

# THE TREASURES OF ETHIOPIA & NORTH TANZANIA NATIONAL PARKS SAFARI

## AFRICA ADVENTURE

B2 TRAVEL GROUP EXCLUSIVE TRAVEL PROGRAM  
13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS

**This trip provides a real window to Africa and its diverse cultures, landscape and people.**

**This unique travel experience focuses on Ethiopia, one of Africa's most authentic and unique nations with rich history, diverse culture, ancient roots of both Judaism and Christianity, and fascinating people and customs, and Tanzania, with the continent's most exotic wild life, natural beauty and tribal culture.**



# THE TREASURES OF ETHIOPIA

## WEEK ONE

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### Addis Ababa, Gondar, Simien, Bahar Dar, Lalibela, Program

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**Saturday, March 2** - Washington DC / Addis Ababa  
Depart Washington DC on your route to Ethiopia.

**Sunday, March 3** - Addis Ababa / Ethiopia

Arrival at Addis Ababa Bole International Airport. After some refreshments leave for Addis Ababa sightseeing. Tour the city, visit the National Museum and Mount Entoto which offers a stupendous view of the city.

Lunch at local restaurant

Early afternoon check-in and rest of the evening free at leisure.

Dinner and overnight at **Sheraton Hotel**

**Monday, March 4** - Addis Ababa / Gondar / Simien Mountains

Morning flight from Addis Ababa to Gondar. On arrival visit Gondar, Ethiopia's 17th century capital. Sightseeing and visit Royal Enclosure that contains 17th centuries castles; Fasilides Bathing Pool which once served as the bath for the kings but now is used for the annual Timket (Epiphany) celebration and Debre Berhane Selassie Church whose ceiling as well as walls are covered with vivid murals.

Lunch at local restaurant

Afternoon drive to Simien Mountains National Park. Visit the surrounding scenery along with the habitats including the endemic mammal gelada baboons.

Dinner and overnight at the **Simien Lodge**

**Tuesday, March 4** - Simien National Park / Gondar

Morning drive to Sankaber and hike 2-3 hours via the exciting escarpment to Geech Abyss to see the impressive Jinbar falls and enjoy the fabulous views. You will visit the surrounding rural villages to experience the local people's daily life such as the traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony, injera making, cooking, farming and other activities.

Lunch at the lodge

Afternoon drive back to Gondar, with a special visit to Wolleka, a former Felasha village. Special visit to the Ploughshare Women's Training Center.

Dinner and overnight in **Goha Hotel**



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#### Wednesday, March 6 - Gondar / Bahar Dar

Depart the hotel and drive to Bahar Dar. Upon arrival take an excursion to Blue Nile Falls (Tissisat in Amharic meaning the “smoking water”).

Lunch at hotel

Afternoon boat ride across Lake Tana, the source of the river Nile and the Zeghie Peninsula, which is known for its 14th century, round, grass roofed churches with magnificent wall murals. Visit Ura Kidane Mehret Church, walking through dense forest with lots of natural life.

Dinner and overnight at the **Blue Nile Resort Hotel**

#### Thursday, March 7 - Bahar Dar / Lalibela

After breakfast early transfer to airport for your flight from Bahar Dar to Lalibela. Many consider Lalibela as the 8th wonder of the ancient world. Explore the town and the eleven 13th century monolithic churches carved into the rocks. Lalibela is a UNESCO world heritage site.

Lunch at local restaurant.

Dinner and overnight at the **Harbe Hotel**

#### Friday, March 8 - Lalibela / Addis Ababa

After breakfast visit Lalibela’s remaining monolithic churches and school. Transfer to airport for your flight to Addis Ababa.

Upon arrival lunch at local restaurant.

Afternoon additional sightseeing of Addis and visit Mercato Open Market as well Holy Trinity Cathedral - the biggest and most imposing Orthodox Church in the country decorated by modern and medieval Ethiopian style ecclesiastical paintings.

Special home farewell dinner.

