

Danakil Depression

5-day Tour.

The Danakil is considered the hottest inhabited place on Earth.

The Danakil Depression was formed by continental drift between the African and Asian tectonic plates. As the plates moved apart at a rate of 1 to 2 cm per year, a geological depression known as the Danakil Depression (or Afar Depression) was created, representing one of the most unusual landscapes on Earth.

It is home to salt lakes, lava lakes, volcanoes, and colorful acidic springs: a wonderfully alien environment.

The Danakil Depression is located at the triple junction between three tectonic plates.

The Afar Depression encompasses Djibouti, Eritrea, and the Afar region of Ethiopia. The northern part of this depression is the Danakil Depression, which lies more than 100 meters below sea level.

In addition to its fascinating geology, the Danakil holds the key to some of the most profound questions in biology. In 1974, researchers discovered the remains of "Lucy," a 3.2-million-year-old ancestor of modern humans (now on display at the National Museum in Addis Ababa), in the Danakil Depression. The acidic springs of the Dallol Crater have attracted scientists searching for extremophile microbes to understand the origins of life on Earth and the possibility of early life on Mars.

Itinerary to Afar

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 an early flight to Semera Afar. Upon arrival, we will drive to the Erta Ale Base Camp. En route, we will stop for lunch in Afdera, known for its vicinity to the salt lake, where you can swim and float. Afterwards, we will take an unrushed drive to the Erta Ale Base Camp. We will spend the night near the Erta Ale volcano.

Day 3- After breakfast, you'll leave the base camp in ErtaAle. You'll reach Hamedela. From there, you'll travel to the salt marshes of Lake Asale to enjoy a breathtaking sunset and observe magnificent camel caravans transporting salt from Lake Asale. You'll spend the night in Hamedela.

Day 4- On this day, you'll visit the colorful Dallol Mountain, observe camel caravans, explore the salt desert of Lake Asale, experience traditional salt production methods, see sulfuric acid pools, and have the opportunity to swim in the salt lake. Afterwards, we'll travel on new roads to Mekele to catch the return flight to Addis, and stay over night in Mekele city.

Day 5- we travel to Mekele 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 five-day trip.

Things to pack for the five-day Danakil Depression tour

- *Torch Lights *Head lamps * Sandals *Sunscreen
- *Trekking shoes * Trekking pants * Trekking shorts and light clothes
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This trip can also be customized for one, two, or three days, with price adjustments, which may result in reduced payments.

What does the 5 days tour include?

- *Hotel and lodge fees
- *Cooking team
- * Tent
- * 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 4 days Danakil depression tours

Total: \$3634 (individual price)

*Group of 2: \$2725 per person

*Group of 3: \$2452 per person

*Group of 4-9: \$2206 per person

*Group of 10 or more: \$1817 per person

From 25% to 50% discount for group tours

