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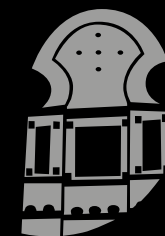
following in the footsteps of legends and ancient emperors

SOUTH

getting to know the tribes diversity and exploring the South

CHALLENGES

witnessing the richness of nature and following the adventure





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Ethiopia's outstanding history begins with Axum, the great civilization of the ancient world, the massive monolithic rock hewn churches of Lalibela with their remarkable architectural skill, the breathtaking huge castles of Gondar and the walled city of Harar, the holiest city of Islam after Mecca, Medina & Jerusalem.

Ethiopia is the cradle of humankind, a land of diversity and wonder and has a rich cultural mosaic due to its 80 different languages & dialects. It is gifted with magnificent scenery, embracing contrasting land features ranging from the rugged Semien Mountains to the depths of the Danakil depression, which is more than 100 meters below sea level & one of the lowest dry lands on the Earth.

Ethiopia has a huge diversity of wildlife. Among the different species 31 mammals, 30 amphibians, 14 reptiles and about 1000 plant species are endemic to Ethiopia. In terms of birds, Ethiopia has a larger number of endemic bird species than any other country in eastern Africa. More than 862 bird species live in Ethiopia and among them 22 are endemic; Ethiopia is therefore a paradise of birds.

Welcome to Ethiopia,

I am pleased to invite you to the historical, natural and cultural routes taking in the attractions of my country.

Based on our extensive experience, we can provide you with a well organized tour which will help you to feel the spirit of Ethiopia.

It is our task to enable you to get the knowledge most about the extraordinary history of my country - the Axumite empire which was one of the powerful states for centuries, the magnificent castles of Gondar and the great architectural skills of the rock-hewn churches of Lalibela.

I want you to show you the breathtaking views and the wonders of nature - mountains, national parks and the Danakil Depression, one of the hottest desert places on the planet.

Explore and enjoy your trip through the Omo Valley, an area almost untouched by civilization, inhabited by tribes with a diverse culture and fabulously colorful costumes.

Then we will visit the capital of Ethiopia and the diplomatic

omatic centre of Africa - Addis Ababa. This bustling city is full of contrasts, still evolving and rebuilds. I am completely sure that your stay in Ethiopia with our travel agency will be pleasurable and bring you exceptional satisfaction. Our knowledge and service allows you to explore the country and nature, and to experience one of the most significant and independent cultures on Earth.

Luel Yitbarek



AXUM

Axum was one of the four powerful kingdoms of the world during the 1st and 7th century. The ruins of palaces, temples, the bath of the queen of Sheba, old Sabean inscriptions, and the magnificent obelisks (a registered UNESCO World Heritage site) belong to the vast host of monuments of the great ancient civilization of Axum. Axum is believed to be the holiest orthodox city in Ethiopia where the original Ark of the Covenant is preserved in the monastery of St. Mary Zion of Axum.

SEMIEN MOUNTAIN

The dramatic mountainous landscape of the Semien Mountains National Park in northern Ethiopia is home to some of the rarest animal species such as the gelada baboon, semien fox and wal-ya ibex. The highest point in Ethiopia, Ras Dashen (4260 meters above sea level), is located at the center of the park. The breathtaking views over the landscape bless the park with exceptional natural beauty, and it is a spectacular place for trekking.

FASIL GHEBBI, GONDER

The city of Gondar has a rich history beginning with the restoration of the Solomonic dynasty. Gondar was the residence of the line of the Emperor Fasiledes, founded in the 17th century and is famous for its huge, breathtaking medieval castles. The city contains churches and monasteries which are very rich in paintings, especially the Debre-Berhan Selassie, which is the best example of the stylistic Gonderine art.

HARAR

Harar is an ancient walled city in the eastern part of the country. It is the most important sacred Islamic center after Mecca, Medina and Jerusalem and is famous for its ancient buildings, unique handicrafts and jewellery. It is also the center of Islamic education and trade

BAHIR DAR AND LAKE TANA

Lake Tana is the largest lake in Ethiopia, located in the north of the country with an area of 3673 km², next to the beautiful town of Bair Dar. Lake Tana has about 37 islands of varying sizes, 20 of them are crowned with churches and monasteries. Many of them were built earlier than the 14th century. Tourists enjoy the paintings in the monasteries and beautiful views over the lake.

KONSO - CULTURAL LANDSCAPE

Konso cultural landscape is a 55km² area of arid land, stone walled terraces and fortified settlements in the Konso high lands of Ethiopia. It constitutes a spectacular example of living cultural tradition stretching back 21 generations (more than 400 years) having adapted to the dry hostile environment. The landscape demonstrates the shared values, social cohesion & engineering knowledge of its communities.

LOWER VALLEY OF THE AWASH

The Awash valley contains some of the most important palaeontological remains of the African continent. The remains found at the site are at least 4 million years old. "LUCY" was reconstructed from 52 fragments of skeleton and has provided great clues to when & how humans began to walk upright.

LOWER OMO VALLEY

A prehistoric site in south western Ethiopia near to Lake Turkana, the lower Omo Valley has become an essential area in the study of human evolution. With the discovery of many fossils and remains it is one of the most unique places on Earth. So many different cultures inhabit such a relatively small piece of land

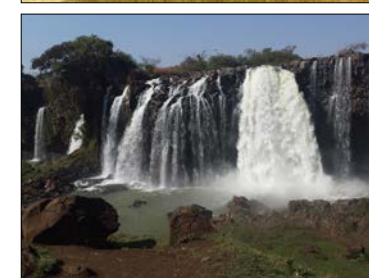
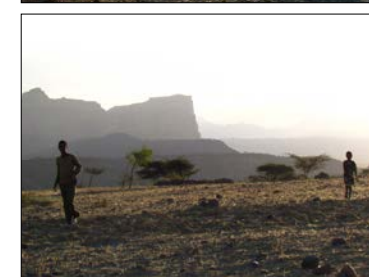
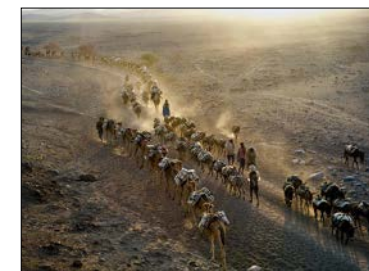
TIYA

Tiya is located among the most important archeological sites discovered so far in the Soddo region, south of Addis Ababa. The site houses a collection of some 32 stelae, intricately carved with symbols. According to UNESCO these are the remains of an ancient Ethiopian culture whose age has not yet been precisely determined.

