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28 Oct -14 Nov 2019 (17 days) Historic Route & Omo Valley Tribal Ethiopia

Cost Rm16,800 (per pax for 10 pax group), Rm16,500 (11-12 pax), RM15,800 (14 pax) (Included International flight & 4 sector domestic flight)

(Note : Based on USD 1 = RM4.10. We will make final adjustment on the cost based on the USD exchange rate in Sep-Oct 2018)

Update 3 Jan 2019 - Beautiful Landscape, people and culture are top reason why should we explore Ethiopia. Sept to year end is dry season, which is one of best time to go. Visa can be done via online effective 1st June 2018. Trip costs is based on today's flight fare at Rm3300 and will be updated if there is any changes. If fares are higher, group tops up. If lower, overall cost will be lowered. Please inform if you wish to extend to Danakil Expression after the trip. Please email rachelheng123@gmail.com to register.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This is meant to be a "free and easy" adventure trip. Participants should be relatively fit, with a good sense of humour, and above all, have the right attitude for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fuss-pots, and other similiarly assorted types! We had a couple of those before and it wasn't pleasant for us or them. Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and cause some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have fun!



Day 1 (28 Oct) KLIA-SIN-Addis Ababa : Meet at KLIA for flight ET619 at 2325PM. Will stopover SIN for 1hr15mins before off again to Addis Ababa. ON Plane.

Day 2 (29 Oct) Addis Ababa: Arrived ADD at 0635AM in the morning. Addis Ababa (the name means 'new flower'), the Ethiopian capital, is a delightful place to explore. Morning city tour of the capital including the National museum where you will visit the cast of 3.2 million years old "Lucy" and different historical monuments, continue the city tour at the Ethnological Museum which was the palace of his majesty Emperor Haile Selassie, this museum provides an overview of Ethiopian crafts, culture and art. Finally drive to Merkato, the largest open-air market in East Africa. Check in hotel. Overnight (ON) Addis Ababa.

Day 3 (30 Oct) Addis Ababa -Bahir Dar (Flight): Fly Addis Ababa to Bahirdar. Meet local guide in Bahirdar and visit the Blue Nile fall & Lake Tana monastries. The beautiful, palm-fringed town of Bahir Dar is situated at the southern end of Lake Tana. In the morning, visit the Tis-ISSAT waterfalls of the Blue Nile and in the afternoon you can enjoy a relaxing boat trip to two famous churches on the lake, in their treasuries precious icons, bibles and Coptic crosses are kept. O/N Bahirdar.

Day 4 (31 Oct) Bahir Dar - Gondar (185KM): Take a trip to the former residence of Emperor Haile Selassie I, and enjoy a panoramic view from here on the Blue Nile, Lake Tana and the town of Bahir Dar. Then go to the imperial city of Gondar, which was founded in 1632 by the Emperor Fasilidas and was a center of Ethiopian art, literature and science for many decades. (Takes about 3 to 4 hours). City tour to the sites of Gonder in the afternoon will include the city's unique Imperial compound which contains a number of Castles built between 1632 and 1855 by various Emperors who reigned during this period , the bath of King Fasilides, and the church of Debre Berhan Selassie with its unique murals. O/N Gonder.



Gondar

Day 5 (1 Nov) Gondar - Simen Mountains - Debark (120KM to Semien Park): Day excursion to Semien Mountains National Park. In the morning drive to Debark and continue to the Simien Mountains National park, magnificent mountain scenery of the Semien Mountains. After a walk of about 1-2h a panoramic view opens on the mountain chains of the entire environment. With a little luck you can watch Gelada Baboon or bearded vulture. Walk in the park. Have picnic lunch. Drive back to Debark for overnight. O/N Debark



Simien National Park//Gelada Baboon

Day 6 (2 Nov) Debark -Axum (260 KM) : Leave Debark and drive parallel to spectacular switchbacks to the Semien Mountains towards Axum. Green plateaus, steep cliffs and steep slopes characterize this impressive mountain scenery. On a clear day you can even see the highest mountain in Ethiopia, the Ras Dashen (4550 m). Many endemic species like Rotbrustpavian, Ethiopian wolf and Ethiopian ibex live in Semien National Park (UNESCO World Heritage). Today journey estimate take 6 to 8 hours and expected arrive evening in Axum.O/N Axum



Axum

Day 7 (3 Nov) Visit the sites of Axum (20KM in town) : Axum, the former capital of the kingdom, is a center of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. From the heyday of the Axumite kingdom come, the 30-meter-high grave stelae. St. Mary's Church, the original Tablets of the Law of Moses to be saved. The tour of the ruins of former palaces, royal tombs, the "Bath of the Queen of Sheba" and other interesting buildings are now on the agenda. O/N Axum.

Day 8 (4 Nov) Axum - Lalibela (Flight) : A short flight across the mountain plateau to reach Lalibela. Up on arrival drive 22 Kilometers from Lalibela airport to Lalibela town and transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon visit the first group of the 11 rock-hewn monolithic churches. This world-famous rock-hewn churches were built by King Lalibela in the early 13th Century. One of the world's most incredible man-made creations, they are a lasting monument to man's faith in God. Most travel writers describe these churches as the "eighth wonder of the world". These remarkable edifices were carved out of a solid rock, in a region where the ragged landscape still protects the churches. O/N Lalibela.

