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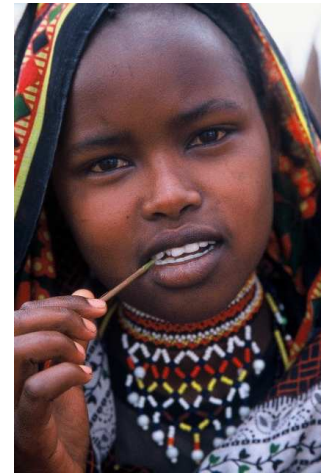
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AAT-1131

TREKKING IN SIMIEN & BALE MOUNTAINS

Duration: 15 Days / 14 Nights



Tour Highlights:

- Climb Mount Ras Dashen, Africa's fourth highest peak
- Enjoy dramatic landscapes, high peaks, gigantic drops, wide valleys and endemic wildlife in the Simien Mountains, known as 'The roof of Africa'
- Enjoy dramatic landscapes, wide valleys, afro-alpine vegetation and various wildlife as you trek the Bale Mountains
- Climb Tullu Deemtu, the highest peak of the Bale Mountains
- Watch colourful birdlife and endemic mammals, like the Ethiopian Wolf, Mountain Nyalas and Menelik's Bushbucks
- Experience the unique highland vegetation of the Bale Plateau, which is said to be a paradise for trekkers
- Traditional Ethiopian farewell dinner with "coffee ceremony"

Travel date:

Every day departure with a minimum of two participants.

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<p>Day 1: Arrival in Addis Ababa WELCOME TO ETHIOPIA. On arrival in Addis Ababa our representative will meet you at Bole International Airport. After transfer to your hotel an overview of the program will be given. The rest of the day visit historical sites in Addis Ababa including the National Archaeological Museum, where the 3,6 million year old skeletal remains of “Lucy” rest, which were discovered in 1974. Proceed to the Ethnological Museum at Addis Ababa University, the Mercato market, the Holy Trinity Cathedral and Mount Entoto, which rises up to an altitude of 3200 meters and offers a panoramic view of the metropolis. Overnight in 4-star hotel.</p>		
<p>Day 2: Fly to Gondar, Drive to Sankaber In the morning fly to Gondar then proceed to Debarq, ca. 100 km from Gondar. After we pick up our local guide we drive on to Sankaber, the first campsite of the Simien Mountains National Park. On this drive you will gain a first impression of the scale and beauty of this highland region while enjoying endemic Gelada Baboons. Camping at Sankaber (3200 m)</p>		
<p>Day 3: Sankaber to Geech Today we start the trek accompanied by a cook, muleteers and mules who carry the equipment. The walk to Geech takes about 5-6 hours and brings us to the Jinnbar Falls. After crossing the river we ascend for about two hours to Geech through giant Lobelia trees. The scenery is wonderful and herds of the endemic Gelada Baboons can be seen on the way. Camping at Geech (3600m)</p>		
	<p>Day 4: Geech – Imetegogo – Geech This day we walk to the best viewing points of the National Park. Imetegogo enables you to look 360° to all directions. After a short break continue to Seha, the other terrific viewpoint. After picnic lunch we continue to the last viewpoint, Quedadit and return to the campsite afterwards. The walk takes about 4-5 h and is not hard. If we are lucky we might see mammals like the Simien Wolf, Walia Ibex and Klipspringers. Camping at Geech</p>	
<p>Day 5: Geech—Chenek We trek 6-7 h to Chenek through giant Lobelia trees, where a lot of wildlife can be seen. After picnic lunch walk on the edge of the Enatye escarpment (4000 m), which offers an other breathtaking view. Finally we descend to Chenek, the best place to see the endemic Walia Ibex and more Gelada Baboons. Camping at Chenek (3600 m)</p>		
<p>Day 6: Around Chenek This day you will be wandering around Chenek. Chenek has the best view from all camp sites and it is also the best spot to observe the Walia Ibex.</p>		
<p>Day 7: Chenek - Gondar The vehicle can reach the campsite of Chenek, where they will pick us up. Drive to Gondar with stops at some viewing points. Rest of the day at free use.</p>		

