

# The Simien mountains

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the most fascinating  
world heritage sites

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# The true Image of Ethiopia

*If tens of thousands of travelers from across the globe travel to the Simien mountains every year it is for a good reason:*

*A panoramic view that few places in the world can match and that no picture or video can do justice .*

*Endemic animals like the Walya Ibex, the only friendly Baboon in the world and hundreds of bird species.*

*Breathtaking camping sites with 360 degrees of sheer beauty.*

*Waterfalls and rivers perfect for your camping experience.*

*A little blend of culture with communities who kept their amazing cultures for centuries;*

*A true paradise for one passionate with hiking*

*But above all, the perfect place to go back to to nature, enjoy some fresh air and leave the hassle of city life behind for your memorable few days.*

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# Is it for you? What to expect in 5 days

## Trekking through amazing scenarios



Trek to some of the most beautiful spots that nature has to offer with a variety of landscapes taking your breath away.



Experience the panoramic view that Mount Emet Gogo has to offer, a 360 degrees chain of mountains extending to the horizon



A hike to mount Buayit  
An experience taking you to the second highest peak in Ethiopia and a top of view of the park from 4,100 meters

## A variety of Wildlife



- Flocks of Chilada baboons
- The Majestic Walia Ibex
- More than 100 bird species
- Ethiopian wolves
- Menelik Bushbucks



-Antilopes  
...And, if you are lucky ,Leopards

## Culture

Meet the people whose culture has been kept intact for centuries as they lived astride from the rest of the world walled by the Simien mountains



## Camping and memorable campfires



First class treat with delicious full course meals and



## ...And more

The tour takes you to the historic city of Gondar which is home to, among others, the historic Fasil castle built in the 16th century.

This impressive royal enclosure is reputed to be the first African Castle. The most popular tour package in the Simien is the 5 days/ 4 nights trekking experience enjoyed by the majority of travelers going to the Simien park.

Highlights of the 5 days tour

# Day One

3-4 hours trek

*Your first day in the park will start with a few hour of acclimatization walk, where you will come accross your first encounter with the friendly Chilada baboon, endemic to Ethiopia.*

*Regardless of whether you decide to walk just for a couple of hours or decide to go for a 4 hour or longer trek, you will be bombarded with one scenary to the next. Too many 180 degree views that you can't capture with your camera that you can't help feeling you've already seen it all.*



*Camp the night at Sanakaber, an altitude of 3,400 meters with undescrivable serenity, where antilopes, Menelik Bushbucks stroll nearby. Venture to stay up at night and with the help of your scout, you just might take a shot of the nocturnal leopard*



# Day two

4-6 hours trek

*From Sankaber to Gich: a unique village within a unique park*



*After breakfast at Sankaber, your six hours trek will take you through a variety of landscape. Highlights include*

- The Jinbar waterfall: the spectacular water shooting down in the bottomless abyss*
- A wide range of landscapes with a chance to enjoy a close view of antilopes and Menelik bushbucks*
- Lunch by the shallow Jinbar river*

*One of the main highlights of the day will include your break at the small village of Gich where you will enjoy a true traditional coffee*



*The people in Gich have lived in the area for centuries long before the Simien became a park. Walled by gigantic mountains in every direction, the villagers have preserved their culture for centuries. The few minutes you spend with the welcoming locals gets you closer to communities with a unique and simplistic lifestyle, adding a little cultural blend to your trekking experience.*



*From Gich to Emet Gogo : one of your tour of highlights  
and a view you will never forget*

# Day three

3-4 hours trek

*After an early breakfast and on the back of the horse should you feel a bit exhausted, you will enjoy a short hike taking you to one of the most beautiful spots that nature has to offer anywhere in the world.*



*The peak of Emet Gogo which you will reach after a relaxed and enjoyable trek is without a doubt the best spot in the park. The 360 degree view that Emet Gogo has to offer is a panoramic view that no camera shot can do justice.*

*A relaxed lunch at Emet Gogo and a few stops at yet other fascinating stops before returning to the Camp in Gich where you will get the chance to spot Lammagiers. Getting to Gich camping site early allows you to enjoy the serene atmosphere of a glass of wine or some beers*



