to Gondar and drive 136 km north to Sanka Ber via Debarq, the headquarters of Simien Mountains National Park. Around Sankaber, make short walks to visit the incredible Simien Mountains and one of the endemic mammals of Ethiopia.

Overnight: First class camping gear with private cook and necessary camping gears(B,L,D)

Day 3: Sankaber – Geech (3,550m)

Trekking time: 5 – 6 hrs

Activities: Trek from Sanka Ber to Geech visiting the Jinbar Falls and with stops to visit the other views of the Simien Mountains.

Overnight: Camping (B,L,D)

Day 4: Geech - Imetgogo (3,986m) – Geech

Trekking time: ~ 6 hrs

Activities: Make excursion to Imetgogo to have one of the best views of in the Simien Mountains National Park.

Overnight: First class camping gear with private cook and necessary camping gears (B, L, D)

Day 5: Geech - Chenek (3,600m)

Trekking time: ~ 7 hrs

Activities: Trek from Geech to Chenek. Today you will have a chance to visit the other endemic not only to Ethiopia but only to the Simien Mountains – the Walia Ibex.

Overnight: First class camping gear with private cook and necessary camping gears (B, L, D)

Day 6: Chenek – Ambiqo

Trekking time: 6 – 8 hrs

Activities: Trek from Chenek to Ambiqo climbing Buhit Mountain the 2nd highest peak next to Ras Dashen in Simien Mountain ranges.

Overnight: First class camping gear with private cook and necessary camping gears. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Ambiqo – Ras Dashen (4,620m) - Ambiqo

Trekking time: 7 – 9 hrs

Activities: Trek from Ambiqo climbs to the Ras Dashen the highest peak in Ethiopia (4620 m) and return to Ambiqo

Overnight: First class camping gear with private cook and necessary camping gears (B, L, D)

Day 8: Ambiqo – Cheneck

Trekking time: 6 – 8 hrs

Activities: Trek back to cheneck. En route you may see some Simien Fox or the Ethiopian Wolf.

Overnight: First class camping gear with private cook and necessary camping gears. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Chenek- Gondar

Driving time: 5 hours

Activities: Drive back to Gondar, and make sight seeing tour of Gondar

Overnight: Goha Hotel (3* Hotel) (B,L,D)

Day10: Gondar – Lalibela

After breakfast, transfer in to airport for your flight to Lalibela that is home to the 12th century handy carved rock churches of King Lalibela (1181 - 1221) whom the town is named after.

After lunch in your hotel, visit the first group churches of Lalibela (UNESCO World Heritage Site) which are found northeast of a stream named 'River Jordan'.

Overnight: Lasta or similar Hotel (3* hotel) (B, L, D)

Day 11: Lalibela

In the morning, make a mule back ride to the hill top semi monolithic church of Asheten Mariam (13th Century AD). The peak of the hill offers a wonderful viewpoint to have bird eye view of the surrounding area including the town of Lalibela. In the afternoon, visit the second and the third group of churches of Lalibela.

Overnight: Lasta or similar Hotel (3* hotel) (B, L, D)

Day 12: Fly Lalibela – Addis

Fly back to Addis and make sight seeing tour of Addis Ababa that includes visiting the National Archeological Museum, Merkato (the largest open air market in East Africa). We will also have time for shopping.

In the evening, you will be guest of Dinknesh Ethiopia Tour at one of the famous traditional restaurants of Addis where you enjoy watching the folkloric dances of the Ethiopian people, and taste Ethiopian meals.

Departure

Price inclusive of:-

- Accommodation on a twin room sharing basis

- All meals out of Addis, and only breakfast in Addis
- All entrance fees
- Transfer in and out service
- domestic airfare, subject to change
- Mule rent
- First class camping gears
- Cook for the camping days
- All ground transportation
- Professional English speaking guide
- Portage fees
- All local guides
- Scouts

Price exclusive of:-

- 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