

# ETHIOPIA

## OMO VALLEY – DANAKIL – GONDAR – SIMIEN MOUNTAIN - LALIBELA

**Departure date** : 17 Jan – 1 Feb 2026  
**Duration** : 16D 13N  
**Ground cost** : RM13,200/pax, twin-sharing (additional RM2300 single supp)  
**Group size** : Total 8-10 pax only per group

## Tour Itinerary

### Day 1 – 17 Jan: Departure Kuala Lumpur

Departure from KLIA and transit 1:35hrs in Singapore Cangi Airport.

### Day 2 – 18 Jan: Arrival in Addis Ababa - Arbaminch (B, L, D)

Arriving at 6:10am, collect luggage and first we go for breakfast in Addis Ababa city. Then you will have a brief city tour of Addis Ababa and lunch. Transferred to the airport at 1:45pm, you will be checking in for your flight to Arbaminch. (ET135 15:00-15:45). Arriving Arbaminch at 3:40pm, you will be transferred to your hotel, spending overnight at Wubete Hotel. 8kms/25 Minutes  
Overall Day Drive



### Day 3 – 19 Jan: Arbaminch - Dorze Haizo - Chamo Lake - Konso (B, L, D)

Starting off at 8:00am, you will be driving north into the Gughe Mountains where you will be visiting a Dorze village where you will be able to visit their bamboo-made cone-shaped huts, cotton weaving skills and 'Kocho' preparation, their local staple food made from false banana plants. Returning to Arbaminch at noon, you will have a two-hours boat trip on Chamo Lake -

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one of the seven Rift Valley lakes in the region where you will be able to see the largest and oldest Nile Crocodiles, Hippos, Pelicans and a variety of birdlife. You will then go to Konso and will spend overnight at Kanta Lodge. 146kms/4 Hours Overall Day Drive



**Day 4 – 20 Jan: Konso - Turmi (B, L, D)**

Starting off at 8:00am, you will be able to visit a local Konso village, their terraced farm fields and symbolic wooden totems. The Konsos are known to be the ones who first initiated terrace farming. For your info, Konso Community has been registered in July 2011 as the 9th UNESCO World Heritage Site. Driving further down into the Lower Omo Valley past the Weito Plains and by the Buska Mountain chain that extends for roughly 96kms in the Weito Plains parallel to Lake Stephanie for certain parts. Driving on and arriving in Turmi late afternoon, you will spend the overnight at Emerald Lodge. 208 km/5 Hours Overall Day Drive

**Day 5 – 21 Jan: Excursion Omorate – Mursi - Jinka (B, L, D)**

After breakfast, embark on an excursion to Omorate to visit Dassanech tribe. After drive about 1.5 hours, then crossing river in a wooden canoe boat for 10 minutes, you will arrive Dassanech village. Their huts and lifestyle much different from the rest of the tribes in Omo Valley. The Dassanech tribe are said to be descendants of the Turkana tribe in North Kenya. Return to

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Turmi for lunch. Visit Mursi Tribe (temporary settlement) that famous for its unique cultural practices, including women wearing clay plates in their stretched lower lips and ear lobes and then to Jinka Overnight Nasa Hotel, Jinka.

**Day 6 – 22 Jan: Ari - Fly Samera (B, L, D)**

Morning after breakfast, explore Ari tribe, the largest ethnic group in the Lower Omo Valley, known for their unique pottery. Evening drive back to Jinka Airport to catch flight to Semera. Overnight Dini Hotel, Samera.



**Day 7 – 23 Jan: Lake Afdera - Erta Ale Volcano (B, L, D)**

Begin an early morning and drive 3 hours to Lake Afdera, a salt lake located in the heart of the Danakil Depression. Enjoy the natural hot springs and have the opportunity to swim in the lake. After lunch, drive another 2 hours to the base of Erta Ale where we wild camping overnight. After a short rest, trek to the volcano's rim is approximately takes about 20-30 minutes from the camping site. Experience the breathtaking view of the boiling lava at Erta Ale, one of only five permanent lava lakes in the world. Back to the camping site for dinner and rest. Camping night Erta Ale.

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**Day 8 – 24 Jan: Erta Ale - Hamed Ela (B, L, D)**

After breakfast, depart 3-4 hours drive off-road to Hamad Ela. This village is known for its camel caravans and stunning views of Lake Assale and salt plains. After some rest, can visit and swim in the small pool-floated because of the salt. Enjoy the sunset and then back to campsite for dinner and rest. Camping night Hamed Ela.



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**Day 9 – 25 Jan: Hamed Ela - Dallol - Mekelle (B, L, D)**

Wake up early in the morning and drive to nearby salt plains. Enjoy outdoor breakfast with beautiful sunrise over the salt plains in Dallol. Continue to Dallol to explore its unique colourful volcanic landscapes and various geological formations. Then continue drive to Mekelle about 3 hours journey. Overnight Homeland Hotel, Mekelle.

**Day 10 – 26 Jan: Mekelle - Fly Addis Ababa (B, L, D)**

Morning after breakfast, we have free and easy day. Roam around Mekelle city or just simply rest in the hotel. 12pm check out hotel and lunch. After lunch move to Mekelle airport to catch up flight back to Addis Ababa. Overnight Aya Hotel, Addis Ababa.