# Day four

5-6 hours

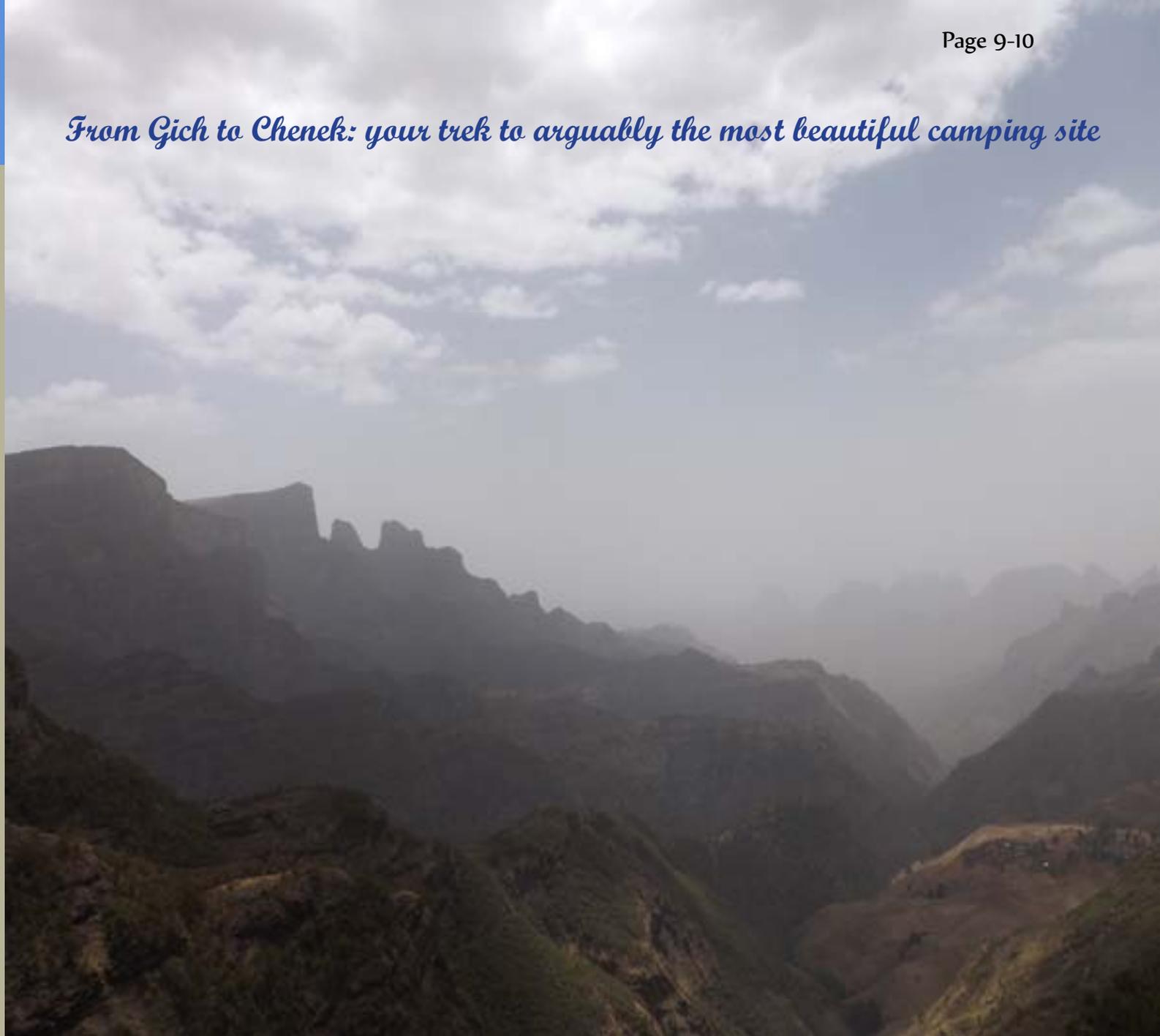
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*From Gich to Chenek: your trek to arguably the most beautiful camping site*

*A trek through a different kind of landscape decorated by papyrus trees. A lunch stop at the peak of Enateye which offers a view as exciting as Emet Gogo.*

*You will reach the camping site in Chenek a little late in the afternoon.*

*The best camping site as described by many, the Chenek camping site offers a 360 degree exquisite natural views. With the friendly Chilada baboons strolling by your tent, Chenek is the perfect place in the Simien to enjoy a close view of the Ethiopian wolf, also known as red fox. Depending on the timing of your tour, it is not rare to see Walias grazing by the camping site*



