

# Wondrous **Ethiopia**



**AFRICA CLIMATE  
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## **EMBRACE ADVENTURE IN THE LAND OF ORIGINS**



# Welcome to **Addis Ababa!**

Dear Guest,

**W**elcome to Africa's vibrant diplomatic capital, Addis Ababa, and to the Africa Climate Summit 2!

You have set foot in a truly historic city – the birthplace of the African Union and home to its sprawling headquarters. Addis also hosts the offices of several international organizations, including the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). No wonder that the city became a premier destination for continental and global gatherings.

Beyond conferences, the city is also a prime destination for leisure tourism, showcasing a delightful blend of cultural and natural attractions. From world-renowned fossil remains and priceless heritage to beautiful parks and vibrant nightlife, Addis has it all. While you are here, don't miss the chance to explore the vibrant city and beyond.

For more information and to plan your tour, please visit [visitethiopia.et](https://visitethiopia.et).

Have a fruitful meeting and a pleasant stay in the Land of Origins!



# LEADING THE WAY IN CLIMATE ACTION

## Ethiopia's Commitment to Climate Action

Ethiopia has demonstrated its commitment to climate action by signing the Paris Agreement, which seeks to limit the rise in global average temperature to below 2°C. As a signatory, the country has set an ambitious Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

In line with this commitment, Ethiopia has developed the Climate-Resilient Green Economy Strategy, a comprehensive roadmap guiding its climate mitigation and adaptation efforts.







# The Green Legacy Initiative

Launched in 2019, the Green Legacy Initiative is driven by the vision of creating a green and climate-resilient Ethiopia. Since its inception, more than 40 billion forest, agro-forest, and ornamental seedlings have been planted nationwide.

The Green Legacy Initiative reflects Ethiopia's long-term commitment to addressing the challenges of climate change and environmental degradation.



**Planting  
a greener  
future for  
Ethiopia**





## **Addis:** A Clean and Green Metropolis

Addis is undergoing a dramatic transformation befitting its stature. Sustainable infrastructure projects are underway throughout the city, including the creation of green spaces and parks and redevelopment of slums.

The corridor project is transforming the city's road network and expanding green areas to ensure it is a walkable city. Thanks to the project, the city now boasts enhanced infrastructure and facilities, boosting its appeal for residents and visitors.



**Clean.  
Green.  
Vibrant.**

## A Rising Conference Hub

Over the years, Addis has emerged as a leading conference tourism hub in Africa, with a surge in the number of international and continental conferences and exhibitions it hosts.

Recent infrastructural developments have further enhanced the city's appeal to regional and international organizations and event organizers. As the home base of Ethiopian Airlines, Addis also boasts robust air connectivity. Add to this diverse hotel options and world-class convention centers and you have an ideal conference tourism destination.







## Adwa Victory Memorial Hall

Beyond honoring the Victory of Adwa and Ethiopian patriots, the modern edifice of the Adwa Victory Memorial also serves as a venue for major conferences and exhibitions. The building complex comprises multiple facilities, including assembly halls.

The main meeting hall has a capacity to host up to 2,500 conference participants at a time. Equipped with state-of-the-art sound and display systems, the hall is designed to provide an ideal meeting experience for participants.

## Ethiopian Skylight Hotel

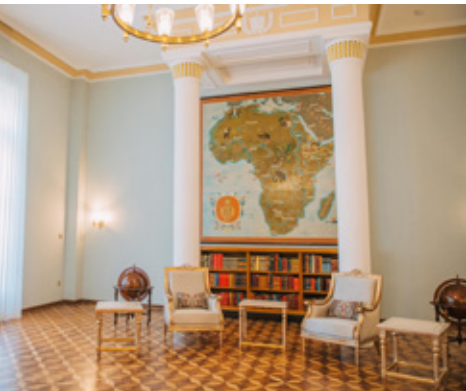
The modern meeting venues of Ethiopian Skylight Hotel add to the existing conference and exhibition facilities in Addis. The hotel's grand ballroom accommodates 2,000 people with a seating setup and 4,000 people with a cocktail setup at a time.

These are just some of the latest conference facilities in Addis. The city also boasts African Union's conference halls, UN-ECA's Africa Hall, as well as similar spaces in top hotel brands.

