

## Itinerario

### Detalles del viaje: 12 días

#### **Ida**

##### ● **Día 1** · UK - Addis Ababa

· Arrive at the UK departure airport to board the flight to Ethiopia. Arrive in Addis Ababa and relax for the rest of the evening.. Accommodation.

##### ● **Día 2** · Addis Ababa

· Breakfast . Addis Ababa means "New Flower" and is the largest city in Ethiopia. With almost 2,500 meters of altitude, it combines new high buildings with traditional houses. In the afternoon take a tour of the city starting with the Entoto Mountains, from where you can see some beautiful views of the capital and continue on to the Menelik II Palace and the National Museum, which exposes "Lucy", the skeleton of the walking hominid erect oldest in the world, with more than 3.5 million years. Dinner and accommodation.

##### ● **Día 3** · Addis Ababa - Bahir Dar

· Breakfast at the hotel. Take a flight to Bahir Dar, a modern city on the shores of Lake Tana, where the Blue Nile River is born. After checking in at the hotel, visit the vibrant local market . In the afternoon take a half-day boat ride on Lake Tana , the largest of the highlands where more than thirty islands are located. Visit the old monastery of Ura Kidane Meheret, which contains beautiful old mural paintings of the seventeenth century and if time permits, the Church Kriban Gabriel (entrance allowed only for men). Dinner and accommodation.

##### ● **Día 4** · Bahir Dar - Gondar

· Breakfast at the hotel. In the afternoon, visit the Nile Blue Waterfalls in Tis Isat. On the way, see the Portuguese bridge of the sixteenth century and upon arrival, witness the great natural wonder of the waterfall, known as the "smoke of the Nile" with its amazing rainbows. Next, explore the city of Gondar, capital of the country in the seventeenth century and one of the nine cities of Ethiopia declared World Heritage by UNESCO. Dinner and accommodation.

##### ● **Día 5** · Gondar

· Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, discover the sights of Gondar, including the visit to the Royal Enclosure, which houses six castles and other buildings such as the Fasilidas baths, still used for celebrations of the Timkat and the Debre Birham Selassie Church, which house the most famous Byzantine frescoes. In the afternoon we visit the ruined palace of Kuskuam, built by Empress Mentiweb. Dinner and accommodation.

##### ● **Día 6** · Gondar - Simien National Park

· Breakfast at the hotel. Head to the Simien National Park and check in at the lodge. Enjoy a hike to Sankaber camp, a key point on the route to see species of animals and birds such as the Klipspringer Antelope, the Bobok, the Gelada Baboon monkey and the bearded vulture. Late in the afternoon, return to the lodge to enjoy the sunset from the balcony. Dinner and accommodation.

##### ● **Día 7** · Simien National Park- Axum

· Breakfast at the lodge. Early in the morning, head towards Axum, one of the heritage sites registered by UNESCO thanks to its magnificent obelisks. En route, contemplate the panorama of spectacular landscapes. Arrive in Axum, dinner and accommodation.

##### ● **Día 8** · Axum

· Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, uncover the wonders of Axum and visit an extraordinary granite obelisk which is over 1700 years old, the tomb of King Remhai and the Church of St. Mary of Sion, where the Ethiopians welcomed the Ark of the Covenant. In the afternoon, continue with the visit to the other points of interest of Axum such as the Dingur Palace and the tombs of King Kaleb and Gebre Meskel. Dinner and accommodation.

##### ● **Día 9** · Axum - Lalibela

· Breakfast at the hotel. Today, set off for Lalibela, known for its distinctive rock-cut churches dating from the 12th and 13th centuries, which are still Coptic Christian pilgrimage sites. Carved out of the rock, the monoliths include huge Bete Medhane Alem, and the iconic cross-shaped Bete Giyorgis. Take a tour of the churches and admire these precious relics of historic and religious significance. Dinner and accommodation.

##### ● **Día 10** · Lalibela

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning transfer to the city to visit the church of Yimrehanne Kristos , built with wood and granite and located at the entrance to a large cave. Later, return to Lalibela and in the afternoon visit more of the rock-cut churches of the region , including Bet Emanuel, Bet Rafael-Gabriel, Bet Merkorius and Bet Aba-Libanos. Finally, visit the most famous of all the churches: Biet Ghiorgis, built in honor of the patron of Ethiopia, Saint George. Dinner and accommodation.

● **Día 11** · Lalibela - Addis Ababa - Night on board

Breakfast at the hotel. Fly back to Addis Ababa and take a tour of the cave church of Neacuto - Leaw. After a break to rest, enjoy some shopping in the capital. Dinner in a traditional restaurant where you can enjoy the regional dishes, music and dance of Ethiopia. Transfer to the airport to board the flight back to the UK. Night on board.

● **Día 12** · UK

Arrive in the UK and end your trip.