*Chenek - Buayit: a hike to the second highest peak and a glimpse at Ras Dejen*

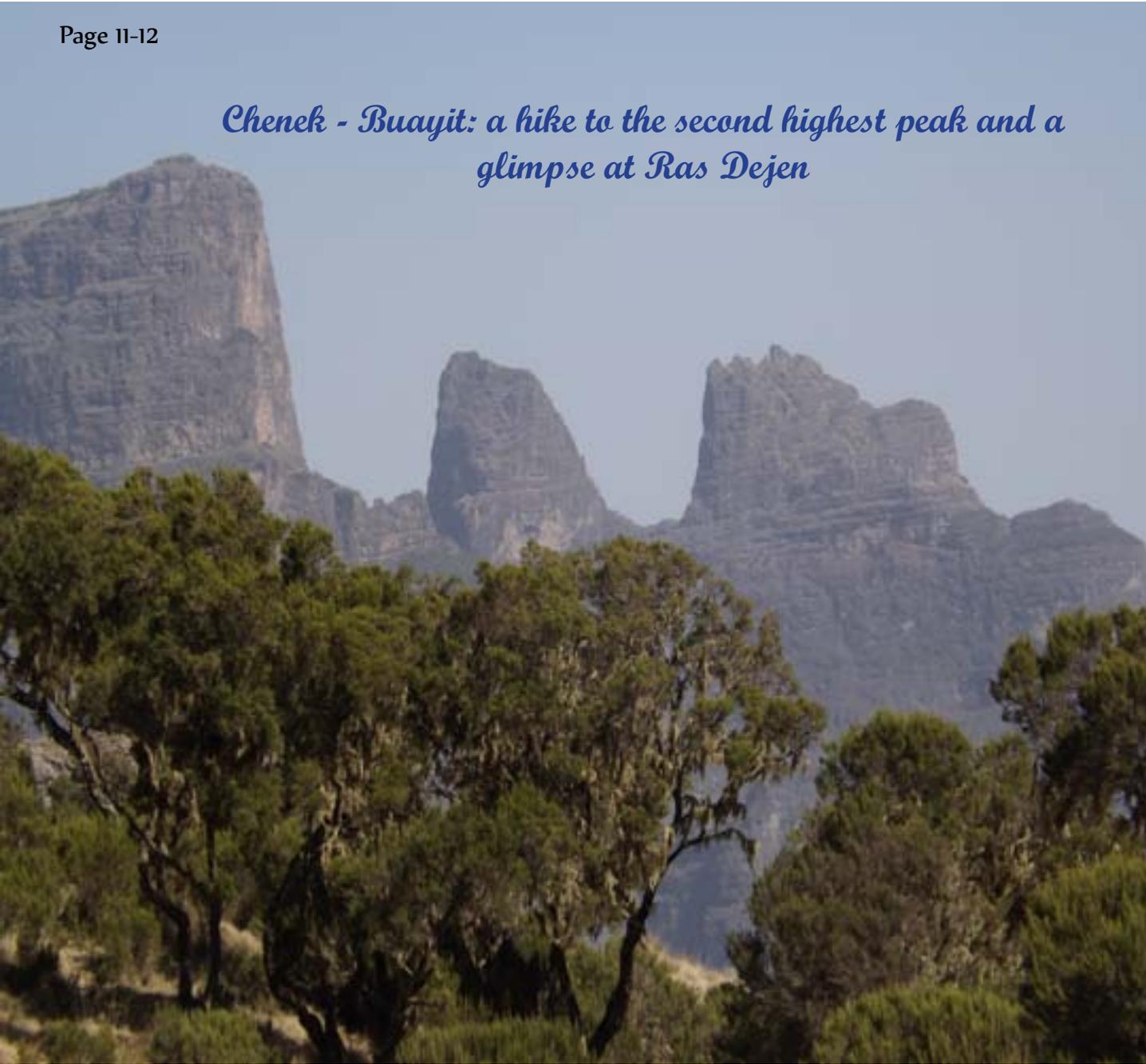
# Day five

3-4 hours trek

*From the Chenek Camping site you will make a few hours ascent to the second highest peak in the park: Mount Buayit.*

*Mount Buayit gives you a distant view of the highest mountain in Ethiopia (Ras Dejen). And if you have already seen the majestic endemic Walia ibex at Chenek, the peak of Buayit gets you closer to large flocks.*

*Your tour ends after descent where you will be driven back to the historic city of Gondar*



