

## Trip Itinerary

Client: Client Name

<u>Trip Dates:</u> 1/16/2019 – 1/24/2019

DATE	ACTIVITIES	LODGING / STAY	TRANSPORTATION
Day 1 Wednesday 1/16/2019	On this day morning we will meet in Bole International airport, Flight to Northern Ethiopia (Gondar)  On this day morning we will meet in Bole International airport out of the terminal at the parking area. Then on this day we will fly on afternoon to Gondar After we arrive / land to Gondar we will drive to directly to our hotel. For one hour you take relax in the hotel we will start our visit around Gondar.  Gondar is one of the best northern historically circuit, best known for its 17th-century castles and palaces as well as the fantastically decorated church of Debra Birhan Selassie. Gonder was founded in 1635 by Emperor Fasilidas and was the imperial capital for 250 years prior to the rise of Emperor Tewodros.  The Fasil Ghebbi lies at the heart of modern Gondar and gives the city much of its character. This enclosure holds many castles with the most impressive castle being the original one. This first castle was built by Fasilidas Circa 1640. It is made of stone and shows a unique combination of Portuguese and even Indian influences Than in the mid 20th century it was partially restored until 1999 when the castle was more fully restored, using the original construction methods, with UNSECO funding. Construction lasted until 2002.	Gondar Yaha Hotel	Flight to Gondar, drive

Day 2 Thursday 1/17/2019	Siemen Mountain National Park  The fourth highest peak of Africa, with some of the most ragged escarpments of Ethiopia and becoming an increasingly popular destination for mountain trekking. The park is home to some extremely endangered animal that only occur in Ethiopia, like the Ethiopian Wolf and the Walia Ibex, a wild goat, the gelada baboon and the Lammergeyer, with its 3m width wing.	Gondar Yaha Hotel	Drive from Gondar to Siemen Mountain National Park
Day 3 Friday 1/18/2019	Drive from Gondar to Lalibela  On this day we will drive from Gondar to Lalibela through the most beautiful local villages.  On the way to Lalibela we will visit some interesting villages. To see the local people life style.	Lalibela Panoramic Hotel	Drive from Gondar to Lalibela
Day 4 Saturday 1/19/2019	Lalibela Timkat Festival  On this big day from early morning we will attend to see full Timeket festival occasion, then we will visit also the magnificent rock-hewn churches of Lalibela, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This group of eleven monolithic and semi-monolithic structures was carved directly into the stone of the mountainside at least 800 years ago. This complex boasts the largest monolithic church in the world, a maze of passageways and tunnels, intricately carved reliefs, and fabulous examples of icon paintings.  Early Afternoon we will reach to Addis Ababa, From airport we will drive to our hotel, then after you take relax in the hotel we will make sightseeing around Addis Ababa in the evening we will go to see the show of Ethiopian traditional music and dance event.		Flight from Lalibela to Addis Ababa

Day 5 Sunday 1/20/2019	Fly from Addis Ababa to Arba Minch  After we reach to Arba Minch airport we will drive directly to Dorze village The Dorze people are known for their tall beehive-like houses made of bamboo and their fine cotton weaving. We will visit the village and learn about the daily lives of these indigenous people. After we take enough time in Dorze village we will drive back to Arba Minch Paradise Lodge early evening.	Arba Minch Paradise Lodge	Flight and Drive
Day 6 Monday 1/21/2019	Arba Minch via Lake Chamo and via Konso village to Turmi  Morning after breakfast we will drive to visit on Lake Chamo corocodile which is the largest crocodiles in Africa, specious birds, the group of family hippopotamus in the lake then we will keep drive to Konso. The Konso people are living in concentrated walled villages on the top of a hill. These maze like settlements are unique for the region. The villages are well organized with individual compounds, communal houses and village squares. On these squares you find the so called, generation pole' which is erected every 18 year to mark a new generation.  Well known Konso villages are Gesergiyo, Mecheke, Kamule and Dekatu. Around the village there are extensive terraces where the crops are grown. They are very good farmers after we take enough time in Konso we will drive to Turmi which is the home of Hamre tribe.	Turmi Lodge	Drive

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Day 7 Tuesday 1/22/2019	Turmi to Dassench drive via Turmi to Jinka  On this day on the way Jinka we will stop in Alduba which is small village to visit tribal market.  Morning after breakfast we keep drive to Omo Rate village to visit the Dassanech tribe. You will be led towards a village which is located in a remote area of the Omo Valley by the bank of Omo River. Noticing the very hot weather in this area you will immediately understand the lifestyle of the Dassenech. The Dassenech have adapted themselves to nature and the different weather conditions. In the right time of the year they will go out hunting for crocodiles which are easy to find in this area. After taking enough time with the Dasenech tribe we will keep drive via Turmi to Alduba Market then after the we will keep drive Jinka.	Jinka Nassa Pension	Drive
Day 8 Wednesday 1/23/2019	Drive from Jinka to Mursi village through Mago National Park  Drive to Mago National Park & visit the Mursi tribes in their villages. The insertion of wooden and terracotta / Clay/ discs into the ear lobes is a widespread custom amongst Mursi tribes. Progressively, Mursi women split and stretch their lower lips to make room for similar bigger discs (Surma tribes – settled on upper Omo River have the same culture with Mursi). In Mago National Park; there are no many animals visible during the day, but during night time, thousands of sounds, among which is the trumpeting of elephants may be heard. If a visit is early morning, Kudu, Dik – Dik and Guinea Fowls are probable to be seen. After we take enough time in Mursi village we will drive back to Jinka. After noon we will return to Jinak. After we have lunch in Jinka we will keep drive from Jinka via Konso to Arba Minch.	Paradise Lodge	Drive
Day 9 Thursday 1/24/2019	On this day we will visit sightseeing around Arba Minch then fly to Addis Ababa, The trip will be complete once we return to Addis Ababa.		Flight from Arba Minch to Addis Ababa

## Notes:

This itinerary is flexible, which means if we come across something interesting (such as the ceremonial Bull Jumping in Omo Valley) we will incorporate the activity into our trip. The dates might vary accordingly, but the destinations will remain the same.

Kind regards! Andy