***Meet in the Land of Origins!***

# Attractions for History Buffs

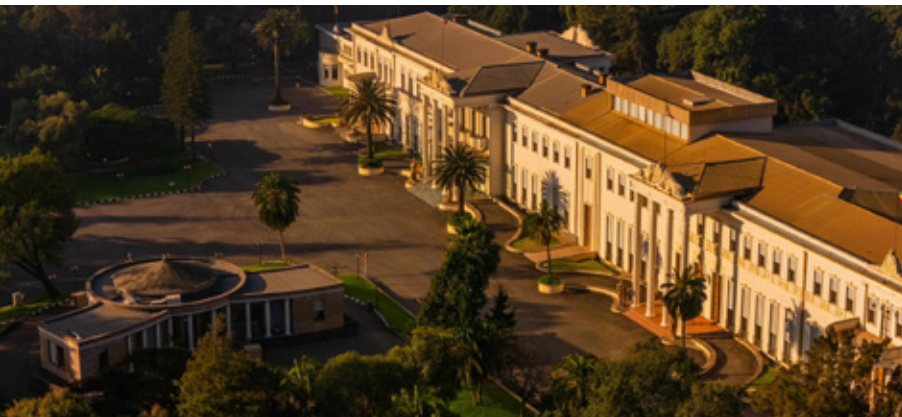
History buffs will find much to explore and enjoy in the historic city of Addis. From iconic museums housing priceless collections to notable monuments scattered throughout the city, as well as historic churches and mosques, Addis Ababa offers diverse attractions that delight history enthusiasts. A few of these attractions are featured here.



## The Palace Museum

The National Palace, a historic landmark in Addis Ababa, was built in 1955 to commemorate Emperor Haile Selassie's Silver Jubilee. More than just a building, the Jubilee Palace is a living relic, reflecting Ethiopia's royal heritage. This historic place recently underwent a restoration and reopened as a Palace Museum.

**Sights:** royal residence, car collection, sculptures and more



## The National Museum of Ethiopia

The National Museum of Ethiopia is probably one of the standout museums in sub-Saharan Africa in terms of its numerous and priceless collections. The museum keeps important paleontological, historical, and cultural artifacts including the iconic 3.2 million year skeleton, Lucy.

**Sights:** fossil remains, artefacts, paintings, jewelry, utensils and more



## Adwa Victory Memorial

Adwa Victory Memorial is among the recently built museums in Addis. Dedicated to highlighting the legacy of the Adwa Victory, this memorial houses an array of statues, weapons, uniforms, and personal objects of Ethiopian patriots.

**Sights:** historic objects, statues, weapons, uniforms and more

For more historical attractions in Addis, please visit [www.visitethiopia.et](http://www.visitethiopia.et)





# FOR NATURE AND THRILL-SEEKERS

Nature lovers and thrill-seekers visiting Addis are in for a remarkable experience. A hike up Mount Entoto, the city's highest point and tours of the up-and-coming parks in the city are just few of the instances that will surely delight nature lovers exploring Addis. A few of the attractions ideal for such tourists are featured here.

## Entoto Park

Entoto Park, a new attraction in Addis Ababa, sits on a sprawling piece of land at the city's highest point. Thanks to its facilities and natural charm, Entoto Park has become one of the must-visit parks in Addis. Its amenities include playgrounds, cinema, restaurants, cafes, artificial lake, art galleries, sports centers and more.



**Sights:** Panoramic views of Addis, lush greenery, art gallery and more  
**Activities:** Hiking, horse riding, spa, and other indoor and outdoor activities

## Unity Park

Built within the Grand Palace at the heart of Addis Ababa, Unity Park features a bonanza of historical, natural and cultural attractions. The park boasts recreational facilities such as zoos, an aquarium, historical buildings and more. Unity Park offers quite a spectacle for tourists seeking a myriad of attractions in one place.



