

## **Harar Jugol, The historic fortified city.**

This UNESCO World Heritage Site has a spiritual aura that will transport you back to medieval times and offers an atmosphere very different from the rest of Ethiopia.

The historic walled city of Harar lies in the east of the country, on a plateau with deep gorges, surrounded by deserts and savannahs. The walls surrounding this holy Muslim city were built between the 13th and 16th centuries. Harar Jugol is considered the fourth holiest city in Islam and boasts more than 82 mosques and 102 shrines, three of which date back to the 10th century. However, the town houses, with their exceptional interiors, represent Harar's most spectacular cultural heritage. It all began in 1216, when the Sheikh of the Arabian Peninsula traveled to Harar, married a Harari woman, and built the city's Jamia Mosque.

Harar is best known for its hyena-man. Hyena feeding is common practice in this part of the city. It all began in the 20th century when the Harari people began feeding the local hyenas to prevent them from decimating their livestock. As a result, these large, gray-haired hyenas stopped foraging for food on their own and came to the city to get their red meat from the local hyena-man.

A whole century has passed since then, but this tradition continues, as the hyenas still come out at night to be fed by the locals.

Harar is also known for its famous variety of markets.

### ***Itinerary for 3 days in Harar.***

**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-** catch an early flight to Dire-Dawa city, upon arrival, drive 58km directly to Harar city and drop the bags in the reserved lodge.

**Visit the living Museu:**

Start the day with a walk through the steepest streets of Jugol's old walled city. Visit the tomb of Emir Nur, who built the city walls in the 16th century with six gates and 368 narrow alleys per square kilometer. Stroll through the fascinating Peacemaker Alley, peek inside a traditional Harar house, and gain insights into Harar's fascinating history and culture at the museum. We'll also visit the house of Arthur Rimbaud, the famous French poet who lived in Harar in the 19th century and worked as an arms smuggler.

After lunch, we explore the Christian and Muslim markets. Harar is also known for its coffee plantations and production, which meets export standards. We'll savor the aroma of Ethiopia's finest coffee beans, taste a coffee, and experience much more.

After the sun has completely set, we will go to the hyena man to see how hyenas are fed raw meat. We can also experience how hyenas are fed by putting the meat on a skewer and feeding them.

**Day- 3** We drive an hour outside the city to visit the interesting geological and rock formations in the Valley of Wonders. We then travel to Dire Dawa. After lunch in Dire Dawa, we fly back to Addis Ababa in the afternoon. Our farewell evening will take place in one of Ethiopia's best jazz or (optionally reggae) lounges, or in one of the most beautiful dance and folklore houses, with a traditional coffee ceremony. This concludes the three-day trip.

**What does the 3 days tour include?**

- \*Hotel and lodge 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 Harar-Jugol 3 day-tours

Total: \$1654 (individual price)

\*Group of 2: \$1240 per person

\*Group of 3: \$ 1116per person

\*Group of 4-9: \$ 1004 per person

\*Group of 10 or more: \$ 909 per person

From 25% to 45% discount for group tours