

DANAKIL DEPRESSION TOUR

DAY 1: ADDIS ABABA ARRIVAL DAY

- Depending on when you arrive, you may explore Addis on your own, visiting the highlights which include the following sights:
 - Meskel Square
 - The national museum to see the worlds oldest human called Lucy
 - 'Red Terror' Martyrs Memorial Museum
 - Holy Trinity Cathedral
 - St. George Cathedral and museum
 - Debre Libanos Monestary
- Overnight in simple Lucy Hotel



DAY 2: ADDIS ABABA TO AWASH

- After breakfast you will get picked up at your hotel and start the drive up north
- Along the way you will stop in Awash to see Awash River Gorge, Awash River Falls with crocodiles and Ali Deghe Animal Reserve.
- Upon arrival in Awash you will check into the campsite at Doho Lodge
- Overnight camping in Doho Lodge in Awash with natural hot spring pools and clean, fresh mattress, sheets etc to sleep on.



DAY 3: AWASH TO SEMERA

- After breakfast you will continue your sightseeing in the Awash region before driving to Semera
- Along the way you will stop in villages and towns for food and to see if you can talk to someone and get an understanding of the way of life there.
- You will stop in the Rift Valley, to see how the African continent just literally is starting to be divided in two
- Overnight in hotel in Semera



DAY 4: SEMERA TO DANAKIL

- Drive directly to Hamedela village of Dallol to visit the green pools, which look like nowhere else on this planet. We will spend a good amount of time in that area before continuing the drive to Lake Assale in the late afternoon where we will watch the sunset over the reflecting pools.
- Finally, after sunset we will go to the salt mines to see the salt miners at work in the dark
- Overnight camping in the desert



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DAY 5: DANAKIL DEPRESSION FULL DAY

- Drive to Hamedela to have some rest and lunch
- After lunch you will drive to Erta Ale, an active volcano where you will make camp at the caldera where dinner will be made.
- Before sunset, make a 30 minute hike to the top of the volcano to watch the sun go down and the redness of the volcano come to full show in the dark.
- Overnight in open air camping at the bottom of the volcano



DAY 6: DANAKIL DEPRESSION FINAL DAY

- After breakfast you will drive to Afdera salt lake town, the major hub for salt production and distribution, laying at -102m below sea level- the hottest part of the Danakil Depression.
- You will have lunch in town, see the salt lake, have a walk along the salt farms, then return to Semera for lunch
- In the afternoon we will visit the Allalobad hot spring geysirs
- Overnight in Aramis Hotel in Semera



DAY 7: SEMERA TO ADDIS

- After breakfast you will get picked up at the hotel and start the drive down back to Addis Abeba
- You will drive down a different route than on the way up, on a route called the Kombolcha route where you will make stops, including a hot water spring to swim in along the way
- Check into our hotel upon arrival in Addis and go out for dinner
- Overnight in simple Lucy Guest House in Addis Abeba



DAY 8: ADDIS DEPARTURE DAY

- Depart Addis Abeba at any time
- There are no planned activities this day, so you can leave any time
- Feel free to stay longer or get in touch if you want more adventures in Ethiopia after the trip is finished.



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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



See crocodiles in
Awash River Falls



Meet locals along the
way



Eat delicious Ethiopian
food



Swim in the Doho
Lodge hot springs



Drive on salt pans



See workers mining
salt



See the unique
landscape of Dallol



Climb an active
volcano



Swim in salt water
pools in the desert

...AND THERE ARE MANY MORE!

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POSSIBLE DATES:

ANY TIME, WHENEVER YOU WANT

MAIN SEASON:

SEPTEMBER-APRIL



NOTES

A deposit will be required to confirm the trip and the remaining balance will have to be paid in cash on arrival.

The order of the sights, activities will vary based on weather, police checkpoints and road conditions.

You will need to arrange your own flights to and from Addis Ababa. Visa can be obtained on arrival in Ethiopia for most nationalities.



INCLUDED

- All accommodation
- All meals from departing Addis until you get back to Addis
- All transport between sites
- Local, English speaking guide



NOT INCLUDED

- Visa fee
- Flights to/from Ethiopia
- Travel insurance
- Tips to drivers, guides etc (budget 50-100\$)

