

ADDIS ABABA

A Home Away From Home



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Tourism Brochure



Welcome Back to Addis

Dear Guest,

Welcome back to your second home, Addis Ababa! We are very glad to have you here in the bustling diplomatic capital of Africa.

During your stay, don't miss the chance to enjoy the myriad immersive experiences Addis has to offer. On the sidelines of your meetings, we encourage you to explore historical landmarks such as the National Museum and the Palace Museum, where you can glimpse Ethiopia's rich heritage. A hike to Entoto, the highest point in Addis, is also a must, as is sampling Ethiopia's diverse cuisine alongside a cup of coffee brewed the Ethiopian way. Walk or bike along Addis' major streets and witness the transformation the city has undergone in recent years.

The city has a lot to offer. Explore, immerse, enjoy.

We wish you a delightful stay in Addis!





ADDIS ABABA

The Vibrant Capital of Africa

Addis is a home away from home for all Africans. As the diplomatic capital of the continent, it welcomes African leaders and diplomats each year for regional summits. Addis served as the center for Africa's decolonization movement, reflecting its status as the capital of the only African country that resisted colonial rule. Today, the city hosts major continental institutions, including the African Union and the UN Economic Commission for Africa. Addis Ababa is also a major gateway to Africa, serving as the home base of the continent's leading carrier, Ethiopian Airlines.

Delightful Immersive Experiences

CULINARY ADVENTURE

As a land of rich cultural diversity, Ethiopia offers a culinary adventure like no other. Its vast array of dishes caters to various dietary needs with delicious stews, often meat-based but with plenty of vegetarian options. Cultural restaurants in Addis invite visitors to savor authentic Ethiopian cuisine and beverages, alongside a cup of Ethiopian coffee.



Ethiopian Ta'em Cultural Restaurant

📍 Bole
🌐 ethiopianskylighthotel.com
☎ +25111 681 8181

Yod Abyssinia Cultural Restaurant

📍 Bole and Bistrate Gebriel
🌐 yodabyssiniapl.com
☎ +251116 612985/ +251 116 612985

Totot Cultural Restaurant

📍 Gerji
🌐 totottraditionalrestaurant.com.et
☎ +251930 012 250

2000 Habesha

📍 Bole Atlas
☎ +251912838383



COOKING EXPERIENCE

Kategna Restaurant

📍 Entoto & Addis Ababa International Airport
🌐 kategna.com
☎ +251 92 378 8133

Yod Abyssinia Cultural Restaurant

In addition to serving traditional Ethiopian cuisine, Yod Abyssinia also offers cooking experiences for visitors. For location and contact details, please refer to the preceding page.



COFFEE SHOPS

Ethiopia is the birthplace of coffee, where you can enjoy the finest cups brewed in a colorful coffee ceremony, a symbol of Ethiopian hospitality. From cultural to modern brews, Ethiopia's coffee scene offers a delightful experience, with both traditional restaurants and coffee shops showcasing this rich culture.



Tomoca Coffee

📍 Piassa, Arat Kilo, Bole and others
🌐 tomocacoffee.com
☎ +25111112498

ETT-COFF

📍 Eri Bekentu
🌐 et-coff.com
☎ +251 925 75 7777

Hadero Coffee

📍 Jacros
🌐 hadero.com
☎ +251 11 667 0708



MUSIC & DANCE

The music scene in Addis Ababa is worth exploring in its own right. Many cultural restaurants, including those highlighted on the preceding pages, are popular with tourists who enjoy live traditional band performances. Jazz clubs also attract visitors interested in Ethio-jazz, a unique fusion of traditional Ethiopian music with jazz and Afrobeat.

