

ENCHANTING ETHIOPIA

16 JANUARY – 1 FEBRUARY 2017

Led by Michael Johnson



PER PERSON SHARING R42 500
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT R6 500
Based on 15 travellers

Includes:

Accommodation, all meals, transportation by bus to the historic sights (including Danakil), by 4x4 to Harar, English-speaking guide, cook, camping gear, local guides and scouts, entrance fees and boat trip on Lake Tana

Excludes: International & Domestic airfares

Tour Leader : MICHAEL JOHNSON



Born and brought up in East Africa and educated in Britain at Clifton College and at University of Edinburgh, where he graduated BCom (Economics). Subsequently qualified as a Chartered Accountant at Deloitte, London (later also as CA (SA) at University of Cape Town). Worked for many years for various Deloitte offices, and listed in alpha order: Arusha, Cleveland, Durban, Mombasa, Nairobi and New York, before settling in 1970 in “his” beautiful Cape Town.

Titch Tours is Michael’s main professional/work-cum-retirement hobby and fun!

Titch Tours offers regular, fully-escorted tours to exotic destinations, catering for the “mature” traveller. Michael has been leading tours for over 40 years, starting as early as his University days; that passion is still with him. He is fortunate to have his partner Linda Godlonton accompanying him, assisting him on most of the tours.

Michael loves life and seeks at all times to share his love of travel, as well as his travel brand of *joie de vivre*, with his fellow travellers, who become lifelong friends.

ETHIOPIA ITINERARY

We will visit all the places included in this itinerary but Titch Tours reserves the right to amend the itinerary according to conditions before, or at the time of, travel.

<p>16 January</p>	<p>CAPE TOWN – ADDIS ABABA (2 nights) Fly Cape Town - Addis Ababa ET846 15h05 – 22h30 on Ethiopian Airlines. On arrival we will be met and transferred to our hotel.</p> <p>2 nights accommodation in Addis Ababa.</p>
<p>17 January</p>	<p>After a leisurely breakfast, we will enjoy a city tour, visiting the museum and seeing Lucy, the 3-million year old hominid. The city tour includes the national museum famous for pre-historic, historic and cultural collection and Addis Ababa museum, famous for detailed information about the historical development of the town, Markato the biggest open air market in Africa, drive and walk through the main streets to appreciate the historical monuments and the architecture of the buildings and houses.</p>
<p>18 January</p>	<p>ADDIS ABABA – BAHAR DAR (1 night) Fly Addis Ababa – Bahar Dar ET126 07h00 – 08h00 flight. We will take a morning boat trip to the Zeghi Peninsula, this will involve an easy 2-hour walk to visit Azoa Mariam and Ura Kidane Meheret Churches and the Monastery famous for Ethiopian Paintings.</p> <p>In the afternoon Celebrating the Baptism of Christ, Timkat is the greatest colorful festival of Orthodox Christians in Ethiopia. It celebrates the Baptism of Christ in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. Timkat is a three-day affair and all the ceremonies are conducted with great pomp. The eve of Timket is called Ketera. This is when the Tabots of each church are carried out in procession to a river or pool of water where the next day's celebration will take place. A special tent is set up where each Tabot rests as members of the church choirs chant hymns. This is accompanied by a special dance by the priests with their prayer sticks and sistras, the beating of drums, ringing of bells, and blowing of trumpets.</p> <p>Late afternoon we will visit the Tis Tsat Waterfall and take a short walk through the beautiful countryside.</p> <p>1 night accommodation in Bahar Dar.</p>
<p>19 January</p>	<p>BAHAR DAR – GONDAR (2 nights) In the early morning we will attend the Timket Festival. We will then travel by road to Gondar and in the afternoon, visit the 17th Century Gondar Castle and the Mount Light Trinity Church.</p> <p>2 nights accommodation in the Gondar area.</p>
<p>20 January</p>	<p>GONDAR Full day excursion with picnic lunch to the Semein Mountain National Park, a world Heritage site home of endemic wild animals, vegetation and birds. Enjoy one of the most spectacular landscapes in Africa.</p>
<p>21 January</p>	<p>GONDAR – LALIBELA (1 night) Fly Gondar – Lalibela ET 122 09h45 – 10h15 On arrival we will visit the Lalibela Rock Churches, carved out of solid rock. The 11 churches are in close proximity on a plateau with panoramic views over the plains below, and are a highlight of any Ethiopian tour.</p> <p>1 nights accommodation in the Lalibela area.</p>
<p>22 January</p>	<p>LALIBELA- AXUM (1 night) Fly Lalibela – Axum ET 122 10h35 – 11h15 On arrival we will visit the archaeological and historical sites in Axum and walk for approximately 90 minutes to visit the 5th Century Monastery, Abuna Pentelion, which is famous for old Manuscripts.</p> <p>1 nights accommodation in Axum.</p>

