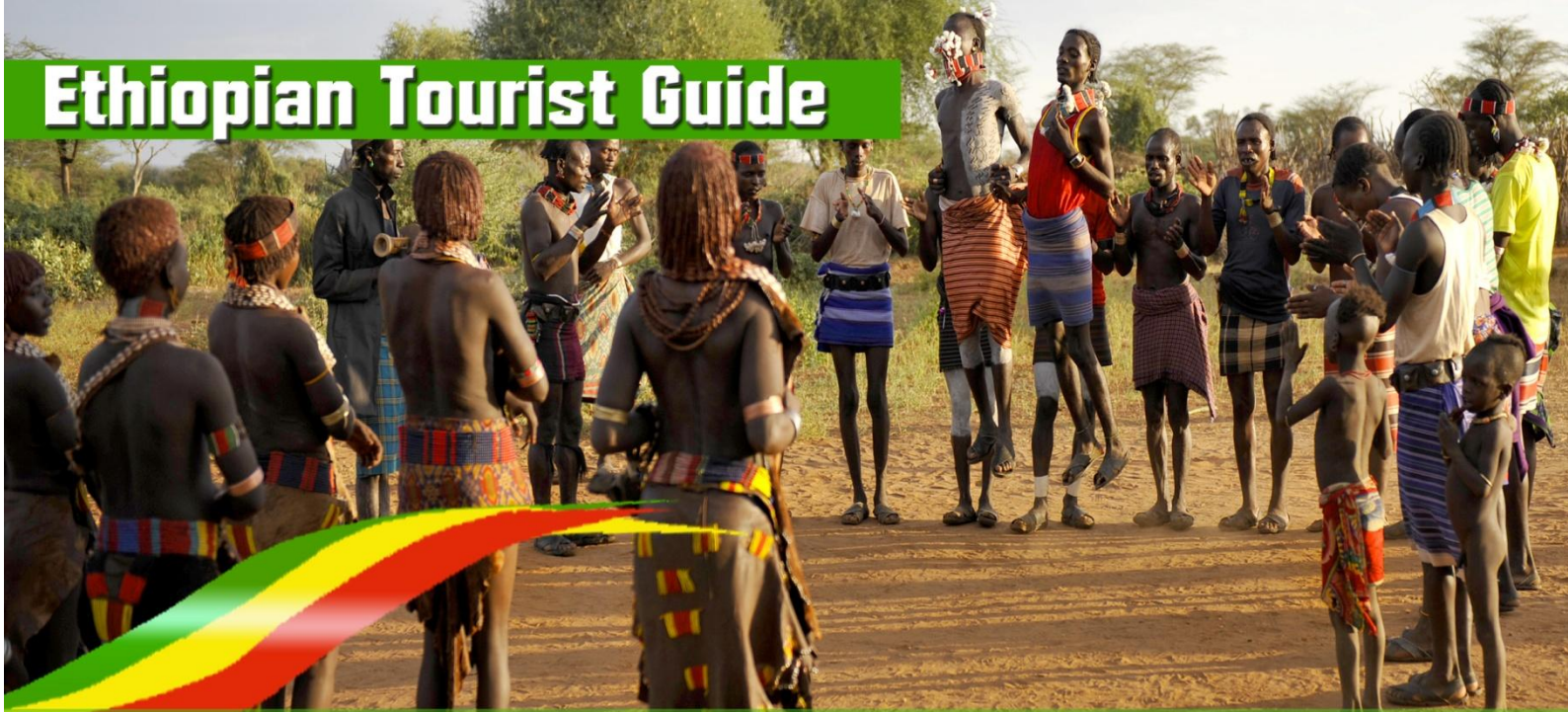


Ethiopian Tourist Guide



 **Historical Attractions**  **Natural Attractions**  **Cultural Attractions**  **Archeological Attractions**

Here we are proud to tell you that we have 9 UNESCO recognized world heritage site. Ethiopia is also the cradle of civilization as it is home of Lucy or “Dinkenesh”, 3,2 million years old. Ours is a land of the first human being.



FASILIDAS CASTEL
(NORTHERN ETHIOPIA)



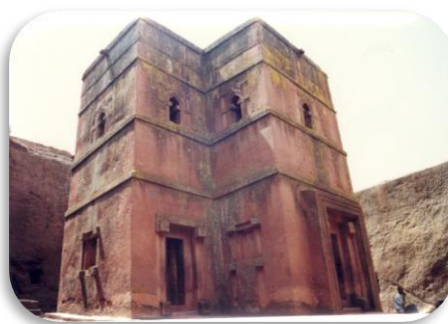
AXUM OBELISK
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(SOUTHERN ETHIOPIA)



SIMIEN NATIONAL PARK
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LALIBELA
(NORTHERN ETHIOPIA)



KONSO VILAGE (NEW YORK)
(SOUTHERN ETHIOPIA)

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Ethiopia has countless undiscovered touristic assets which makes it among one of the few African countries with unparalleled things to offer to the world.

Just to give you a brief idea what Ethiopia has to offer, here are few of the treasures the North, South, West and East of this vast country has in store:



THE NORTHERN PART OF ETHIOPIA

The Northern part of Ethiopia is what we call the “Historic North” or the Cultural Route. On this stretch of the country are found many of the famous touristic sight like to Blue Nile Gorge, the “Tis Isat “ or smoking water of the Nile Falls and Bahirdar town by the Lake Tana with its 12th -15th century Island Monasteries.

Further up North is the Gondar town with its 17th century castles and early mideaval age churches with fantastic wall paintings.

The Semien Mountains, rightly known as the ‘Roof of Africa”, is among some of the natural wonders of the world. With its breath taking scenic beauty and endemic wildlife like the Gelada Baboon, Ibex and Mountain Nyala, it is an ideal place for easy as well as serious hikers and mountain climbers.

