



# SHASHAMAN SUNRISE



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## **14 DAY ETHIOPIA TOUR**

**September 1-14<sup>th</sup>**

**\*New Years' Eve – Sept 10.**

**\*\*New Year (Addis Amet) – Sept 11**

**Duration: 8 days & 7 nights / by land & air**

### **Day-1**

#### ***Arrival & city tour of Addis Ababa***

Arrive in Addis Ababa. Arrive in Addis, meet me on the airport, and transfer to your hotel. If you come at 7:00AM, you will have a city tour in Addis. But, if it is in the evening you arrive, well you'll do it on the last day of your departure. Overnight in Addis Ababa at the Sadula Hotel.

### **Day-2**

#### ***Fly to Bahar Dar, boat trip on lake Tana & Blue Nile Falls***

Early in the morning, fly to Bahar Dar. A town found 180km south of Gondar at the bedside of Lake Tana. It's a town found in the northern part of Ethiopia and come into prominence in the 18<sup>th</sup> C. it is used to be a commercial destination on a trader caravan to and from Gondar and the surrounding areas. Today, it is one of the most attractive towns. After lunch you will go to 32km to Blue Nile falls. The impressive plumes of mist bellowing from the depths of the Blue Nile falls led locals name it "Tis Isat". It is one of the most spectacular falls in Africa. Overnight in Bahar Dar at the Dib Anbessa hotel.

### **Day-3**

#### ***Drive to Gondar, visit the castles & transfer to the airport for Lalibella***

At 5:00 AM, drive 180km to Gondar and visit the 17<sup>th</sup> C castles. After you check-in to your hotel and a little rest, start visiting of the city, castles and the church. Gondar was once the capital city of Ethiopia, its prominence beginning with the region of emperor Fasiledes in 1632. After visting the castles right away transfer to the airport to fly to Lalibella. In late afternoon, visit one of the eight wonders of the world Lalibella (the 11 rock-hewn of churches. Overnight in Lalibella at the Yimreha hotel.



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## **Day-4**

### ***Fly to Axum & Sightseeing of the Stele field***

In the morning transfer to the airport and fly to Axum. Northern Ethiopia's ancient city of Axum is the country's oldest extant urban settlement. Once the capital and a major religious center, it remains the site of many remarkable antiquities, including the famous monolithic obelisks or Stele, important stone inscription written in three languages Geez, Sabeen, Greek; the remains of spectacular palaces and graves and special gold-silver and bronze currency produced up to around 330 AD carry representation of the Sun and the Moon, and later coins from the early 4<sup>th</sup>C on ward bear the cross of the Christ. Axum has three main Obelisks. In the afternoon sightseeing of the Stele field. Overnight in Axum at the Yeha hotel.

## **Day-5**

### ***Fly back to Addis Ababa and NYE in Addis Ababa***

Spend the New Year Eve in Addis. Spend the whole night with full of enjoyment in different places. Overnight Addis Ababa at Sadula hotel.

## **Day-6**

### ***Drive to Shashamane for NYD***

Drive to Shashamane for volunteer work at JRDC School. On the way visit the rift valley lakes Zeway, Langano and Abiyata Shalla. Overnight Shashamane at Lily of The Valley hotel.

## **Day-7**

### ***Drive to Shashmane and Wondo Genet***

In the afternoon drive to Shashamane for volunteer work at JRDC School and visit to the healing springs of Wondo Genet. The attraction is the forest (is good for hiking), the swimming pool with full of by the hot natural spring water. The springs are said to have curative properties, which encouraged Emperor Haile Selassie to build a private lodge. Overnight Shashamane at Lily of The Valley hotel.

## **Day-8**

### ***Drive to Arbaminch, Dorze village, & Chamo Lake***

After breakfast, drive 255km to Arbaminch. While admiring the beautiful scenery of the place on the way to Arbaminch, you will turn to the right, 20km before you go to Arbaminch, and drive 40km to meet the mountainous villages of the (Chencha) Dorze people. Lunch will be in Sodo. Arrive in Arbaminch in late afternoon. Go to Lake Chamo for boat trip. Overnight in Arbaminch at the tourist hotel.



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## **Day-9**

### ***Nech Sar national park & Drive back to Shashemene***

Early in the morning, game drive in Nech Sar national park. The location of the park is northern Omo administrative region. The land is 436km square, and the area of the water is 78km square. So, totally the park is covered 514km square. The rainfall average is 880mm, and the periods are from March-May and from September-November. The temperature is minimum 12-13 degree Celsius and maximum 15-27 degree Celsius. The vegetation type is savanna ground water forest grassland. The Park, which is an ideal homeland especially for the endemic Swayne's hartebeest and Burchells zebra and other more mammals, birds and plant life. Nicely situated at the adjacent lands of Abaya and Chamo lakes, the landscape is quite scenic. Overnight in Shashemene in Rift valley hotel.

## **Day-10**

### **Drive to the resort hotel "Sodere"**

In the morning drive to the natural hot spring water resort hotel Sodere. Overnight in Sodere.

## **Day-11**

### **Drive to Harar & visit Hyena Man**

After breakfast proceeds driving to Harar. In the evening visit the Hyena man. Overnight in Harar at the Belayneh hotel.

## **Day-12**

### **City tour in Harar**

Then proceed driving to the Muslim holiest place and the birthplace of Haile Selassie I. The city of Harar is an ancient (1520) and holy city. Harar was an important trading center. The city is famous for its ancient buildings, its great city walls and as a center of Islamic learning (the city has 99 mosques). It is believed to be the fourth holiest city for Islam after Mecca, Medina & Jerusalem. The city is well known for its superb handicrafts that include woven textiles, basket ware, silverware and handsomely bound books. Harar has been a place of pilgrimage from all over the world for many years. Harar's attractions are:



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## ***Harari Home***

Harari homes are unique and reminiscent of coastal Arab architecture. Bowls, dishes, and basketry are hung in stylized fashion on the wall, but all are functional.

## ***The City Walls***

The City Walls, and the narrow streets lined with traditional Harari gegar houses.

## **Rimbaud House**

A fine building traditional house dating from the period when the French poet Rimbaud lived in Harar.

Start visiting of the setting of walls “the Gates” were made of rough stone, the Harari house, and Rimbaud house. Overnight Harar in Belayneh hotel.

## ***Day-13***

### ***Drive back to Addis Ababa, & departure***

Drive back to Addis Ababa and spend the day in Addis visiting the open air markets for souvenirs or make your own schedule. In the evening transfer to the airport for international flight.



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-The total price will be **\$2700 USD** per person.

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#### This price includes

- Hotel accommodation (double occupancy)
- Meal (full board) Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Brand new Toyota Mini Bus with fuel
- Boat in Bahar Dar (Lake Tana)
- Local guide service
- Entrance fee
- Domestic air ticket (ADD-BJR, and GDQ-LLI-AXU-ADD)

#### This price does not includes

- Your international ticket BUT we do have a Shashamane Sunrise group rate with Ethiopian Airlines to Washington Dulles airport (IAD) to ADD, Cost USD\$999. There is no surcharge for travel from New York and Boston
- Travel & Accident Insurance
- Alcoholic drinks
- Tips

#### Visas and Immunizations

For information on visas and immunizations advice, see:

<http://goafrica.about.com/od/ethiopia/a/ethiopiatips.htm>  
<http://ethiopianembassy.org>