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TOUR NAME: Addis Ababa in Three Days

DATES: 2026

ACCOMMODATION: 4 Star Hotel in Addis

GUIDE: An accompanying national guide English speaking (Multi-lingual upon request)



HIGHLIGHTS

Addis Ababa, whose name means ‘New Flower’, is “the Vibrant Diplomatic Capital of Africa” Founded in 1887 by Emperor Menelik II, it is today a political and business capital home to the headquarters of the African Union and to one of the largest numbers of diplomatic missions in the world.

Situated in the highlands - at 2300m - with a year-round balmy climate, Addis is a cosmopolitan mix of East and West where you will find interesting churches and museums alongside stylish new cafes, international hotels and restaurants. You should not miss the cultural restaurants serving the unique Ethiopian cuisine accompanied by traditional music and dancing.

- Visit the hub of Addis Ababa city including the National Museum, St. George Cathedral &

Merkato.

- Enjoying panoramic view of the city from the summit of Mt. Entoto.
- Visiting museums including where our grand grand..... ancestor - Lucy is housed.
- Visiting Churches, mainly the Ethiopian Orthodox churches encompass many historic and cultural assets of the country, decorated glass windows & beautiful garden areas.
- Visiting Ethiopian handmade textile shops, Sabahar an Ethiopian company that produces uniquely designed handmade cotton and silk textiles.
- Tasting Ethiopian's food
- Exploring cultural life with excellent art galleries, traditional restaurants and live music venues.
- Enjoying panoramic views, scenic landscapes.

PROGRAM IN DETAIL

Day 01: Addis Ababa arrival

Welcome to Addis Ababa.

On your arrival at Addis Ababa Bole International Airport, after clearing immigration and customs welcome by Gemsbok Safaris staff and get transferred to your hotel.

Addis Ababa “New Flower” is the third highest capital in the world. It is located at 2,300m above sea level which offers bracing temperatures and plenty of fresh highland air. Addis Ababa is a pleasant city with interesting museums and one of the largest open-air markets in Africa, “Mercato”.

Addis Ababa is Africa’s diplomatic capital with headquarters for the Organization of African Unity and the United Nation Economic Commissions for Africa. You will proceed with sightseeing of Addis:

A visit of the National Archaeological Museum - ranks among the most important museums in sub - Sahara Africa. It housed the 3.5-million-year-old bones of Lucy. Lucy is believed to be the ancestor of all Human kind. It has lots of ancient exhibits that reflect the importance of Ethiopia as the ‘Cradle of Mankind’. Its historic room features finery worn in the wars, such as crowns, weapons, and pictures of wartime heroes and kings.

Visit St. George’s Cathedral (Giorgis Cathedral), which lies at the north end of Churchill Rd. Designed in the traditional octagonal shape, this cathedral was built in 1896 to commemorate Ethiopia's victory over the Italians at the Battle of Adwa. The Cathedral houses the work of Afewerk Tekle, the renowned Ethiopian artist responsible for the stained-glass windows of the Africa Hall and also houses a small museum in the compound.

Visit The Ethnographic Museum, with its two main sections covering local crafts and on regions and people, this museum is an ideal place to start learning about Ethiopia's rich ethnic diversity. The museum has an impressive array of religious crosses, triptychs and murals, as well as Haile Selassie’s (Ethiopia’s last Emperor) bedroom and bathroom.

And a visit of Merkato; the Largest open Market in Africa; where virtually every possible commodity is on sale, from livestock to computers. It is closed on Sundays & for a visitor good at bargaining, there is a huge selection of Ethiopian arts and crafts.



Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner are included

Accommodation: Overnight at Ramada Addis

Day 02: Addis Ababa Sightseeing

Following breakfast, you will have sightseeing in Addis Ababa with a national guide and this includes;

Visit Entoto Hills – best introduction place to Addis Ababa. Mt. Entoto is the highest peak in Addis Ababa reaching 3,200 meters above sea level, giving the opportunity to catch stunning views over the city and the surrounding area from the summit.



