

## **TOUR CODE: WIE/ET122**

### **SUMMARY OF KAY DETAILS**

- **TYPE OF TOUR : - HISTORICAL, NATURAL AND RELIGIOUS**
- **DESTINATION: - BAHIRDAR /GONDAR/LALIBELLA/AXUM**
- **MODE OF TRANSPORT: - ON SURFACE & FLIGHT**
- **DURATION: 5 DAYS AND 4 NIGHTS**
- **ACCOMODATION: - SUPERIOR 3 STAR HOTELS**

### **DAY 1: FLY FROM ADDIS ABABA TO BAHIR DAR**

Depart early in the morning from Addis Ababa. A short flight will take you to Bahirdar. Upon arrival, you will be taken to hotel and take a brief break and start the tour. Bahirdar city is located in north-western part of Ethiopia. It is the capital city of the Amhara Region and emerged one of the leading tourist destinations in Ethiopia, with a variety of attractions in the nearby Lake Tana and Blue Nile river.

Your first visit will be to Lake Tana and the monasteries. Lake Tana is the largest lake in Ethiopia and fourth largest in Africa, spanning an area of more than 3500 square Km. This highland lake set at an altitude of 1800 meters above sea level and was formed by a volcanic eruption. The lake is the main source of the Blue Nile and hosts several species of birds and wildlife. The island dotted all over the magnificent waters is places where some of the most captivating and oldest monasteries in Ethiopia can be found.

Some of 21 churches that are mostly spread out on the 39 different islands located on the lake go all the way back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century. The Churches contain the earliest religious and historical manuscripts, awe-inspiring incarnations of ecclesiastic art, royal crowns and scepters used by early Christian kings and emperors.

## **DAY 2: DRIVE FROM BAHIRDAR TO GONDAR**

On this day, we will have some experience typically in an Ethiopian African landscape as we drive from Bahir Dar to Gondar- 180 kms over wide grazing land, hilly mountains with numerous farm lands. In the rest of the day, we will visit major attractions in Gondar. The attractions that we will visit in Gondar includes: Castles of Gondar (built in the 17<sup>th</sup> century), the royal Fasilede's Bath and the Church of Debre Berhan Selassie with its unique murals.

## **DAY 3: FLY FROM GONADR TO LALIBELA**

On this day, you will take a short flight to Lalibela and meet our local guide in the town. We will drive 23kms to the town where all the 11 monolithic Rock Hewn Churches of Lalibela are situated. On the first day, we will visit six churches which are called Bet Golgotha, Bet Mika'el, Bet Maryam, Bet Meskel, Bet Danaghel and Bet Medhane Alem.

## **DAY 4: FLY FROM LALIBELLA TO AXUM**

After breakfast, we fly to Axum. The ancient city of Axum is found close to Ethiopia's northern border. It marks the location of the heart of ancient Ethiopia, when the Kingdom of Aksum was the most powerful state between the Eastern Roman Empire and Persia. After you check in to your hotel, we will start a tour in Axum that includes visit to St. Mary church where the original Arc of the covenant housed in, Archeological Museum, Stelaes, tombs, and palace.

## **DAY 5: AXUM TO ADDIS ABABA**

After breakfast, you will check in to the Airport for your flight to Addis Ababa and it will be the end of the tour.