

# TRACKS SAFARIS

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### 12 DAY HIKING IN THE SIMIEN MOUNTAINS THE ROOF OF THE WORLD



#### **Day one: Arrival**

Upon arrival you will be welcomed by your guide and drive about 15 minutes to your hotel. Overnight at Ghion or Global Hotel (4\*) (BB)

#### **Day Two: Sanka Ber (3,200m)**

Fly from Addis to Gondar and drive 136 km north to Sanka Ber via Debark, the headquarters of Simien Mountains National Park. Around Sankaber, make short walks to visit the incredible Simien Mountains and one of the endemic mammals of Ethiopia.

**Overnight:** First class camping with private cook **(B,L,D)**

#### **Day Three: Sankaber – Geech (3,550m)**

**Trekking time:** 5 – 6 hrs

**Activities:** Trek from Sanka Ber to Geech visiting the Jinbar Falls and with stops to visit the other views of the Simien Mountains.

**Overnight:** First class camping with private cook **(B,L,D)**

#### **Day Four: Geech - Imetgogo (3,986m) – Geech**

**Trekking time:** 6 hrs

**Activities:** Make excursion to Imetgogo to have one of the best views of in the Simien Mountains National Park.

**Overnight:** First class camping with private cook **(B, L, D)**

#### **Day Five: Geech - Chenek (3,600m)**

**Trekking time:** 7 hrs

**Activities:** Trek from Geech to Chenek. Today you will have a chance to visit the other endemic not only to Ethiopia but only to the Simien Mountains – the Walia Ibex.

**Overnight:** First class camping with private cook **(B, L, D)**

#### **Day Six: Chenek – Ambiqo**

**Trekking time:** 6 – 8 hrs

**Activities:** Trek from Chenek to Ambiqo climbing Buhit Mountain the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest peak next to Ras Dashen in Simien Mountain ranges.

**Overnight:** First class camping with private cook **(B, L, D)**

#### **Day Seven: Ambiqo – Ras Dashen (4,620m) - Ambiqo**

**Trekking time:** 7 – 9 hrs

**Activities:** Trek from Ambiqo to the Ras Dashen - the highest peak in Ethiopia (4620 m) and return to Ambiqo

**Overnight:** First class camping with private cook **(B, L, D)**

#### **Day Eight: Ambiqo – Cheneck**

**Trekking time:** 6 – 8 hrs

**Activities:** Trek back to cheneck. En route you may see some Simien Fox or the Ethiopian Wolf.

**Overnight:** First class camping with private cook **(B,L,D)**

#### **Day Nine: Chenek- Gondar**

**Driving time:** 5 hours

**Activities:** Drive back to Gondar and enjoy a sight-seeing tour of Gondar

**Overnight:** Goha Hotel (3\* Hotel) (B,L,D)

#### **Day Ten: Gondar – Lalibela**

After breakfast, transfer in to airport for your flight to Lalibela that is home to the 12th century handy carved rock churches of King Lalibela (1181 - 1221) whom the town is named after.

After lunch in your hotel, visit the first group churches of Lalibela (UNESCO World Heritage Site) which are found northeast of a stream named 'River Jordan'.

**Overnight:** Hotel Lasta or similar **(3\* hotel) (B, L, D)**





### **Day Eleven: Lalibela**

In the morning, make a mule back ride to the hill top semi monolithic church of Asheten Mariam (13th Century AD). The peak of the hill offers a wonderful viewpoint to have bird eye view of the surrounding area including the town of Lalibela. In the afternoon, visit the second and the third group of churches of Lalibela.

**Overnight:** Hotel Lasta or similar! **(3\* hotel) (B, L, D)**

### **Day Twelve: Fly Lalibela – Addis**

Fly back to Addis and enjoy a sight-seeing tour of Addis Ababa which includes visiting the National Archeological Museum and Merkato (the largest open air market in East Africa). We will also have time for shopping.

In the evening, you will be guest at one of the famous traditional restaurants of Addis where you will enjoy watching the folklore dances of the Ethiopian people and tasting Ethiopian meals.

### **Evening departure**

#### **Price inclusive of:-**

- Accommodation on a twin room sharing basis
- All meals out of Addis, and only breakfast in Addis
- All entrance fees
- Transfer in and out service
- domestic airfare, subject to change
- Mule rent
- First class camping gear
- Cook for the camping days
- All ground transportation
- Professional English speaking guide
- Portage fees, all local guides and scouts

#### **Price exclusive of:-**

- Lunch and dinner in Addis
- Any alcoholic drinks
- Personal expense like souvenirs, laundry and tips