LALIBELA

After the decline of Axum, power transferred to Lasta-Lalibela (formerly Roha) by the Zagwe Dynasty of the 11th century. Lalibela is famous for its wonderful eleven rock hewn churches connected to each other by trenches, built in the late 12th and early 13th centuries. Sometimes called the New Jerusalem, Lalibela is surrounded by the highest mountains and high plateaus of Ethiopia. The rock hewn churches of Lalibela are the one of the eight wonders of the world, and a UNESCO world heritage site.

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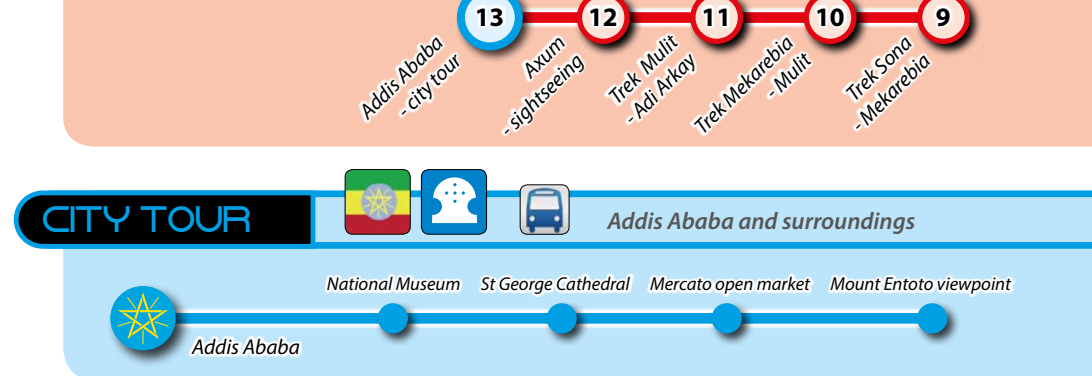
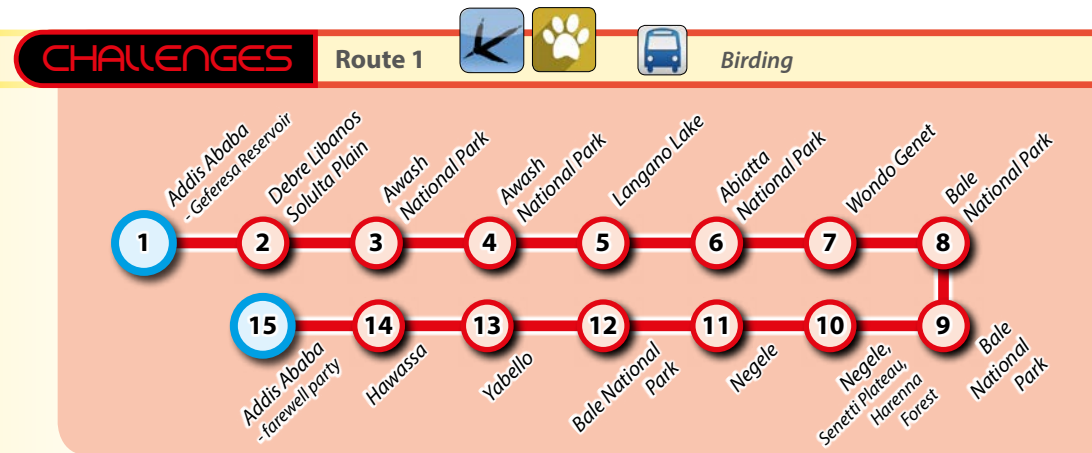
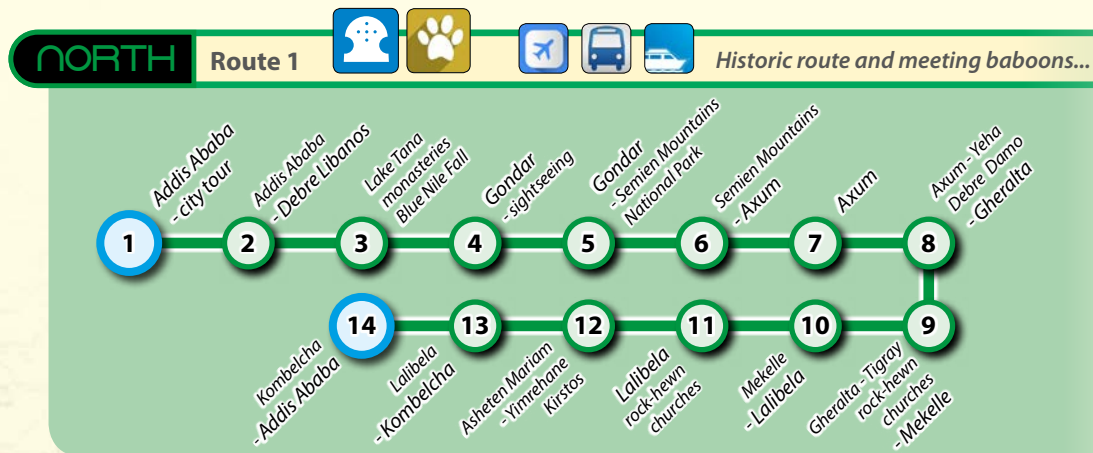
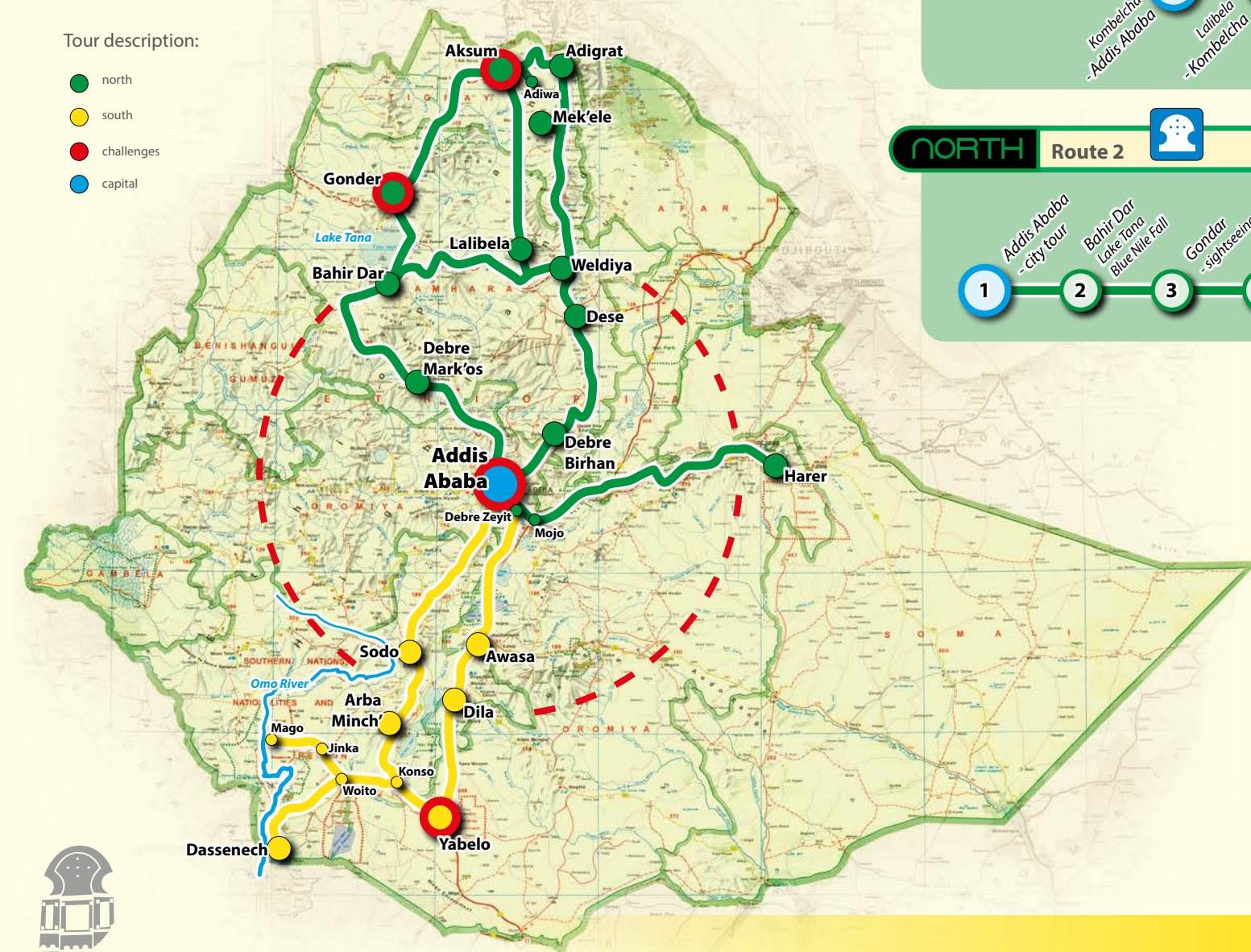
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...in several routes

