

BALE MOUNTAINS HIKING TOURS

Bale Mountains hiking tours is based in Bale Mountains National park (one of famous national parks of Ethiopia), to make your time at the park unforgettable and give you the best tour and Travel service in the whole Country.

At bale mountains hiking tours we provide quality guiding services, tailor made tours and customized can trip itineraries to meet needs of each of our clients. Whether you are interested in historical cultural or natural excursion we are here to help plan a trip that will leave you with memories that will last for ever. The staff of bale mountains hiking tours is developed into highly skilled, multi lingual guides and professional teams. We are passionate team with vision of delivering the best exiting experience for customers.

Bale mountains hiking tours tourism service the most and very important area to spot Ethiopian highlands.

The founder is specialized Tour guide working at BMNP. the Place is ultimate destination for hikers, wildlife watchers, culture and nature enthusiasts, bird watchers and more! Explore one of the highest parks in Africa by horseback, go fishing or experience an authentic community trying local coffee and honey! We are there for you where ever in Ethiopia, while we recommend One of the best sites to spot the rare and endangered Ethiopian Wolf is on the spectacular Sanetti Plateau as the sun rises.

Ethiopia ✓ Land Of Origins

Not many countries manage to impress their visitors in a way that Ethiopia does. The country's breathtaking natural beauty, diverse culture, soulful people, delicious cuisine, and endemic wildlife are perfect for the traveler looking for different experiences.

Ethiopia is known as "the land of origins," where many important archeological and paleontological milestones have been uncovered. The earliest human ancestors were discovered in the Afar Depression in northeastern Ethiopia, with Lucy (*Australopithecus afarensis*) the most famous of them all. Ethiopia is famous for being the place where the coffee bean originated. It is also known for its gold medalists and its rock-hewn churches. Ethiopia is the top honey and coffee producer in Africa and has the largest livestock population in Africa. Ethiopia has ties with the three main Abrahamic religions.

With a landscape that ranges from rainforests, to grassy savannas, mountains, and deserts, Ethiopia boasts scenery that is as diverse and fascinating as its people.

There are nine national parks in Ethiopia each with unique offering for visitors. While mago, gambela and Omo are best for viewing African wildlife, BALE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK and simein mountains are the most accessible for trekking and outdoor adventure.

Must-see Places in Ethiopia

1. Bale mountains national park
2. Lower valley of Awash
3. Simien Mountains National park
4. Konso cultural landscape
5. Tiya
6. Aksum
7. Harer jogul
8. Lower valley of Omo
9. Sofumer cave

Camping and trekking in the BALE MOUNTAINS NP

POPULAR TRIPS IN THE BALE MOUNTAINS NP

The Bale mountains are a great place to place up a hiking boots and explore Ethiopia's great outdoor on foot.

If you are basing yourself at the Bale looking for more adventure, it's possible to arrange multi-days treks across the park. These treks range from 2-14 days with over night at campsites spotted around the park and also it's possible in the horse riding in the national park.

One can modify routes and the length of the treks to suit your fitness level. Generally hiking in the Bale mountains is relatively easy if you are average fitness.

MULTY-DAY TREKS

The extraordinary, natural beauty and array of wildlife can be experienced by strapping on a good pair of boots and doing some trekking either on foot or on horse back.

Introducing to the mountains a multi day trek is the best way to get the most out of the park. You can trek from camp to camp over number of days, stopping at the best view point along the way. Sleeping under the stars is a wonderful experience here, as the clear, pollution free skies here, means the night sky bursts with straight.

-CAMPING IN THE BALE MOUNTAINS

Camping in the Bale mountains is a fantastic way to explore the wilderness of the national park. The camp sites of the Bale mountains while looking in the facilities have beautiful views

and each has its own unique features. they are set between 17-22KM away from one another at 3000-41000 m.a.s.l meaning that it takes less than a day walking to travel from one to another.

DINSHO HQ

For those planning to spend just one night in the Bale mountains it's possible to camp at DINSHO where the Bale mountains national park head quarter is located;- it has some facilities as well great views of the sightseeing wildlife like nyala, warthogs and bush buck are common here. tents, sleeping bags and mattress can be rented at the entrance of the park or organized by the Bale mountains hiking tours staff guides in DINSHO, along with tour guides and personalized itineraries. for guaranteed quality you are better off arranging these things with us.