UPCOMING MUSIC FESTIVALS

Live Music by Emerging Music Lab

- Date: 13-15 February 2026
- Venue: Lake Langano

African Dreams

African themed festival

- Date: 21 February 2026
- Venue: Defense Officers' Club

African Jazz Village

- 📍 Inside Ghion Hotel, near Meskel Square
- ☎ +251 91168 8270

Fendika Cultural Center

- 📍 Inside Hyatt Regency, Near Meskel Square
- 🌐 fendika.org
- ☎ +251 91154 7577

Soramba Hotel

- 📍 Near Menelik II Square
- 🌐 sorambahotelet.com
- ☎ +25111 156 56 33

Capital Hotel & Spa

- 📍 Hayahulet
- 🌐 capitalhotelandspa.com
- ☎ +251 116 192 000



ARTS & CRAFTS

Ethiopia's art and craft spaces offer visitors the chance to witness the richness of the country's craftsmanship. Go-to spots in Addis Ababa, such as Shiromeda, offer a wide array of souvenirs to take home as a token of your visit to the Land of Origins. At pottery workshops like Enesra, you can witness the production process firsthand, as local artisans skillfully mold and polish their creations. Art galleries in Addis are also worth your time.

Shiromeda

- 📍 Souvenir market
- 📍 Near US Embassy, on the road to Entoto

Makush Art Gallery

- 📍 Bole
- 🌐 makushethiopianart.com
- ☎ +251 911 41 86 02

Entoto Beth Artesian

- 📍 Bole Atlas & Kazanchis
- 🌐 entotoartisan.com
- ☎ +251 920 195 420

Enesra Pottery Center

- 📍 Aficho Ber
- ☎ +251 910 14 25 59

Addis Fine Arts

- 📍 Bole Atlas
- 🌐 addisfineart.com
- ☎ +251 980 635 696

Studio 11

- 📍 Bole
- 🌐 studio11.et
- ☎ +251 90 999 9333





MARKET TOURS

Strolling through Addis Ababa's key markets, such as Merkato and Shola, offers a firsthand glimpse into everyday trading in Ethiopian society. From aromatic spices and traditional textiles to electronics and household goods, almost everything is bought and sold in these bustling markets.

Merkato

The largest open-air market in Africa

📍 Addis Ketema district

Shola Market

📍 Megenagna

HIKING & BIKING

Addis Ababa is blessed with a topography ideal for hiking. Boasting an elevation of 2,665 meters above sea level, it ranks as the third-highest capital city in the world. A trek up Mount Entoto along with visits to the city's parks, offers experiences that delight hiking enthusiasts. Addis Ababa's modern infrastructure has also made it ideal for walking and biking.

Entoto Park



Entoto



entoto-natural-park.org

Activities: Hiking, horse riding, spa, and other indoor and outdoor activities

Friendship Park



Near the Grand Palace

Sights: Lush green gardens, dancing fountain, artificial lake, and more

BIKE & SCOOTER RIDES

Recommended lanes: Meskel Square to Bole, and Megenagna to CMC

Bike & Scooter Rental

SimienEcoTours



Bole



simienecotours.com



+251920 732527

PedalFly



Megenagna



pedalfly.app



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WELLNESS EXPERIENCES

Addis Ababa welcomes visitors with an array of wellness spaces ideal for unwinding. From spas to massage centers, guests can enjoy relaxing wellness experiences on the sidelines of their meetings. Wellness services in Addis Ababa go beyond exercise, placing strong emphasis on relaxation, recovery, and overall wellbeing.

Boston Day Spa

📍 Bole
🌐 kurifturesorts.com
☎ +251 11 663 6557

Soreti Wellness & Spa

📍 Wollo Sefer
🌐 soretispa.com
☎ +251 904 72 62 72

Signature Salon & Spa

📍 Wollo Sefer
🌐 signaturespaaddis.com
☎ +251 90 274 9974

Most of the star-rated hotels in Addis Ababa also offer wellness services.

HISTORY & HERITAGE TOURS

History buffs will find plenty to explore in the historic city of Addis Ababa. The city's landmarks include museums and heritage sites filled with artefacts that reflect Ethiopia's rich past. The National Museum of Ethiopia, the Palace Museum, and the Adwa Victory Memorial are just a few of the must-see attractions.