**Sights:** wildlife, aquatic animals, historical buildings, artefacts and more

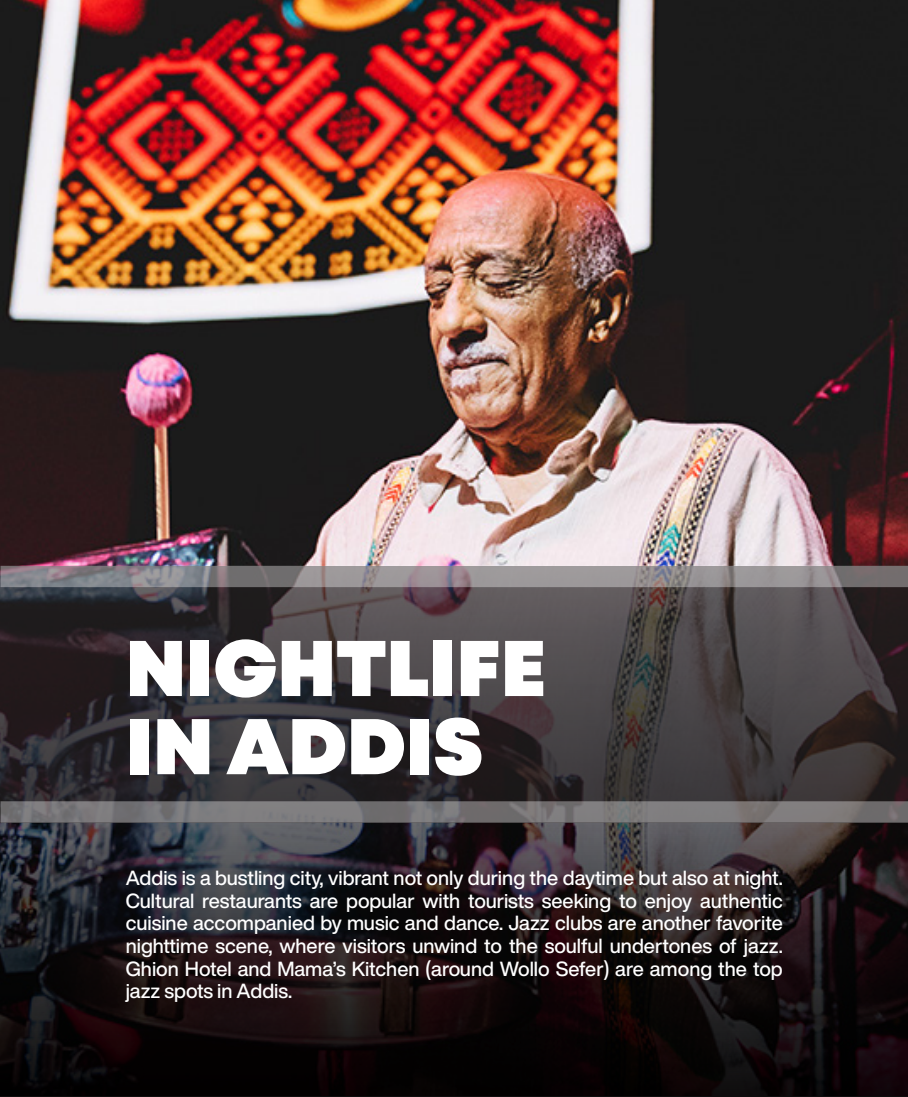


## Friendship Park

Friendship Park is a beautiful new park built a short distance away from the Grand Palace. This vast green space has stairways, running alongside meticulously designed flower belts crossing the park's hilly landscape. An artificial lake also sits at the center, adding beauty to the park, besides dancing water fountains which are open on special occasions. Friendship Park also has additional amenities for visitors to enjoy.

**Sights:** lush green gardens, dancing fountain, artificial lake, and more

For more nature-based attractions, visit [visitethiopia.et](http://visitethiopia.et)



## NIGHTLIFE IN ADDIS

Addis is a bustling city, vibrant not only during the daytime but also at night. Cultural restaurants are popular with tourists seeking to enjoy authentic cuisine accompanied by music and dance. Jazz clubs are another favorite nighttime scene, where visitors unwind to the soulful undertones of jazz. Ghion Hotel and Mama's Kitchen (around Wollo Sefer) are among the top jazz spots in Addis.





# SOUVENIR SHOPPING

## Shiromeda

Located around Sidist Kilo area, Shiro Meda is a vibrant market that offers a unique shopping experience for those seeking authentic Ethiopian souvenirs.

Unlike the bustling Mercato, Shiro Meda provides a more relaxed atmosphere to explore a wide range of traditional handicrafts, textiles, jewelry and home decor items.



## Sabahar

Sabahar is a leading provider of hand-crafted textiles, made exclusively from natural fibers and sold globally. The company combines natural materials with artisan skills to produce modern, universally appealing products such as towels, cushions, blankets, scarves and more.



 Near Kore Square  [sabahar.com](https://sabahar.com)



## Salem's Ethiopia

Salem's Ethiopia, a craft store in Addis Ababa, offers authentic Ethiopian jewelry, home accessories, and gifts. It is among the preferred spots for a traditional cultural shopping experience featuring contemporary, creative designs. The store sells masterfully designed crafts, including hand-woven clothes, basketry, jewelry, and other gifts.



