

## **Bahir-Dar - Gondar Trip Itinerary**

Bahir Dar and Gondar are popular destinations for domestic tourism and important cities for Amhara cultural heritage.

Bahir Dar is known for Lake Tana, the largest in the country, surrounded by monasteries and a peninsula, and for the Chis Abay waterfall, a suburb of Bahir Dar just 29 km away.

The city Gondar is also very clean and features palm-lined avenues. Gondar is famous for its Royal Complex, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with several castles and palaces, as Gondar was the seat of central government from the 17th to the mid-19th century.

Day 1- Upon arrival at Bole International Airport, you will be greeted by our tour guides and transferred to your booked hotel. Most flights to Addis Ababa arrive in the morning, leaving the remaining hours of the day available for a city tour of Addis Ababa. Full- and half-day tours are available on our website. Learn more about our city tours there.

*If you arrive at night, the next day will be reserved for a full-day city tour of Addis Ababa.*

Day 2- Take a morning flight to Bahir-Dar. Upon arrival, drop off your luggage at your reserved hotel, go rafting on Lake Tana, and visit the peninsula's ancient monasteries.

### **Lunch break with vegetarian and vegan options.**

After lunch, travel to the town of Chis-Abay, 29 km away, and take a half-hour hike to the Blue Nile Falls. Afterwards, return to Bahir Dar and spend the night there. (If the tour ends in Bahir Dar, a visit to the House of Cultural and Folk Dancers will extend the evening.)

After breakfast, drive to Gondar (168 km); leave your luggage in your hotel room and head directly to the 16th-century stone palaces and castles of the Kingdom of Gondar, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This palace was built when Gondar was the seat of the Ethiopian central government.

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**Lunch break:**

After lunch, visit the 17th-century Debrebrihan Selassie Church, with twelve rounded stone towers and fascinating paintings on the walls and ceiling. At 6:00 PM, we'll stroll through the town's main streets and spend the evening at the House of Cultural and Folk Dancers and try the very famous Ethiopian honey wine (Tej).

Day 4- We travel to Gondar Airport according to our flight schedule and fly back to Addis Ababa.

**Farwell Night:** Upon arrival in the city, we'll have lunch (if we arrive early), rest a bit, and enjoy an early dinner in one of Ethiopia's best jazz or (reggae optional) lounges, or in one of the most beautiful dance and folklore houses with a traditional coffee ceremony. This concludes the four-day trip.

*The excursion on the fourth day can optionally be extended by one day, depending on the customer's interests.*

Optional

Excursion to Semien Mountain National Park if the trip is extended by one day.

Drive to Semien Mountains National Park (113 km) a UNESCO world heritage site, the country's highest peak and home to endemic wildlife (Gelada baboons and Walia antelopes). The park is ideal for hiking and offers spectacular views. After the hike, camp near the park and cook beg tibis (roasted lamb with onions, garlic, and green bell peppers in sunflower oil). Spend the night at Simien Lodge.

*This itinerary originally started in Addis Ababa and continued to Bahir-Dar. However, you can also change the first destination to Gondar and continue the trip to Bahir-Dar. Alternatively, you can modify the trip to Bahir-Dar or Gondar cities exclusively. These changes may reduce the amount of the payment.*

### **What does the 4 days tour include?**

- \*Hotel fees.
- \*Air fair for domestic flights.
- \* Pick up and drop off service.
- \*Transportation, including fuel and driving.
- \*Entrance fees, at all listed places.
- \*Professional English speaking tour-guide.
- \*Lunch, dinner hot drinks and bottled water.

### **What's not included?**

- \* Alcoholic beverages not listed on the package
  
- \*Tips and Gratitude

### **All-Inclusive Bahir-Dar Gonder 4 DaysTour**

Total: \$1870 (individual price)

\*Group of 2: \$1402 per person

\*Group of 3: \$1261per person

\*Group of 4-9: \$1134 per person

\*Group of 10 or more: \$1084 per person

From 25% to 42% discount for group tours