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September 22nd - 30th 2027
(8 Nights / 9 Days)



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DAY	DATE	HIGHLIGHTS	HOTEL/MEAL
Day 1	WEDNESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER	Upon arrival at Bole International Airport, a representative will welcome and transfer you to your hotel. Given varying flight times, today's program is light and flexible. You might enjoy a city orientation drive or traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony or relax at the hotel to recover.	Hotel: Haile Grand Hotel (or similar) Meals: None
Day 2	THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER	After breakfast, we will visit Unity Park, exploring Ethiopia's history and culture. Afternoon: Ethnological Museum at Addis Ababa University. In the evening, we will have cultural dinner with traditional music and dance, plus local craft shopping for textiles, jewelry, and souvenirs.	Hotel: Haile Grand Hotel (or similar) Meals: Breakfast and Dinner
Day 3	FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER	We will visit the National Museum of Ethiopia (see "Lucy"), then Holy Trinity Cathedral (Haile Selassie's resting place). We will then visit Merkato market (Africa's largest open-air market) in the Afternoon. In the evening, we will relax before dinner.	Hotel: Haile Grand Hotel (or similar) Meals: Breakfast and Lunch
Day 4	SATURDAY 25 SEPTEMBER	After breakfast, we head to the airport to fly to Bahir Dar (Lake Tana). Take a boat trip to ancient island monasteries like Ura Kidane Mihret, known for colorful murals.	Hotel: Kuriftu Resort & Spa Bahir Dar (or similar) Meals: Breakfast
Day 5	SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER	We will explore Bahir Dar surroundings. Visit the Blue Nile Falls (photography, birdwatching). and in the Afternoon, we visit local villages or relax at resort (spa, swimming). In the evening, we will have leisure by lakeshore. We will head to the airport to fly back to Addis Ababa.	Hotel: Kuriftu Resort & Spa Bahir Dar (or similar) Meals: Breakfast and Lunch
Day 6	MONDAY 27 SEPTEMBER	After breakfast, we head to the airport to fly to Lalibela. Visit Lalibela's UNESCO World Heritage rock-hewn churches (12th century), including Bet Medhane Alem (world's largest monolithic church) and Bet Maryam (notable frescoes).	Hotel: Maribela Hotel (or similar) Meals: Breakfast
Day 7	TUESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER	We will visit second group of Lalibela churches (Bet Gabriel-Rufael, Bet Abba Libanos, Bet Merkorios) showcasing Ethiopia's Christian heritage.	Hotel: Maribela Hotel (or similar) Meals: Breakfast
Day 8	WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER	After breakfast, fly back to Addis Ababa., shop at Shiro Meda for handwoven garments or visit local artisan galleries. And end the day with a farewell cultural dinner with Ethiopian cuisine, music, and dance.	Hotel: Haile Grand Hotel (or similar) Meals: Breakfast and Dinner
Day 9	THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER	Depending on the time of your departure, you might have time to visit Entoto Park for panoramic views and cultural pavilions, or last-minute shopping/leisure before heading to Bole International Airport for departure.	Meals: Breakfast

DAY 1: Arrival in Addis Ababa (Light Activities)

Upon arrival at Bole International Airport, our representative will welcome you and assist with the transfer to your hotel. Since international flights arrive at different times, the program for today will remain light and flexible.

In the morning or afternoon, depending on your arrival time, you may enjoy a short orientation drive through the city or take part in a traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony. Alternatively, you may simply rest at the hotel to recover from your journey.

DAY 2: Addis Ababa City Tour & Nightlife Experience

After breakfast, we will begin the day with a visit to Unity Park, exploring Ethiopia's history and culture within the Grand Palace. In the Afternoon, we will visit the Ethnological Museum at Addis Ababa University. Do some local craft shopping. We end the day with a cultural dinner with traditional music and dance.



DAY 3: Addis Ababa Highlights

Visit the National Museum of Ethiopia, home to the 3.2-million-year-old fossil "Lucy" and other remarkable archaeological treasures. Afterwards, continue to the Holy Trinity Cathedral, the final resting place of Emperor Haile Selassie and Empress Menen Asfaw, renowned for its stained-glass windows and beautiful artwork.