WEB VALLEY

Web valley campsites near the scenic plains of the high plateaus, where the majestic Ethiopian wolves can be spotted patrolling their territories in the morning. Spotted hyena, golden jackal, olive baboon and the mountain nyala, among the other exciting species seen in around the web valley as well as some phenomenal bird life and you are able to get much closer to the wolves.

WASEMA AND RAFU CAMPSITE

From here we recommend hiking up to the camp at the mount wassema which offers a panoramic view of the plains and pyramid mountains. The next day you can trek across the park to end up in the STONE FOREST at RAFU CAMPSITE, where the influence of the volcanic eruption on the area can be seen from the surreal and spectacular collection of basalt pipes and granite boulders.

HARENNA FOREST

Harena forest is a montane tropical evergreen forest in Ethiopia's bale mountains. The forest covers the southern slope of the mountains, extending from 1450-3200 m from the southern portion of the Ethiopian highland and the national park and as well as the remaining natural forest in the country, and the second largest forest. The forest is known for its native plants, mammals, amphibians and birds, including many endemic species.

Harena forest hike the gushrale pick forest trail which leads to the apex over gushrale, rendering panoramic view of primary forest through dense stands of mountain bamboo, with some luck may encounter the elusive bamboo specialist Bale monkey endemic to Bale Mountains National park limited to this forest.

HARENA BAMBOO AND WATER FALL TRAIL

Less than an hour walk from the center rira /in harena forest/ up to the waterfall, stacked almost on top of each other, tucked away in a narrow canuim filled with bamboo. The trail can either begin or end at the park's sub headquarter located 1.5KM south of the village, beginning and ending at the sub headquarter, the round trip hike takes two hours.the hike takes through mountain forest, descends steeply in to the open range and then into the bamboo filled cannon.the trek crosses the river in a natural land bridge, giving you a perfect view of the first shorter waterfall trail and will climb up around the forest to the second waterfall.

COFFEE COLLECTOR (MANYETE -COFFEE VILLAGE)

Manyate is a small village found at the southern edge of the park in the Harena forest, located at altitude of 1600m a. s.l, just 35km from the rira village by road. The are is known for it's massive trees, now rare in Ethiopia, including furn pines(*podocarpus grasiller* and fig trees) of massive girth. This trees are often over 30 m tall and the branches of most are covered with dense epiphytes. In the shade of this trees also grow wild coffee or coffee arabica.

To spot the forest's abundant but elusive bird and wildlife visit the sankete coffee house and sit down to be treated to a traditional coffee ceremony.

HARVESTING HUNNY

Ethiopia is the leading producer of hunny in Africa and tenth largest producer in the world. The traditional bee keeping had been practiced for thousands of years in Ethiopia.

The Harena harena forest is known for it's production of forest hunny.the indigenous people of the the area passes extensive knowledge of tree species and this value of bee keeping. The forest is endowed with various tree species that make excellent hives which are made hollowed out tree trunks. This are assessed for durability of the attractiveness of wood to the bees.

This are picky and each bee keeper has a preferred method of attracting bees.btrees are Marek sanity use of hive and tall trees with barr trunks are preferred as this act as a defense against climbing huny badger. At the end of dry season (let may- early July and again in the late November) huny is harvested. Hunny is harvested at night while the bees are less active and wearing no protective clothing and consequently enduring many stings,the bee keeper climbs the trunk with incredible speed using only a single rope and smoke from bound liken is used to subdued the bees as hunny is placed into a hardened lessor back.

if the time is right, you can be a part of this process and test the fresh hunny as it's harvested.this best done from the village of rira found at the base of the Harena forest.

ITINERARIES OF BALE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

10 DAYS BALE MOUNTAINS TREKKING

DAY-1- Arrive in Addis Ababa Bole international airport, then to hotels and guest houses for overnight city activities. Getting tickets early, of bus or plane for the next day to Travel to the destination ,BMNP.