It is the first settlement in Addis Ababa where Emperor Menelik II resided and built his palace in 1887. It is a historical place which offers a unique glimpse into the history of Ethiopia's distinct culture. The compound at the peak hosts the Entoto Mariam church, an Ethiopian artefact museum as well as Menelik II palace.

In addition to its historical significance as one drive up the hill there is an appreciable drop in temperature and the air is filled with the scent of the Eucalyptus trees which line the road.

On the way up the roadside stalls offer fresh Ethiopian coffee. Also, if you have an interest in Ethiopian traditional clothes stop by at Shero Meda Market. There is a wide variety of beautiful fabrics, shawls, scarves, dresses, tops and jewelry with lots of choice and really good for gift ideas.

Visit Ensera Clay Center (if interested) - Ensera has only recently opened the doors to the public - mid June 2020. This clay works center was established to provide a convenient space for mothers from the outskirts of Addis to create all- things-clay, while their young children can spend the day in the nursery within the compound. The objective being a more convenient and safe working space for mothers, preservation and promotion of a traditional craft and certainly more exposure and collective capacity to reach a broader market. Whether you are interested in the beautiful craft- woman ship, the end products or to support mothers at work - it is a place worth visiting and supporting.

Further to Sabahar Shop, an Ethiopian company that produces uniquely designed handmade cotton and silk textiles. In addition to scarves and shawls, they make table linens, cushions, throws and towels. All the products are entirely hand made in Ethiopia from natural fibers. On site you can visit the weavers, spinners, dyers and finishers. They also keep silk caterpillars on site

Fendika night Show the best place for those after a glimpse of traditional Ethiopian culture which they are now located at Hyatt Regency.

Accommodation: Overnight at Ramada Addis

Day 03: Departure

We really are happy to have you, hope you enjoyed your stay with us. Have a safe flight.

End of Services

YOUR ITINERARY INCLUDES

Accommodation:	All accommodation as detailed on a sharing basis with private facilities.
Meals/Beverages:	Breakfasts, lunch and dinner with one bottle of water as stated in the itinerary/ soft drink and bottled water in the vehicle is included
Transfers/Transport:	Airport welcome, assistance with luggage, and transportation by air- conditioner comfortable spacious vehicles, complete with bottled water.
Sightseeing	English-speaking guide are included throughout the trip
Entrance	All entrance fees as per the program are
Fees: Local	included All necessary local government taxes
taxes	are included
Other activities	Coffee ceremony, and honey wine drinks (Tej). Traditional farewell Dinner in Addis Ababa

YOUR ITINERARY EXCLUDES

Miscellaneous:	Visa for Ethiopia.
Flight:	International & Domestic airfare. Domestic flight fare is quoted separately on the flight section.
Gratitude:	Tipping Early check-in Alcoholic beverages
Insurance:	Insurance coverage of personal loss, injury, illness or damages incurred during your trip. We strongly recommend travel /cancellation insurance.
Personal expenses:	Items of a purely personal nature such as drinks (unless noted), laundry, dry cleaning, internet, fax, or telephone charges and transfers/sightseeing or meals not included in "Your itinerary includes".
Baggage allowance:	Excess baggage charge.

THE PACKAGE COST PER PERSON: for the above program based on room sharing:

2 Pax – USD 700.00 – Using Minivan

4 Pax – USD 578.00 - Using Minivan

6 Pax – USD 535.00 - Using Minivan

8 Pax – USD 516.00 - Using Minivan

10 Pax – USD 512.00 – Using Coaster bus

12 Pax – USD 506.00 - Using Coaster bus

14 Pax – USD 500.00 - Using Coaster bus

16 Pax – USD 495.00 - Using Coaster bus

Single room supplement – USD 67.00 per person

Terms and Conditions Apply.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

NOTES, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS

BAGGAGE INFORMATION

Hand Luggage Inclusion: The baggage allowance includes hand luggage. For significant excess baggage, guests may book a "freight" seat at an adult rate (Y class fares) to accommodate an additional 75 kg. Freight seats are only available on safari routes and are subject to Gemsbok Safaris' discretion. Alternatively, excess baggage can be purchased in advance in bundles of 10, 20, or 30 kg.

