

# TRACKS SAFARIS

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This itinerary is designed for travelers who want to visit the northern historical attractions but don't have much time. Visitors will cover all the important sites in the Historic circuit by flying from one site to the other. It also includes a visit to the Simien Mountains National Park, which is the only natural site of the country that is registered by UNESCO as a world Heritage.

### **Day 1 – Arrival into Addis Ababa**

Be welcomed by your guide on arrival at Addis Ababa Bole International Airport, and transfer to your hotel.

**Overnight – Jupiter or Similar 4\* Hotel**

### **Day 2 – Addis – Bahir Dar**

Fly from Addis to Bahir Dar and visit the Blue Nile Falls before lunch. In the afternoon, have a boat trip on Ethiopia's largest water body - Lake Tana (3,600 Km Sq) to visit the island monasteries of Ura Kidane Mihret (14<sup>th</sup> Century AD) and Azwa Mariam (14<sup>th</sup> Century AD).

**Overnight – AbayMinch Lodge or similar**



### **Day 3 – Bahir Dar – Gondar**

Drive from Bahir Dar to Gondar - the 17<sup>th</sup> century capital of Ethiopia. In the afternoon, visit the Imperial Castle Compound of Gondar (UNESCO World Heritage Site), the 'Bath of Emperor Fasiladas', the church of Quskuam Mariam (17<sup>th</sup> century AD), the residence of Empress Mintwab, and the church of Debre Birhan Sillassie, which is famous for its wall and ceiling paintings.

**Overnight - Goha or similar Hotel (B, L, D)**



#### **Day 4 – Gondar – Simien Mountains National Park**

Drive from Gondar to Debarq (the headquarter of the Simien Mountain National Park), and after check-in to hotel at Debarq. Drive 36 km further to the Simien Mountains (UNESCO World Heritage Site) to visit the endemic mammal of Ethiopia - the Gelada Baboon and the breathtaking scenery of the Simien Mountains.

**Overnight – Simien Lodge (B, L,D)**



#### **Day 5 - Simien Mountains National Park – Axum**

Drive to Axum - the earliest Capital of Ethiopia, crossing the Tekezze Gorge.

**Overnight - Remhai or similar Hotel (B,L,D)**

#### **Day 6 – Axum**

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Axum which includes visiting the Archaeological museum of Axum, the famous stele park (UNESCO World Heritage Site), the church of St. Mary of Zion which is believed to be the last resting place of the original Ark of the Covenant, the palace and tomb of King Kaleb and Gebre Meskel (6<sup>th</sup> Century AD), and the ruin palace of the Queen of Sheba (9<sup>th</sup> Century BC).

**Overnight – Remahai or similar Hotel**

**Day 7 – Axum – Lalibela**

In the morning fly to Lalibela – home of the 12<sup>th</sup> century AD rock-hewn churches of King Lalibela. In the afternoon visit the second and the third group of churches of King Lalibela (UNESCO World Heritage Site).

**Overnight – Jerusalem or similar Hotel**

**Day 8 – Lalibela**

In the morning - mule ride to the hill top semi monolithic church of Asheton Mariam (13<sup>th</sup> century AD). Getting to the top of the hill rewards with great and unforgettable scenery of the area. In the afternoon, visit the remaining second and the third group of the churches of Lalibela.

**Overnight – Jerusalem or similar Hotel**





### **Day 9 – Lalibela – Addis and departure**

Fly back to Addis - half-day city tour of Addis. Visit the National Archeological Museum of Addis Ababa, Merkato - the largest open-air market in Africa. Drive to Mt. Entoto (3,200 meters) for a panoramic view of the capital. In the evening you will be invited to a fare well dinner party at one of the best traditional restaurants in Addis to enjoy the folkloric dances of the Ethiopian people and to taste the variety of meals of the Ethiopian people.

**Price inclusive of: -**

- Accommodation on a twin room sharing basis & all meals out of Addis, and only breakfast in Addis
- All entrance fees
- Transfers, Mule hire and boat rent at Lake Tana
- All ground transportations with fuel, and insurance
- Professional English speaking guide and Portage fees
- All local guides and scouts and Government tax

**Price exclusive of:**

- International airfare
- Lunch and dinner in Addis and any alcoholic drinks
- Personal expense like souvenirs, laundry, etc. and tips



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