Tour description:

- north
- south
- challenges
- capital



Icon description:

- wildlife
- birding
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- capital
- religion / history
- Muslim city
- etno
- air
- land
- boat



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Addis Ababa

...the capital of Ethiopia

...the city often referred to as “the capital of Africa”

...the largest city in Ethiopia

...know the capital, the city bustling and exciting

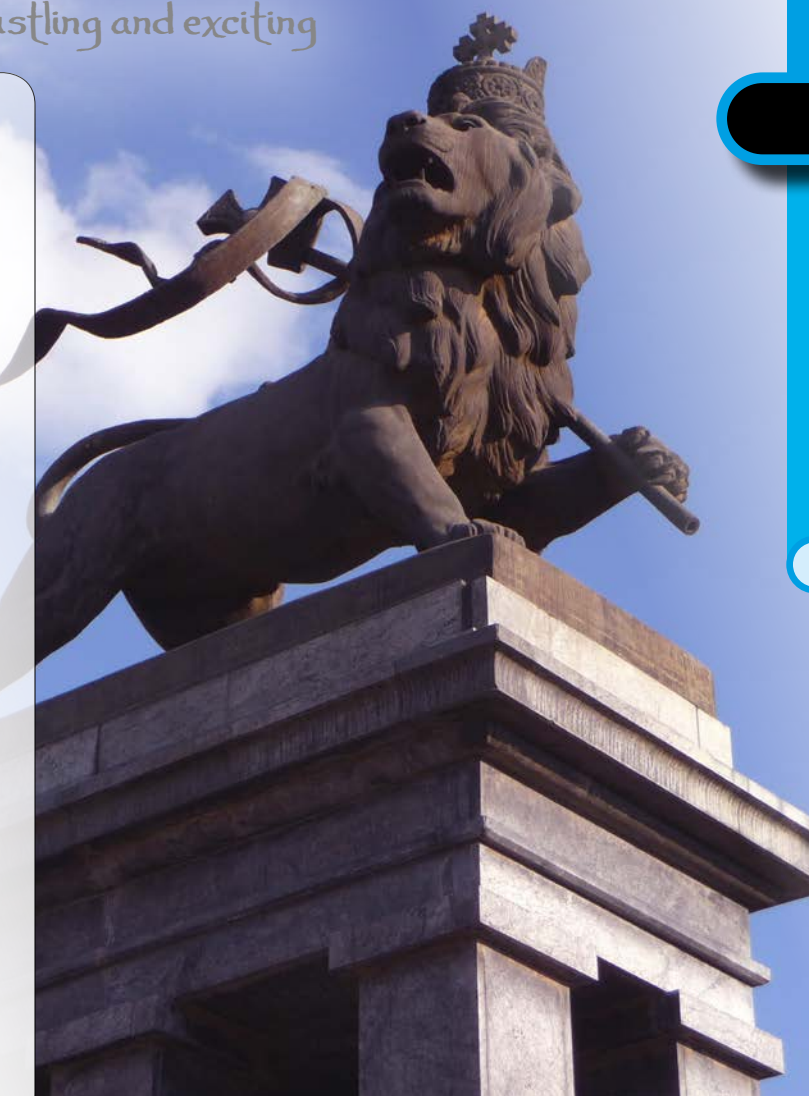
THE CITY

Addis Ababa is third on the list of the highest located capital cities in the world and lies at an altitude of 2400 meters above sea level. It is situated in the central part of the Abyssinian Upland at the top of Mount Entoto. This region is 540 square kilometres.

