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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 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 another 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. 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 rock 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