





## AET- 001 STOP OVER IN ADDIS ABABA – 1NIGHT/2DAYS

 Duration: 1Night/ 2Days

 Accommodation: Variable Hotels

 Tour Starts: Addis Ababa

 Tour Ends: Addis Ababa

Guide: Multilingual Guide is available on request

### Trip Highlights

- Visiting Addis Ababa often referred as "the political capital of Africa" for its historical, diplomatic and political significance for the continent.
- Visit the "lung of Addis Ababa" Entoto Mountain; it was once a palace and the royal court to Emperor Menelik in the 1800s.
- Tasting Ethiopian's food.
- Visiting Historical places, monuments, museums.
- Exploring cultural life with excellent art galleries, traditional restaurants and live music venues.

### GROUND HANDLER

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### GUEST INFO

**GROUP NAME**

**MAIN GUEST NAME**

**ADULTS**

**CHILDREN <12 YRS**

- Enjoying panoramic views, scenic landscapes
- Botanical Gardens & Born free sanctuary.
- Offer good evening entertainment - Night life in Addis can get quite lively.

### Trip Summary

Addis Ababa is the largest city of Ethiopia and its capital city at the same time. Addis Ababa, which in Amharic means "a new flower", is located in the center of the country, 2100- 2300m above the sea. It is one of the highest-located capital cities in the world. Here you can do various activities depending on your available time.

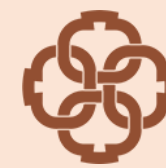
The local pace of life and pleasant climate are well suited to families and professionals, and the stunning scenery and vibrant culture make Addis Ababa a great place for expats to live.

Addis Ababa has a number of attractive Ethiopian Orthodox churches, museums and sites of interest and this may embrace;

- Enjoying panoramic view of the city from the summit of Mt. Entoto.
- Visiting museums including where our grand grand..... ancestor- Lucy is housed.
- Visiting an environmentally conscious art institution in Addis Ababa, like the Zoma Museum.
- Visiting Churches, mainly the Ethiopian Orthodox churches encompass many historic and cultural assets of the country, decorated glass windows & beautiful garden areas.
- Visiting Ethiopian handmade textile shops, Sabahar an Ethiopian company that produces uniquely designed handmade cotton and silk textiles.
- Visiting Art Galleries, St. George or Addis Fine Art Gallery represents emerging and established international with a focus on contemporary art from the Horn of Africa.
- Salem's Ethiopia provides beautiful authentic Ethiopian jewelry, home accessories, and gifts. They deliver quality designs that highlight the rich culture and history of Ethiopia while empowering Ethiopian craftspeople.
- Going out for Ethiopian food tour with Go Addis which takes you to several restaurants where they highlight their best dish & Ethiopian wine tasting.
- Enjoying Ethiopian music from Traditional Masinko house (Masinko – is a one string traditional instrument) to Jazz nights (Ethio – Jazz).







## 01 - Arrival in Addis Ababa

Welcome to Addis Ababa.

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- Visiting Historical places, monuments, museums.
- Exploring cultural life with excellent art galleries, traditional restaurants and live music venues.
- Enjoying panoramic views, scenic land escapes
- Tasting Ethiopian's food
- Offer good evening lively Night life Entertainment

### Today's Activities

On your arrival at Addis Ababa Bole International Airport, after clearing immigration and customs welcome by Absolute Ethiopia staff and get transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day relaxing at your hotel or sightseeing of Addis Ababa.

### Based on time availability - Other Activities to be add

Go shopping: exploring Markets & shopping Malls.

Conducting Social activities: Visit of Ketchene Women's pottery association, Visit Former Women's Fuel Wood Carriers Association, Visit of Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia, Selamta Family project.

Sheraton Addis Luxury  
Collection >5\*

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-photos/addis-sheraton-addis-a-luxury-collection-hotel-addis-ababa/>

The Sheraton hotel is a luxury hotel with over 10 restaurants and bars and 293 rooms and suites in all, a spa offering massaged, jacuzzi, sauna and pools and a kids club and kids swimming pool.

Pleasant heated swimming pool and garden areas are the best features of the hotel.

Or

Of your choice / standard / budget



Meals: Lunch & Dinner

Galleries in Addis: St. George or Addis Fine Art Gallery represents emerging and established international with a focus on contemporary art from the Horn of Africa and its diaspora.