Addis Ababa was „the New Flower” of Emperor Menelik II for his wife Taitu. Addis was founded over a hundred years ago in 1886. Nowadays it is the headquarters of the African Union and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

Sightseeing in Addis Ababa is a good introduction to exploring Ethiopia. You can visit the museums and meet Lucy, see different historical monuments and cathedrals containing magnificent paintings. In the capital you can sample traditional cuisine and bunna, see Merkato - the biggest open-air market in Africa, feel the rhythm of the city nightlife and listen to jazz.

This relatively new city is bustling, crowded, chaotic, full of contradictions, quite simply... enthralling and exciting. One thing you can be sure about - Addis will surprise you!



CITY TOUR



Addis Ababa and Surroundings

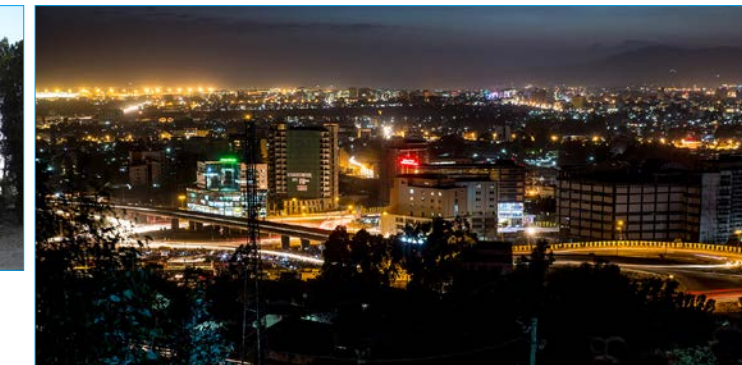
Program : Addis Ababa city

Tour duration: Half-day

Transport : Land 

Visit:

- **The National Museum**, which exhibits numerous antiquities, historical relics, archaeological and paleontological objects including the 3.5 million year old skeleton of Lucy.
- One of the fine Ethiopian orthodox churches, **St George Cathedral**, which contains several interesting modern paintings and mosaics.
- **St. George Cathedral, Mercato** - the biggest open market of its kind in Africa.
- The panoramic viewpoint on **Mount Entoto**, which offers stunning views over the city.



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HISTORICAL ROUTE & SEMIEN MOUNTAINS

Program: Historical tour*

Tour duration: 14 days

Transport: Air  Land  Boat 

Visit:

Day 01 Sightseeing of Addis Ababa

Arrival at Bole international Airport. Warm reception by LYT guide and driver and transfer to hotel for check in. City tour of Addis Ababa including: the panoramic viewpoint on Mount Entoto, Merkato (said to be Africa's largest market of its kind), the National Museum (home of Lucy, hominid skeleton dating back 3.2 million years) and the Ethnographic Museum. Overnight in Addis Ababa.

Day 02 Addis Ababa to Debre Libanos

After breakfast, depart north to Bahir Dar via Debre Markos. On the way visit the Debre Libanos Monastery and the Portuguese Bridge, which was the first bridge in Ethiopia. After lunch in Debre Markos, pass through the scenic Blue Nile Gorge. Overnight in Bahir Dar.

Day 03 Lake Tana monasteries and Blue Nile Fall

In the morning, take a boat trip on Lake Tana to explore some of the monasteries hidden on the shores and islands. In the afternoon, drive to the Blue Nile Falls for an easy hike in the area. End the day watching the sunset over Lake Tana from the top of Bezawit Hill, next to the former palace of Haile Selassie. Overnight in Bahir Dar.

Day 04 Sightseeing of the former capital - Gondar

After breakfast, drive north to Gondar. The drive will take you through rural villages offering wonderful insights into the Amhara culture and the traditional agricultural methods still in use today. After arrival in Gondar and brief check-in to the hotel, the afternoon will be spent exploring the sites of Gondar, including a visit to the royal enclosure with six castles and several other buildings. Additionally, visit Fasilida's pool, still used for Timket celebrations today, and the Debre Birhan Selassie church with the most famous ceiling in Ethiopia. Overnight hotel in Gondar.

Day 09 Gheralta – Tigray rock hewn churches - Mekelle

Continue through the state of Tigray to explore some of the less visited rock hewn churches of Ethiopia. Some of the most popular churches are Abuna Yemata Guh and those in the Gheralta cluster. Drive to Mekelle. Overnight in Mekelle.

Day 08 Axum– Yeha- Debre Damo-Gheralta

After breakfast, drive to visit the ruins of Yeha, dating from the 8th to 5th centuries BC and thought to be the capital of Ethiopian civilization before Axum. Afterwards, visit the Debra Damo monastery, where the men (sorry! No women allowed) must climb up a 15m rope to enter. Overnight in Hawasein at Gheralta Lodge.

Day 07 Axum

Today is a full day visiting the sights in Axum. Sights to visit to include the famous obelisks (one that was just erected after being returned from Italy) the queen of Sheba's bath (which supplies water to Axum all year round), King Bazen's tomb, and the Queen of Sheba's palace. You will also visit the St. Mary of Zion church, where the Ark of the Covenant is kept according to local Ethiopian tradition. Only men are allowed to enter the old church. Unfortunately, no one (except one specially chosen guardian monk) is allowed to enter the chapel where the Ark is kept. Overnight in Axum.

Day 06 Semien Mountains – Axum

After breakfast, travel to Axum, enjoying the final views of the Semien Mountains after stopping for lunch in Adarky and driving through the Tekeze Valley to Axum, home of the ancient Axumite Empire, the Queen of Sheba, and the Ark of the Covenant. Overnight in Axum.

