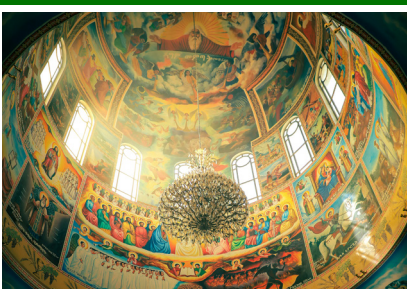
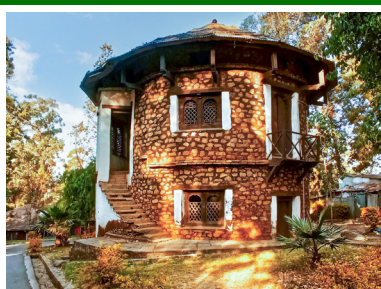




*Exploring*  
**ETHIOPIA**

**NOVEMBER 1 - 13, 2025**







# ITINERARY

## Day 1 – Depart the USA

## Day 2 – Arrive in Ethiopia & Lake Tana

Upon arrival in Addis Ababa, take a short flight to Bahir Dar. After checking in at the hotel, enjoy a boat trip on Lake Tana. On Lake Tana, there are 37 islands, and 32 of them have churches and monasteries of considerable historical and cultural interest. Visit the monastery church of Ura Kidane Mihret, which is the best known of the monasteries and has an important collection of religious icons from the 13th to 19th centuries AD. Travel back to Bahir Dar for lunch and time to relax.

## Day 3 – Blue Nile Falls

After breakfast, drive for about 45 minutes to the Blue Nile Falls, which is known locally as Tissisat (smoking waterfall; it is 100m (328 ft) wide, the water plunges for 45m, giving rise to steam clouds and rainbows. Enjoy the round walk or direct walk to the waterfall. Travel back to Bahir Dar for lunch and leisure time this afternoon.

## Day 4 – Gondar

After breakfast, visit Gondar, the first capital city during the reign of Fasilides. In Gondar, there are a dozen castles built by various emperors over the course of 236 years. The city seems more European than African in origin. In the afternoon, visit Fasiladas' Palace, probably the most impressive of all the castles found in the area and the oldest one! Continue to the Church of Debre Berhan Selassie (Light of the Trinity). The interior is decorated with beautiful frescos, cherubs and paintings. Debre Berhan Selassie is rumored to have once been the proposed final resting place of the Ark of the Covenant of the Ethiopian Empire, which began in 1632. Check into your hotel in Gondar.

## Day 5 – Simien Mountains

After breakfast, drive to Simien Mountain National Park. Debarik is a small market town at an altitude of 2700 meters close to the boundary of the Simien Mountains National Park. Corrugated, iron-roofed buildings surround the colorful and busy market area. Before entering the park, you must register at the park headquarters just outside town. Here, an armed scout – one of the park regulations, joins you. Then, drive to Sankaber for the best view. En route, pass through pretty countryside and the foothills of the Semien Mountains, with carefully tended fields, open pasture with grazing horses, stands of trees and distant rocky peaks. At the high point of the road, there are superb views across the weirdly eroded foothills of the range, and you may also be lucky enough to spot your first Lammergeiers and Gelada Baboons on the trip. Overnight in Bebarik.

## Day 6 – Fly to Lalibela

After breakfast, you will drive back to Gonder (approximately 2 hrs), enjoying the scenic views of the surroundings. Shopping In Gondar before flying to Lalibela. Overnight in Lalibela.

## Day 7 – Lalibela

After a short flight to Lalibela, visit the first and third groups. The Rock-Hewn Ethiopian Orthodox Christian churches of Lalibela are one of the eighth wonders of the world. It's a collection of churches, some connected by fascinating internal channels, with hermit holes where people lived and died. The connecting walls are full of religious symbols. The city contains 11 monolithic churches that were built in the 12th century. Some are beautifully painted inside. Visit the first and the third group of churches. Overnight in Lalibela.





### Day 8 – Fly to Axum

Early in the morning, go to one of the churches to watch the pilgrims gather for a church service. White-robed churchgoers gather to attend mass together in one of the many churches around town(Sunday). Then, after breakfast, you will be transferred to Lalibela Airport, where you will take an overnight flight.

