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AAT-1125

TREKKING IN THE BALE MOUNTAINS

Duration: 9 Days / 8 Nights



Tour Highlights:

- Enjoy dramatic landscapes, wide valleys, afro-alpine vegetation and various wildlife as you trek the Bale Mountains
- Climb Tuledemtu, the highest peak of the Bale Mountains
- Watch colourful birdlife and endemic mammals, like the Ethiopian Wolf, Mountain Nyalas and Menelik's Bushbucks
- Experience unique highland vegetation of the Bale Plateau, which is said to be a paradise for trekkers
- Shop the stalls of Merkato, the largest open-air market in Africa
- Traditional Ethiopian farewell dinner with "coffee ceremony" and traditional dances of different ethnic groups.

Travel date:

Every day departure with a minimum of two participants.

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<p>Day 1: Arrival in Addis Ababa</p> <p>WELCOME TO ETHIOPIA. On arrival in Addis Ababa our representative will meet you at the airport. After transfer to your hotel an overview of the program will be given. The rest of the day visit historical sites in Addis Ababa including the National Archaeological Museum, where the 3,6 million year old skeletal remains of “Lucy” rest, which were discovered in 1974. Proceed to the Ethnological Museum, the Holy Trinity Cathedral and Mount Entoto, which rises up to an altitude of 3200 meters and offers a panoramic view of the metropolis. Overnight in 4-star hotel.</p>		
<p>Day 2: Bale Mountains - Dinsho Lodge</p> <p>Full day's drive to the Bale Mountains National Park, traveling through the southeast part of Ethiopia, where fertile land is cultivated by the Oromo people. We arrive at Dinsho, the Park head quarter, in the afternoon, in time for a walk around to see endemic mammals like Menelik's Bushbucks and Mountain Nyalas as well as a variety of birds such as Blue-winged goose, Abyssinian long claw, Wattled ibis, Rouget's rail, etc.</p>		
	<p>Day 3: In Dinsho and Geysay Valley</p> <p>Arrangement of the trekking staff and packing animals and trekking around Dinsho and Geysay Valley to see endemic wildlife.</p> <p>Day 4: Mararo</p> <p>Today we trek 5-6 h through the lush highland vegetation to our first campsite, Mararo. The air here is clean and crisp and the scenery utterly stunning. En route you will see a number of birds like Black-winged Lovebird, Thick-billed Raven, White-collared Pigeon, Abyssinian Long Claw, Abyssinian Catbird, White-backed Black Tit, Augur-buzzard, Lammergeyer, etc. Overnight camping at Mararo</p>	
<p>Day 5: Wasema Valley</p> <p>After breakfast trek for about 7-8 hours to Wasema Valley. The trek offers the chance to see endemic Abyssinian Wolves. Around Worgona mineral spring, Giant Mole Rats can easily be seen. Overnight camping at Wasema Valley.</p>		
<p>Day 6: Gebre Guracha</p> <p>Today you trek through the highlands ascending Senate Plateau and crossing Mount Batu (4200 m). Here again there is a chance to see Ethiopian wolves and other wildlife. Overnight camping at the base of the valley, viewing Lake Gebre Guracha.</p>		
<p>Day 7: Little Batu</p> <p>Trek for 6-7 hours to Little Batu Mountain. Overnight camping at the base of Little Batu.</p>		
<p>Day 8: Dinsho Loge</p> <p>After breakfast trek to Dinsho Loge. This last trekking day will take about 5 - 6 hours. Overnight Dinsho lodge.</p>		

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<p>Day 9: Drive to Addis Ababa, Departure Drive back to Addis Ababa with stops on the way at the Rift Valley Lakes. Evening have a fare well dinner party in a traditional Ethiopian restaurant with dances from different ethnic groups. Afterwards transfer to the airport for your flight back home.</p>		
<p><u>PRICE</u></p> <p>Price per person (on the basis of 2 travellers) = US \$ 2,000 Price per person (on the basis of 3 travellers) = US \$ 1,680 Single room supplement = US \$ 110</p>		
<p>Price includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special qualified guide as well as mandatory local guide and scout fees in parks and villages - 4-star hotel in Addis Ababa and the best available accommodation outside of Addis Ababa - All accommodation based on twin room occupancy - All camping gear, trekking staff and packing animals - Meals in Addis, on bed and breakfast basis - Meals out of Addis, on full board basis - Farewell dinner in Addis to enjoy traditional Ethiopian food and music - All entrance fees at parks and villages - All transfers according to the itinerary - All ground transportation including insurance, fuel and all costs of the driver - Traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony at a convenient time in the program - Government taxes <p>Price doesn't include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International flights - Lunch and dinner in Addis Ababa - Any kind of drinks, alcoholic or non-alcoholic, incidental meals and snacks - Video filming and photographing fees - Tips and items of personal nature like laundry, souvenirs, etc . - All what is not included in the list above 		