Bole



[saalemethiopia.com](http://saalemethiopia.com)

## Sabawiyan Leatherworks

Sabawiyan Leatherworks is among the top Ethiopian leather product producers, embracing the country's rich heritage of leather craftsmanship. It is a leading leather shop where artistry meets sophistication in the world of Ethiopian leather goods. The store offers handcrafted leather bags, belts, wallets, shoes, and much more.



Bole Atlas



[sabawiyan.com](http://sabawiyan.com)





# Tourist Spots

## Near Addis

In addition to its key tourist attractions, Addis Ababa is surrounded by a wealth of must-visit destinations ideal for a day trip. Wonchi-Dendi, Bishoftu, and Menagesha Suba are a few of the remarkable places to explore during your stay in Ethiopia.

For more attractions near Addis, check out [visitethiopia.et](https://www.visitethiopia.et)

### Wonchi-Dandi



**Getting there:** 3 hr 30 min drive west of Addis

**Sights:** crater lake, hills, lush forest and more

**Activities:** horse riding, boating, souvenir shopping, and more

### Bishoftu



**Getting there:** 1 hr 15 min drive southeast of Addis

**Sights:** lakes, landscapes, bird species

**Activities:** Boating, exploring scenic landscapes and surrounding hills and more

### Menagesha Suba



**Getting there:** 1 hr drive west of Addis

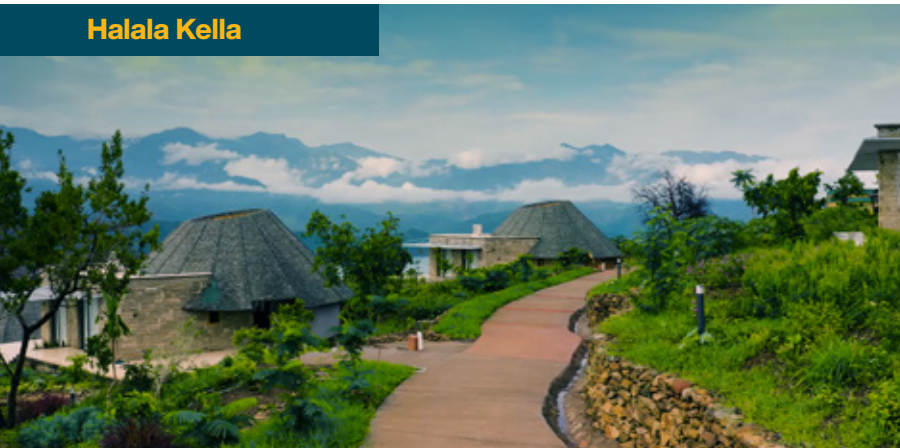
**Sights:** Lush forest, wildlife, bird species and more

**Activities:** Forest walking, mountain climbing, camping and more

# Emerging Attractions across Ethiopia

Ethiopia's tourism scene has recently witnessed the unveiling of mega tourist destinations, thanks to the high attention the sector is enjoying. State-of-the-art facilities are emerging across the country, revitalizing some of Ethiopia's hidden gems. From the trailblazer Wanchi-Dandi Eco-Lodge to the astounding Halala Kella Resort and the picturesque Gorgora Eco-Resort, the new attractions are redefining Ethiopia's tourism landscape.

## Halala Kella



**Getting there:** Fly to Hawassa or Arba Minch and drive for 3 hr and 30 min from either airport  
**Sights:** King Halala's walls, hills, lake, sunset deck views, and more  
**Activities:** Hiking, boating, swimming, souvenir shopping and more

## Gorgora



**Getting there:** Fly to Gondar and drive for 1 hr and 30 min to Gorgora  
**Sights:** landscapes, Lake Tana, nearby monasteries and more  
**Activities:** boating, trekking, camping, swimming and more

## Chebera Churchura



**Getting there:** Fly to Jimma and drive for 5 hr from the airport  
**Sights:** Wildlife, landscapes, lakes, museum and more  
**Activities:** Safari, hiking, camping and more



## Beynouna



**Getting there:** Around 2 hr drive east of Addis

**Sights:** Landscapes, wildlife and birds of nearby parks, and more

**Activities:** safari, hot spring bathing, cinema, biking and more

# Taste of Ethiopia

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. Ethiopia truly provides a fusion of flavors that satisfies all taste buds.