Overnight at the **Sheraton Hotel**

#### Saturday, March 9 - Addis Ababa / Kilimanjaro Airport / Tanzania

After breakfast transfer to airport for your flight to Kilimanjaro

## SAMPLE ETHIOPIA ACCOMMODATIONS



### Sheraton Addis Ababa Hotel

The Sheraton Addis Hotel is located in the centre of Addis Ababa near the National Museum, United Nations Conference Centre, the UNECA headquarters, the Merkato and Bole International Airport (7km). The hotel is a sanctuary of Ethiopian grandeur, where a landscape of vibrant greens and colourful wildflowers meets the African sky. Experience an exceptional level of personal service while visiting.

website :

<http://www.sheratonaddis.com>



### Simien Lodge

The scenery in the Simiens is some of the most spectacular in the world. When you arrive in the Simiens from the south you might wonder what the excitement is all about. But then you get to Simien Lodge that sits on the edge of the escarpment and Wow! the world just falls away in front of you.

website :

<http://www.simiens.com>

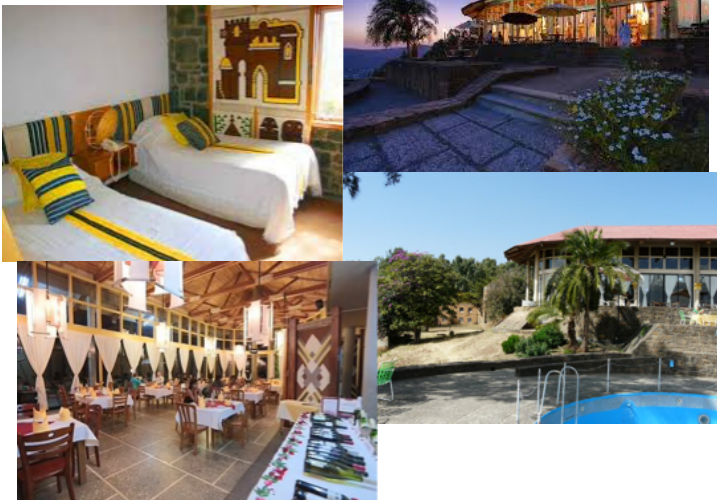


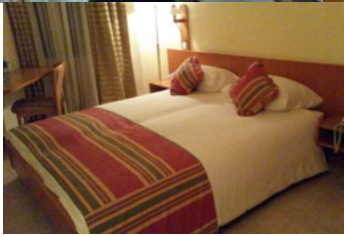
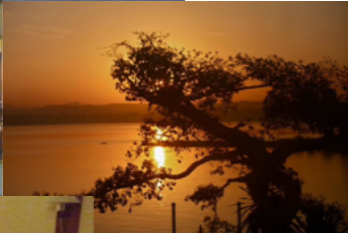
### Goha Hotel

Goha Hotel stands on a hill with an enchanting view of the city. Equipped with the most up-to-date facilities and elegantly furnished rooms, the hotel offers a luxurious retreat for its visitors. You can enjoy a breathtaking view of the panorama stretching away towards the distant Lake Tana.

website :

<http://gohahotel.com>



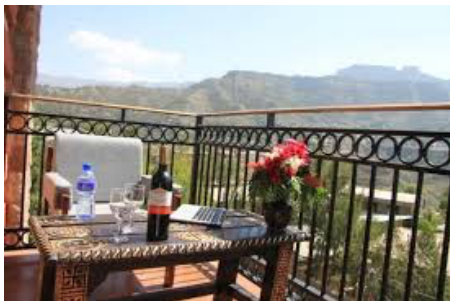


## Blue Nile Resort Hotel

The Blue Nile Resort Hotel is conveniently located 8KM from Bahir Dar Airport. The Hotel has a total of 135 rooms, all with modern amenities. More specifically, the hotel has 100 Classic rooms, 16 Superior rooms, 14 Duplex rooms, and five Junior Suites. All rooms are equipped with Wi-Fi access, air-conditioning unit, bathroom, mini bar, safe box, desk and 32” flat screen television.

website :