Axum, the cradle of ancient Ethiopia civilization, dates back to 3, 000 B.C. It is a holly city of Christianity for Ethiopia. Legend has it that the Ark of the Covenant rests in the old church of St .Mary of “TSION” in Amharic or Zion.

There are hundreds of rock- hewn churches found in Tigray Region built in the 12th to the 15th century, most of them perched in inaccessible mountain tops. The majority of them are concentrated around Hawzien, Adigrat and wiqro.

The Northern trail takes us through Mekele, capital of Tigray, and passes along the escarpment that takes us down to the plains of wollo on the way to lalibella.

The winding roads down to Lalibella from Mekele are so picturegue and scenic that they are close to being artificial.

Lalibella could be considered as the 8th wonder of the world. A cluster of eleven churches divided in to two groups are all hewn out of solid rocks. These amazing fits of architecher were able to be achieved in the 12th century.

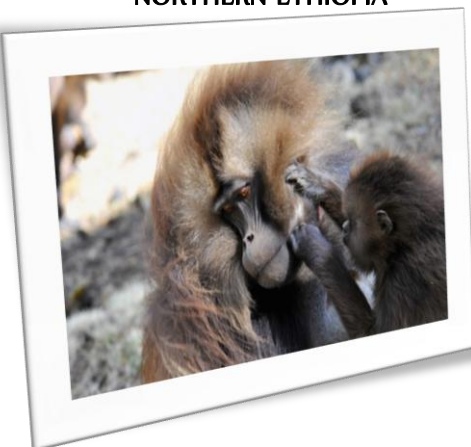
The five hundred and plus kilometers from Lalibella to Addis passes through one of the most Scenic areas in Ethiopia if not in the world.



**PAPYRUS BOAT ON LAKE TANA
NORTHERN ETHIOPIA**



**BLUE NILE FALLS “TIS ESAT” WATER
THAT SMOKES
NORTHERN ETHIOPIA**



**CHELADA BABOON (ENDEMIC ANIMAL)
NORTHERN ETHIOPIA**



THE SOUTHERN PART OF ETHIOPIA

In a huge contrast to the North, the Ethnic South is a disappearing world worth seeing before it vanishes and is absorbed by 'modern civilization'. The beautiful culture and way of life of the **konsoes, Hamers, Benas, Gelebs, Karos, Mursis** and all the other tribes, will disappear in a short while due to the urban way of life and encroachment of Christianity and other religions. This is the time to see this fast disappearing world of 'stone age' in the 21st century, before it is too late.



**MURSI WOMEN
SOUTHERN ETHIOPIA (OMO VALLY)**



**BULL JUMPING IN HAMMER
SOUTHERN ETHIOPIA**



**HAMMER WOMEN
SOUTHERN ETHIOPIA**



**WAKA (FUNERAL HEAD WOOD)-KONSO
SOUTHERN ETHIOPIA**



THE WEST PART OF ETHIOPIA



SURMA BOYS

The west of Ethiopia is a vast area of dense forest where there are tribes as endemic as those of the South Omo. Tribes such as the Mezenger, surma Agnuwak, and many others inhabit the west and south west all the way to the Sudanese boarder.

The route to the west starts in Addis Ababa and goes 20 kms to Alemgena where the road goes south to Hosaena and all the way to the south Omo Valley via Sodo.

Continuing due West we pass through the Gibe Gorge – through which the Gibe River flows to be called the Omo River way down in the Lower Omo Valley.

On the other side of Gibe, some 330 Kms, from Addis, we come to Jima, the biggest town in the West with a lot of history including the palace of Aba Jifar, the founder of Jima town.

From Jima onwards we pass through dense forest and go all the way to Agaro, Badele, Metu and Gore towns known for their coffee and tea plantations. The province of keffa, which is said to be the source of coffee, is an area worth visiting for its coffee culture. Surma Young Boy.

The drive from Gore down to the plains of the Baro River is so breathtaking that it giver one an unforgettable spectacle found nowhere else.

The cultural aspect, natural beauty and ethnic diversity of the west is so rich that one will witness a world that will be difficult to explain to those who have not seen it with their own eyes!



LAKE GUDERRE GAMBELLA



DONGA STICK FIGHTING OF SURMA



COFFEE PLANT



SURMA WOMAN



THE EAST PART OF ETHIOPIA

The East of Ethiopia which comprises of the Bale Mountains, Harar and Dire Dawa is an entirely different world from that we see in the North, South and West. This is a predominantly Muslim culture. In fact Harar is the 4th holy place of Islam.

The Bale Mountains- similar to the semien in many ways – is a real highland wilderness. Horse trekking and fishing in the alpine lakes is a popular pass time in this part. The unique vegetation, many species of endemic birdlife and the endemic mammals like Red Fox and Mountain Nyala makes Bale a true adventure and recreational place to see.

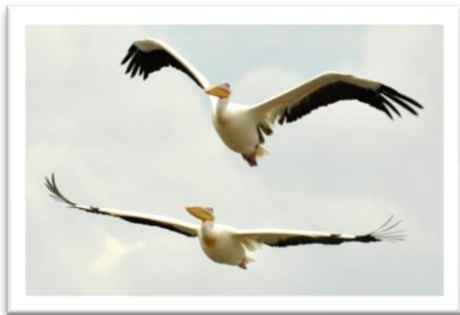
Last but not least, the Danakil – a sea of molten lava- is the lowest and hottest place on earth. Going down there and trekking by camel is a true adventure one can have only once in a life time.



HAYENA MAN - HARAR



DALOL



DANAKIL-LIVE VOLCANO



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