# Tour Bonus

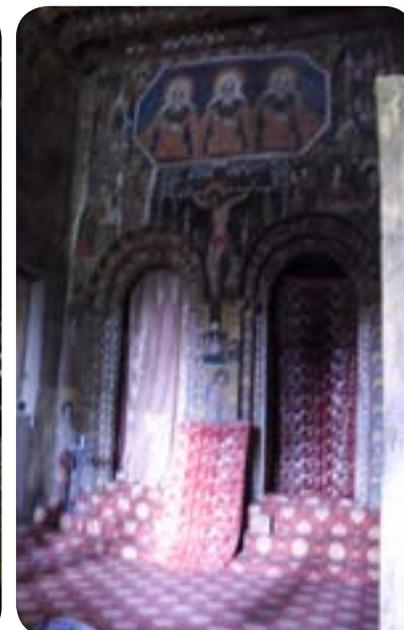
Gondar

*Depending on the timing of your tour, A visit of the historic city of Gondar will be a supplement either at the beginning or the end of your tour.*

*The ancient city of Gondar is home to the first known palace in Africa. Built in the 16th century by the Great King Fasilides, the royal enclosure is a fascinating work of engineering.*

*The royal pool and the ancient trinity church are among the most popular attractions in the city of Gondar.*

*The night life in Gondar is also one to enjoy. With several traditional clubs, live band music in Gondar takes you closer to the wide variety of tunes and dances that Ethiopia has to offer.*



# Other Simien Packages

7 days

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2 days

**1st day** - 3-4 hours trek to Sankaber (3250m) or at the Simien Lodge.  
**2nd day** - After breakfast trek to the Jinbar water fall which drops down 500 meters on the way enjoying some of the most spectacular sceneries of Simien mountain for 2 hours and drive further for Chenek in order to see Walia ibex that are exclusively endemic to the national park, around mid-day drive back to Gondar for late afternoon arrival.  
O\N Gondar

4 days

**1st day** 3-4 hours trek to Sankaber (3250m)  
**2nd day** - Trek to Gich with stops at Gich village and Jinbar waterfall (3600m)  
**3rd day**-7-8 hours trek with stops at Emet Gogo and enateye O\N camping at Chenek (4000m).  
**4th day**- Trek to Buayit peak(4430), for 2 hours Upon descent drive back to Gondar  
O\N -Hotel in Gondar

Adventure to the peak of Ras Dejen

**1st day** - 3-4 hours trek to Sankaber(3250m)  
**2nd day** - 5-6 hours trek to Gich camping site(3600m)  
**3rd day**-7-8 hours trek to Chenek via Emet Gogo (4000m).  
**4th day**-7-8 hours trek to Ambiko via Mount Buayit  
**5th day**- 8 - 10 hours hike to Ras Dejen via the Mizma village O\N Camping Ambiko  
**6th day**- 6-hours trek back to Chenek.  
**7th day** - Drive back to Gondar around Mid-day for afternoon arrival.  
O\N Gondar Hotels.

10 days

**1st day** - 3-4 hours trek to Sankaber(3250m)  
**2nd day** - 5-6 hours trek to Gich(3600m)  
**3rd day**-We trek to Chenek for 7 to 8 hours trek to Chenek via Emet Gogo(4000m).  
**4th day**- 7-8 hours trek to Ambiko  
**5th day**-8 - 10 hours hike to Ras Dejen via the Mizma village O\N Camping Ambiko  
**6th day**- 6-hours trek back to Chenek.  
**7th Day**:-10 hours trek to Sona.  
**8th Day**- Trek to Merkabiya , ansiya river and back to Sona  
**9th Day**: 4-5 hours trek to Mulit (2100m)  
**10th Day**-3hours trek to the small town of Adirki where you will be driven either to Axum or Gondar.

