

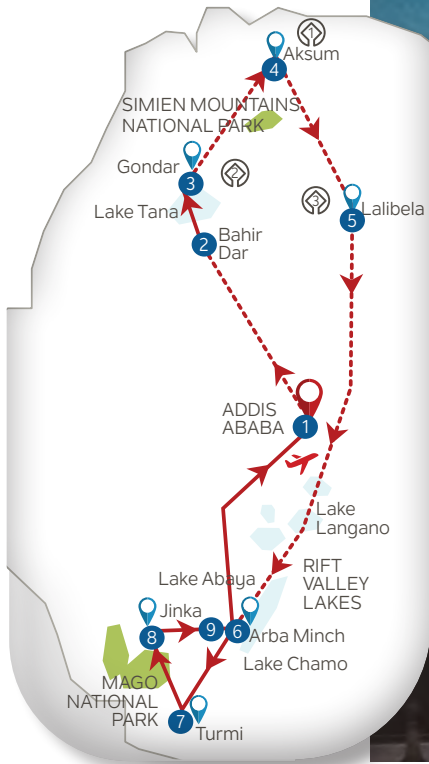
14 day



# North and South

## Highlights

- Ancient churches
- Historic palaces
- Ethnic communities and traditional lifestyles
- Source of the Blue Nile River



**Day 1**  
**ADDIS ABABA**  
Guests arrive and are met by a representative and transferred to their hotel. After a short break, guests take a tour of Addis Ababa. Tour includes Entoto Hills with panoramic views of the city, historic churches, the old Menelik Palace, the National Museum of Ethiopia which houses important archaeological relics and the vibrant Mercato, the largest open market in East Africa.  
**Overnight at The Magnolia Hotel or similar – Breakfast.**

**Day 2**  
**BAHIIR DAR**  
After breakfast, transfer to the airport for a flight to Bahir Dar. After hotel check-in, depart to the spectacular Tissisat Falls, source of the Blue Nile. Lunch at the hotel then an afternoon tour of the city and visit to Woito village, known for production of Tankwa reed boats. Afterwards, tour the old palace of Emperor Haile Selassie in Bezawit, and some local markets.  
**Overnight at Abay Minch Lodge or similar – Breakfast, lunch and dinner.**

**Day 3-4**  
**GORGORA & GONDAR**  
After breakfast is a boat ride on Lake Tana to visit monasteries of the 13th and 14th centuries. These include Ura Kidane Mehret and Mariam Azewa churches at the Zeghe Peninsula, with unique wall murals, the church of Dek Stefanos,

the church of Kibran Gabriel (closed to women) and the church of Narga Selassie. Picnic lunch on the boat, then to Debreseina Mariam church in Gorgora town. Transfer by road to Gondar city, 60km away. The next day after breakfast, a full-day tour of in Gondar. Visits to Fasil Gibbi, castles built by various emperors, the baths of King Fasilidas and the Debre Berhane Selassie Church. Lunch at the hotel, and then guests tour the ruined palace of Queen Mentowab, and the Qusquam Mariam Church on a hill just outside the village.  
**Overnight at the Hotel Taye Belay or similar – Breakfast, lunch and dinner.**

**Day 5**  
**AKSUM**  
After breakfast, transfer to the airport for a flight to Axum. Visit to church of Santa Maria de Sion, the monoliths of Axum, the tombs of the Kaleb emperors, and the Mai Shum also known as the Queen of Sheba baths.  
**Overnight at the Consolar Hotel – Breakfast, lunch and dinner..**

**Day 6-7**  
**LALIBELA**  
After breakfast, board a flight to Lalibela. Guests visit the churches of Beth Golgotha, Bet Mikael, Beth Mariam, Bet Meskel, Bet Denagel and Bet Medhane Alem. In the afternoon, tour the Church of St George. The rest of the day is spent at leisure. The next day, after breakfast, an early morning drive to the 12th century

church of Yemrehene Christos, built inside a cave with alternating levels of wood and stone. After lunch, the group will tour the Lalibela churches south of the Jordan River.  
**Overnight at the Roha Hotel – Breakfast, lunch and dinner.**

**Day 8-9**  
**ARBA MINCH**  
After breakfast, guests are transferred to the airport for a flight to Arba Minch via Addis Ababa. Guests spend the rest of the day at leisure. The next day, guests visit Chencha town, home of the Dorze ethnic group who live in distinctive traditional structures and are expert weavers of cotton “shama” fabric. Lunch at the hotel, followed by a boat excursion on Lake Chamo.  
**Overnight at the Swaynes Hotel – Breakfast, lunch and dinner.**

**Day 10-11**  
**TURMI**  
After breakfast drive to Jinka town. The Konso are known for their fine fabrics and wooden burial tomb totems. Lunch at a local restaurant then continue towards Turmi, stopping in Dimeka town for market day. The next day, after breakfast, guests drive to the Omo River and take a canoe to the Dasenech villages of the Galeb tribe. After lunch at the hotel, drive to Muruelle town to visit the Duss and Korcho villages of the Karo tribe.  
**Overnight at the Emerald Lodge – Breakfast, lunch and dinner.**

**Day 12**  
**JINKA**  
After breakfast, guests depart for Jinka town, with a stopover at a Hamar tribe with their distinct body adornments and dyed hair. Lunch is at a local restaurant. Later, guests stops at Key Afer where the weekly market attracts tribes such as the Tsema, Ari and Benna.  
**Overnight at the Orit Hotel – Breakfast and dinner.**

**Day 13**  
**ARBA MINCH**  
After an early morning breakfast then visit villages of the Ari and Bena tribes. Drive to Mago National Park. Tour the villages of the Mursi tribe. The cattle-keeping Mursi are known for body scarification and large lip plates among the women. Lunch at a local restaurant in Arba Minch.  
**Overnight at the Swaynes Hotel – Breakfast and dinner.**

**Day 14**  
**DEPARTURE**  
Guests return to Addis Ababa by road, visiting Hosanna town and Melka Kunture, with fossils and Stone Age tools. Lunch at a local restaurant and a day-use hotel room in Addis Ababa. A farewell dinner in one of the best traditional restaurants in the city, before transfer to Addis Ababa Bole International Airport.  
**Breakfast.**

## Live This!

The best of both worlds, combining historic places and orthodox sites with the rich culture of southern Ethiopia’s ethnic groups, while travelling through beautiful landscapes, and a chance for wildlife viewing.

<b>Group size:</b> Min 2 guests	<b>Exclusions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All international / domestic flights and taxes</li><li>• Visas</li><li>• Travel and personal accident insurance</li><li>• Personal expenses</li><li>• Excursions / activities not specified</li><li>• Gratuities</li></ul>
<b>Departure details:</b> Daily departures subject to availability	<b>Optional Tours:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Entoto Hills</li><li>• Menelik Palace</li><li>• National Museum</li><li>• Historic churches</li><li>• Mercato open air market</li><li>• Full day Addis Ababa city tour</li><li>• Lunch/dinner at traditional Ethiopian restaurant</li></ul>
<b>Inclusions:</b> <b>Accommodation:</b> As specified <b>Meals:</b> As specified <b>Activities:</b> As specified <b>Transfers:</b> Arrival and departure airport transfers <b>Entrance fees:</b> Park fees, historic sites as per itinerary <b>Guide:</b> Qualified English speaking driver-guide	
<b>Transport:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4WD safari vehicle</li><li>• Light aircraft</li></ul>	