## 02- Addis Ababa

Today following your hearty breakfast you will have more sightseeing in Addis Ababa depending on your flight time. You can explore what you missed from the previous day or you can stick to the new findings of Addis;

Visit to Entoto Hills – best introduction place to Addis Ababa. Mt. Entoto is the highest peak in Addis Ababa reaching 3,200 meters above sea level, giving the opportunity to catch stunning views over the city and the surrounding area from the summit.

It is the first settlement in Addis Ababa where Emperor Menelik II resided and built his palace in 1887. It is a historical place which offers a unique glimpse into the history of Ethiopia's distinct culture. The compound at the peak hosts the Entoto Mariam church, an Ethiopian artefact muse-um as well as Menelik II palace.

In addition to its historical significance as one drive up the hill there is an appreciable drop in temperature and the air is filled with the scent of the Eucalyptus trees which line the road.

On the way up the roadside stalls offers fresh Ethiopian coffee. Also, if you have an interest in Ethiopian traditional clothes stop by at Shero Meda Market. There is a wide variety of beautiful fabrics, shawls, scarves, dresses, tops and jewellery with lots of choice and really good for gift ideas.

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Meals: Breakfast, Lunch  
& Dinner



Visit Unity Park <https://www.unitypark.et/>

Unity Park is established in 2019. The park is located at the Grand Palace in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, a compound that has been a seat of state for more than a century. The total land coverage of the grand palace is 40 acres and it contains myriads of historical buildings and plants that date back to the time of emperor Menelik II, the founder of the Grand Palace.

The legacies of Ethiopian rulers from Emperor Menelik to PM Hailemariam Desalegn are on display at the park. The life stories and pictures of the various rulers that inhabited the palace are also openly displayed to the public.

One feature of the park is a tunnel named The Black Maned Lion which is 175 meters in length. Chambers representing the nine regional states and 45 different types of indigenous tree species are also displayed in the compound.

The restored rooms feature items like Menelik's sword and a life-size wax replica of former Emperor Haile Selassie, who lived at the palace and was then detained there after the Derg overthrew him in 1974. The site also includes a sculpture garden with installations representing Ethiopia's nine regions, and a zoo.

Tonight or the previous day night - you will have a wonderful cultural evening at one of Addis Ababa Restaurant; Ethiopia is a mosaic of people with more than 80 languages, different lifestyles, costumes and cultural dances. Take a chance to experience some of these cultural dances and traditional meals with a drink of Tej, a type of wine made from Honey.

**DEPARTURE** Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. Many thanks & have a safe flight.

**End of Services**

**B = Breakfast      L = Lunch      D = Dinner**

**YOUR ITINERARY INCLUDES**

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Accommodation:	All accommodation as detailed with private facilities.
Meals/Beverages:	Meals on Full board basis Breakfasts, Lunches & dinners with one soft drink or bottled water per meal per person are included
Transfers/Transport:	Airport welcome, assistance with luggage, and transportation by air-conditioned comfortable spacious vehicles, complete with bottled water.
Sightseeing:	Multilingual guide is available for the entire sightseeing with a supplement.
Cultural activities	Cultural activities mentioned in day by day are included
Entrance Fees:	All entrance fees as per the program are included
Local taxes	All necessary local Government taxes are included
Porterage fees	Porterage fees at the Airport and Hotels.
Other activities	Coffee ceremony, and Honey wine drinks (Tej). Traditional farewell Dinner in Addis Ababa

## **BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE**

**Domestic Flights:** A strict luggage restriction of 20kgs per person and hand luggage, applies to all light aircraft flights within Ethiopia. It is important that you carry soft-sided or "barrel" bags, as hard-sided suitcases (Samsonite-style) cannot be fitted into the small holds of light aircraft if you use the charter flights on this program.

**Excess Baggage:** Excess baggage may be safely stored at hotel in Addis Ababa.

#### **YOUR ITINERARY EXCLUDES**

**Miscellaneous:** Visa for Ethiopia.

**Flight** International & Domestic airfare.

**Gratitude** Tipping

**Tour Leader Charge** FOC

**Insurance:** Insurance coverage of personal loss, injury, illness or damages incurred during your trip. We strongly recommend travel /cancellation insurance.

**Personal expenses:** Items of a purely personal nature such as drinks (unless noted), laundry, dry cleaning, internet, fax, or telephone charges and transfers/sightseeing or meals



not included in "Your itinerary includes".

Baggage allowance: Excess baggage charge.

