

Great Ethiopian Tours

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Best Ethiopia Tour Itinerary

Dates:

Day 1: Arrival in Addis Ababa

- **Arrival:** Arrive in Addis Ababa.
- **Travel:** Flight to Mekele.
- **Overnight:** Stay in Mekele.

Day 2: Mekele – Erta Ale

- **Travel:** Pick-up from the hotel at 8:00AM and drive to Erta Ale Base Camp.
- **Activity:** Stop at Afdera for a swim and float in the Salt Lake. Continue to the Erta Ale Base Camp.
- **Overnight:** Camp near Erta Ale.

Day 3: Erta Ale – Lake Assale

- **Travel:** Depart from Erta Ale Base Camp at 8:30 AM, arriving in Hamedela by 4:00 PM.
- **Activity:** Visit the Lake Asale salt flats, witness camel caravans transporting salt, and enjoy a stunning sunset.
- **Overnight:** Camping in Hamedela.

Day 4: Dallol – Mekele

- **Travel:** Drive back to Mekele (4-5 hours).
- **Activity:** Visit the Lake Asale salt flats, sulfuric acid ponds, observe traditional salt extraction methods, and swim in the Salt Lake.
- **Overnight:** Stay at Desta Hotel in Mekele.

Day 5: Mekele – Tigray Churches

- **Travel:** Depart from Mekele at 7:00 AM to the Geralta mountain ranges (70 km), then return to Mekele. Flight from Mekele to Addis Ababa.
- **Activity:** Explore the Tigray rock-hewn churches, including climbing Abune Yemata Guh and Korkor mountains.
- **Overnight:** Hotel in Addis Ababa.

Day 6: Addis Ababa – Jinka (Tribal Markets & Bull-Jumping)

- **Travel:** Fly from Addis Ababa to Jinka.
- **Activity:** Visit Bana and Ari tribal markets and attend the Hamar tribe's bull-jumping ceremony.
- **Overnight:** Stay at Turmi Lodge.

Day 7: Turmi – Dasenech and Karo

- **Travel:** Drive to Dasenech and Nayangatom.
- **Activity:** Cross the Omo River by small wooden boats, visit the Dasenech tribe, and then explore the Karo tribe in the Nyangatom region.
- **Overnight:** Stay in Jinka.

Day 8: Mursi - Konso

- **Travel:** Drive from Jinka to Mago National Park to visit the Mursi tribe, then continue to Konso.
- **Activity:** Visit the Mursi tribe, known for their lip plates. Explore the rock formations and Konso village, visit the stunning basalt formations gorge, and learn about the Konso tribe's culture.
- **Overnight:** Stay at Konso Karat.

Day 9: Konso - Arba Minche

- **Travel:** Drive from Konso to Arba Minche.
- **Activity:** Early morning visit to Konso, then drive to Arba Minche to explore the Dorze tribe.
- **Overnight:** Stay at Arba Minche Turmi Lodge.

Day 10: Arba Minche – Addis Ababa

- **Travel:** Visit Lake Chamo and the crocodile farm in Arba Minche before taking a flight back to Addis Ababa.
- **Activity:** Visit the crocodile farm and explore the beauty of Lake Chamo.
- **Overnight:** Hotel in Addis Ababa.

Day 11: Addis Ababa – Harar

- **Travel:** Fly from Addis Ababa to Dire Dawa, then take a 1-hour drive to Harar.
- **Activity:** Experience the unique tradition of feeding hyenas.
- **Overnight:** Stay at a guest house in Harar.

Day 12: Harar – Addis Ababa

- **Travel:** Fly from Addis Ababa to Harar.
- **Activity:** Visit the walled city of Harar and enjoy a full day of exploration before taking a flight back to Addis Ababa in the afternoon.
- **Overnight:** Stay at a hotel in Addis Ababa.

Day 13: Addis Ababa City Tour

- **Travel:** Drive around and visit Addis Ababa.

What's Included:

- Accommodation
- Meals & water
- Ground transportation, Domestic flights
- English-speaking guide
- Site entrance fees
- Camping gear
- Security fees



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