Day 9 (5 Nov) Rock Churches of Lalibela : In the morning excursion along a rocky path through a beautiful mountainous landscape to wander Asheten Maryam Church. The trek can be made by foot or mule (Optional). Afternoon visit to the remaining churches of Lalibela. As a showpiece of all the buildings is St. George's Church, which has been carved in the shape of a cross from the rock, late afternoon take part in a traditional tea ceremony in town, which is an important part of Ethiopian culture. O/N Lalibela



Lalibela

Day 10 (6 Nov) Fly Lalibela - Addis (Flight) : Drive Addis to Hawassa (270 KM) - Fly back to Addis Ababa, where will meet your driver who will take you into the Rift Valley to Hawaasa Lake. On a short hike you can enjoy the nature with countless species of birds and mammals, such as discovering the imposing black-and-white colobus monkeys. O/N Hawassa



Day 11 (7 Nov) Hawassa- Arbaminch (220KM) : Experience today the fascinating culture and unique architecture of the indigenous peoples of the South. They travel first to the village of Wolayta, which is located in a spectacular landscape with green hills, before continuing to Chench Mountain and visit the Dorze people. O/N Arbaminch.

Day 12 (8 Nov) Arbaminch - Konso (90KM) : Boat excursion on Lake Chamo, to see the biggest African crocodiles, and Hippopotamus as well as beautiful aquatic birds including the lovely Kingfisher and Fish Eagle. Drive to Konso en route visiting different cultural people and their villages which includes, Gamo, Derashe, Konso people and undulating landscape of Konso and the surrounding area. Check in to hotel. O/N Konso

Day 13 (9 Nov) Konso -Jinka (140KM) : Morning visit one nice village of Konso. The Konso are famous for their old and unique terracing, unusual engraved wooden statues of Konso grave markers. The consolidation created a unique cultural landscape by terracing the hill slopes to the intensive cultivation and irrigation of crops. The unusual interaction between man and nature, was honored in June 2011 with the appointment as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After the village drive to meet the traditional King of Konso and visit his home & family. Drive to the colorful KeyAfer market before Jinka. O/N Jinka.

Day 14 (10 Nov) Jinka - Turmi (Jinka-Mago-Jinka 150KM; Jinka - Turmi 80KM) : Today we cross Mago National Park to the land of the Mursi. The first arduous trip is rewarded with the sight of the vast plain on the Mursi Hills. The Mursi men are renowned warriors, and whose women are famous for the lip plates which is highly considered as sign of beauty. The Mursi live in the dry season on the western slopes of the Omo and grow Sorghum, corn and vegetables, they spend the rainy season, with their cattle herds in the Tama steppe. In addition, they do hunting and fishing. Back to Jinka town for Lunch. Drive to Turmi. O/N Turmi



Interesting painting ethnic at South Ethiopia

Day 15 (11 Nov) Turmi (Turmi - Karo- Turmi 130KM) : In the morning visit small ethnic group of diamonds on the Omo River called Karo. Particularly impressive from Konso are their body paintings and decorations scars. The Karo Tribe is the smallest tribe in the Omo Valley, South Ethiopia, and resides along the banks of the Omo River. Afternoon spend time in Hammer villages in Turmi. Luckily you may get the chance to attend the wedding ceremony of the Hammers, the traditional “bull jumping” (attending fees by own), it is a rite of passage for men before a man is permitted to marry. O/N Turmi.

Day 16 (12 Nov) Turmi-Omorate-Arbaminch (140KM) : The day begins with a visit to the Dassanech in Omorate. Drive to Omorate about 70 km southwest of Turmi and visit the tribe of Dasanech . Omorate lies on the banks of the Omo. A dugout canoe takes you across the river to a settlement or the Dasanech /Galeb. The semi-nomadic protect their light huts and cattle with thorns from wild animals. The men wear ivory pegs in the lower lip or ear lobe scars and jewelry. They show their victories with Tonkappen in her hair. Drive back to Turmi for lunch and then continue to Arbaminch. On the way back you will pass through the village of Weyto, which is home to the Tsemai tribe. O/N Arbaminch.

Day 17 (13 Nov) Arbaminch - Addis Ababa (Flight) - Fly Home : Take the afternoon flight from Arbaminch to Addis. You can have a last minute shopping in Addis. The evening goes with a traditional meal with a beautiful dance performance at the end. Transfer to the airport and flight back to home. Go to airport after dinner. Take next day early morning (14th Nov) flight ET638 ADDKUL 0010. O/N Plane.

Day 18 (14 Nov) Home : Reached home at afternoon 1710PM (14 NOV).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Cost covers international flight, 4 sector domestic flight included tax & fuel surcharges, accommodation, transportation (midivan & 4WD), entrance fees, boat trip on Lake Tana & Lake Chamo
2. Accommodation will be in budget hotels.

3. Not covered are international flight airport taxes (subject to change appx RM1100 based 2018), Lunch & Dinner (RM30-60 p/day) except breakfast, in-town taxis, Visa USD52 (Appx RM207), Yellow Fever Vaccine.
4. Guide/driver accompanying group do expect tips. Yongo encourages group members to be generous but should commensurate with services rendered.
5. A deposit of [Rm2000](#) is payable to confirm your place.
6. Cost is subject to change if there's significant changes in foreign exchange rates and airfares.

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