



**AWF SAFARIS | NOVEMBER 1-11, 2021 | 10 GUESTS**

# **Extraordinary Ethiopia: Highlands & Beyond**

## **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Enjoy the convenience and comfort of private air charters to Ethiopia's wild parks and historic highlands
- Hike through the extraordinary hagenia forest, and explore the high plateau of Bale Mountains National Park in search of Africa's most endangered carnivore — the Ethiopian wolf
- Get up close with enormous troops of gelada monkeys, and see breathtaking scenery from your lodge perched high on an escarpment in the Simien Mountains
- Explore the extraordinary subterranean rock churches of Lalibela, an active site of worship where religious ritual is central to life in this town
- Stay at Limalimo, a conservation enterprise lodge developed by AWF, and visit an AWF Classroom Africa school, which provides primary education for local children



## DAYS 1-2 | NOVEMBER 1-2 | ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA | SHERATON ADDIS

Arrive at Ethiopia's Addis Ababa International Airport, where you will be met and driven to the Sheraton Addis Hotel. Meet your AWF safari leader and review your adventure ahead. After a leisurely morning, venture into the city to visit national sites, including the Holy Trinity Church and the National Museum. Visit a local market and enjoy a traditional coffee ceremony. B, L, D

## DAYS 3-5 | NOVEMBER 3-5 | BALE MOUNTAINS | BALE MOUNTAIN LODGE

This morning, take a private charter flight to Goba and enjoy a scenic drive through the national park to Bale Mountain Lodge, a conservation enterprise lodge supported by AWF. Bale Mountains National Park is a premier destination for wildlife enthusiasts, hikers, birdwatchers and cultural explorers. Hike the local hagenia forest and drive over the high plateau in search of the Ethiopian wolf. With fewer than 400 of these wolves remaining, they are the most endangered carnivore in all of Africa. B, L, D

## DAYS 6-8 | NOVEMBER 6-8 | SIMIEN MOUNTAINS | LIMALIMO LODGE

After an early breakfast, return to Goba for your private charter flight to the historic city of Gondar. After a brief city tour, drive to the breathtaking Simien Mountains National Park, with views often compared to the Grand Canyon. Limalimo is a conservation enterprise lodge developed by AWF and is perched on the edge of the escarpment to take full advantage of the panoramic views. Look for the critically endangered Walia ibex and meander through enormous troops of gelada monkeys, casually photographing as you walk amongst them. You will also visit an AWF Classroom Africa school, which provides access to high-quality primary education for the local children. B, L, D

## DAY 9 | NOVEMBER 9 | BAHIR DAR | KURIFTU RESORT & SPA

This morning, depart by road and arrive in Bahir Dar in time for lunch on the shores of Lake Tana. In the afternoon, take a boat tour to visit the local monasteries of Lake Tana, taking in their vibrant colors and learning of their rich history. B, L, D

## DAY 10 | NOVEMBER 10 | LALIBELA | SHERATON ADDIS

On your final full day, board a private charter to Lalibela, home to one of the world's most astounding sacred sites. Nearly a dozen subterranean churches, each carved entirely out of a single block of stone, continue to be in use today. Religious ritual is central to life in this town of 10,000 inhabitants—with more than 1,000 of them being priests. Enjoy lunch at Ben Abeba, which offers spectacular views, before flying onward to Addis. B, L, D

## DAY 11 | NOVEMBER 11 | ADDIS ABABA

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your international flight home. B

### OPERATED BY:



INTERNATIONAL  
EXPEDITIONS

### PRICE:

Double Occupancy  
(Per Person): \$12,990  
Single Supplement: \$995

### INCLUSIONS:

AWF leaders, specialized naturalist guides, airport transfers, window seats in comfortable vehicles, all accommodations and meals as stated, guided walks, all park fees, internal charter flights as stated, water in vehicles

### EXCLUSIONS:

International flights, fuel surcharge, passport and visa fees, travel insurance, gratuities, beverages, personal items

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