23 January	<p>AXUM – GHERALTA (2 nights) Drive to Gheralta through the Adowa Mountains and visit the Yeha Temple built in 800 B.C and the oldest temple in the country.</p> <p>We will stay at Gheralta Lodge, a jewel constructed from dressed stone.</p> <p>2 nights accommodation in the Gheralta area.</p>
24 January	<p>GHERALTA Today we will visit the Mariam Korkur and take a 4-hour walk through the breathtaking Gheralta Mountains. They have a wonderful climate and spectacular views and we will visit a chapel carved out of the cliff 50 metres above the plain.</p>
25 January	<p>GHERALTA – DANAKIL (2 nights) We will drive to Danakil to explore Dalol where the colours of the mineral deposits at the hot springs in the desert are amazing, as can be seen on the photo on the front of this itinerary. We will camp overnight.</p> <p>2 nights accommodation in the Danakil area in serviced camp style.</p>
26 January	<p>DANAKIL (1 night) There will be an optional 4-hour hike to the Erte Ale Volcano and also visit one of only 5 lava lakes in the world OR take a camel ride, the fee for this ride being extra. We will camp overnight on the rim of the volcano.</p>
27 January	<p>DANAKIL – MEKELE (1 night) The volcano hike and camel Ride groups will meet and transfer to our Mekele Hotel.</p> <p>1 nights accommodation in Mekele.</p>
28 January	<p>MEKELE – ADDIS ABABA – AWASH NATIONAL PARK (1 night) Fly Mekele – Addis Ababa ET 101 08h55 – 10h10</p> <p>On arrival in Addis Ababa, we will drive to the Awash National Park, a bird lover's paradise. We will overnight in a hotel near the park.</p> <p>1 nights accommodation in the Awash National Park area.</p>
29 January	<p>AWASH – HARAR (2 nights) We will travel from Awash National Park to Harar, and in the evening visit the Hyena Man who feeds hyenas by hand and sometimes by mouth.</p> <p>2 nights accommodation in Harar.</p>
30 January	<p>HARAR Ancient Harar is the world's 4th most holy Muslim City and rivals Marakesh with its picturesque narrow colourful streets, with markets still operating as they have done since the 14th Century. We will explore the town in the morning and in the afternoon, visit the Old Village of Argoba, built in the 10th Century.</p>
31 January	<p>HARAR – ADDIS ABABA (1 night) Transfer to the airport in Dire Dawa. Fly Dire Dawa – Addis Ababa ET 205 15h10 – 16h10</p> <p>On arrival, transfer to hotel for overnight and enjoy our final dinner in a local restaurant, with live music.</p> <p>1 nights accommodation in Addis Ababa.</p>
1 February	<p>DEPART ADDIS ABABA – CAPE TOWN Transfer to the airport for our flight home. Fly Addis Ababa – Cape Town ET 847 08h30 – 14h15</p>

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3. **Baggage:** One piece of luggage per person not exceeding 20 kilograms (on an exceptional basis this may be increased to 23 kilograms) plus one piece of cabin luggage/carry-on, not exceeding a total length of 115cm.
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12. **Payment:** A deposit of R5000 is required at the time of booking. The cost of the tour in question will be based on the advertised minimum full-paying passengers. In the event that less than the minimum number of full-paying passengers are on the tour, the tour cost may change, in which event the traveller will be entitled to withdraw from the tour if desired, and will be refunded any monies paid for the tour, provided the payment for the tour has not already been remitted to the destination country/countries in question.

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ETHIOPIA JANUARY 2017 BOOKING FORM

16 January – 01 February 2017

Please complete this booking form and return it with your deposit of
R5000 and photo-copy of your passport to **TITCH TOURS**

NAME AS PER PASSPORT:				TITLE:			
NAME YOU WISH TO BE CALLED:			MAIDEN NAME (IF APPLICABLE):				
ADDRESS:							
TELEPHONE:		HOME:		WORK:		CELL:	
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NATIONALITY:				ID NO:			
PASSPORT No				DATE OF BIRTH:			
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ALT PASSPORT No				NATIONALITY:			
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IF YOU HAVE TWO PASSPORTS, WHICH ONE WILL YOU BE TRAVELLING ON:							
SMOKING:		YES <input type="checkbox"/>		NO <input type="checkbox"/>		SPECIAL MEAL REQUESTS:	
SEATING REQUEST (ON FLIGHT):							
Please note that we can only request your choice of seating and cannot confirm it.							
ACCOMMODATION - I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH:						SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/>	
In the case of passengers travelling alone who wish to share twin accommodation, we endeavour to fulfil these requests. However, should this not be possible, a single room supplement will be payable.							
NAME OF NEXT OF KIN /FRIEND:				RELATIONSHIP:			
ADDRESS:		TEL:		EMAIL:			
I enclose my cheque for the deposit of R5000 (or will do so, or have done so by EFT) to secure a place on the tour. Furthermore I confirm I have read, understood and accept the TERMS & CONDITIONS (as overleaf) of travelling on tour with Titch Tours. I also note that the balance of the cost of the tour is payable 6 weeks before departure, costed January 2016, based on 15 full paying passengers.							
SIGNED this.....day of.....2016				SIGNATURE			
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