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The Historic North of Ethiopia and Omo Valley Tour for Rotary Club: 16 Days; 15 Nights

Day	Date	Day's Activities	Hotel
1	Fri, 17 Jan (9 Ter, 2017)	<p>Arrival - Addis Ababa</p> <p>Arrive at Bole International Airport. An Awaze Tours representative will meet you and take you to your hotel. Visit Trinity Cathedral, resting place of Emperor Haile Selassie. Tour the Ethnographic Museum, a great introduction to Ethiopian culture and history. Drive to the Entoto Hills for a panoramic view of Addis Ababa.</p> <p>Market Day: Mercato</p> <p>Breakfast: N/A; Lunch: Taitu Hotel; Dinner: Best Western</p>	Lodging: Best Western Plus
2	Sat, 18 Jan (10 Ter, 2017)	<p>Addis Ababa</p> <p>Today is set aside for meeting with the Addis Ababa Rotary Club and to visit a project.</p> <p>Breakfast: Best Western; Lunch: TBD; Dinner: TBD</p>	Lodging: Best Western Plus
3	Sun, 19 Jan (11 Ter, 2017)	<p>Addis Ababa - Bahar Dar</p> <p>Flight: 186; ADD - BJR</p> <p>Scheduled Departure: 8:00 AM; Scheduled: Arrival: 9:15 AM</p> <p>Fly to Bahar Dar on Ethiopian Airlines. Take a boat tour on Lake Tana, the source of the Blue Nile, and tour ancient monasteries on the Zege Peninsula. We will visit two of the following monasteries: Ura Kidane Mehiret, Azwa Maryam, Mehal Zege Giorgis, and Bete Maryam. End the day with a sunset visit to Bezawit Hills overlooking the Nile River.</p> <p>Breakfast: Best Western; Lunch: Desset Lodge; Dinner: Jacaranda Hotel Rest.</p>	Lodging: Jacaranda

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4	Mon, 20 Jan (12 Ter, 2017)	<p>Bahar Dar - Gondar</p> <p>Surface Travel: Bahar Dar to Gondar: 175 Km (109 Miles) - Approximately 3:30 hours.</p> <p>In the morning, visit members or projects of the local Rotary. Following lunch drive through the countryside to Gondar. OR drive to Gondar first thing in the morning and meet members of the Gondar Rotary.</p> <p>Breakfast: Jacaranda Hotel Rest.; Lunch: TBD; Dinner: Goha Hotel</p>	Lodging: Goha Hotel
5	Tue, 21 Jan (13 Ter, 2017)	<p>Gondar</p> <p>Visit the remote ruins of Kuskum, built for Empress Mentewab in the 1700's. After lunch, tour the Royal Enclosure, a UNESCO World Heritage site featuring five castles built by a succession of Ethiopian Kings beginning in the early 17th century. Having survived several wars, including air raids during World War 2, the castles are a testament to the resilience of this once mighty African Empire. Visit the church of Debre Birhan Selassie, famous for its religious art and especially its iconic ceiling depicting angels. See the baths of King Fasilides which still serves as a baptismal pool during Timkat.</p> <p>Breakfast: Goha Hotel; Lunch: Goha Hotel; Dinner: Four Sisters</p>	Lodging: Goha Hotel
6	Wed, 22 Jan (14 Ter, 2017)	<p>Gondar - Lalibela Flight: 122; GDQ - LLI</p> <p>Scheduled Departure: 10:00 AM; Scheduled: Arrival: 10:30 AM</p> <p>Fly to Lalibela on Ethiopian Airlines 700 kilometers north of Addis Ababa. Tour the magnificent rock-hewn churches, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This group of eleven monolithic churches were carved directly into the stone mountainside at least 800 years ago. This complex boasts the largest monolithic church in the world, a maze of passageways and tunnels, intricately carved reliefs, and fabulous examples of icon paintings. In the late afternoon, enjoy a traditional coffee ceremony and learn the process for baking injera (a staple food for much of Ethiopia.)</p> <p>Breakfast: Goha Hotel; Lunch: TBD; Dinner: Tukul Village</p>	Lodging: Tukul Village