### Day 9 – Axum

After breakfast, take an early flight to Shire, then drive to Axum. Here, you will have a city tour of the UNESCO World Heritage Site. Legends narrate in the Kebrā Nagast (Book of Kings) how the city of Axum, as early as the 10th century BC, was already the city where the Queen of Sheba resided. It is said that the son of Queen of Sheba and King Solomon, Menelik, brought the Ark of the Covenant from Jerusalem to Axum, and it remains there to this day, preserved in a sanctuary. Famous long before the time of Christ, Axum was the capital of the long Axumite reign, one of the oldest African empires, and represented a crucial trade connecting point between Africa and Asia for almost a thousand years. Visit the Granite stone Stele of Axum, the Tombs of King Kaleb and his son, King Gebre Meskel, the Ezana’s stone inscriptions, the Queen of Sheba’s palace and swimming pool, and the Church of Zion, the final resting place of the True Ark of the Covenant. Overnight Axum.

### Day 10 – Churches of Tigray

After breakfast, hike to Debre Maryam Korkor and Daniel Korkor for a spectacular view of the Gheralta mountains and visit the cave churches. Then, drive to Abraha We Atsheba Visit Abraha We Atsheba church. Continue to Mekelle for an afternoon flight to Addis Ababa to connect to your late night flight to the USA.

### Day 11 – Return to the USA



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**TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM**

Please email completed form and passport copy to:

Departure City: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: **11/01/25 (E)**

First, Middle & Last Name must be submitted as it appears on your passport:

Guest 1: First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F  
 Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 How did you learn about this tour? \_\_\_\_\_

Guest 2: First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F  
 Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 How did you learn about this tour? \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If No Roommate:  Try to Match Me  Single Room (availability limited - \$399)

Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan:	Guest 1:
1 Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full.	<input type="checkbox"/> I Accept <input type="checkbox"/> I Decline
2 Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable.	
3 Coverage begins when your premium payment is received (separate from deposit & clearly designated as your travel protection premium).	<b>Guest 2:</b>
4 Premium must be paid in full no later than 07/19/25.	<input type="checkbox"/> I Accept <input type="checkbox"/> I Decline

**\$300 DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION  
 FINAL PAYMENT DUE 07/19/25**

via check # \_\_\_\_\_  via credit card (circle): **VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX**  
 Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ CVN: \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSENGER AGREEMENT**

By signing and submitting the registration form, I/we certify that I/we have read Passenger Agreement, Program Conditions, and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure, understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the Program Conditions and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Guest 1 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest 2 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Tour: AE25 Date: 110125 Code: E ID: \_\_\_\_\_ V.002 04/09/24

**Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates**  
 For a full description of the plan, go to: [www.tripmate.com/wpF427E](http://www.tripmate.com/wpF427E)

Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$ 0 to \$1000	..... \$ 99	\$2501 to \$3000	..... \$299	\$4501 to \$5000	..... \$499	\$6501 to \$7000	..... \$699
\$1001 to \$1500	..... \$149	\$3001 to \$3500	..... \$349	\$5001 to \$5500	..... \$549	\$7001 to \$8000	..... \$799
\$1501 to \$2000	..... \$199	\$3501 to \$4000	..... \$399	\$5501 to \$6000	..... \$599	\$8001 to \$9000	..... \$899
\$2001 to \$2500	..... \$249	\$4001 to \$4500	..... \$449	\$6001 to \$6500	..... \$649	\$9001 to \$10,000	..... \$999

Schedule of Coverages	Maximum Benefit	Additional Cancellation Protection
<b>Part A *</b>		
Trip Cancellation	..... Trip Cost	When You purchase this Travel Protection Plan at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip, you also receive the Educational Travel Services Pre-Departure Cancellation Waiver Benefit that allows you to cancel your Educational Travel Services travel arrangements up to the day of departure for any reason (excludes no shows and those not permitted boarding). With this Educational Travel Services Cancellation Waiver, your non-refundable land cancellation penalties will be refunded in Educational Travel Services travel certificates. Certain travel programs are not eligible for this benefit, such as cruise and land programs listed and detailed on the Educational Travel Services website ( <a href="http://www.letourstours.com">www.letourstours.com</a> ). Premiums must be paid in addition to initial or second deposit prior to the final payment for coverage to be in effect.
<b>Part B</b>		
Trip Interruption	..... Trip Cost	
Missed Connection	..... \$500	
Travel Delay (Up to 10 days & up to \$150 Per Day)	..... \$1,500	
<b>Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation</b>		
Accident and Sickness Medical Expense	..... \$25,000	
Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation	..... \$50,000	
<b>Accidental Death &amp; Dismemberment</b>	..... \$25,000	
Baggage and Personal Effects	..... \$1,000	
Baggage Delay	..... \$200	

