

A four day trip to Northern Ethiopia.

Day -1- Addis – Nile Valley - D/Markos – B/Dar, hotel.

Getting there : - 500kms, from 1:30am – 10:30pm,

Sightseeing : - Picturesque land, with the Blue Nile valley. Hotel

Day - 2 - Boat trip to two islands and a peninsula at Lake Tana – to Gonder, hotel.

Getting there: - Two hours boat trip and two hours visit to the churches. Then lunch break before leaving for Gonder.

Morning, visit the surrounding of Gonder Castle, the oldest in Africa; the magnificently decorated 17th century church Debre-Birehan Silasi.

After noon, 180kms, 1pm-4pm, 3 hours drive on motorway to Gonder. (Explore the night life at Azmari bet)

Sightseeing: - The island and peninsulas of Lake Tana collectively house more than 20 monastic churches, many of which were founded during the 14thC rule of AmdeTzion though some are possibly older. Visitors will explore at first Intons Monastery for nuns, then the famous Kibran Gabreal which still hosts over 200 ecclesiastical ancient books which could be visited and at last another famous church named Ura Kidanemiheret at Zegi peninsula. This peninsula is unique of its coffee and forest vegetation.

Day - 3 - Explore Gonder then drive back to B/Dar – excursion to Blue Nile falls back to B/Dar

Getting there: - Half day mixed by car and walking. Then lunch break before leaving Gonder.

Morning, visit the surrounding of Gonder Castle, the oldest in Africa; the magnificently decorated 17th century church Debre-Birehan Silasi.

After noon, 180kms, 1pm-4pm, 3 hours drive on motorway back to Bahar-dar. Then 80kms round trip to visit the Blue Nile Falls.

Sightseeing: - Founded by King Fasiledes (Fassil) in 1635A.D, has served as imperial capital for 250 years. With its strategic hilltop location at an altitude of 2200m in the southern foothills of the Seimen Mountains, Gonder is best known for its 17th century castles, **Royal swimming pool** and most notably the superbly decorated church of **Debre Berhan Silasie** which are among Ethiopia's eight UNESCO's world heritage list. Hotel.

Day - 4 – B/Dar – D/Markos – Blue Nile Gorge – Addis Ababa

Getting there : - 500kms, from 1:30am – 10:30pm,

Sightseeing : - Picturesque land, with the Blue Nile valley.

2 Days – Lake Wonchi and Guder Falls via Weliso – Ambo

In this day-trip tour, visitors will explore the natural tourist attraction of Wenchi Lake, Guder Falls, birdlife Afro-Alpine zone plant species and the life styles of Oromo and Guragi tribes who live along the main road of Addis – Weliso, Weliso – Wenchi – Guder and Ambo – Addis.

Weliso is a small town on the Addis – Jimma road known for its natural hot spring. For orthodox believers this hot spring is regarded to be holy water “Tsebel”. This

holy water flows into the church of Weliso Maryam, 15 minutes' walk from the main road, which attracts many sick and disabled pilgrims. The well known Bishop Abba Welde Tinsai has cured over 60,000 sick people using this holy water some years back while alive.

Mount Wenchi, lake Wonchi – This massive extinct volcano, which reaches an elevation of 3386m, is the main attraction with picturesque caldera, which is settled quite densely cultivated in 560ha lake dotted with small islands. An extensive plateau covered in Afro-alpine heather and moorland surrounds the crater with natural forest.

Guder Falls – This waterfall carry an impressive volume of water in the rainy season and the surrounding riverine forest is rattling with monkeys and birds.

Teltele Valley Park – Owned by jointly Ambo Agricultural College and owner of Ambo Ethiopia Hotel, lies at 2200m high at Senkele Mountain consists of a steep wooded gorge carved by the Teltele and Huluka rivers prior to their confluence about 4km west of Ambo. There are three Falls in this Park,

- **7:30 am** – Excursion begins from the Finot Academy to Weliso which is 100km from Addis then we take the road left for 36km which will take us to Lake Wenchi.
- Exploring the area for 3hours, trekking to lake shore, crossing the lake to visit the near by 15th century Wenchi Chirkos Church built at the time of Emperor Zara Yaqob.
- Back to the rim of the Mountain on horseback or on foot then Lunch break
- Excursion to Guder Falls via Ambo town,
- Excursion back to Addis, via the towns of Ginchi, Holota, Addis Alem and Menagesha Forest and Gefersa Reservoir.