

Harar

Day 1: Awash Park

Drive from Addis to Awash Park to do some game drive and to see the water fall on Awash river. Overnight camping in Awash

Day 2: Awash Park

Early in the morning, drive to the hot springs. In the Afternoon drive back to Awash Park. Overnight camping in Awash.

Day 3: Harar

Drive to Harar passing through the marvelous scenery of Hirna and Asebe Teferi.

Day 4: Harar

Harar is considered a prime Muslim holy city, and within its walls are no less than 90 mosques. It was founded in the 12th century and in 1520 was captured by Ahmed Gragh who from Harar invaded large parts of Ethiopia. In 1875 Harar was captured by the Egyptians and in 1887 by Menelik II who appointed Ras Makonnen, father of Haile Selassie, whose army defeated the Italians at Adwa, as its governor. The city has a distinctly Muslim feel, but the different rules are all visible in the different architectural styles found within the city.

The former house of Haile Selassie can be visited and is at present used by a healer. The French poet Rimbaud lived in Harar as a trader and his beautiful house is still visited by tourists. The original Harari houses are also famous for their beautiful paintings and carvings. All around the walled city are markets famous for baskets, spices and the chewing herb, chat.

A long standing tradition of feeding meat to hyenas one night a year developed in the 1960s into a nightly feeding show for the benefit of tourists. The major beauties of Harar are its colourful people and its unique atmosphere. It's a pleasure to walk around the city, look at the people and bargain at the markets. As a centre of commerce, which it used to be, Harar feels like a place where people live and let live.

Day 5: Nazareth

Drive to Nazareth which is the capital city of Oromiya region.

Day 6: Yergalem

Drive to Yergalem which is one of the well known coffee growing area and go for a walk in the country side to see how people leave in the rural part of Ethiopia and the preparation of the Enset (Fals Banana tree).

Day 7: Langano

Drive to lake Langano which is one of the lakes found in the great rift valley of Africa.

Day 8: Addis Ababa

Drive back to Addis Ababa.