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CLIMATE

There are two major seasons: the dry season prevails from October through May; the wet seasons from June to September. January and February are hotter and much drier. The landscape is likely to be more arid than November, which can still be quite lush after the rains. In the highlands (most of the historic route) the day time temperature is moderate not exceeding, 30°C even at the hottest time of the year and nights are generally moderate to cold in all months of the year.

LANGUAGE

A variety of language is spoken in the multi-ethnic state of Ethiopia. The official language of the region is Amharic. English is also widely spoken in all tourist destination sites of Amhara Region.

TIME

Ethiopia is in the GMT+3 hour's time zone. The day is calculated in a manner similar to many equatorial countries, where day and nights have the same length. Counting starts when the sun rises, at 1:00 o'clock when it is 7: AM for Europeans and stops when the sun sets at 12:00 o'clock when it is 6:00 PM for Europeans.

CALANDER

Ethiopia follows the Julian calendar, which consists of 12 months of 30 days each and a thirteen month of five or six days (in every four year).

EXCHANGE RATE

*In main tourists destination sites there are government & Private Banks.
For current exchange rate see: <http://coinmill.com/ETB-GBP.html>*

Souvenir

Most of the arts and artifacts along the historic route-Lalibela,Gondar,BahirDar and Dessie reflect the Orthodox Christian: Silver crosses ,icons, painting on animal skin, and woven garments-items with a Christian motif.