<http://www.bluenileresorthotels.com>



## Harbe Hotel

A very warm Ethiopian welcome and unique royal treatment awaits you in the historical town of St. Lalibela, UNESCO World Heritage Site. Named after the legendary King Harbe, Harbe Hotel is designed in a way to provide clients with Ethiopian feel and western comfort. King Harbe, was one of the Zagwe Dynasty kings canonized by the Ethiopian Orthodox Church.

website :

<http://harbehotel.com>



# NORTH TANZANIA NATIONAL PARKS SAFARI

## WEEK TWO



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### North Tanzania National Parks Safari Program

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#### **Saturday, March 9 - JRO - Rivertrees**

Arrival at Kilimanjaro Airport and transfer to your lodge. Enjoy a free afternoon at the lodge. Optional walking tour in Arusha. Dinner and overnight at **Rivertrees or similar**

#### **Sunday, March 10 - Rivertrees / Manyara / Bashay**

In the morning, departure to Manyara National Park. Full day game drive with picnic lunch under the acacias. After the game drive, head to Karatu area. Dinner and overnight at **Bashay Rift Lodge**

#### **Monday, March 11 - Bashay / Ngorongoro Crater / Olduvai**

Full day game drive in Ngorongoro Crater with picnic lunch. Dinner and overnight at **Olduvai camp**

#### **Tuesday, March 12 - Bashay / Ngorongoro Reserve / Olduvai**

Full day game drive in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area with picnic lunch. In the evening, short walk with a Masai to Sunset Kopje. Dinner and overnight at **Olduvai camp**

#### **Wednesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 14 - Olduvai / Serengeti**

In the morning, depart to Serengeti National Park. Two day game drive with picnic lunches or at camp. Dinners and overnight at **Grumeti Hills**

#### **Friday, March 15 - Serengeti / Arusha / Addis Ababa / Washington DC**

In the morning head to Ikoma Airstrip and board a regular flight to Arusha - Lunch at Rivertrees, last minute market shopping and transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport. Flight to Addis Ababa with connection to Washington Dulles Airport.

#### **Saturday, March 16 - Washington, USA**

Early morning arrival in Washington Dulles Airport.

## SAMPLE TANZANIA SAFARI ACCOMMODATIONS



### RIVERTREES\*

The Rivertrees, nestled in the foothills of Mount Meru, offers a beautiful view of Mount Kilimanjaro. This quiet property combines warmth, authenticity and elegance. You can enjoy excellent local cuisine and great service.

The lodge has 18 rooms on the ground floor, 2 spacious hidden cabins close to the river, and the River House, cottage, is isolated and close to the USA River.

The country meals are served in the restaurant, the gardens, near the river, or in the beautifully restored farm with ochre colors and antiques.

Guests can enjoy the pool, relax at the spa or have a drink in the bar or in the garden.

\*or similar

website :  
<http://rivertrees.com/>



## BASHAY RIFT LODGE

Ideally located (just 8 km from the NCA entrance), the Bashay Rift Lodge is built on top of a hill. In the heart of a coffee plantation, the lodge's 26 rooms enjoy a breathtaking view (360°) of the region extending from the Ngorongoro foothills to the edges of the Rift Valley (Lake Eyasi).

This lodge provides a nice transition point in the circuit of the northern parks.

Website :

<http://www.bashay-rift-lodge.com/>







# NGORONGORO CRATER

World Heritage of UNESCO, the site is certainly the most famous wildlife reserve in the world.

This caldera, 20 km in diameter, and the ramparts reaching 600m high is the refuge of exceptionally rich fauna and flora.

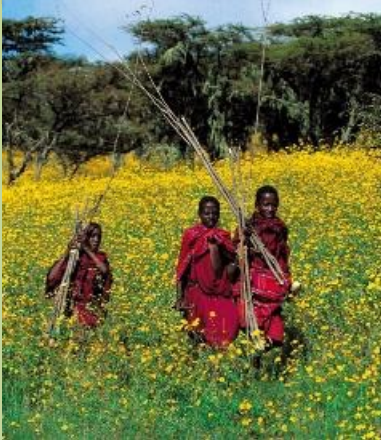
The Big Five may be observed here: buffalo, elephants, leopards, lions and rhinos.