DAY-2- Travel from Addis Ababa -Bale mountains national park by plane or bus. Travelling by bus it's journey of 400m through rift- valley and shashemene to DINSHO where the head quarter of the park located is approximately 5-7 hours. In the afternoon after the welcoming tea program we take a gentle very interesting walk around the head quarter and dinsho almost certainly encounter animals such as warthog, the endemic mammals ,menelik' bushbuck and mountain nyala and as well as variety of bird species and back for overnight at headquarter campsite.

DAY-3- Dinsho Adele 16KM

Start hiking from dinsho to Adele campsite pass through gaysay grassland to see the antelope species such as mountain nyala, menelik's bush buck, olive baboon, behor reed buck, serval cat and the variety bird species like Abyssinian long eared w/c endemic and then continue hiking through in the park's wood land parts up to the campsite. Overnight at adele campsite at altitude 3300m a.s.l.

DAY-4- ADELE TO SODOTA 18KM

After breakfast heading to SODOTA across the heathland part of the national park and chance to see the rare and endangered canid species Ethiopian wolf and the endemic rodent species like giant mole rat and the variety of bird species. Overnight at SODOTA campsite at altitude of 3520m a.s.l.

DAY-5-sodota keyrensa 20km

Continue hiking through majestic landscape to keyrensa and again we have very good chance to see spot a variety of bird species particularly raptors as well as Ethiopian wolf and Rock hyrax which is very related to elephant species. Overnight to keyrensa campsite at altitude 3900m a.s.l.

DAY-6- Keyrensa -Rafu 20km

Will be steep climbing up to the rafu campsite passing through by volcanic rock pillars near rafu from where we enjoy spectacular panoramic view and on the way we should see rock hyrax, bird of prey, klipspringer and other and other mammals like Ethiopian wolf and spend overnight at rafu campsite at altitude of 4050 a.s.l.

DAY-7- Rafu -Garba guracha 22km

Along trek through the largest afro Alpine part of the African continent the sannettie plateau ahead before we reach out to campsite on the way we can spot the Ethiopian wolf, raptors, the prey of birds , Ethiopian highland hare and rodent species and full day Walk on the plateau. it means above 4000 m a.s.l and after we reach the campsite we will take a Walk around the biggest lake on the plateau which is fun in the bale mountains national park. The lake is called garba guracha or "black lake" and we will see a variety of birds usually stay around the lake then overnight at the Garba guracha campsite at altitude of 4100m a.s.l

DAY 8- Trek from Garba guracha -Tullu Dimtu / to sanettie /17 km/

Thise one will take as approximately 5-6 hours explore the sanettie plateau, usually the best place to see Ethiopian wolf, rodents, raptors, Ethiopian highland hare and also we have the chance to see crane lakes and climbing to the 2nd highest point mount tullu Dimtu at altitude of 4377m a.s.l. spectacular views of the surrounding areas.Highland bird watching includes Red winged starling , white colored pegish, mountain buzzard,spot breasted plover, black headed serien and unique vegetation of the afro Alpine known as everlasting flowers which covers the plateau and over night at senittie campsite at altitude of 4120m above sea level.

DAY 9- Sanettie plateau -Harena forest 35km

After breakfast will meet with our vehicle and will drive from the plateau down to the southern part of the park, harena forest the second largest forest in Ethiopia. the southern part of the park holds a unique vegetation and animals. Will explore pristine harena forest on foot and hopefully you can spot the endemic private Bale monkey and also colobus monkey,gaint forest hog, bush pig, forest hyrax and many bird species those found in the forest and as well as the moisture, dense,cloudy and montane forest which gives the area amazing view. Driving the same way back via sanettie plateau to goba to stay at hotel room or guest house overnight / you can choose passing through goba and stay at robe where you can get better hotel and other services,if you are looking for city vibes.

DAY 10- at last after having breakfast at goba , take drive to Robe Airport or bus station on time.

