



## Ethiopia – June 10-20, 2020

You are invited to join Soul Journeys as we travel to Ethiopia for 10 days this June. Ethiopia is a beautiful country with wonderful hospitality and amazing history. We are excited you are considering this wonderful journey with a small group (8-12) of fellow “soul journeyers.” We welcome your questions as you contemplate joining us for this transforming opportunity!

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### Overall Itinerary:

Date	Location	Description
Friday - Saturday Day 1-2	Addis Ababa	Arrive, Overnight at Caravan Hotel and Spa
Sunday Day 3	Fly to Bahirdar on ET 126 @ 7:00am	Overnight at Jacaranda Hotel and Spa
Monday - Tuesday Day 4-5	Drive to Gondor – 180 kilometers(4 hrs drive)	Overnight at Goha Hotel
Wednesday Day 6	Fly to Axum on ET 122 @ 9:45am	Overnight at Yared Zema Hotel
Thursday – Friday Day 7-8	Fly to Lalibela ET 123 @ 11:45am	Overnight at Maribela Hotel
Saturday Day 9	Fly to Addis Ababa ET	Tour, Shop, depart for US early Sunday morning
Saturday or Sunday Day 9 or 10	Depart for US late eve or early morning	

### What’s Included:

The journey includes 3 pre-travel discussions to address; physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual considerations. All journey accommodations, food, ground transportation and costs for museum & park entry fees. 2 post journey discussions to address; internal life, impact on interactions and relationships, as well as approach and action to our work and mission in the world. In addition, you will receive a personalized Soul Journeys Journal created especially for this experience.

## Costs:

Single accommodations: \$4750 per person, Double accommodations: \$4550 per person.

In addition, you will need to pay for passport and visa; pre-journey meds/shots; travel insurance, international flight to/from Addis Ababa and 4 domestic flights within Ethiopia.

### Estimated additional costs (please check for current pricing):

- Passport: depends on type and timeframe
- Visa: \$50
- Pre-trip meds/shots: varies by need & travel insurance \$50 +
- Chicago (ORD) to Addis Ababa return: \$1100-1300
- Washington D.C. (IAD) to Addis Ababa return: \$1100-1300
- Domestic Ethiopian flights (4 one ways): \$500-600

## Day by Day Descriptions:

### Day 1: Arrival at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Friday - Overnight: Caravan Hotel and Spa

Arrive Bole International Airport, meet and greet our representative. On arrival transfer to the hotel.

### Day 2: Addis Ababa

Saturday - Overnight: Caravan Hotel and Spa\*\*\*

Arrive Bole International Airport at 06:00, meet and greet our representative. On this day, will have Addis city tour that includes the National Archaeological Museum, to view the 3.18 million years old remains of "Lucy", whose fossil was discovered in 1974. Continue to the Ethnological Museum at Addis Ababa University; a great insight into the many different peoples of Ethiopia and their respective cultures. After visiting Holy Trinity Cathedral, we will end the day with a drive to the top of Mount Entoto, which rises to an altitude of 10,500 feet and offers a panoramic view of the metropolis. Free time for shopping. In the evening you will have welcome Italian Dinner with wine or beer.



### Day 3: Addis → Bahir Dar ET 126 [07:00 – 08:00] (USD - \$209)

Sunday - Overnight: Jacaranda Hotel and Spa\*\*\*\*\*

Early morning transfer to Airport to fly to Bahir Dar. After check in to the hotel we drive to the Blue Nile Falls, which is known locally as Tissisat (smoking water) fall: 100 m (328 ft) wide, the water plunges for 45 m (148 ft), giving rise to steam clouds and rainbows. After lunch we will have a boat trip on Lake Tana. There are 37 islands on Lake Tana and 32 of them have churches and monasteries of considerable historical and cultural interest. Within half day excursion, we can ride to Zhege peninsula to visit the monastery churches of Ura Kidane Mihiret, which is the best known of the monasteries and has an important collection of religious icons from the 16th to 18th centuries A.D. In the evening, you may enjoy a free signature Massage at the Resort.

#### Day 4: Bahirdar - Gondar

Monday - Overnight: Goha Hotel\*\*\*

Drive to Gondar, which is 180 kms away from Bahir Dar. Gondar was the first capital city of the Ethiopian Empire, which began in 1632 with the reign of Fasilidas. In Gondar, there are a dozen castles built by various emperors over the course of 236 years. The city seems more European than African. In the afternoon, we visit Fasilidas' Palace, probably the most impressive of all the castles found in the area and the oldest one! We continue on to the Church of Debre Berham Selassie (Light of the Trinity). The interior of Debre Berham Selassie is decorated with beautiful frescos, cherubs and paintings. Debre Berham Selassie is rumored to once have been the proposed final resting-place of the Ark of the Covenant.



