

**Discover Ethiopia  
8 days – 7 nights**

**Addis Ababa, Debre Zeit, Ziway Lake, Langano, Abijata Shalla National Park, Awasa, Tiya, Adadi  
Mariam, Butajera, Wenchi, Wolisso  
Nature, Heritage, Archeology, People Interaction**

**This program may be operated for individuals or for groups  
This is a suggested itinerary**

The program for this discovery week is varied: boat trips, hikes in reserves or typical places sheltering species like ostriches, gazelles, pelicans, hippos evolving in natural and protected environment, scenes of Ethiopian life ... Let yourself go from cities to villages, from landscapes to archaeological sites, from typical markets to places of pilgrimage. Loose yourself in the famous Mercato in Addis Ababa, one of the largest open-air markets in Africa. The marabou stork is often seen near lakes and rivers, although its habitat is not limited to wetlands. Huge, bald, unsightly, with an imposing beak: it does not go unnoticed!

**Day 1: Addis Ababa**

Early arrival at Addis Ababa airport where you'll be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel. Some time to get settled before you start your city tour. Visit the Entoto Mountain that offers a panoramic view of the city and proceed to visit the museum and palace of Menelik II. Enjoy a relaxed lunch in town. In the afternoon, Visit the national museum, that hosts Lucy's skeleton, the fossilized bones of a 3,200,000-year old hominid found in Ethiopia in 1974. Afterwards, visit the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Mausoleum, memorial, museum and gardens that complete an astonishing architecture. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. [L/D]

**Day 2: Addis Ababa, Debre Zeit**

After breakfast a short drive to visit the Babogaya crater lake in Debre Zeit. After check-in at your resort hotel enjoy a boat trip on the Bishoftu Lake. Return to the hotel for lunch. The afternoon is free to relax and take advantage of the hotel facilities. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

**Day 3: Debre Zeit, Ziway Lake, Langano**

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for Ziway for lunch and opportunity to observe the great bird life surrounding the lake. In the afternoon continue to Langano, a privileged site great for relaxation, swimming and discovery. geology, its flora and fauna are to be appreciated! Admire the Flamingos in flight on the lake, the hostesses of Langano park! Don't miss the majestic nyala in a natural environment. Take a walk to the hot springs, the natural "laundry" for the women Langano. As the calming sunset downs on the place enjoy dinner and a relaxing overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

**Day 4: Langano, Abijata Shalla National Park, Awasa**

A short drive, this morning, will bring you to Abijata Shalla Nat'l Park, natural home to ostriches, gazelles, flamingos, pelicans and other species all living in this idyllic place dotted by natural hot springs to give, even, a better feeling of paradise on Earth! Take a boat trip on the Lake Awasa, navigating among peaceful hippos, but do not trust their peaceful appearance. They are with their families and can become quite defensive. It's important to observe them from afar. After crossing the lake arrive at the fish market for a visit. Continue to Awasa for lunch at a local restaurant. Check-in and relax at your hotel but don't miss the fishermen returning home from their fishing day. That's in the evening that families come out for work. Young Awasa boys have a key role: It is about gradually learning the trade. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/LD]

**Day 5: Awasa, Tiya, Adadi Mariam, Butajera**

After breakfast at the hotel we leave for extended morning dedicated to archeology that can be one of the most interesting days of your trip. Heading north towards Tiya, one of the most important of over 150 archaeological sites discovered so far in the region south of Addis Ababa. It includes 36

monuments of which 32 stelae present enigmatic sculpted figurations made of swords and symbols. These stelae bear witness to a proto-historic culture of Ethiopia that has not yet been precisely dated. A little further north is the paleolithic site of Melka Kunturé that documents a Stone Age civilization predecessor to the Ethiopian population. Continue to the Adadi Mariam church, located 40 miles from the capital, an underground monolithic church, carved out of rock over 500 years ago, now restored on the initiative of the Swiss National Commission for UNESCO. It is an important place of pilgrimage and meeting for the Orthodox Christians of the region who, on January 29, Mary's day, come to collect themselves in their thousands. After the visit drive to Butajera for a late lunch and a deserved telexing afternoon. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/LD]

#### Day 6: Butajera, Wenchi, Wolisso

After breakfast at the hotel drive northwest to reach Wenchi and visit the crater lake and its church (around 3h to 4h of walking or on horseback). Wenchi (or Wonchi) is an amazing, magical place both lively and relaxing. A real story between villages and monastery! A beautiful place, a lake in the heart of a crater with villages on its flanks and mischievous children dawdling around the toukoul (traditional Ethiopian huts made of clay, wood and straw). Enjoy a picnic lunch before continuing to Wolisso for dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

#### Day 7: Wolisso, Addis Ababa

Today, we return to Addis Ababa arriving in time for lunch at a restaurant in town. In the afternoon we spend some time at the Mercato, the largest open-air market in Africa, a place that presents enumerable opportunities for shopping. Some time to freshen-up before a farewell dinner at a traditional restaurant and discover the typical Ethiopian songs and dances. [B/L/D]

#### Day 8: Addis Ababa, USA

Breakfast at the hotel and free time to continue exploring Addis Ababa on your own depending on your flight schedule. At the appointed time you'll be picked-up at your hotel and transferred to the airport to board your flight back to the USA. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



**Tour includes:**

- Arrival and departure private transfers
- 7 nights' accommodation:
  - Addis Ababa 2 nights
  - Debre Zeit 1 night
  - Langano 1 night
  - Awasa 1 night
  - Butajera 1 night
  - Wolisso 1 night
- Meals
  - Breakfast daily
  - 7 lunches
  - 7 dinners
- The famous Lucy a turning point in humanity
- Flamingos in flight on Langano Lake
- Majestic nyala in a natural park
- Langano hot springs
- Awasa fishermen
- Hippos on Lake Awasa.
- Wench (or Wonchi) a magical place
- Tiya (or Tya) stelae
- Adadi Mariam church.
- The Mercato: the largest open-air market in Africa

- The Holy Trinity Church in Addis Ababa
- Religious procession at the Saint-Michaël church
- All entrance fees for included sightseeing
- Land transportation as described
- English speaking driver-guide

**Tour does not Include:**

- International or Domestic airfares
- Any taxes and surcharges relating to airfares
- Travel insurance
- Entry Visa and visa fees
- Wi-Fi at hotels except as indicated
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks except as indicated
- Other meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out (Most hotels begin check-in around 2:00pm).
- Expenses of personal nature
- Porterage at airport and hotels
- Optional tours and activities
- Any service not specifically listed under "included"

**Recommended Hotels in your tour**

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
<b>First Class</b>		
Addis Ababa	Addissinia	4.5
Debre Zeit (Bishoftu)	Pyramid Hotels & Resorts	4
Langano	Hara Langano Eco Lodge	4
Awasa	Lewi Hotels & Resorts	4
Butajera	Africa Vacation Club Ethiopia	3.5
Wolisso	Negash Lodge	3.5
<b>Deluxe</b>		
Addis Ababa	Hyatt Regency	4.5
Debre Zeit (Bishoftu)	Kuriftu Resort	4
Langano	Hara Langano Eco Lodge	4
Awasa	Lewi Hotels & Resorts	4
Butajera	Africa Vacation Club Ethiopia	3.5
Wolisso	Negash Lodge	3.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

**Tour Prices:**

These programs can be customized for individuals and groups. Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

• **Airfare**

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

• **Program**

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

• **Other options**

- The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

• **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

**Tour Code:** ET01ADD20ST

**Options:**

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

**Group Quotations**

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.