6 DAYS BALE MOUNTAINS TREKKING

DAY 1- ARRIVAL TO BALE MOUNTAINS

On arrival at robe airport, will picked up by our team, then drive to Dinsho where the national park headquarter is located/ stop on way at the park's gate if you took bus from Addis Ababa. Afterward will start hiking by walking around the headquarter where you can spot some endemic endangered mammals such as mountain nyala, menelik's bushbuck, warthog, reedbuck, grey duicker and also variety bird species like black headed serien, wattled ibis , Abyssinian cat bird, wood owl, Abyssinian long eared owl , Abyssinian salty fly catcher which are endemic to

Ethiopia and as well be found in juniper wood land of the national park HQ. Overnight at dinsho headquarter camp site at altitude 3100m.

DAY-2- Dinsho SODOTA 20km

Trekking from dinsho through the spectacular scenery of web valley towards the fincha habera waterfall where the web and walla rivers meet and we have our first chance to spot the endemic Ethiopian wolf, raptors, rodents, rock hyrax and endemic birds such as blue winged goose , black headed sicken and some prey birds species. This will surely leave you excited and all of the actual wilderness of Bale mountains on arrival at the campsite at altitude of 3520m a.s.l

DAY 3- SODOTA -WASEMA 18KM

Trek wassema through a beautiful landscape with stunning views and pass through marraro valley , where the lamergier and verrux's eagles, keep nests, there will also chance to see Ethiopian wolf, rock hyrax and numerous bird kite on the way. Overnight at wassema campsite at altitude of 3950 m a.s.l.

DAY 4- WASSEMA -SANNETTIE 18KM

Start hiking from wassema through largest afro Alpine the whole day where the you can see Ethiopian wolf, Ethiopian highland hare, rodent and raptors like birds of prey and beautiful afro Alpine moorland, wild Alpine scenery and lakes on the plateau. Overnight at sannetie campsite at altitude of 4128m a.s.l.

DAY 5- Drive to Harena forest 65 km

After having breakfast you meet with the vehicles at the camp and drive towards harena forest and on the way there will a chance to see the rare and endangered canid species Ethiopian wolf, Abyssinian hare, water birds like blue winged goose, ruddy shell duck, wattled Crane and others. Then after take hike in the forest trail,in the bamboo forest to spot Bale monkey which is endemic and as well as forest hog, bush pig, colobus monkey and variety of bird species.then back to Goba the same day and spend the night there at hotel.

DAY 6- From goba hotel to airport or bus station, take flight as per your program back to Addis Ababa

5 DAYS TREKKING IN BALE MOUNTAINS

DAY 1-Arrival to Bale Mountains National park for tour

On Arrival at the park's HQ in a time for leisure afternoon/late morning hike possibly spotting endemic mammals frequently seen at the area like menilik's bushbuck, mountain nyala,bohor reedbuck,grey duicker, warthog, Columbus monkey and birds in this area available to see the endemic bird species. Rugllet's rail, black headed sicken, Abyssinian long eared owl,wood owl,

Abyssinian cat bird Abyssinian ground thrush, Abyssinian slaty fly catcher, and numerous other bird species and the hiking will take 2_3 hours. Overnight at head quarter campsite at altitude of 3100 a.s.l

DAY-2- FROM NATIONAL PARK HQ TO SODOTA 20 KM

You trek from dinsho through the web valley towards the habera waterfall, where the web and walla rivers meet and this area, we have our first chance to see Ethiopian wolf, as well as raptors, rock hyrax and many mammal rodent species and after refresh at the pleasant waterfall, continue to SODOTA campsite and overnight on SODOTA campsite at altitude of 3520 m a.s.l

DAY 3- TREK FROM SODOTA CAMPSITE 20KM

Trek from SODOTA to wassema through beautiful landscape with stunning views and pass through marraro valley where the lamergier and verrux's eagles keep nests, there will also chance to see Ethiopian wolf, rock hyrax and numerous bird species on the way and is amazing wassema valley landscape like wassama mountains which surrounding the wassama campsite and overnight on wassama campsite at altitude of 3950m a.s.l

DAY 4- TREK FROM WASSAMA TO SANNETIE CAMPSITE 20KM

After having breakfast we start hiking full day on the largest afro Alpine plateau, the sannetie plateau offering to us exploring the area on foot, marvelling at the lichen glad rocks, indicator of pure area and looking at the sky for soaring birds of prey, amongst rock pinnacles etched out of the lava flows by million of years of ice and wind and best place to see the elegant animals and the wind rock on top of plateau and the one of the highest weather rocks in Africa, is an ideal spot for viewing.