Day 05 Gondar – Semien Mountains National Park

Early in the morning, drive to the magnificent Semien Mountains National Park. The jagged mountains and deep valleys lend spectacular views to these mountains, which are home to many of the endemic animal species of Ethiopia, including the gelada baboon (guaranteed to be seen) as well as the rare Walia ibex and Ethiopian wolf. In the afternoon there will be time for hikes in the area surrounding the lodge. Overnight in Debarc.

* Upon request the above tour program can be modified, re-arranged, or combined with other itineraries.



Day 10 Mekelle – Lalibela

Drive from Mekelle to Lalibela, passing through the dramatic landscapes of the Ethiopian highlands. Overnight in Lalibela.

Day 11 Rock-Hewn Churches of Lalibela

Full day visiting 11 rock-hewn churches of the remarkable King Lalibela. In the morning, visit the north western cluster of churches: Bete Medhane Alem, Bete Maryam, Bete Meskel, Bete Danaghel, Bete Mikael & Bete Golotha (entry not permitted for women). After lunch, continue with the south eastern cluster of churches: Bete Gabriel-Rufael, Bete Merkorios, Bete Amanual, and Bete Abba Libanos. Finally, visit the most famous of all the churches, Bet Giyorgis, a huge monolith in the shape of a cross and constructed in honour of St. George, the patron saint of Ethiopia. Overnight in Lalibela (tourist standard hotel).

Day 12 Asheten Mariam – Yimrehane Kirstos Day

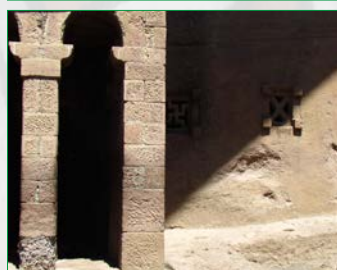
In the morning, take a hike up the mountain overlooking the town of Lalibela to the Asheton Maryam monastery. Hiking may be done on foot or with a mule, if desired. After lunch, take an afternoon trip to visit the church of Yimrehanne Kirstos, the most popular of the churches outside of Lalibela. This church was built in the late Axumite style, with layers of wood and granite, set in the entrance to a large cavern. Overnight in Lalibela.

Day 13 Lalibela - Kombelcha

Drive from Lalibela to Kombolcha via Woldia, stopping in the town of Hayk to visit the lake and the local monastery. Overnight in Kombolcha.

Day 14 Kombelcha – Addis Ababa

Return by car to Addis via Debre Birhan. On the way, if this day is a Monday, there will be a short detour in the morning to stop in Bati for one of the largest markets in the country, including the interesting camel market. In the evening, farewell party with cultural dinner and traditional special buffet and local drinks to experience Ethiopia's local cuisine and culinary culture. After farewell party, transfer to Bole International Airport for departure. End of the Tour.



Day 08 Lalibela - Addis Ababa

Fly back to Addis Ababa. In the evening/afternoon, farewell party with cultural dinner and traditional special buffet and local drinks to experience Ethiopia's local cuisine and culinary culture. After farewell party transfer to Bole International Airport for departure. End of the Tour.

Day 07 Lalibela

In the morning, visit the south-eastern cluster of churches: Bet Gabriel-Rufael, Bet-Merkorios, Bet-Amanual, and Bet-Abba Libanos. Finally, visit the most famous of all the churches Bet-Giyorgis, a huge monolith in the shape of a cross and constructed in honour of St. George, the patron saint of Ethiopia. After lunch, take an afternoon trip to visit the church of Yimrehanne Kristos. The most popular of the churches outside of Lalibela, this church is built in the late Axumite style, with layers of wood and granite, set in the entrance to a large cavern. After the visit, return to Lalibela for the night.

Day 06 Axum - Lalibela

In the morning take a flight to Lalibela, the most famous of all of the Ethiopian historical sites. After lunch, begin to explore the 11 rock-hewn churches of the great king Lalibela, visiting the north western cluster of churches: Bet-Medhane Alem, Bet Maryam, Bet-Meskel, Bet-Danghel, Bet-Mikael & Bet-Gologtha. Overnight hotel in Lalibela.

Day 05 Axum - Yeha - Debre Damo - Axum

After breakfast, drive to visit the ruins of Yeha, dating from the 8th to 5th centuries BC and thought to be the capital of Ethiopian civilization before Axum. Afterwards, visit the Debre-Damo monastery, situated at the top of a hill, where the men climb up a 15m rope to enter the monastery. Return to Axum for the night.



Day 04 Gondar - Axum

In the morning, fly from Gondar to Axum. Today is a full day visiting the sights in Axum. Sights to visit include the famous obelisks, the Queen of Sheba's Bath (which supplies water to Axum year round), King Bazen's tomb, and the Queen of Sheba's palace. You will also visit the St. Mary of Zion church, where the Ark of the Covenant is kept, according to local Ethiopian tradition. Only men are allowed to enter the old church. Unfortunately, no one (except one specially chosen guardian monk) is allowed to enter the chapel where the Ark is kept. Overnight in Axum.



NORTH - Historical tour by air

Program: Historical tour*

Tour duration: 8 days

Transport: Air  Land  Boat 

Visit:

Day 01 Sightseeing of Addis Ababa

Arrival at Bole international Airport. Warm reception by LYT guide and driver and transfer to hotel for check in. City tour of Addis Ababa including: the panoramic viewpoint on Mount Entoto, Merkato (said to be Africa's largest market of its kind), the National Museum (home of Lucy, hominid skeleton dating back 3.2 million years) and the Ethnographic Museum. Overnight in Addis Ababa.

Day 02 Addis Ababa – Bahir Dar (Lake Tana and Blue Nile Fall)

Fly to Bahir Dar. In the morning take a boat trip on Lake Tana to explore the monasteries hidden on the shores and islands. In the afternoon take a city tour of Bahir Dar, visiting Bezawit Hill and the former the palace of Haile Selassie, as well as the bustling market. In the afternoon depart the town to the Blue Nile Falls for an easy hike in the area. Finish the day with a lovely sunset over the lake. Overnight in Bahir Dar.

Day 03 Sightseeing in Gondar

In the morning, drive from Bahir Dar north to Gondar. Explore the sights of Gondar, including a visit to the royal enclosure with six castles and several other buildings. Additionally, visit Fasilides's Pool, Debre Birhan Selassie Church which is still used for Timket celebrations today, with the most famous ceiling in Ethiopia, and Kuskuum, a former place in a partial state of ruin overlooking the ancient city of Gondar. Overnight in Gondar.

