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Ethiopian Grand Odyssey — August 2026

10 Days / 9 Nights · Ethiopia · Difficulty: Moderate

Day-by-Day Itinerary

DAY 1

Nairobi Departure — Overland to Southern Ethiopia

Meet your Kiimbo crew and fellow travellers in Nairobi for a morning briefing. Board the expedition truck and begin the overland journey north through the Kenyan highlands toward the Moyale border crossing into Ethiopia.

Hotel: En-route hotel

Meals: dinner

DAY 2

Border Crossing & Rift Valley Descent

Complete border formalities at Moyale and continue into southern Ethiopia. Watch the landscape transform as you descend into the Ethiopian Rift Valley with panoramic photo stops along the way.

Hotel: Rift Valley hotel

Meals: breakfast, dinner

DAY 3

Southern Highlands — Cultural Encounters

Travel through Ethiopia's southern highlands, passing traditional villages and vibrant market towns. Your Ethiopian guide shares stories of local customs, coffee culture, and the region's rich history.

Hotel: Highland lodge

Meals: breakfast, dinner

DAY 4

Wondo Genet Hot Springs

Arrive at the lush forest retreat of Wondo Genet. Enjoy a full afternoon soaking in the natural hot springs surrounded by indigenous forest — a highlight of any Ethiopian overland adventure.

Hotel: Wondo Genet resort

Meals: breakfast, dinner

DAY 5

Wondo Genet to Hawassa

Morning leisure at the hot springs before continuing to Hawassa on the shores of Lake Hawassa. Settle into your hotel and prepare for an evening of lakeside nightlife and live music.

Hotel: Hawassa lakeside hotel

Meals: breakfast, dinner

DAY 6

Lake Hawassa Boat Trip & Hawassa Nightlife

Take a guided boat excursion on Lake Hawassa to spot hippos, pelicans, and fish eagles. In the evening, explore Hawassa's vibrant restaurant and entertainment scene with your group.

Hotel: Hawassa lakeside hotel

Meals: breakfast, dinner

DAY 7

Hawassa to Addis Ababa

Scenic overland drive north to Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa. Pass rolling farmland and highland communities before arriving in the city in the late afternoon.

Hotel: Addis Ababa hotel

Meals: breakfast, dinner

DAY 8

Addis Ababa City Tour

Full-day guided city tour of Addis Ababa including the National Museum, Merkato market, and panoramic viewpoints. Visit the Teddy Dan cultural experience for an immersive introduction to Ethiopian music and heritage.

Hotel: Addis Ababa hotel

Meals: breakfast, dinner

DAY 9

Addis Ababa — Free Exploration

A relaxed day to explore Addis at your own pace — coffee ceremonies, souvenir shopping on Bole Road, or optional visits to Entoto Mountain. Group farewell dinner in the evening.

Hotel: Addis Ababa hotel

Meals: breakfast, dinner

DAY 10

Departure Day

Breakfast at the hotel before individual departures. Optional overland return to Nairobi with the truck or independent flight arrangements from Bole International Airport.

Meals: breakfast

What's Included / Excluded

INCLUDED

- + Overland expedition truck transport Nairobi to Addis Ababa
- + Hotel accommodation on a per-person-sharing basis
- + Daily breakfast and dinner
- + Wondo Genet hot springs entry
- + Teddy Dan cultural experience entry
- + Addis Ababa city tour
- + Hawassa nightlife experience
- + Lake Hawassa boat excursion
- + Professional Ethiopian guide throughout

EXCLUDED

- Lunch meals
- Tips and gratuities
- Travel insurance
- Ethiopian visa fees
- Non-resident visa charges
- Personal expenses and souvenirs