ABOUT

**Gondar** or **Gonder** (Amharic: ጎንደር, *Gonder*or *Gondär*; formerly ጐንደር, *Gʷandar* or *Gʷender*) is a city and separate woreda in Ethiopia. Located in the Semien Gondar Zone of the Amhara Region, Gondar is north of Tana Lake on the Lesser Angereb River and southwest of the Simien Mountains. It has a latitude and longitude of 12°36′N 37°28′Ewith an elevation of 2133 meters above sea level. It is surrounded by the Gondar Zuria woreda. Gondar served as a strong Christian kingdom for many years.

Gondar previously served as the capital of both the Ethiopian Empire and the subsequent Begemder Province. The city holds the remains of several royal castles, including those in Fasil Ghebbi (the Royal Enclosure), for which Gondar has been called the "Camelot of Africa"

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| **Founded** | 1635 |
| **Area** | |
| **• Total** | 192.27 km2 (74.24 sq mi) |
| **Elevation** | 2,133 m (6,998 ft) |
| **Population** (2007) | |
| **• Total** | 207,044 |

PLACES TO

Simien Mountains

Fasil Ghebbi