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Ethiopian celebration

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TIMUNTU TRAVEL PRESENTS

IMMERSIVE JOURNEY: 9 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS
A TOUR IN ETHIOPIA

About...

Timuntu

We are a travel agency specialised in organising traditional and unusual experiences to discover Africa and adapted to families with children. We offer sustainable tourism that respects the environment and local people by promoting an ecological, economic and ethical balance between travellers, communities and the people in charge of our Timuntists once they are there.

We offer expert advice and customisable adventures through authentic and responsible travel experiences.

*Travelling with
Timuntu, it's
giving a meaning
to your journey.*



Notes

BACK TO THE SOURCES

Ethiopia, that mysterious destination where the cradle of humanity is felt. This beautiful country is famous for its richness with the largest variety of historical sites on the continent. Discover an authentic land with breathtaking landscapes. Meet magical people and share the local traditions of the inhabitants. Come back to the source to experience a memorable trip.

THE PROGRAM

Ethiopia does not do anything like everyone else, and that's good! The country lives to the rhythm of its religions and cults, in the heart of an incredibly rich and diverse cultural heritage. You will want to come back to enjoy even more the Ethiopian hospitality, which is a true traditional art of living, whose ancient forms still survive today.

A trip to Ethiopia is an adventure in itself. Conquer the great outdoors and discover unique sites that perfectly illustrate the country's history. The Lower Omo Valley in southern Ethiopia is home to some of the world's last unchanged cultural groups. The region is a melting pot of cultures and communities and represents one of the greatest genetic variances on the continent. Many describe the Omo as the cradle where it all began.

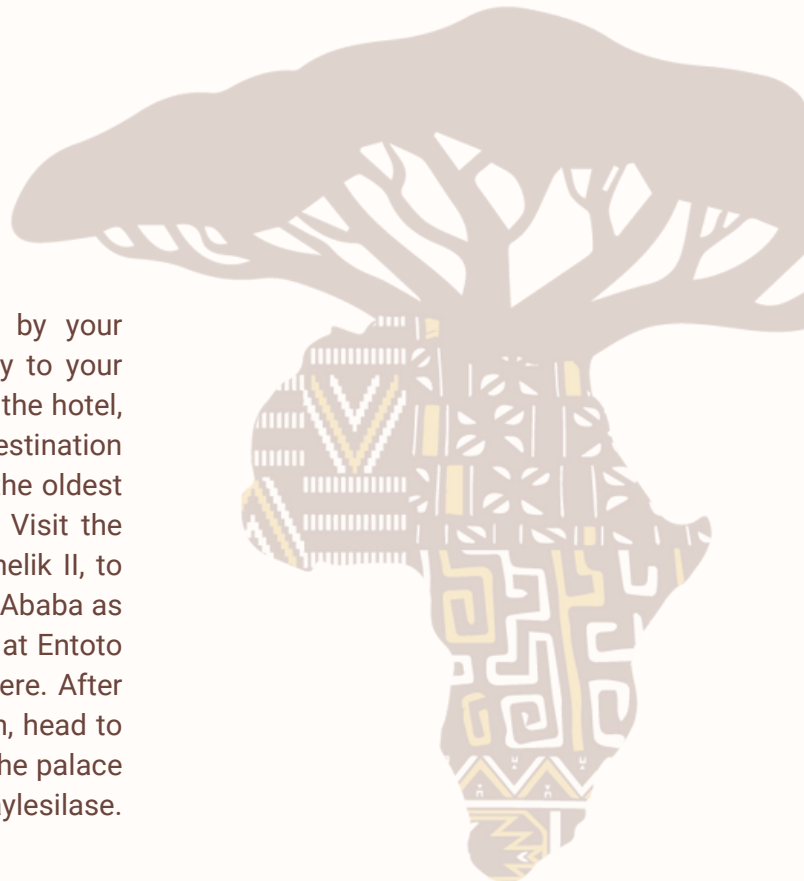
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FOUNDER OF TIMUNTU TRAVEL