Overweight Baggage: Check-in staff may allow a leeway of up to 2 kg at the captain's discretion, depending on the aircraft payload and space availability. Charges apply for any additional excess baggage.

Soft Bag Requirement: Due to limited and irregularly shaped luggage compartments on most flights, rigid suitcases may need to be sent on the next available flight.

Sports Equipment: Large sports equipment (e.g., surfboards, bicycles, golf bags) is not accepted unless requested in advance. Golf bags may be allowed on a case-by-case basis on Dash 8 aircraft with a fee of \$20 per bag per sector.

RATES

All bookings are subject to availability. Rates include accommodation with meals, tours, transport, driver/guide, park entrance fees, hotel taxes, and service charges. Rates exclude medical air rescue services, porterage, domestic air charters, visa fees, beverages, laundry, telephone calls, scheduled flights, gratuities, and personal expenses unless specified otherwise. Optional flying doctor services are available for \$20 per person (subject to change).

CHILD POLICY

Child rates apply for one or two children under 12 sharing a room with two adults. When two children share a room with parents, they may require an interconnecting room and be considered as in their room due to accommodation limitations. One child sharing with one adult will be charged at the child rate, and the adult pays the per-person sharing rate plus a single room supplement.

SINGLE ROOM POLICY

Single rooms are available at an additional cost but cannot be guaranteed. Only three single rooms are allowed per group; if unavailable, a refund may be issued.

BOOKING ALTERATIONS

Changes to Bookings: For any changes to confirmed bookings, Gemsbok Safaris will assist if notified in writing at least 65 days before scheduled services. A \$70 fee per person applies for administrative costs, plus any additional charges from suppliers.

Itinerary Changes: Gemsbok Safaris reserves the right to amend itinerary details or substitute comparable hotels as necessary. Clients will be informed at the earliest opportunity.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations require written notification. Charges apply as follows:

- More than 60 days prior: Full deposit is forfeited.
- 60 days or fewer prior: 100% cancellation charges apply.
- Unused portions of any tour are non-refundable.

FORCE MAJEURE

In cases of events outside our control, such as war, civil strife, or natural disasters, Gemsbok Safaris and its suppliers are not liable for any expenses, losses, or delays arising from such circumstances.

COMPLAINTS

Any issues during a safari should be reported immediately to the local representative, hotel, lodge, or camp management. Unresolved complaints must be submitted in writing to Gemsbok Safaris within 30 days of tour completion, including reference details.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation may include Land Cruisers or coaches, depending on the route and group size. Gemsbok Safaris may use subcontractors when necessary. Multi-lingual guides are available upon request. For flying package clients, vehicles may be shared with other hotel guests unless exclusive use is requested in advance.

RESPONSIBILITY OF GEMSBOK SAFARIS

Gemsbok Safaris acts as an agent for suppliers and is not liable for their actions or omissions. Tour members are responsible for reviewing supplier terms. Gemsbok Safaris' liability is limited to the tour price in cases of negligence or breach of contract.

CONTRACT

A binding contract is established once Gemsbok Safaris and the client agree upon the itinerary and pricing and confirmed upon invoicing. This contract is governed by the laws of the supplier's country and subject to its jurisdiction.

PAYMENT POLICY

Deposit to Secure Booking: 25% of the total cost is due at confirmation to secure room availability.

Second Payment: A further 25% of the total cost is due 60 days before the start of the tour.

Final Payment: The remaining 50% of the total cost is due 31 days before the tour begins.

Failure to adhere to these terms may result in cancellation of services without refund or liability for Gemsbok Safaris.

Payment Method: Bank Transfer

For international bank transfers, all banking charges are the responsibility of the sender. Gemsbok Safaris Ltd must receive the full invoice amount. Any discrepancies due to transfer fees or other charges will require a supplementary invoice.

Embark on the adventure of a lifetime with Gemsbok Safaris – where unforgettable memories are made. Join us in discovering the beauty of East Africa, Africa, and the world's most iconic safari destinations.