Ethiopia - one of the most ethnically interesting areas of Africa



SOUTH

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Valley tribes I

Program: Cultural tour*

Tour duration: 12 days

Transport: Land  **Boat** 

Visit:

Day 01 Addis Ababa city tour

Arrival at Bole international Airport. Warm reception by LYT guide and driver and transfer to hotel for check in. City tour of Addis Ababa including: the panoramic viewpoint on Mount Entoto, Merkato (said to be Africa's largest market of its kind), the National Museum (home of Lucy, hominid skeleton dating back 3.2 million years) and the Ethnographic Museum. Overnight in Addis Ababa.

Day 02 Lake Ziway - Wondo Genet - Hawassa

Drive south from Addis Ababa via the Great Rift Valley, stopping on the way at Lake Ziway to observe the variety of birdlife on the shores of the lake. Make a final stop at Wondo Genet, the favorite weekend getaway of former emperor Haile Selassie for a swim in the pool and a shower in the therapeutic hot spring waters. Overnight in Hawassa.

Day 03 Lake Hawassa - Dorze tribe - lokal market - Arba Minch

In the morning, visit the market on Lake Hawassa, and then continue to Arba Minch. On the way, ascend into the Gughe Mountains to visit the Dorze people who are known for their tall beehive like houses and their fine cotton weaving. Market days in the Dorze village are Mondays and Thursday, and in Checha on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Overnight in Arba Minch.

Day 04 Lake Chamo - lokal market - Jinka

In the morning, take boat trip on Lake Chamo to visit the crocodile market and see the hippopotamus. After the visit, continue driving to Jinka via Weyto (market day Sunday) and Key Afar (market day Thursday). Overnight in Jinka.

Day 05 Mago National Park - Mursi tribe - lokal market

Drive to Mago National Park to visit the Mursi tribe who are known for their lower lip and earlobe plates. Afterwards, return to Jinka to visit the South Omo Museum and Research Centre for more information about the tribes. Additionally, Tuesdays and Saturday are market days in Jinka which will be visited. Overnight in Jinka.

Day 06 Hamer tribe - Dimeka market

Drive from Jinka to Turmi, home of the Hamer people. On the way, stop off in Dimeka for the local market, which is on Tuesday and Saturday. This is one of the most colourful markets in South Omo and is visited by the neighbouring Hamer, Benna, Karo, Tsemai and Ari tribes. At night, see the traditional night dancing of the Hamer people, known as Evangadi. Overnight in Turmi

Day 07 Omorate - Dasennech tribe - Hamer tribe ceremony - Turmi

In the morning, drive to Omorate and cross the Omo River by local boat to visit the Dasennech tribe (also known as the Galeb tribe). Afterwards, return to Turmi and witness the traditional Hamer wedding ceremony, the jumping of the bulls, if taking place at time of visit. Monday is market day in Turmi. Overnight in Turmi.



Day 08 Karo, Murulle, Kolcho, Dus tribes

Today will be a day trip to visit the people of the Karo tribe. Depart from Turmi to the villages of Murulle, Kolcho and Dus, on the shores of the Omo River. The Karo people are the smallest in number of all of the tribes of the Omo Valley and they are known for their elaborate decorations, particularly during local ceremonies. Return to Turmi.



Day 09 Erbore- lokal market - Konso

Drive from Turmi to Konso, via Erbore in the Weyto Valley. Friday is the market day in Erbore so, if passing on this day, the market will be visited. Market days in Konso are Monday and Thursdays. The Konso people are known for their totems erected in honour of the dead, and their intricate agricultural terracing techniques. Overnight in Konso.

Day 10 Konso tribe - „New York Village“ - Yabello

In the morning, visit a local Konso village and the “natural New York village” which gets its name from the tall sand formations that resemble skyscrapers. After the visit, drive to Yabello for overnight.

Day 11 Borena tribe - Dublock - El Sod Lake - Langano

After breakfast, continue South from Yabello the local Borena village for Dublock to visit the singing wells where the locals form chanting chains of people to remove buckets of water from the long channelled openings of the wells. Afterwards continue to El Sod, a crater lake where salt is mined from the lake for sale and use throughout Ethiopia. After the visit, drive to Langano for overnight at Sabanah Lodge.

Day 12 Langano Lake - Shalal National Park - Shala Lake - Abiatta Lake - Addis Abeba

In the morning, after a refreshing swim in the lake, depart from Langano to visit the nearby Abiatta – Shalal National Park. Shala Lake is a very deep crater lake (over 260 meters deep) and Abiatta Lake is a soda lake which attracts thousands of flamingos. After the visit, continue back to Addis. End of the Tour.

**Omo Valley tribes II****Program: Cultural tour*****Tour duration: 8 days****Transport: Land**  **Boat** **Visit:****Day 01 Addis Ababa city tour**

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Day 02 Lake Ziway - Dorze tribe - Arba Minch

Drive south from Addis via the Great Rift Valley, stopping on the way at Lake Ziway to visit the variety birdlife on the shores of the lake, and continuing to Arba Minch via Sodo, Ascend into the Gughe Mountains to visit the Dorze people, who are known for their tall beehive like houses and their fine cotton weaving. After the visit, continue to Arba Minch for overnight in Arba Minch.

Day 03 Lake Chamo - Jinka

In the morning, take a boat trip on Lake Chamo to visit the crocodile market and see the hippopotamuses. After the boat trip continue driving to Jinka via Weyto (market day Sunday) and Key Afar (market day Thursday). Overnight in Jinka.

Day 04 Mago National Park - Mursi and Ari tribes

After breakfast drive to Mago National Park to visit the Mursi tribe, who are known for their lower lip and earlobe plates. Afterwards, return to Jinka to the Ari village and visit the South Omo Museum & Research Centre for more information about the tribes. Additionally, Tuesdays and Saturdays are market days in Jinka which will be visited. Overnight in Jinka.

Day 05 Dimeka Market - Turmi

Drive from Jinka to Tumi, home of the Hamar people. On the way, stop in Dimeka for the local market, which takes place on Tuesdays and Saturdays. This is one of the most colourful markets in South Omo and is visited by the neighbouring Hamar, Benna, Karo, Tsemai and Ari tribes. At night, see the traditional night dancing of the Hamar people known as Evangdi. Overnight in Turmi.