The plateau is punctuated by gaint lobelia that grows to high of up to 12 m and also dotted by afro Alpine lakes and streams, providing endemic and resident wildlife resources, and as well as wintering and passage stations for rare and regional endemic bird species. Overnight at sannetie campsite at altitude of 4120 m a.s.l

DAY5- After having breakfast on the camp then drive from sanettie campsite to transfer to robe goba airport for flight.

4 DAYS BALE MOUNTAINS TREKKING TOURS ITINERARIES

DAY 1-Arrival to Bale Mountains National park

On the arrival to park headquarter in time for leisure afternoon/morning take a hike, possible spotting to endemic mammals frequently to the area like mountain nyala and menilik's bushbuck and bohor reedbuck, grey duicker, warthog and Columbus monkey and birds in the area including Abyssinian long eared owl, Abyssinian cat bird, Abyssinian slaty fly catcher, black

headed siskin, Abyssinian ground thrush and other variety of birds species for two to Three hours and overnight on HQ campsite at altitude of 3100m a.s.l

DAY 2- Trek from dinsho to SODOTA campsite 20km

This day you will be hiking through the village with stunning landscape. Then enter the national park, there is a chance to see the endemic Ethiopian wolves, rock hyrax, rodent species, and variety of bird species like birds of prey and stop by habera waterfall for view stop or for having meal then heading for the nice breath taking then heading to SODOTA campsite for overnight at altitude of 3520m a.s.l

DAY 3- HIKING FROM HABERA CAMPSITE TO ADELE 17KM

Today after having breakfast heading to Adele, on the way there is chance to see in the web valley the Ethiopian wolves, serval cat, rodent species like giant mole rat and bird species then across the heather land forest and availability to spot the antelope species like mountain nyala, bohor reedbuck, menilik's bushbuck, grey duiker and at the night there is a chance to see spotted hyena after arrived at Adele campsite for overnight in the forest at altitude of 3300m a.s.l.

DAY -4- HIKE DOWN FROM ADELE TO DINSHO 12KM

After having breakfast at Adele campsite then hike down to Dinsho through in the woodland forest such as hygenia and juniper wood land trees , on the way will spot animal species like colobus monkey, olive baboon, menilik's bushbuck mountain nyala, bohor reedbuck, warthog, grey duiker and there is numerous bird species on the way, then will meet with the car to transfer you to the airport for flight as planned.

TWO DAYS THREE NIGHTS TREKKING IN BALE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK.

Day 1- arrival at bale mountains national park.

Hiking from dinsho to SODOTA campsite/habera 20/14km

After arrival at bale robe airport will took you with car then driving 30 km to Dinsho national park headquarter then start hiking, this day will be hiking through the village and with stunning landscape then enter the national park, there is a chance to see the rarest canid species Ethiopian wolf, rock hyrax, rodent species and variety of bird species like birds of prey and stop by habera waterfall then heading for the nice breathtaking then to SODOTA campsite for overnight at altitude of 3520m a.s.l and if spent overnight at habera campsite at altitude of 3480m a.s.l

DAY 2- Hiking from SODOTA/habera to Adele campsite 17/14km

Today after having breakfast heading to Adele through web valley, on the way there is a chance to see the Ethiopian wolves, serval cat, rodent species like giant mole rat Wich is endemic to the national park and other endemic bird species then crossing the heaterland forest and there is

availabilities to spot the antelope species such as mountain nyala, menelik's bushbuck, bohor reedbuck, grey duicker and also spotted hyena after arrived at Adele campsite for overnight in the forest at altitude of 3300m a.s.l

DAY 3 - Hike down from Adele to Dinsho 12km

Morning after having breakfast hike down to Dinsho for about two hours, on this morning passing through hygenia and juniper wood land trees, on the way we will spot animal like colobus monkey, olive baboon, menilik's bushbuck, mountain nyala, bohor reedbuck, warthog, grey duicker and there is numerous bird species on the way, then meet with car to transfer you to the airport for flight as per your plan.