Part A - Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Educational Travel Services. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co. For New York Residents Only. Part A Benefits are travel arrangement benefits underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company.

**Conditions and Limitations**

This is a brief description of the plan available for all Travel Protection sales for Trips departing January 1, 2013 and after. Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Certificate of Coverage. For example, coverage does not apply to: any Sickness or condition of you, a Traveling Companion or a Family Member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages (The Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion is waived if payment for this plan is received by Educational Travel Services at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip or 105 days before departure date, whichever occurs first.); suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war. Other Covered Reasons, as defined, includes the following events or their consequences: Cancellation or Interruption of your Trip due to: Inclement Weather, unannounced Strike, mechanical breakdown that causes complete cessation of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 12 consecutive hours; a documented traffic accident while en route to departure; being hijacked or quarantined; jury duty; destruction of your home or destination by fire, flood, burglary or natural disaster; being called to the emergency services of government to provide aid or relief in the event of a natural disaster; a documented theft of passports or visas; a transfer of employment of 250 miles or more; or Revocation of military leave. For further information ask for the Certificate of Coverage which fully details the coverages, provisions, limitations and exclusions of the plan offered and is available to you, upon request, at any time prior to your purchase of the plan. This plan is underwritten by: United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ. Benefits are administered by: Trip Mate, Inc., 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO, 64114, 1-800-888-7292 (\*in CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency).

**PROGRAM CONDITIONS**

**INCLUDED IN PRICE:**

• Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Daily • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

**NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:**

• Tips for guide (\$6/day) & driver (\$3/day): will be collected by your bus captain on tour • Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees i.e. individual transfers; passports, laundry, beverages & baggage fees • Visas for non-US citizens • Visas and Transfers for all ground only passengers • Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule)

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While we will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$399 during the basic tour.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

Deposit	Payment Amount	Due Date
<b>Registration Deposit</b>	\$300	At time of registration
<b>Final Payment</b>	Full payment	07/19/25   If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.
<b>Travel Protection Premium Amount</b>	The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 07/19/25 to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.	

**REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after July 19, 2025:**

We welcome registrations after 07/19/25. Registrations received between 07/20/25-08/03/25 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 08/04/25-08/18/25 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received after 08/19/25 will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

**CANCELLATION FEES:**

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

**STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

We do not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. We reserve the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by us, and we reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of us, we will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

**FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:**

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using O-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. We reserve the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in our sole judgment, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please contact us for more details.

**PASSPORT INFORMATION:**

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 07/19/25. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date.

**PRICE INCREASES:**

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

**AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:**

In order to keep prices low, we do not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact your travel advisor for further details.

**FLIGHT TIMES and SEATING:**

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. We are not responsible for such changes or delays and do not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines. You will receive your flight information 60-30 days prior to departure. Final documents are sent approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

**ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:**

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. You may also incur optional fees i.e. food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.

**DEVIATIONS and AIR UPGRADE REQUESTS:**

Deviations and Air Upgrade requests must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees. Deviations and Air Upgrades are not always possible given the group schedule and time of ticketing. Passengers who are ticketed with air deviations and/or upgrades will likely not fly with the group and will therefore need to provide their own transfers.

**ITINERARY CHANGES:**

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While we will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

**VALIDITY DATE:**

This brochure is valid until 10/09/24. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

**RELEASE INFORMATION:**

Payment of deposit indicates permission for us or our agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which we or our agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies us in writing prior to departure.

Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

Except where otherwise stated, we act only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall we be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. The passenger agrees that we assume no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of services.

We do not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold us harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party.