**Day 11 – 27 Jan: Fly Gondar – Gondar Sightseeing (B, L, D)**

Fly Addis Ababa to Gondar (ET 126, 07:10-08:20) Meet local guide in the imperial city of Gondar, which was founded in 1632 by the emperor Fasilides and was a center of Ethiopian art, literature and science for many decades which takes about 3 to 4 hours. City tour to the sites of Gonder in the afternoon will include the city's unique imperial compound which contains a number of Castles built between 1632 and 1855 by various Emperors who reigned during this period, the bath of King Fasilides, the church of Debris Berhan Selassie with its unique murals. Overnight Gondar Hotel (TBC).

**Day 12 – 28 Jan: Excursion to Semien Mountains (B, L, D)**

Depart early from the historical town of Gondar and drive around 2.5 hours on a tarred, comfortable road to Debarq where we get permission to enter Simien National Park at the park head office. We then drive 22km further to the Simien Lodge, within the national park. From here we walk about 2 or 3 hours, stopping often to admire the amazing views of the escarpment, take photos and see the friendly gelada baboons. Drive 120km back to Gonder. Overnight Gondar Hotel (TBC).

**Day 13 – 29 Jan: Drive to Lalibela (B, L, D)**

Drive 6 hours from Gonder to reach Lalibela via the chains of Lasta massifs. Your arrival in Lalibela will be late at noon. You will check into a hotel, have dinner and spend the night there. King Lalibela is credited with the foundation of the 11 rock-hewn churches in the 12th century. One of the world's most incredible man-made creations, they are a lasting monument to man's faith in God. Most travel writers describe these churches as the "eighth wonder of the world". These remarkable edifices were carved out of a solid rock, in a region where the ragged landscape still protects the churches. Overnight Lalibela Hotel (TBC).

**Day 14 – 30 Jan: Excursion Yemrehana Kristos Church (B, L, D)**

Morning after breakfast, drive to Yemrehana Kristos 43km away from Lalibela. A stunning church in a cave that predates Lalibela's churches, offering insights into rural Ethiopian life. In the afternoon continue touring Lalibela's churches. Overnight Lalibela Hotel (TBC).



**Day 15 – 31 Jan: Lalibela - Fly Addis Ababa (B, L, D)**

Morning after breakfast move to airport catch flight back to Addis Ababa. Half-day city tour of Addis Ababa, can visit to Mercato (one of Africa's largest markets) and other market to buy souvenirs to bring back to home. Evening cultural farewell dinner to experience traditional Ethiopian music and dance. After dinner move to airport.

**Day 16 – 1 Feb: Departure Addis Ababa**

Departure from Addis Ababa Airport at 12:10am with transit 1 hour in Singapore Changi Airport. Arrival KLIA at 5:10pm. End tour.



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**What Included**

Accommodation hotel, twin-sharing  
2 nights camping in Danakil (provided mattress, blanket)  
Accompanying cook team for camping nights  
All domestic flights  
Meals as per mentioned  
Free flow cold drink and hot drinks  
4WD land cruiser and minibuss/coaster  
Danakil Visit Permit  
English speaking local guide  
Tour leader from Malaysia  
All entrance fee  
6% Services and Tax

**What Excluded**

International flight KL-Addis Ababa (Ethiopian Airlines RM3000, based on time purchase)  
Ethiopian E-Visa 62 USD  
Tipping 70 USD (total for local guide, driver, cook team)  
Travel insurance  
Anything that not mentioned above

**How to Book Tour**

Non-refundable deposit RM3500/pax to secure a seat on this customized tour. To transfer online, below are the details:

Payable To: **ETERNAL TOURS SDN. BHD.**  
Maybank Account No: **564061480342**

### **Hardship Level**

- Some places covered by the itinerary are remote, with limited facilities and amenities; some accommodation would be basic but clean.
- Huge temperature gap between day and night, strong UV rays.
- Mountainous winding road, at times, bumpy drive, risk of motion sickness.
- Outdoor activities require a certain level of physical fitness and agility, unsuitable for those with restricted movement.

### **Reminder**

- Travel poses uncertainties, including unpredictable weather, road blocked due to landslides or other reasons, political situations, policy changes, and more. Tour itinerary may subject to change in response to various uncertainties, interested tour members should be mentally prepared to accept changes and be understanding.
- Ethiopia is a conservative country, respect local culture and religion.
- Please do not give money to the children that you meet on the road, as this will groom them to be street beggars. You may consider giving away useful items such as pen, pencil, coloring books etc.

### **Refund/ Cancellation Policy**

#### **Tour deposit**

A deposit must be paid as a reservation fee. The balance of full payment must be made within 21 days before the trip. A failure to comply with this requirement may result in the cancellation of reservation and forfeiture of deposit.

#### **Cancellation by guest**

22-44 working days before the date of departure - forfeiture of tour deposit

15-21 working days before the date of departure - 35% of tour fare

08-14 working days before the date of departure - 50% of tour fare

03-07 working days before the date of departure - 75% of tour fare

02 working days or less before the date of departure - 100% of tour fare

#### **Cancellation by company**

The company reserves the right to cancel the tour due to any act of natural disaster, war, strike, riot or order from the Government of Malaysia which is beyond its control. The company shall recommend alternative tours preferably to the same destination or other tours. Should any passenger decide not to accept the alternative tours, all money paid minus the administrative fee chargeable will be refunded to the passenger.

#### **Refund of unused services**

No refund or reduction will be made to any member in respect of accommodation, meals, sightseeing tours, transport, or any other services which are included in the tour fare out not utilized by the tour member due to personal reasons.