Day 1: Your arrival in Addis Ababa

You will be met at **Bola International Airport** by your professional guide and driver, then driven directly to your booked hotel in **Addis Ababa**. After checking in at the hotel, you will meet your driver and guide. Your first destination will be the **National Museum**, where you can see the oldest fossil of Lucy, then you will have a lunch break. Visit the Entoto Mariam Monastery and the Palace of Menelik II, to learn more about the emperor who founded Addis Ababa as the capital of Ethiopia. During lunch, enjoy a meal at Entoto Park, with stunning views and a tranquil atmosphere. After lunch, you will continue to visit **Addis Ababa**. Then, head to the **New National Park**, which we call **Unity Park**, the palace of Ethiopia's former political leaders, including Haylesilase. Dinner. Overnight at the **JANO Hotel** or similar.





Day 2 : From Addis- Abeba to Bahir Dar

Breakfast. Fly to Bahir Dar, a city on the shores of Lake Tana. Upon arrival, take a boat trip to visit island monasteries such as Kebran Gabriel, Ura Kidane Mehret, and Debre Maryam. Look out for hippos and local bird species during the trip. **Lunch.** Visit the Blue Nile Falls and the Portuguese Bridge, followed by a short boat trip.

Dinner. Overnight at the SKY Lake Side Resort or similar.

Day 3 : From Bahir Dar to Gondar

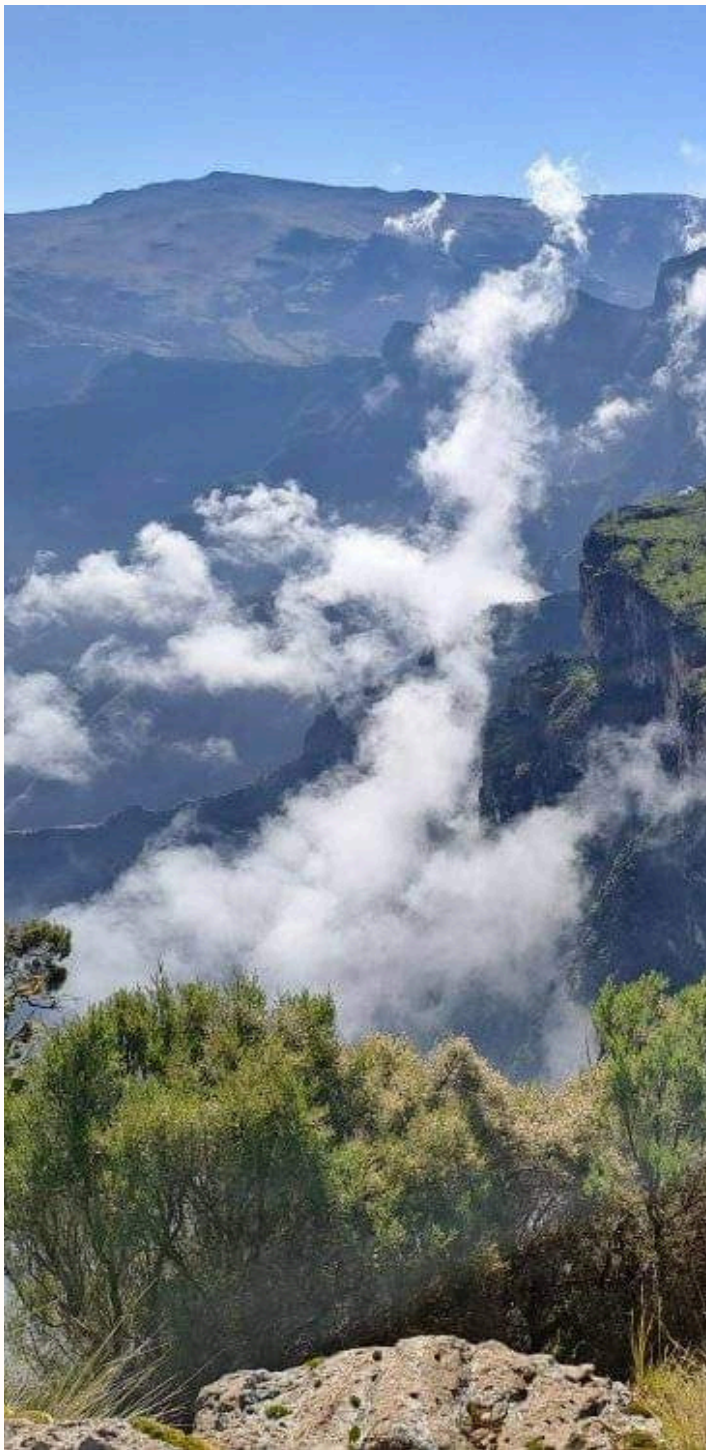
Breakfast. Enjoy a scenic drive to Gondar, renowned for its fascinating medieval castles and historic architecture. Explore the Fasil Ghebbi royal complex, the Bath of Fasilides, and Debre Birhan Selassie Church, famous for its exceptional murals. Enjoy **lunch** at your hotel with stunning views. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight at the Goha Hotel or similar, for a comfortable night in the heart of this historic city.