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**Day 08 Arba Minch - Addis Ababa**

In the evening, farewell party with cultural dinner and traditional special buffet and local drinks to experience Ethiopia's cultural meals and drinks. After farewell party transfer to airport for international departure. End of the Tour.

Day 07 Konso tribe - Arba Minch

Drive from Turmi to Arba Minch, via Erbore in the Weyto Valley and Konso. Friday is market day in Erbore, so if passing on this day, the market will be visited. Stop in Konso to visit the Konso people, who are known for their totems erected in honour of the dead, and their intricate agricultural terracing techniques. Afterwards, drive to Arba Minch. Overnight in Arba Minch.

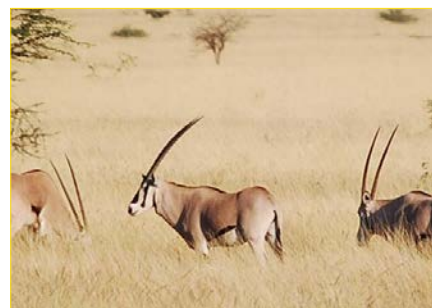
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**Day 05 Awash National Park - Addis Ababa**

Early in the morning, go for a game drive in Awash National Park to visit the wonderful birdlife and wildlife, such as oryx, baboons, greater and lesser kudu, warthogs, gazelles, and Columbus monkeys. The landscapes in the park are beautiful, looking over the Awash Gorge with its waterfalls. After the visit, drive back to Addis Ababa. In the evening, farewell party with cultural dinner and traditional special buffet and local drinks to experience Ethiopia's cultural meals and drinks. After farewell, party transfer to airport for international departure. End of the Tour.

Day 04 explore Harar - Awash

In the morning, visit the remaining places of interest in Harar. In the afternoon, drive to Awash for overnight in lodge at Awash National Park.

**Awash National Park and Harar - sacred Muslim city**

Program: Awash National Park with numerous volcanic forms, diversity of fauna and fortified historic town of Harar*

Tour duration: 5 days**Transport: Land**  **Air** **Visit:****Day 01 Addis Ababa city tour - Dire Dawa**

City tour of Addis Ababa including: the panoramic viewpoint on Mount Entoto, Merkato (said to be Africa's largest market of its kind), the National Museum (home of Lucy, hominid skeleton dating back 3.2 million years). After lunch, transfer to the airport for afternoon flight to Dire Dawa. Overnight in Dire Dawa.

Day 02 Babile - Valley of Marvels local market and camel market - Harar

In the morning, drive out to Babile and the Valley of Marvels. The Valley of Marvels has wonderful landscapes and is famous for its balancing rock formations. Additionally, the town of Babile has a very large market on Saturdays and a camel market on Mondays and Thursdays. Afterwards, continue to Harar for overnight in Harar. At night, visit the Hyena Men who feed the hyenas every night just outside the walls of the city. You can even have a go at feeding the hyenas yourself, with your mouth! Overnight in Harar.

Day 03 Harar city tour

Today is a full day dedicated to exploring the walled city of Harar - with its colourful markets, unique people and houses, countless mosques and shrines. Overnight in Harar.





CHALLENGES

route 1

BIRDING

"Birds - winged wealth of Ethiopia"

Program: exploring wildlife of Ethiopia, bird watching of the Horn of Africa*

Tour duration: 15 days

Transport: Land

Visit:

Day 01

Arrival at Addis Ababa. Visit Geferesa Reservoir. Overnight in the hotel in Addis Ababa.

Day 02

Day trip to Debr Libanos and Solulta Plain. Overnight in the hotel in Addis Ababa.

Day 03

Drive to Awash National Park. Overnight in Genet Hotel in Awash town.

Day 04

Explore Awash National Park. Overnight in Awash Falls Lodge.

Day 05

Drive to Lake Langano briding en route. Overnight in Savannah Lodge Hotel.

Day 06

Birding around Lake Langano shore of Abiatta National Park. Overnight in Wondo Genet.

Day 07

Briding around Wondo Genet. Overnight in Wondo Genet.

Day 15

Return to Addis Ababa after early morning birding, stopping at Ziway and Debrezeyit. Overnight hotel in Addis Ababa. In the evening farewell party with cultural dinner and traditional special buffet and local drinks to experience Ethiopia's cultural meals and drinks. After farewell party transfer to airport for international departure. End of the Tour.

Day 14

Drive northwards to Hawassa, birding on the way. Overnight in Hawassa.

Day 13

Explore area around Yabello. Overnight in Mobile Hotel.

Day 12

Birding in Bale National Park. Overnight in Goba Hotel.

Day 11

Birding around Negele. Overnight in Green Hotel.

Day 10

Drive to Negele, birding in route across Senetti Plateau and through Harennna Forest. Overnight in Green Hotel Negele.

Day 09

Birding in Bale National Park. Overnight in Goba Hotel.

Day 08

Continue on to Bale National Park. Overnight in Goba Hotel.



Day 05

Early in the morning start to climb the mountain, see around volcano areas for night picture site selection. You will enjoy the night with the serious eruption of volcano. O/N on open air.

Day 04

Morning visiting salt production around the lake Afdera and late in the morning drive to Dodome village. In the afternoon drive further to the bottom of the mountain for an overnight stay O/N camping.

Day 03

Leave Semera to Lake Afdera via Serdo. O/N camping.

Day 02

Leave Addis to Semera [capital of afar] via Awash National Park. O/N camping OR basic hotel.

Day 01

Addis Ababa arrival.

Visit:

DANAKIL DEPRESSION

Real adventure in the lowest point throughout Africa and one of the hottest places on the planet. Simply one of the finest adventures on the surface of the Earth!

Program: Adventure tour to Dallol, an active volcano Erta Ale and the Danakil Depression*

Tour duration: 9 nights/8 days

Transport: Air **Land**

CHALLENGES

route 2



Day 06

Early in the morning be back to the car and drive to Hammedella village for an overnight stay O/N camping.

Day 07

After breakfast drive to Lake Assale and Dallol. Spend the day visiting the rock salt mine, the camel caravan, and Dallol area. O/N camping.