National Museum

📍 Amist Kilo

Sights: Fossils, historical and cultural artifacts, paintings and more

Palace Museum

📍 Near Kazanchis

🌐 palacemuseum.gov.et

☎ +251910024687

Sights: Rare historical artifacts & books, vintage palace vehicles, diplomatic gifts and more

Adwa Victory Memorial

📍 Piassa

🌐 adwavictorymemorial.gov.et

☎ +251986929292

Sights: Historical weapons, uniforms, statues, and personal belongings of historical figures

Ethnological Museum

📍 Sidist Kilo

Sights: Royal residence, icons, crosses, handicrafts, traditional musical instruments and more



SUGGESTED TOURS

3 – 4 Hours

- Drive up to Mount Entoto, enjoy panoramic views of Addis Ababa and unwind at Entoto Natural Park.
- Visit the bustling Shiro Meda market where a wide variety of traditional handicrafts are on sale.
- Tour the National Museum of Ethiopia where you will see fossils, artifacts, historical objects, and paintings.
- Wrap up your tour with coffee at ET-COFF.

5 – 6 Hours

- Explore Unity Park, home to historic buildings, cultural exhibits, and a variety of wildlife and aquatic species.
- Visit the Ethnological Museum where you will discover Ethiopia's rich history and cultural heritage.
- Walk or bike along the Bole Road, taking in the vibrant charm of Addis Ababa.
- Enjoy coffee at one of the Tomoca Coffee shops around Bole.

One Full Day

- Drive up to Mount Entoto, enjoy panoramic views of Addis Ababa and unwind at Entoto Natural Park.
- Explore Unity Park, home to historic buildings, cultural exhibits, and a variety of wildlife and aquatic species.
- Stroll through the bustling alleys of Merkato, Africa's largest open-air market, and experience its vibrant atmosphere.
- End the day with a cultural dinner and live music at one of the traditional restaurants in Addis.
- Alternatively, spend the day visiting Wanchi Crater Lake, a three-hour drive west of Addis Ababa. Enjoy the area's natural charm and tourist activities offered by the local community, while savoring the services and amenities of Wanchi–Dandi Eco-Lodge.
- Or drive southeast to Bishoftu, the City of Seven Lakes, and relax at one of its many lakeside resorts.

Few Days

- Explore the 12th-century rock-hewn churches of Lalibela, the historic Fasilides Castles of Gondar, and the sprawling Gorgora Eco-Resort along the shores of Lake Tana
- Explore Chebera Churchura National Park and the state-of-the-art Chebera Elephant Paw Lodge
- Take a daring adventure to the Danakil Depression, one of the hottest places on Earth, featuring bubbling lava, sulfur springs, and multi-colored landscapes
- Visit Halala Kella, its historic stone walls, and enjoy the modern comforts of the Halala Kella Resort
- Explore Beyouna Village, set in a breathtaking landscape along the shores of Lake Beseka
- Trek through Bale Mountains National Park, one of Ethiopia's biodiversity hotspots

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

TOUR OPERATORS

Tour Operator Associations

Websites
etoa.travel
stoa-ethiopia.org

Ethiopian Holidays

Website: ethiopianholidays.com
Phone: +251 116179900
6787 (Local Customer)

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Website: moh.gov.et
Hotline: 8335

POLICE

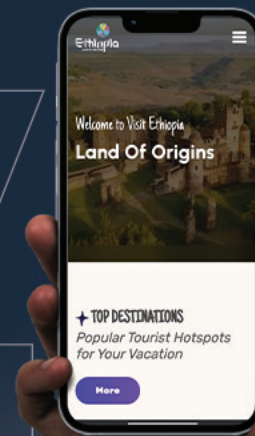
Website: federalpolice.gov.et
Hotline: 991

RIDE TAXI HAILING

Website: ride8294.com
Phone: 8294
App: Available on Play Store and App Store

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