Day 4 : Excursion to the Simien Mountains

Breakfast. Drive to the Simien Mountains National Park, a spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its awe-inspiring landscapes. Enjoy a hike through this unique mountain range, offering breathtaking views of its rugged plateaus. You will have the opportunity to observe exceptional endemic wildlife, including Gelada baboons, Walia ibex, and rare Ethiopian wolves. This park is also a haven for nature and photography enthusiasts, offering an incomparable setting to immortalize every moment.

Lunch. In the afternoon, enjoy panoramic views before returning to Gondar. **Dinner.** Overnight at the Goha Hotel or similar.





Day 5 : From Gondar to Lalibela

After **breakfast**, fly to Lalibela and visit the first group of churches and witness the vibrant Meskel Festival. Lalibela, located in the Ethiopian highlands, is famous for its 11 monolithic churches carved directly into the red volcanic rock. These buildings, built in the 12th century during the reign of King Lalibela, are a masterpiece of religious architecture and a testament to the ingenuity of the craftsmen of the time. Each church is unique, with incredibly precise carved details, and they are still used as places of worship today. This sacred site is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, attracting pilgrims and visitors from around the world. **Lunch, dinner.** Overnight at Sora Lodge Lalibela or similar.



Day 6 : Lalibela Exploration

Breakfast.

Attend the vibrant Meskel (Demera) bonfire celebration, an Ethiopian festival marking the finding of the True Cross according to Orthodox Christian tradition. Witness this unique moment as pyres light up the sky, accompanied by songs and prayers. Afterward, explore the majestic remaining rock-hewn churches of Lalibela, architectural and spiritual masterpieces, each site offering invaluable insight into Ethiopian history and faith. A deeply immersive and enriching experience.

In the afternoon, enjoy a culinary immersion to discover Ethiopian specialties and enjoy a coffee ceremony, a true cultural and social tradition.

Lunch, dinner. Overnight at Sora Lodge Lalibela or similar.



Day 7 : From Lalibela to Addis-Abeba

Breakfast. Visit the iconic Bete Giyorgis (Church of St. George), then return to Addis Ababa. In the afternoon, free time. Dinner. Overnight at the JANO Hotel or similar.



Day 8: Towards southern Ethiopia

After **breakfast**, we head to the **village of Turmi** for an authentic immersion with the local population.

After lunch, we continue to discover other tribes. The **Hamer or Hamar tribe** has a famous ceremony, which we call "bull jumping." This ceremony is prepared or hosted by a young man about to get married. This ceremony is not performed every day; if necessary, we may attend. Otherwise, we will freely visit the **Hamer tribes** in their villages and return to our lodge for dinner. Overnight at Emerald Lodge or similar.



Day 9 : From Turmi Village to Jinka

Breakfast. Meet the Karo tribe, settled along the Omo River, famous for their unique art of body painting. Using natural pigments, the Karo adorn their skin with elaborate designs for ceremonies, symbolizing beauty and social status. These ephemeral works of art reflect their deep connection to nature and their ancestral traditions. The opportunity to interact with these people will immerse you in a rich and vibrant culture, where every gesture and pattern tells a unique story. An unforgettable experience in the heart of authentic Ethiopia. Lunch. Dinner. Overnight at Jinka Resort or similar.



