

ETHIOPIAN EXTENSION
ADDIS ABABA
March 17 - March 20, 2018

March 17 (D)

Arrival and Cultural Dinner

Arrive Addis Ababa; meet our representative at the airport and transfer to Ramada Addis or Similar. This evening for our welcome dinner we will attend a folklore show and enjoy an array of National dishes while watching the engaging dances of the various ethnic groups of Ethiopia. -

March 18 (B, L, D)

Addis AbAbA (“New flower”)

Drive from where you stay and you will have sightseeing of Addis Ababa including mount Entoto, National museum, Holy Trinity cathedral, Ethnographic museum, Merkato, and along the way you will visit significant historical monument of Addis. Highlight City Tour

Entoto Mountain: - the capital of Ethiopia before Addis Ababa. Here you will have panoramic views of the city with fresh air from the eucalyptus forests.

Shiro Meda:- Shiro Meda, the city’s largest market for traditional clothes.

Ethiopian Ethnological Museum- It is the ethnographical museum, with great displays of the many cultures of Ethiopia, housed in the former palace of Haile Selassie.

National Museum: - it is one of the most popular museums where Ethiopia’s home for the oldest and famous hominid fossil ‘Lucy’

Holy Trinity cathedral church- it is one of the biggest most beautiful Ethiopian Orthodox cathedral. It was built to commemorate the country’s liberation from the Italian in 1941.

Merkato:- Finish the day with shopping in Merkato, the local marketplace which is said to be Africa’s largest open-air market.

Traditional coffee Ceremony

March 19 (B, L, D) Debrelibanos Monastery & Jemma Valley

Debrelibanos Monastery:

After Early breakfast we leave Addis on the Gojjam road over the Entoto Mountains passing through the Sululta plains to the monastery of Debre Libanos. Debre Libanos is one of the Ethiopia’s most reputed Orthodox monastic enclaves. founded in the 13th century by Abune Teklehaymanot. The church with its magnificent murals it is surrounded by stunning and overwhelming scenery. The monastery complex sits on a terrace between a cliff and the gorge of one of the tributaries of the Abbay Rifer (the Blue Nile).

Jemma River gorge and Portuguese bridge:

The ‘Portuguese Bridge’, was not as its name suggests built by the Portuguese but was in fact built in the 19th century by and Ethiopian, called Rad Darrgein (who was Menelik’s II uncle) in the 19th century. It is built in the style of the 17th century

bridges around the Nile. After crossing the bridge, go to your left by the side of the river until you reach on a large rock suitable to view the 600m waterfall. The view in this area is simply breathtaking, with a waterfall and a deep gorge leading down to the Jemma River Valley. The Jemma River is one of the tributaries of the Nile, and there is a drop of nearly 1000 meters to the valley below. It is also a habitat of several rare birds (lammergeyer, Abyssinian ground hornbill, endemic banded barbet, Abyssinian woodpecker and much more) and endemic Gelada baboons. The scenery is stunning, and it is very peaceful.

March 20 (B)

Free day or you can do optional tours

9:00 P.M. - Depart to the airport

Price: \$529 (based on 9 people) If we get over 10 then it drops to \$479

Includes:

- 3 nights' hotel accommodation on twin/double bed basis
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner according to the tour program
- Traditional coffee ceremony
- All Entrance fees according to the tour program
- English speaking guide service (no guide on March 20)
- Transfer in and out services
- Ground transportation (no ground transportation on March 20 except transfer out)