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<p>Day 8: Fly to Addis Ababa After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight to Addis Ababa. The rest of the day at free usage.</p>		
<p>Day 9: Bale Mountains - Dinsho Lodge Full day's drive to the Bale Mountains National Park, traveling through the southeast part of Ethiopia, where fertile land is cultivated by the Oromo people. We arrive at Dinsho, the Park head quarter, in the afternoon, in time for a walk around to see endemic mammals like Menelik's Bushbucks and Mountain Nyalas as well as a variety of birds such as Blue-winged goose, Abyssinian long claw, Wattled ibis, Rouget's rail, etc.</p>		
	<p>Day 10: In Dinsho and Geysay Valley Arrangement of the trekking staff and packing animals and trekking around Dinsho and Geysay Valley to see endemic wildlife.</p>	
	<p>Day 11: Dinsho - Wolla Valley (Kotera) Accompanied by your guide, a scout and packhorses we trek 5 hours through lush highland vegetation to our campsite. The air here is clean and crisp and the scenery utterly stunning.</p>	
<p>Day 12: Wasema Valley After breakfast trek for about 7-8 hours to Wasema Valley. The trek offers the chance to see endemic Abyssinian Wolves. Around Worgona mineral spring, Giant Mole Rats can easily be seen. Camping at Wasema Valley</p>		
<p>Day 13: Gebre Guracha Today you trek through the highlands, ascending the Sanetti Plateau and crossing Mount Batu (4200 m). Here again there is a chance to see Ethiopian wolves and other wildlife. Camping at the base of the valley, viewing Lake Gebre Guracha.</p>		
<p>Day 14: Sanetti Plateau to Goba After breakfast we trek for 5 h to Mount Tullu Deemtu (4377 m), the highest peak of the Bales and part of the Sanetti Plateau. Here you will find small alpine lakes and typical afro-alpine vegetation with Giant Lobelias and Everlasting shrubs. Vistas reach out to the strange pinnacles of Chorchora Peak and across the sheer-sided Tegona River Gorge. There are views to the steep-sided volcanic plug of Konteh Tullu and the long, craggy ridges of Mount Batu. The car will meet us here and drive us down to Goba.</p>		
	<p>Day 15: Drive to Addis Ababa, Departure Drive back to Addis Ababa with stops on the way at the Rift Valley Lakes. Evening have a fare well dinner in a traditional Ethiopian restaurant with dances from different ethnic groups. Afterwards transfer to the airport for your flight back home.</p>	

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<p><u>PRICE</u></p> <p>Price per person (on the basis of 2 travellers) = US \$ 3.286 Price per person (on the basis of 3 travellers) = US \$ 2.652 Price per person (on the basis of 4 travellers) = US \$ 2.370 Single room supplement = US \$ 220 Plus domestic flights ca. US \$ 150 (only if the roundtrip international flight is with Ethiopian Airlines) otherwise ca. US \$ 350</p>		
<p>Price includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special qualified guide as well as mandatory local guide and scout fees in parks and villages - 4-star hotel in Addis Ababa and the best available hotels outside of Addis Ababa - All accommodation based on twin room occupancy - All camping gear, trekking staff and packing animals - Meals in Addis, on bed and breakfast basis - Meals out of Addis, on full board basis - Farewell dinner in Addis to enjoy traditional Ethiopian food and music - All entrance fees at parks and villages - All transfers and visits in Addis Ababa using mini-bus according to the itinerary - All ground transportation including insurance, fuel and all costs of the driver - Boat trip - A traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony at a convenient time in the program - Government taxes <p>Price doesn't include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International flights - Lunch and Dinner in Addis Ababa - Any kind of drinks, alcoholic or non-alcoholic - Video filming and photographing fees - Incidental meals, snacks and drinks - Tips and items of personal nature like laundry, souvenirs, etc. - All what is not included in the list above 		