Day 10: Fly back to Addis Ababa

Breakfast. We'll take a return flight to **Addis Ababa**. We'll begin packing your luggage to take you to the airport for your departure.

We'll arrive in **Addis Ababa** in the late afternoon and, if we have time, we'll do some last-minute souvenir shopping before departing.



2090€ per person
based on 4 to 8 participants.*

*Subject to availability at the time of booking.



Included :

- Airport reception and assistance on Day 1 by our local representative
- Travel documents with program details (electronic version)
- 24-hour on-site assistance for the duration of your stay
- Accommodation on a double basis as specified in the program above
- Airport/hotel transfers
- Hotel pickup and drop-off for all visits included in the program
- Domestic flights
- Services of a local guide
- Tour fees
- Half board, breakfast, and dinner (from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 7) + water
- 15% government tax
- Meals mentioned in the program above

Reminder

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Not included :

- International flights and airport taxes.
- Visa fees and potential vaccinations.
- Lunches and meals not mentioned in the above program.
- Optional activities not included in the above program.
- Drinks and personal expenses.
- Tips for guides, drivers, and rangers (at your discretion, allow approximately €5 per person per day).
- Services not mentioned in the "Included" section.
- Travel insurance (we strongly recommend purchasing this insurance via this link: <https://www.chapkadirect.fr/index.php?action=produit&id=824&app=timuntu>).



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About

The travel insurance:

A complete contract with cancellation, repatriation assistance, medical and hospitalization expenses up to 300.000 €, luggage, private life and sports and leisure liability...

Cancellation:

Cancellation before departure for all justified reasons and exceptional events (airspace closure, undeclared strike, natural disaster, riot, epidemic*...): €10,000 per person. Cancellation within the limit of 10 000€. Maximum per event of €40,000.

This formula is enriched with additional guarantees: impossible departure, missed flight, flight delay, interruption of stay with unused services.

Assistance:

A premium coverage for travel abroad without the cancellation guarantee. This package can be purchased up to the day before departure and includes teleconsultation.

[*COVID-19]:

Cancellation in case of Covid19 contraction before departure,

Cancellation in case of quarantine before departure,

Cancellation if you are denied boarding due to a thermal (or other health) inspection by the authorities or the carrier,

Medical expenses in case of contraction of Covid-19, quarantine at destination and medical repatriation,

Extension of stay when you are not infected or quarantined but are stranded due to confinement at destination or lack of transportation.

Subscription conditions:

The insurance must be taken out before or within 48 hours of the payment of the first deposit for your trip (flights, hotels, tour...).

Be a resident of Metropolitan France, the French overseas departments, the European Union, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Norway, the Principality of Andorra or Monaco.

Maximum duration of the trip: 60 days. No age limit.

Registration:

We are at your disposal to answer all your questions and to proceed with your registration.

We take a 60% deposit (if the registration is made more than 45 days before departure).

Loyalty:

Your loyalty is rewarded! With My Solidarity Card, every purchase you make will be rewarded. Free card with no validity limit. More information on our website.

Confirmation:

Payment of the balance at 45 days, then sending the travel documents.

Meeting at destination:

All you have to do is pack your suitcase, we are waiting for you on site to make you live a unique experience.

*We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to our Timuntists for their confidence in Timuntu Travel. We are honored that you have chosen our company for your travels and we strive to continue to provide you with exceptional travel experiences.
Thank you again for your support and loyalty.*



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A wide, powerful waterfall cascades over a rocky ledge into a pool of turbulent water, surrounded by lush green vegetation under a clear blue sky. The water is white with foam as it falls, and the surrounding landscape is filled with dense green trees and bushes. In the background, rolling hills are visible under a bright blue sky with a few wispy clouds.

"Travel broadens the mind and opens the eyes to the wonders of the world."

- Anonymous