**PACKAGE RATE –**

For the above program based on room sharing:

Price per person based on	Best Available Hotels	Moderate Hotels	Budget Hotels
2pax	USD\$548.00pp	USD\$390.00pp	USD\$339.00pp
3pax	USD\$515.00pp	USD\$357.00pp	USD\$306.00pp
4Pax	USD\$499.00pp	USD\$340.00pp	USD\$290.00pp
5pax	USD\$489.00pp	USD\$331.00pp	USD\$280.00pp
10Pax	USD\$473.00pp	USD\$319.00pp	USD\$268.00pp
15pax	USD\$465.00pp	USD\$309.00pp	USD\$256.00pp
20pax	USD\$461.00pp	USD\$242.00pp	USD\$216.00pp
SRS	USD\$125.00pp	USD\$20.00pp	USD\$10.00pp
Multilingual guide supplement	USD\$65.00/day	USD\$65.00/day	USD\$65.00/day

**OTHER ACTIVITIES WHICH CAN BE INCORPORATED IN ADDIS ABABA WITH LITTLE SUPPLEMENT**

**Visit The Ethnographic Museum**, with its two main sections covering local crafts and on regions and people, this museum is an ideal place to start learning about Ethiopia's rich ethnic diversity. The museum has an impressive array of religious crosses, triptychs and murals, as well as Haile Selassie's (Ethiopia's last Emperor) bedroom and bathroom.

**Visit St. George's Cathedral** (Giorgis Cathedral) which lies at the north end of Churchill Rd. Designed in the traditional octagonal shape, this cathedral was built in 1896 to commemorate Ethiopia's victory over the Italians at the Battle of Adwa. The Cathedral houses the work of Afewerk Tekle, the renowned Ethiopian artist responsible for the stained glass windows of the Africa Hall and also houses a small museum in the compound.

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**Visit ZOMA Museum**, <https://www.zomamuseum.org/> is an environmentally conscious art institution in Addis Ababa. The mission is to act as a bridge between artists and architects from around the world to create cutting-edge ecological art and architecture. In this context, Zoma Museum is built using ancient yet still existing construction techniques. The building materials include mud, straw, stone, wood, and cement. (USD\$30.00pp)

**Further to Sabahar Shop**, an Ethiopian company that produces uniquely designed handmade cotton and silk textiles. In addition to scarves and shawls, they make table linens, cushions, throws and towels. All the products are entirely hand made in Ethiopia from natural fibers. On site you can visit the weavers, spinners, dyers and finishers. They also keep silk caterpillars on site! <http://www.sabahar.com/store/AddisShop>

**Jazz night at Ghion Hotel**, <https://www.facebook.com/TheAfricanJazzVillage/>

The recently reopened African Jazz Village is an intimate venue in Addis Ababa to enjoy great musicians, including the timeless Father of Ethiopian Jazz, Dr. Mulatu Astateke.

It is located at the Ghion Hotel which is popularly known as 'The Garden Palace Hotel of East Africa', situated in the heart of Addis Ababa in a spacious, verdant compound.

**Eskista Lesson** with Junaid Jemal Sendi – at Destino Dance club

Eskista is a traditional Eritrean and Ethiopian dance performed by both men and women that is known for its unique emphasis on intense shoulder movement. The dance is characterized by rolling the shoulder blades, bouncing the shoulders, and jilting the chest. The complex nature of Eskista makes it one of the most highly technical forms of traditional dance.

**Fendika night Show:** Easily the best place for those after a glimpse of traditional Ethiopian culture. The star of the show is undoubtedly world-famous dancer Melaku Belay. Bursts at the seams every other Friday when local favorite Ethio color play.

**Salem's Ethiopia:** <http://www.salemsethiopia.com/>

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**Social activity to incorporate in Addis Ababa:**

**Visit of Ketchene Women's pottery association,** the Kechene Women's Pottery Cooperative is an independent organization consisting entirely of women working for the last 30 years on the creation of artistic, traditional and functional pottery products. Established in 1991 through the support of the ILO (International Labour Organization), they received further assistance in 1993, from the UNDP (United Nations' Development Programs), ultimately becoming in 1993-94, and an independent cooperative consisting exclusively of women.

**Visit Former Women's Fuel Wood Carriers Association,** a small-school weaving workshop where women who have previously performed dangerous and physically demanding jobs get the opportunity to earn a safer and better income. Or any one of the activities mentioned above in the trip highlight section.

**Visit of Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia** is a registered charitable organisation in Ethiopia dedicated to the treatment and prevention of childbirth injuries called obstetric fistulas. Drs Catherine and Reg Hamlin founded this organisation in 1974 after being confronted with the tragic situation of Ethiopian women suffering from obstetric fistulas. [Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia hamlinfistula.org/](http://HamlinFistulaEthiopia.hamlinfistula.org/)