For a safari in Tanzania it is impossible to overlook the Ngorongoro Crater. This is a "Must".

Ngorongoro Crater (second largest crater in the world by its diameter) is only a small part of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, a vast region of 8.500Km.

Wildlife inside the crater is extraordinarily rich for such a small biotope (over 30 species of mammals), including the last black rhinos.

The best season is undoubtedly the months of April and May when the crater is covered with flowers, fauna is very dense and tourists are scarce.





## SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

The Serengeti National Park is huge (over 14,000 km). It offers a variety of remarkable landscape biotopes:

The SOUTH region is superb from December to May, when it hosts the great migration and predators. It is in this part that there are the "Kopjes", granite blocks, in the middle of the Great Plains and territories of big cats.

The CENTER Region (Seronera region), is very rich throughout the year. At times during heavy rainfall, the region, though, empties of its herbivores.

The WEST Region, area is superb throughout the dry season (July to November). Presence of large herds (wildebeest and zebras) and crocodiles along the river.

The NORTH Region is interesting all year round and contains important resident wildlife. In times of heavy rain (possible between January and May) this region, the highest Serengeti (1800 m), loses some of its interest.

The Serengeti ecosystem is the annual theater of the great migration. Approximately 3 million large mammals (mainly wildebeest and zebra, Thomson's gazelle, but also Grant gazelle and other large ungulates) travel across this region in search of more fertile ground.



## GRUMETI HILLS

Located in the Grumeti Game Reserve on the edge of Serengeti National Park, Grumeti Hills is built on top of a hill with amazing views over the park.

All of the 16 tents are spacious & comfortable. Both the internal and external designs are very modern. All tents are en suite.

Main areas are very impressive with a main building housing a bar, lounge, lobby and restaurant. Decoration is a lovely blend of modern inspiration and classic safari furniture.

Apart from regular game drives (the area is home to an abundant resident fauna) as well as the great migration which passes through the Grumeti area twice a year.

Website :

<http://www.grumeti-hills.com/index.html>



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## Package Includes

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### Flights (all flights in economy class)

International flight from Washington DC (IAD) to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Flight from Addis Abba to Gondar  
Flight from Lalibela to Addis Ababa  
Flight from Addis Ababa to Kilimanjaro Airport  
Flight from Ikoma to Arusha  
Flight from Kilimanjaro Airport to Addis Ababa  
International flight from Addis Ababa to Washington DC (IAD)

### Accommodations

6 nights in Ethiopia - First class hotels and lodges  
6 nights in Tanzania - Deluxe lodges

### Meals

12 breakfasts  
11 lunches at local restaurants, hotels or picnic boxes  
12 dinners at hotels, lodges and restaurants  
1 liter of mineral water bottle per person per day

### Entrance fees, tours and transportation - Ethiopia

Entrance fees to all locations  
Boat ride over Tana Lake  
English speaking licensed guide and driver  
Transfer and sightseeing in private air conditioned Toyota Coaster bus  
Photography payments

### Entrance fees, tours and transportation - Tanzania

Entrance fees to all parks  
Entrance fee to Crater  
Park camp fees  
4X4 Safari vehicle (up to 6/7 passengers per vehicle)  
Sunset Kopje walk at Olduvai Camp  
Night Game Drive and Walking Safari  
English speaking licensed guide/driver

**Experienced USA tour escort with the group throughout the tour**

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## Package Price Does Not Include

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Visa to Tanzania (visa is obtained upon arrival in Tanzania, \$100 per person)  
Visa to Ethiopia (visa is obtained upon arrival in Addis Ababa Airport, \$52 per person)  
Transportation to and from Washington, Dulles airport  
Personal travel insurance, quote available upon request  
Immunizations (information available at <https://www.passporthealthusa.com>)  
Alcoholic drinks/beer or wine with meals. Soft drinks in Tanzania.  
Tips for drivers and guides.