

Coffee Tour

Explore the origin of Coffee and coffee growing areas in Ethiopia (14 days)

Itinerary 7-1

Day 1 Arrival and a city tour of Addis. Overnight hotel.

Day 2 Drive to Awash on arrival a visit to the Awash waterfall located inside Awash National Park where you will also see some wild life such as Oryx and gazelle and many different birds. Overnight hotel

Day 3 Drive to Harar on the way enjoy some colourful weekly markets, on Arrival a visit to the hyena feeding show at night. Overnight hotel

Day 4 Excursion to the Eastern Hararge highlands which grows the best coffee in the world. There will be a chance to visit a local farmer's house in the area. Overnight hotel

Day 5 Excursion to the old city of Harar, Overnight hotel

Day 6 A visit to the Railway station in Dire Dawa before your flight back to Addis. The railway station is the reason for the city came in to being when it is founded in 1902. It is the only railway line in the country which connects Addis Ababa to Djibouti through Dire Dawa and it still uses very old styled diesel locomotives. Overnight hotel

Day 7 Drive to Awassa, on the way visit some of the Rift Valley lakes and its bird life's. Overnight hotel

Day 8 Visit the daily fish market in Awassa before departing to Yirgalem, which is the heart of the Sidama region and one of the leading coffee growing areas in the country. Overnight hotel

Day 9 Visit the surrounding coffee farms and a visit to one the local farmers house. There will be a chance to experience the traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony. Overnight hotel

Day 10 Drive to Arba Minch, on the way visit the Wolayta tribes village who are mixed farmers; they grow coffee and false banana. The false banana or inset is a plant which grows in the same manner as the true banana but it never grows the fruit, it is known to be the staple food for most of the population in the southern part of the country and it is indigenous to Ethiopia. Overnight hotel

Day 11 In the morning a visit to the Chenchu Mountain to see the Dorze tribes' village and in the afternoon a visit to Chamo Lake to see the wild hippos and crocodiles with lots of different water birds. Overnight hotel

Day 12 Drive to Jimma through Sodo. Jimma is the heart of the keffa region where coffee is originated from. On the way visit one of the local coffee farms and a local farmer's house. Overnight hotel.

Day 13 Excursion to one of the surrounding Kefa regions which is known to be the birth place of coffee where coffee grows wild in the forest, there will be the chance to visit the Keficho tribes village. Overnight hotel

Day 14 Drive back to Addis

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