Day 08

Leave Hammed Ella to Mekelle O/H HOTEL.

Day 09

Fly Mekelle to Addis Ababa. Evening departure or you can extend your program to the historic route of the North and /or Tigray rock-hewn churches.



Day 08

Trek Ambiquo – Sona. O/N camping at Sona.

Day 09

Trek Sona – Mekarebia. O/N camping at Mekarebia.

Day 10

Trek Mekarebia – Mulit. O/N camping at Mulit

Day 11

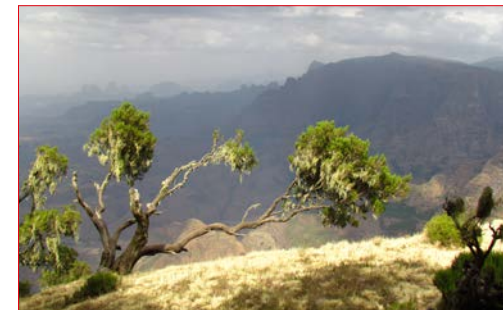
Trek Mulit – Adi Arkay and drive to Axum. O/N Hotel.

Day 12

Visit **Axum** attractions. O/N Hotel.

Day 13

Fly back to Addis and city tour of **Addis Ababa**. Evening departure.



CHALLENGES

route 3



SEMEN MOUNTAINS TREKKING

„on the roof” of Africa

Program: Trekking in Semien Mountains with visiting Axum, Gonder and Addis Ababa attractions*

Tour duration: 13 nights/12 days

Transport: Air **Land**

Visit:

Day 01

Arrival in **Addis Ababa**. O/N Hotel

Day 02

Fly Addis Ababa – Gonder and visit **Gonder** attractions. O/N Hotel.

Day 03

Drive Gonder to Sankaber. O/N camping at Sankaber.

Day 04

Trek Sankaber – Geech. O/N camping at Geech.

Day 05

Trek Geech – Chenek. O/N camping at Chenek.

Day 06

Trek Chenek - Ambiquo via Buahit. O/N camping at Ambiquo.

Day 07

Trek Ambiquo – Ras Dashen – Ambiquo. O/N camping at Ambiquo.

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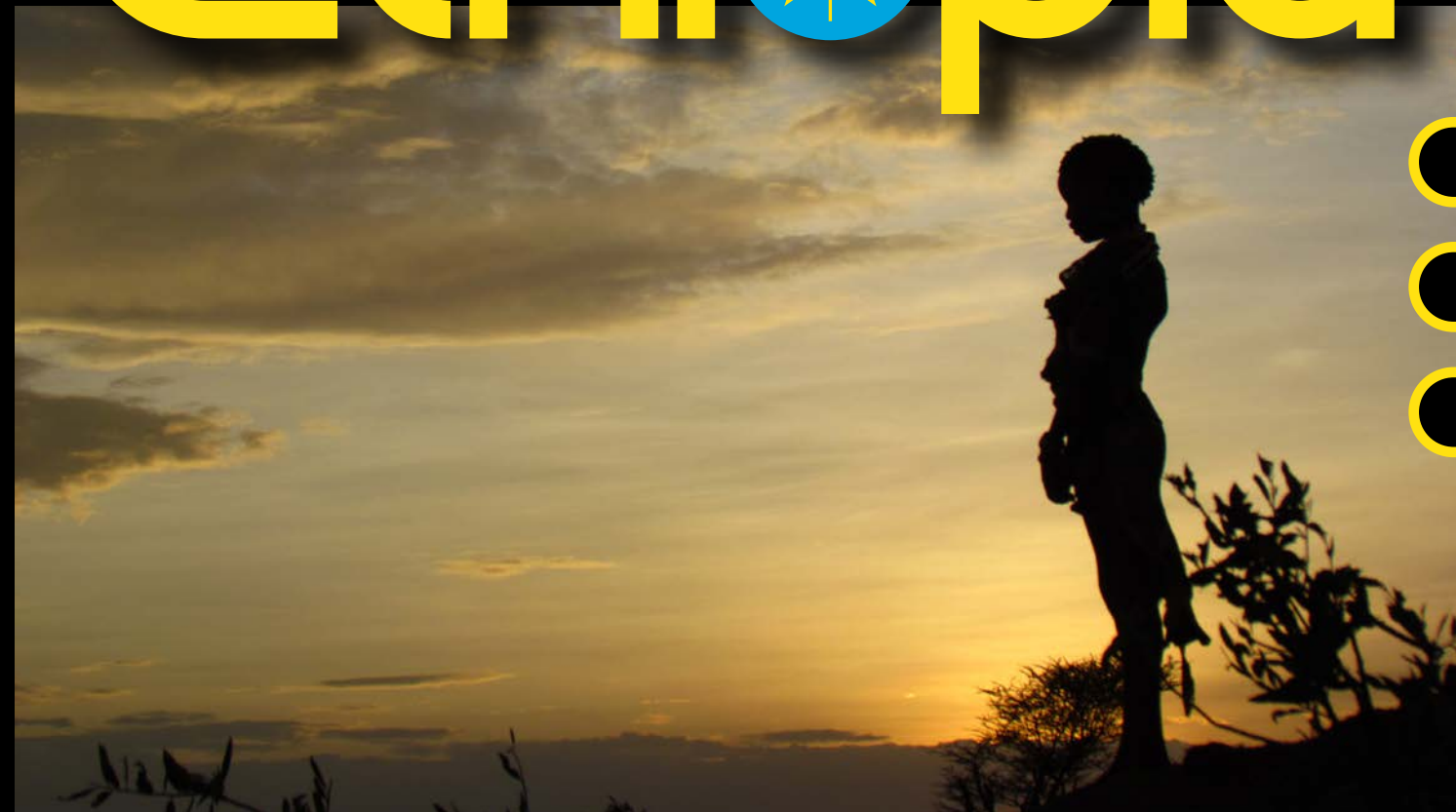
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following in the footsteps of legends and ancient emperors

SOUTH

getting to know the tribes diversity and exploring the South

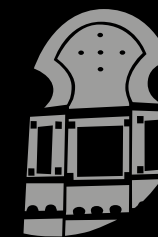
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