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7	Thu, 23 Jan (15 Ter, 2017)	<p>Lalibela</p> <p>Drive to Yemrehanna Kristos, a beautiful church situated in a shallow cave that predates the churches of Lalibela. The drive to Yemrehanna will also give you the opportunity to view the rural countryside and villages of the Ethiopian highlands. Stop at Arbaytu Ensessa where the monks and nuns make hand crafts and traditional cloth.</p> <p>Breakfast: Tukul Village; Lunch: TBD; Dinner: Tukul Village</p>	Lodging: Tukul Village
8	Fri, 24 Jan (16 Ter, 2017)	<p>Lalibela - Lake Langano Flight: 121; LLI - ADD Scheduled Departure: 1:20 PM; Scheduled: Arrival: 2:35 PM</p> <p>Surface Travel: Addis Ababa to Lake Langano: 154 Km (96 Miles) - Approximately 4:00 hours.</p> <p>Fly to Addis Ababa, meet with your driver and guide, and proceed to the Rift Valley Lake Langano. Walk in the nearby Abijatta-Shalla National Park famous for it's rich birdlife. Relax at the Sabana Lodge. Lake Langano is free of bilharzia and is safe for swimming.</p> <p>Breakfast: Tukul Village; Lunch: TBD; Dinner: Sabana Lodge</p>	Lodging: Sabana Lodge
9	Sat, 25 Jan (17 Ter, 2017)	<p>Lake Langano - Arba Minch</p> <p>Surface Travel: Lake Langano to Arba Minch: 316 Km (196 Miles) - Approximately 5:30 hours.</p> <p>Drive to Arba Minch ("Forty Springs") located in the Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples Region. En route, visit a Dorze Village in the Guge Mountains. The Dorze are known for their tall, beehive-shaped bamboo houses. If the base becomes infested with termites, the entire house can be lifted and moved to another location.</p> <p>Breakfast: Sabana Lodge; Lunch: Abebe Zeleke Hotel Restaurant; Dinner: Haile Resort, Arba Minch</p>	Lodging: Haile Resort, Arba Minch
10	Sun, 26 Jan (18 Ter, 2017)	<p>Arba Minch</p> <p>Meet with a youth project by the local Rotary club.</p> <p>Breakfast: Haile Resort, Arba Minch; Lunch: TBD; Dinner: Haile Resort, Arba Minch</p>	Lodging: Haile Resort, Arba Minch

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11	Mon, 27 Jan (19 Ter, 2017)	<p>Arba Minch - Turmi</p> <p>Surface Travel: Arba Minch to Turmi: 280 Km (174 Miles) - Approximately 5:30 hours.</p> <p>Take a boat trip on Lake Chamo and view some of the largest crocodiles in the world sunning on the banks of the lake. Hippopotami and birdlife are also abundant. Drive to Turmi, home of the Hamar people. The Hamar are known for their body decorations and the clay and ochre that they put in their hair. In the late afternoon, visit a Hamar village.</p> <p>Breakfast: Haile Resort, Arba Minch; Lunch: Buska Lodge; Dinner: Buska Lodge</p>	Lodging: Buska Lodge
12	Tue, 28 Jan (20 Ter, 2017)	<p>Turmi</p> <p>Surface Travel: Turmi to Omorate: 70 Km (44 Miles) - Approximately 1:30 hours.</p> <p>Excursion from Turmi to Omorate. Crossing of the Omo River via a traditional canoe (a recently built bridge now also allows for optional crossing via tour vehicle.). Visit a village of another Omo tribe, the Dassanech, a semi nomadic people who are one of the more numerous tribes (population about 70,000) in the Omo. A highly egalitarian society, involving age sets and clan lineages. The Dassanech are primarily "agro-pastoralists" and cultivate sorghum, maize, and beans and raise livestock such as cattle and sheep. To supplement their crops and livestock Dassanech men will also fish and hunt crocodiles at night. Return to Turmi in the afternoon.</p> <p>Market Day: Omorate Market</p> <p>Breakfast: Buska Lodge; Lunch: TBD; Dinner: Buska Lodge</p>	Lodging: Buska Lodge

