

## Historic North

### [Historic North by Flight \( 5 days \)](#)

#### Itinerary 1-1

Day 1 Fly to Bahir Dar on arrival

An excursion to the Blue Nile Falls and the monastery on Lake Tana.

Day 2

Fly to Gondar. On arrival a city tour of the medieval castle enclosure and the Church. Overnight, Hotel.

Day 3

Fly to Lalibela. On arrival a tour to the rock hewn churches of Lalibela. Overnight, Hotel

Day 4

Fly to Aksum, On arrival a city tour of Aksum which includes the archaeological sites and the church. Overnight, Hotel.

Day 5 Fly back to Addis Ababa.

### [Historic North by Flight \( 7 days \)](#)

#### Itinerary 1-2

Day 1 Fly from Addis to Aksum. On arrival a city tour of Aksum which includes the archaeological sites and the church. Overnight, Hotel.

Day 2 Fly to Lalibela. On arrival a tour to the rock hewn churches of Lalibela. Overnight, Hotel

Day 3 Full day in Lalibela, visit the remaining churches and one of the monasteries outside Lalibela.

Day 4 Fly to Gondar. On arrival a city tour of the medieval castle enclosure and the Church. Overnight, Hotel.

Day 5 Drive to Bahir Dar, on the way enjoy the landscape and the countryside. Overnight, Hotel.

Day 6 Full day in Bahir Dar. An excursion to the Blue Nile Falls and the monastery on Lake Tana.

Day 7 Fly back to Addis.

### [Historic North on surface and Flight \( 13 days \)](#)

#### Itinerary 1-3

Day 1 Fly from Addis to Lalibela. On arrival a tour to the rock hewn churches of Lalibela.

Overnight, Hotel

Day 2 Full day in Lalibela, visit the remaining churches and one of the monasteries outside Lalibela.

Day 3 Drive to Mekele. On the way enjoy the amazing scenery, the countryside and the people. Overnight, hotel.

Day 4 Drive to Gheralta, one of the most striking sites in Ethiopia. Overnight, Hotel.

Day 5 Full day in Gheralta, visiting the Rock churches of Tigray.

Day 6 Drive to Aksum, on the way visit the 7th century Muslim settlement in Ethiopia, and the oldest historical site in Ethiopia at Yeha. Overnight, Hotel.

Day 7 Full day in Aksum. A city tour of Aksum which includes the archaeological sites and the church.

Day 8 Drive to the Simien Mountains National Park through a stunning landscape.

Overnight, Camping or Simien Lodge.

Day 9 Full day in the National Park, enjoying the wildlife and the scenic beauty of the area which can involve few hours walk depending on interests.

Day 10 Drive to Gondar. On arrival a city tour of the medieval castle enclosure and the Church. Overnight, Hotel.

Day 11 Drive to Bahir Dar, on the way enjoy the landscape and the countryside. Overnight, Hotel.

Day 12 Full day in Bahir Dar. An excursion to the Blue Nile Falls and the monastery on Lake Tana.

Day 13 Fly back to Addis.

## [Rock Hewn Churches of Tigray and Lalibela \( 10 days \)](#)

### **Itinerary 1-4**

Day 1 Fly Addis to Lalibela, On arrival a tour to the rock hewn churches of Lalibela.

Overnight, Hotel

Day 2 Full day in Lalibela, visit the remaining churches and one of the monasteries outside Lalibela.

Day 3 Excursion to some of the rock churches located outside Lalibela among which the most famous ones are Yimrehane Kiristos, Mekina Medehanialem, Asheton Mariam and Genete Mariam

Day 4 Drive to Mekele. On the way enjoy the amazing scenery, the countryside and the people. Overnight, hotel.

Day 5 Drive to Gheralta, one of the most striking sites in Ethiopia. On the way visit some of the rock churches in the region, among which are; Mikael Imba, Wukro Cherkos and Abreha we Atsbeha. Overnight, Hotel.

Day 6 Full day in Gheralta, visiting two of the Rock churches Debre Tsion and Mariam Papat.

Day 7 Full day in Gheralta, Visiting the most famous ones, Abune Yemata and Mariam Korkor, which requires a relatively fair fitness in walking up hill and sometimes climbing.

Day 8 Drive to Aksum, en route visit the monastery of Debre Damo; which is only accessed by climbing up on a leather rope (only men are allowed), and a visit to Yeha the oldest historical site in Ethiopia. Overnight, Hotel.

Day 9 Full day in Aksum, a city tour of Aksum which includes the archaeological sites and the church.

Day 10 Fly back to Addis.

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