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Tour Code: OTE-7003
Duration: 22days 21nights
Tour Title: Historic Route with Nature

DAY 1. Arrive in Addis Ababa and transfer to Hotel.

DAY 2. Full day city tour of the capital city, ADDIS ABABA, which includes the National museum trinity cathedral church, MARKET, Ethnographic museum & mount ENTOTO, located at about 3200masl. Overnight at Hotel

DAY 3. Drive about 300kms to FINOTE SELAM; on the way visit the 6th century monastery of DEBRE LIBANOS, Portuguese bridge & Blue Nile gorge. Overnight at Hotel

DAY 4. Drive about 250kms to the city of BAHIRDAR; on the way visit the source of Blue Nile River. Overnight at Hotel

DAY 5. Morning, drive about 32kms graveled road and visit Blue Nile falls, the extension of **Blue Nile River** which travels about 800kms with in the country. In the afternoon, make a boat trip on Lake Tana to Zege peninsula to visit one of the antique churches of Ethiopia **URA KIDANEMIHIRET** famous for its 17th century wall paintings, If time allows AZUA MARIAM church. Overnight in Hotel

DAY 6. Morning drive about 250kms to FILAKIT & further drive to the church of Werkaye Mariam, an old church dedicated to St.Mary, tucked in a large juniper wood, found a few kms out of town. WERKAYE MARIAM is the place where you start your trek to MEQUAT MARIAM community site. Your local guide, mule and muleteers will meet you here. Then you will trek across the plateau following well worn paths (often bolder strewn) through the agricultural landscape of the highlands. At the newly

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renovated church of HANNA MEQUAT, with acacia trees dotted around the church compound, you will get a glimpse of the escarpment edge that will be with you for much of the trip till the tukuls at MEQUAT MARIAM. The total trekking time is about 3hours plus stops. Overnight **MEQUAT MARIAM TUKUL** (Tukul bed rooms-traditional style houses with thatched roof and stone walls).

DAY 7. After breakfast, walk from MEQUAT MARIAM to WAJELA winds along the escarpment for much of the way with staggering views of the river systems and farm land below. Here, there is good chance to see Gelada Baboon & if you are lucky Rock Hyrax & Klipspringer. After a few hours, the MEQUAT community handover the program to the WAJELA community with fresh donkey for the luggage. Here you can eat a simple picnic lunch, carried by one of the community. Towards the middle of the afternoon you will reach the church of KURA ANBESSA GIORGIS, perched on the rock edge, with OLIVE (Olia Africanus) and other indigenous trees around. KURA means “Crow/Raven” and ANBESSA means “Lion”. After KURA ANBESSA GIORGIS you cross the road north across the plateau to the WAJELA site. Overnight **WAJELA TUKUL**

DAY 8. After breakfast, trek along the northern side of the escarpment to the attractive church yard of DEJEN GIORGIS, where you will have your lunch. Afternoon, proceed to Gashena and drive to Lalibela. Overnight in hotel

DAY 9. In the morning, among the 11 well known churches of ROHA LALIBELA visit the first and third group of churches consisting of Bet MEDHANEALEM, Bet MARIAM, Bet MESKEL, Bet DENAGIL, Bet MIKAEL/GOLGOTHA, and Bet GHIORGIS. In the afternoon, visit the remaining 2nd group of churches, which consists of Bet RAFAEL/GEBRIEL, Bet MERKORIOS, Bet EMANUEL, and Bet ABBA LIBANOS. Overnight in hotel

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- DAY 10.** Morning drive to MEKELLE, the capital city of TIGRAY regional state. Overnight at hotel
- DAY 11.** Morning, drive to HAWZEN, on the way, visit the rock hewn churches of Wukro cherkos & abreha we atsbeha. Overnight **GEREALTA** Lodge
- DAY 12.** Morning drive to the city of AXUM & on the way visit DEBRE DAMO monastery (Open only for male visitors) founded by the 6th cen. A.D. Saint, who came to Ethiopia with the other eight saints, ABUNE AREGAWI and finally the pre- historic city of Ethiopia, YEHA, 58kms to AXUM which is the very famous site for its temple believed to be built for one of the Greece gods called “ALMUQAH” meaning the moon god dates back to 450 B.C. Overnight at hotel
- DAY 13.** Morning visit the church of AXUM TSION MARIAM: - the treasury house, the 17th cen. Church & the modern church and among the ancient city of AXUM archaeological sites, the stelae which dates back to the 4th century A.D. Afternoon visit the tomb of two well known kings of their time ATSE KALEB and GEBRE MESKEL at last but not least visit DINGUER palace which is believed to be queen of Sheba’s palace. Overnight in hotel
- DAY 14.** Early morning drive to SIMIEN mountains national park, UNESCO registered national park and a home to WALIYA IBEX an endemic animal, & arrive to the city of DEBARK, stepping ground/the head quarter of Simien mountain national park to collect our entrance ticket & proceed to BUYIT RAS. Overnight Lodge
- DAY 15.** Drive to Chennek & trek in the afternoon. Overnight **Camping**
- DAY 16.** Drive & trek around SANKABER camp site. Overnight **Camping**
- DAY 17.** Morning, drive about 156kms to the city of GONDAR & in the afternoon visit FASIL GIMB built and constructed in the 17th century A.D. with the coming of FASILIDAS as an emperor of Ethiopia, DEBRE BIRHAN SELASSIE church **famous for its**

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angel head frescoes and last but not least visit traditionally known as the bath of FASILIDAS. Overnight in hotel

DAY 18. Fly back to Addis Ababa; drive about 106kms to the city of AMBO. Overnight at Hotel

DAY 19. Morning, drive about 32kms graveled road to visit the spectacular, magnificent, breath-taking & unforgettable crater lake called “WONCHI CRATER LAKE”. Late afternoon, drive to the city of WELISO. Overnight Lodge

DAY 20. Morning, drive to LANGANO, very famous weekend place for Addis Ababa dwellers. Overnight Resort/Lodge

DAY 21. Full-day at leisure in Langano & spend the time by swimming, sunbathing & playing on the shores. Overnight Resort/Lodge

DAY 22. After breakfast, drive back to ADDIS ABABA; use room in your Hotel, last time shopping & in the evening, fair-well dinner in one of the traditional restaurants; then, transfer to the airport for your departure.

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