In the afternoon, experience the bustling atmosphere of Merkato, Africa's largest open-air market, where thousands of traders sell everything from spices and coffee to woven baskets and traditional crafts. The day concludes with time to relax before dinner.



DAY 4: Fly to Bahir Dar | Blue Nile Falls & Lake Tana

After breakfast, we head to the airport for a short flight to Bahir Dar, a vibrant lakeside city on the shores of Lake Tana, Ethiopia's largest lake and the source of the Blue Nile River. Upon arrival, embark on a boat excursion across Lake Tana to visit the ancient island monasteries, such as Ura Kidane Mihret, adorned with colorful murals.



DAY 5: Bahir Dar | Second Day at Blue Nile Falls

This day is dedicated to further exploring Bahir Dar and its surroundings. In the morning, take a relaxed excursion back to the Blue Nile Falls for photography, birdwatching, and a closer look at the stunning natural scenery.

In the afternoon, visit nearby villages to interact with local farmers and artisans, gaining insight into rural life around Lake Tana. Alternatively, you may choose to enjoy the facilities of your resort, with options for spa treatments or swimming. The evening is at leisure by the lakeshore.



DAY 6: Fly from Bahir Dar to Addis Ababa – Lalibela

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Lalibela. On arrival, begin your exploration of this UNESCO World Heritage Site with a visit to the first group of rock-hewn churches, masterpieces of medieval architecture carved from volcanic rock in the 12th century.

Highlights include Bet Medhane Alem, believed to be the largest monolithic church in the world, and Bet Maryam, with its remarkable frescoes.



DAY 7: Lalibela Full-Day Exploration

In the morning, continue with the second group of churches, which includes Bet Gabriel Rufael, Bet Abba Libanos, and the cave-like Bet Merkorios. Each of these structures reveals unique aspects of Ethiopia's Christian heritage.

In the afternoon, visit the iconic Bet Giyorgis (St. George's Church), carved in the shape of a perfect cross and perhaps the most celebrated of all the Lalibela churches. This spiritual and architectural marvel is the highlight of the day.



DAY 8: Fly from Lalibela to Addis Ababa (Shopping & Cultural Night)

After breakfast, fly back to Addis Ababa. On arrival, enjoy the afternoon shopping at Shiro Meda, known for its handwoven cotton garments, or explore local artisan galleries for unique souvenirs.

In the evening, celebrate the conclusion of your journey with a farewell cultural dinner, featuring Ethiopia's most beloved dishes and a lively performance of music and dance.



DAY 9: Visit Entoto Park and Departure Day

Depending on the time of your departure, you might have time to visit Entoto Park, located in the eucalyptus-covered hills overlooking Addis Ababa. The park offers panoramic views, walking trails, cultural pavilions, and a refreshing escape from the city below.

You might also have time for some last-minute shopping or leisure before transferring to Bole International Airport for your international departure.



Domestic Flights



Addis Ababa to Bahir Dar



Bahir Dar to Addis Ababa



Addis Ababa to Lalibela



Lalibela to Addis Ababa

Examples of hotels we use:

- Haile Grand Hotel, Addis Ababa



- Kuriftu Resort & Spa, Bahir Dar



- Maribela Hotel, Lalibela



**Don't miss the Excitement!
For the time of your life, experience Ethiopia!**

Our Tour Package Includes:

-  **Double/Twin Accommodation in Deluxe Hotels**
-  **Breakfast Daily**
-  **4 other meals (lunch/dinner)**
-  **Admissions and fees for all sites visited and all activities described in the itinerary**
-  **Airport Transfers**
-  **Boat trip on Lake Chamo**
-  **4 Domestic flights**
-  **Transportation throughout on comfortable vehicle**
-  **Experienced Licensed English-Speaking Driver**
-  **Knowledgeable English-Speaking Tour Guide**
-  **Expert tour management, to plan your trip, help with pre-departure preparations; and destination support throughout your journey.**



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