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13	Wed, 29 Jan (21 Ter, 2017)	<p>Turmi</p> <p>Drive to Murele taking a detour en route to visit a village of the Nyangatom. Divided into roughly 20 patrilineal descent clans, the Nyangatom live on sorghum, maize, beans, and tobacco cultivation. The Nyangatom are know for their "oratory" gifts and songs. Continue towards Murele and visit the Karo people, known for their elaborate body-painting by both the men and women. Karo women will also create intricate patterns of scars on their bodies but cutting with a knife or razor. Scars on a man's chest indicate he has killed an enemy or dangerous animal. A small tribe, the Karo population is estimated at between 6,000 and 9,000.</p> <p>Breakfast: Buska Lodge; Lunch: Buska Lodge; Dinner: Buska Lodge</p>	Lodging: Buska Lodge
14	Thu, 30 Jan (22 Ter, 2017)	<p>Turmi - Konso</p> <p>Surface Travel: Turmi to Konso: 200 Km (124 Miles) - Approximately 4:00 hours.</p> <p>Drive to Konso, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site. A highland people, the Konso are known for the ancient and intricate terraces that encircle their well-planned villages. Each Konso village begins on a hill top. As the population grows a new "ring" of homes are built around the hilltop. When the final "ring" reaches near the bottom of the hill, a new village on a different hill must be built. Look for the "generation pole" located in each village. Every 18 years and new pole is added to the others making it easy to calculate the age of the village.</p> <p>Market Day: Key Afar</p> <p>Breakfast: Buska Lodge; Lunch: TBD; Dinner: Kanta Lodge</p>	Lodging: Kanta Lodge

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15	Fri, 31 Jan (23 Ter, 2017)	<p>Konso - Hawassa</p> <p>Surface Travel: Konso to Hawassa: 340 Km (211 Miles) - Approximately 6:00 hours.</p> <p>Drive to Hawassa via the Shenkele game reserve. This Park is the the last pocket of the original Ethiopian Savannah. You will have a chance to spot the endemic Antelope called Swayne`s hartebeast, one the rarest and most elegant animals in all of Africa. Continue to Hawassa and relax at a lakeside resort.</p> <p>Breakfast: Kanta Lodge; Lunch: Abebe Zeleke Hotel Restaurant; Dinner: Haile Resort, Hawassa</p>	Lodging: Haile Resort, Hawassa
16	Sat, 01 Feb (24 Ter, 2017)	<p>Hawassa - Addis Ababa</p> <p>Surface Travel: Hawassa to Addis Ababa: 280 Km (174 Miles) - Approximately 5:00 hours.</p> <p>Drive to Addis Ababa stopping at Rift Valley Lakes that are renowned for their endemic birdlife. Upon arrival in Addis Ababa, optional souvenir shopping if time permits. Enjoy a Farewell dinner at a traditional Ethiopian restaurant featuring dancers and musicians representing some of the country's many ethnic groups.</p> <p>Breakfast: Haile Resort, Hawassa; Lunch: TBD; Dinner: Yod Abysinnia Traditional Restaurant</p>	Lodging: N/A



Pricing

- Price per person for 12- 15 based on double occupancy: \$2,500 USD
- Price per person for 16 - 19 based on double occupancy: \$2,425 USD
- Price per person for 20 - 25 based on double occupancy: \$2,360 USD
- Single room surcharge: \$300 USD

- ET discount: \$175 USD
(Ethiopian Air gives their international passengers a discount for the domestic flights that are included on this tour. This allows us to reduce the tour price accordingly.)

Cancellation Policy

- Please notify us if you need to cancel or reschedule your tour.
- All cancellations are subject to a \$100 cancellation fee.
- For cancellations over 30 days in advance, 100% refund, minus \$100 cancellation fee.
- For cancellations 0 - 30 days in advance, 75% refund.

Payment Terms

- \$100 per person initial down payment due upon registration. This fee is applied towards tour cost.
- 25% of tour cost due six weeks prior to departure.
- Remainder of tour cost due prior to first day of tour.
- Under certain circumstances we are flexible with this policy; please contact us if you have questions.
- Visa, Master Card, American Express, bank wire, and cash are accepted forms of payment.

Inclusions

- Entrance fees for all sites and parks mentioned on the itinerary.
- All excursions listed on the itinerary.
- Experienced, multilingual tour guides and guides' expenses.
- All domestic flights noted on itinerary.
- Ground transportation via tour vehicle. (includes driver and fuel)
- All meals shown on itinerary.
- Lodging as note on the itinerary
- All hotel/airport transfers listed on the itinerary.

Exclusions

- Any costs of a personal nature.
- Alcoholic drinks.
- International airfare.
- Tips.
- Photography or video fees.
- Visa costs.