#### Day 5: Gondar-Siemien Mountain –Gondar

Tuesday - Overnight: Goha Hotel\*\*\*

Today you have an excursion trip to the magnificent Simien Mountain National park. Early morning with the lunch box drive to Debarq. This is a small market town at an altitude of 2700 meters near the boundary of the Simien Mountains National Park corrugated cardboard - iron - surrounded roofed building its colorful and bustling market area. Before entering the park, you need to register at the park headquarters just outside the city. Here armed Scout - joins one of the parking regulations, please. Then go for the best view at buyit top. Heading through pretty Country Pass is at the foot of the mountains Semen, with attention paid to field, open pasture with grazing horses, trees and distant rocky peaks. At the height of the road there is a magnificent view of the strangely eroded foothills of the series, and you can also lucky enough to spot at first bearded vulture and endemic mammal gelada baboons of the trip around Sankaber. After you visit the National park, drive back to Gondar; On the way visit the Fellasha (Ethiopian Jews) village.



Day 6: Gondar → Axum ET 122 [09:45 – 11:00] (USD \$105)

Wednesday - Overnight: Yared Zema Hotel\*\*\*



After an early breakfast you will be transferred to Emperor Tewoderos Air Port for your scheduled flight to Axum. Check in to your hotel and visit the city of Obelisk's, Axum. On this day visit the extraordinary obelisks recorded as a world heritage site (WHS), the tomb of king Remhay (1st to 4th century AD), the church of St. Mary of TSION (17th & 20th century AD), in one of which the Ethiopians hosted the Ark of the Covenant. In the afternoon visit the remaining sites of Axum like: - Dingur Palace (believed to be the palace of the queen of Sheba) and the tombs of King Kaleb & G/Meskel.

Day 7: Axum → Lalibela ET 123 [11:45 – 12:25] (USD \$109)

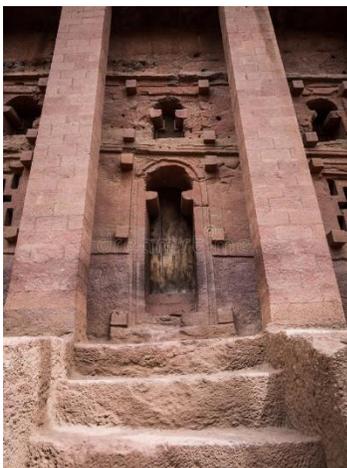
Thursday - Overnight: Maribela Hotel\*\*\*

In the morning transfer to Axum airport to fly Lalibela. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and after quick refreshment, start city tour in Lalibela. The city contains 11 monolithic churches that were built in the 12th century and are carved out of the pink granite rock; they have been classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On this day after lunch visit the first group of churches named Bete Medhane Alem, Ed Hane Alem, Dhanea Alem, Bete Mariam, Bete Meskal, Bete Denagil, Bete Debre Sina & Bete Gologotha.

Day 8: Lalibela

Friday - Overnight: Maribela Hotel\*\*\*

On this day after breakfast visit the second and third group of churches named Bete Gebbriel, Bete Merkorios, Bete Ehem, Bete Emanuel, Bete Aba Libanos and Bete Giorgos.



Day 9: Lalibela → Addis ET 120 [10:45 - 11:40] → Departure (USD \$159 for 12pm flight)

Saturday

In the morning transfer to Lalibela airport and fly back to Addis. Upon arrival at Addis Ababa Bole International Air Port you will have time for shopping in the market, Souvenir shops Or Galleries. In the evening you will have a fare well dinner in one of the Ethiopian traditional restaurant for cultural dinner and folkloric dancers from the different ethnic groups. In the evening you will be transferred to the airport to fly back home.

**Detail of included/not included:**

Price includes:

- Accommodation on double/Twin basis
- All meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) on full board basis
- All entrance fees according to the tour program
- Transfers from airport to Hotel and vice-Versa
- Ground transportation by Mini bus on the North Ethiopia and 4x4 Jeep for the entire tour to South Ethiopia with fuel and driver allowance
- Scout/park rangers fees
- English speaking escort guide throughout the tour
- Boat trip on Lake Tana (Zhege peninsula) & Lake Chamo in Asrba Minich
- Government Tax and service charges



Price does not include:

- International & Domestic Flight Fares
- International Taxes
- Visa Fee
- Alcoholic drinks
- Video and camera fees if and where applicable
- Tipping to guide and driver
- Telephone calls, laundry services and other expenses of personal nature
- Entrance fees to any special ceremonies you might encounter by chance
- Keepsakes, personal items, etc.



Small holder farmers make up about 70% of Ethiopia's population.