*In addition to the classical 4-5 days trekking experience in the Simien, this page features other popular itineraries.*

*But in addition to these standard tours, the 232 square kilometer square park offers infinite possibilities which can be tailored to your specific needs.*

*Simple illustrations include a one or two day incursion mainly by car where nights are spent in the Simien lodge for travelers with children.*

*For people more passionate about nature rather than trekking, spending extra nights in the beautiful camping sites rather than continued day to day trekking has proved more enjoyable.*

*An email at [info@evgethiopia.com](mailto:info@evgethiopia.com) and you can get your customied itinerary.*

# Tour information

The basics you need to know

*Contrary to popular beliefs the Simien is not only suited for the physically fit although it is a must avoid for people with Cardiac problems and or/ heart cases due to the high altitude.*

*Although many travelers still expressed their thrill and excitement despite the relentless showers and the fog which eclipses the magnificent views in the park, only the perfect planning of your timing will guarantee the perfect tour.*

*While our Chatrooms and timely correspondences are at your disposal for detailed information, here are the basics you need to know.*

## Health information

*No Malaria risk involved*

*Some travelers experience minor altitude sickness ( migraines, stomach disturbances )*

*Always drink bottled water*

## Packing checklist

- Sun screen
- Rain coat
- Your trekking shoes
- Medication for migraines and stomach disturbance in case of altitude sickness.
- Warm clothes
- Cap or hat
- Gloves
- Walking sticks ( optional )

## Important tip

*The cold weather in the Simien tends to discharge camera batteries faster. In a setting where you will want to take as many pictures as possible and where there is no electricity, try to pack as many spare batteries as you can to avoid regrets.*

## Planning



January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

Regardless of when you are planning to travel to the Simien, you should never rule out the possibility of some level of shower.

Temperatures in the Simien generally get close to freezing point. Always advisable to pack warm clothes.

In the case where your tour is planned for the rainy season, it is best to avoid camping as heavy rains tend to get into your tent.

 Rainy, foggy, difficult to camp

 Recommended times for clear view, less or no rain

# EVG Ethiopia

Why tour with us

*As Tempting as it would surely be, very few tour the same destination twice. The fact that we keep in mind that your tour is once in a lifetime experience is our driving force leading us to organize your tour in Ethiopia to perfection and slways work to go an extra edge to add something to our services..*

## Unique communication

*Our video based itineraries and interactive brochures are exclusive with unbiased information to help you chose the right tour for you.*

*Our unique and interactive questionnaire( accessible by clicking here) is also exclusive and unique to Ethiopia. You are just a few clicks and less than 10 minutes away from providing us with all the information needed to work on your customied itinerary.*

*Our first communication and you will surely beear testimonial of our professional and quickest reply*

## Unique organization

*We work with local guides and personel sharing our view and philosophy: Paying attention the minute details going as far as the view you will enjoy while laying down in your tent after a day's trek.*



## Unique services

*First aid proffessional: Where walking, Hiking and high altitude are invoved accidents cannot be ruled out. Without evading your privacy, we make sure that you have a qualified first aid assistant on stand by.*

*While a welcome or fairwell meal in a restaurant is common, we organize a traditional buffet in a private home so that you will get a true feel of the Ethiopian culture and even learn then make your own traditional coffee*

## Promoting Ethiopia

*We do not stop at providing free information to travelers through our website, the largest tour information source in Ethiopia. While we are happy to organize tours for travelers who don't want to leave anything to chance, our doors are open to travelers who want to do self organized tours. Our live chatrooms provide information for travelers who want to go solo.*

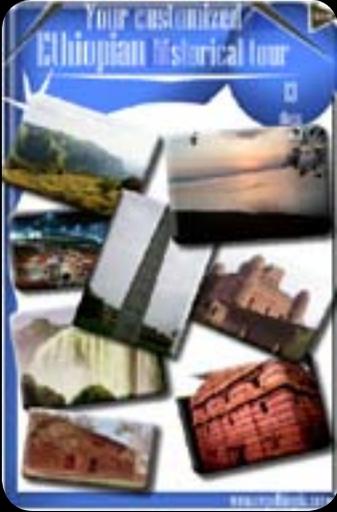


*Too good to be true?*

*Please contact us for a list of references of travelers from different parts of the globe who will gladdly share their views and experiences with us.*

# Other Ethiopian tours

Explore the wide range of popular tours in Ethiopia



## 13 days historical tour

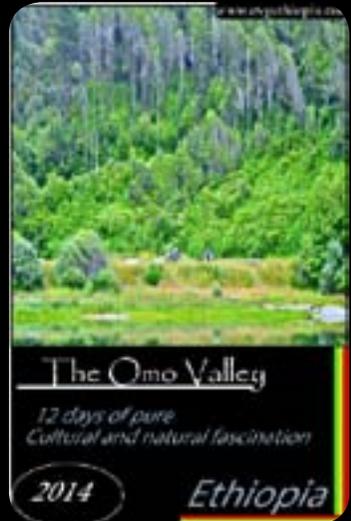
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