



Easter in Lalibela

ADVENTURES IN ETHIOPIA

13 DAYS + FROM \$6,199 + Small Groups of Never More than 16 Guests or Travel Privately

Our Distinctive A+R Style

- + Discover the ancient walled city of Harar and meet one of its Hyena Men who have learned to feed these wild animals mouth-to-mouth.
- + Experience the range of Ethiopia's ethnic traditions, spending five days with the diverse tribes of the Omo Valley including Mursi, Dassanech, Karo, and Hamar villages.
- + Descend into the tunnels and trenches excavated centuries ago to explore the rock-hewn churches of Lalibela.
- + Travel into the Konso Highlands to see tribal settlements defended by walls and ingenious maze-like alleys.

Established health protocols are observed at all times

OUR JOURNEY

See 4 UNESCO World Heritage sites

DAY 1 | *Arrive Addis Ababa*

On arrival, you'll be escorted to the *Radisson Blu Hotel*. Then join our experienced Trip Leader, Samrawit, for a tour including the Holy Trinity Cathedral and National Museum – where the Lucy fossil is housed.

MEALS D

DAY 2 | *Onward to Harar*

Fly to Dire Dawa and continue to Awaday, the center of Ethiopia's Khat trade. Continue to Harar, a font of Islamic culture for 1,000 years. Visit the Arthur Rimbaud Center and meet one of Harar's Hyena Men. In a

tradition passed from father to son, they have learned to feed these wild animals directly from their mouth. Enjoy 2 nights at the *Ras Hotel*.

MEALS B+L+D

DAY 3 | *Culture + history*

Spend time with a family in their home, adorned with colorful Harari baskets, and tour the Harari City Museum where exhibits include antique Islamic manuscripts.

MEALS B+L+D

DAY 4 | *Back to Addis Ababa*

Return to Addis Ababa for a night at the *Radisson Blu Hotel*. Tonight's dinner features the music and dance of the country's many ethnic groups.

MEALS B+L+D



DAY 5 | On to Lalibela

Fly to Lalibela where 11 below-ground churches ☞ bear witness to the vision of a 12th-century king. Hewn from granite and embellished with windows, murals, and carvings, they tower up to 40 feet tall. Explore the first group of churches and spend the night at the **Zagwe Hotel**.

MEALS B+L+D

DAY 6 | Rock-hewn churches

Visit Yemrehanna Kristos, an Axumite church that predates the nearby cave churches by nearly a century. Return to town and continue your exploration of Lalibela's medieval cave churches. MEALS B+L+D

DAY 7 | Fly to Arba Minch

Fly to Arba Minch where you'll be escorted to the **Paradise Lodge** – overlooking the calm lakes and dense forests of the region.

MEALS B+L+D

DAY 8 | Around Lake Chamo

A morning safari across Lake Chamo offers the chance to observe hippos, giant crocodiles and numerous bird species. Then journey to Chencha, a mountain village of the Dorze tribe famed for their tall beehive-shaped homes. MEALS B+L+D

DAY 9 | Into the Omo Valley

Discover the stone terraces and unique fortified settlements of the Konso Highlands ☞; they bear witness to living cultural traditions that stretch back more than 400 years. Continue into the Omo Valley ☞ and check in to the **Buska Lodge** in Turmi. MEALS B+L+D

DAY 10 | Tribes of the Omo River

Spend the day with Samrawit getting to know two tribes on the eastern bank of the Omo River. Numbering fewer than 2,000, the Karo are an agro-pastoralist society known for their highly-detailed body painting. Also on the eastern shores, the Hamar subsist with cattle herding and agriculture. Hamar men are celebrated for their traditional bull jumping, a rite of passage that is part of an event that can last three days. MEALS B+L+D

DAY 11 | Around Omorate

Travel overland to Omorate, a riverside town deep in the lower Omo Valley. Here along the river's western bank, you'll get to know the lives and customs of the eight different clans that comprise the Dassanech tribe. Continue to Jinka for a night at the **Eco-Omo Safari Lodge**. MEALS B+L+D

DAY 12 | Ways of the Mursi

Meet the Mursi who adorn themselves with paint, beads and body ornaments of horn and feather. The women wear large pottery or wood discs in their lower lips; the men are known for fierce ceremonial dueling. Then fly back to Addis Ababa and spend another night at the **Radisson Blu Hotel**. MEALS B+L+D

DAY 13 | Depart Addis Ababa

After a leisurely morning, tour the Ethnological Museum, set in Haile Selassie's former palace. Then continue to the airport for your onward flight. MEALS B+L+D

Our Carefully Selected Hotels + Lodges

ADDIS ABABA – RADISSON BLU HOTEL

Generously appointed rooms and spacious baths distinguish our fine hotel, located in the city center near the UN Conference Center.

HARAR – RAS HOTEL

The best available accommodations with great food, our city-center hotel is ideally situated to explore this ancient walled city.

LALIBELA – ZAGWE HOTEL

This new hotel features a rooftop terrace with amazing views of the valley and rock-hewn churches. Modern guestrooms are simply furnished with WiFi and satellite TV.

ARBA MINCH – PARADISE LODGE

Thatched roofs and private verandahs offer views of the region's forests and lakes.

TURMI – BUSKA LODGE

With 20 individual *tukuls* (traditional thatched-roofed bungalows), our lodge is ideally located for exploring the southern reaches of Ethiopia's Omo Valley.

JINKA – ECO-OMO SAFARI LODGE

Our intimate permanent safari camp offers 20 tented rooms built on raised wooden platforms with comfortable furnishings and private en suite baths.

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OUR ORIGINAL JOURNEY Value

- + Escorted by our experienced English-fluent Ethiopian Trip Leader, Samrawit
- + Comprehensive expertly-guided sightseeing with never more than 16 guests
- + All 33 meals: 11 breakfasts, 11 lunches and 11 dinners
- + 11 nights in our carefully selected hotels and lodges
- + All on-tour transportation including airport transfers and all internal flights
- + Luggage handling, all hotel taxes, and all fees for your internal flights
- + All gratuities, except for your Trip Leader
- + 4 or more guests save \$100 each

Meet Our Trip Leader – Samrawit

Our Trip Leader, 'Sam', has broad knowledge and deep passion that promises a remarkable journey of discovery and genuine engagement with the history, culture and people of her beloved homeland.



2022 Rates LAND ONLY PER PERSON

Never More than 16 Guests

2022	DOUBLE	SOLO SUPPLEMENT
Mar 7, Jul 4	\$6,699	\$900
Apr 19 - Easter	\$6,999	\$1,300
Oct 3		
Sep 14 - Meskel Festival	\$6,799	\$1,000

Visit us online for Festival details.

Travel Privately Any Day

2022	DOUBLE	SOLO SUPPLEMENT
Jan - Dec	\$7,999	\$900

Save up to \$1,000 per couple | \$500 solo when you pay in full at time of booking