While injera – a unique Ethiopian flatbread – is a staple in many households, dairy and meat products feature more prominently in the diets of nomadic and semi-nomadic communities. The cuisine of the southern parts of Ethiopia revolves around the Enset (false banana) plant, a versatile ingredient that serves as the base for numerous dishes.



**Spiced. Flavorful. Lip-smacking.**

# Coffee Experience

As the birthplace of coffee, Ethiopia offers a unique opportunity to savor the perfect cup. Exploring some of the top coffee spots in Addis Ababa is a must for any visitor seeking an authentic Ethiopian coffee experience.



## Hadero Coffee Gallery

Hadero Coffee is a leading coffee gallery and processing plant in Addis Ababa, offering an immersive coffee experience to tourists. The gallery narrates the story of coffee, starting from its origins in Ethiopia, through informative panels and traditional coffee tools. Visitors also tour the coffee processing plant, enjoy a coffee cupping session, and conclude with a cultural coffee ceremony.



Jacros



[Hadero.com](http://Hadero.com)

## ET-COFF Taste Test (ETT)

ET-COFF is a multi-experience coffee space in Addis offering an immersive experience for tourists. Each of the five floors of this dynamic venue features a different ambiance and caters to various coffee styles and food pairings. ET-COFF includes a coffee bar, VIP lounges, dining areas, and meeting rooms, where guests can enjoy coffee alongside business meetings.



Eri Bekentu



[et-coff.com](http://et-coff.com)







Ethiopia's vibrant festivals and rich traditions are a showcase of its cultural richness. Some of these festivities and customs are recorded in UNESCO's annals, affirming the unique values they represent for the whole of humanity to learn from. Six of Ethiopia's festivals and traditional systems are so far registered by UNESCO.

1. Meskel (registered in 2013)
2. Fichee-Chambalaalla (2015)
3. Gada System (2016)
4. Ethiopian Epiphany (2019)
5. Shuwalid Festival (2023)
6. Xeer Ciise (2024)



Fichee-Chambalaalla



Gada System



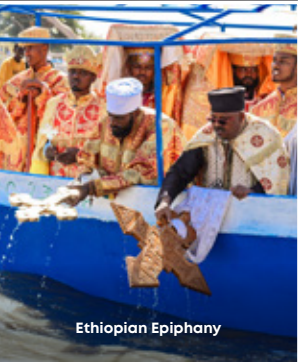
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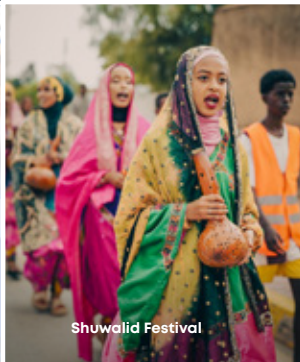
Lalibela Churches



Simien National Park



Ethiopian Epiphany



Shuwalid Festival



Xeer Ciise



Fasil Ghebbi

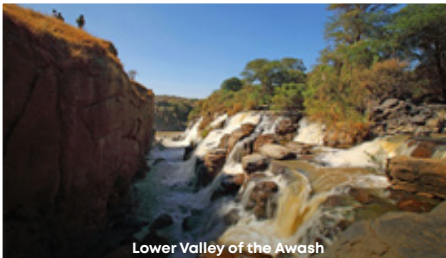


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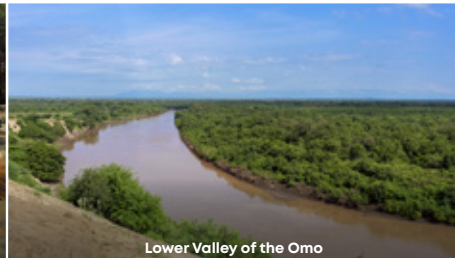


Ethiopia's UNESCO World Heritage sites highlight its rich history and natural beauty. With ancient rock-carved wonders, historic cities filled with cultural depth, and breathtaking mountainous landscapes home to unique wildlife, these sites are a testament to the country's vibrant heritage.

1. Rock-Hewn Churches of Lalibela (1978)
2. Simien National Park (1978)
3. Fasil Ghebbi, Gondar Region (1979)
4. Aksum (1980)
5. Lower Valley of the Awash (1980)
6. Lower Valley of the Omo (1980)
7. Tiya (1980)
8. Harar Jugol, the Fortified Historic Town (2006)
9. Konso Cultural Landscape (2011)
10. Bale Mountains National Park (2023)
11. The Gedee Cultural Landscape (2023)
12. Melka Kunture and Balchit (2024)



Lower Valley of the Awash



Lower Valley of the Omo



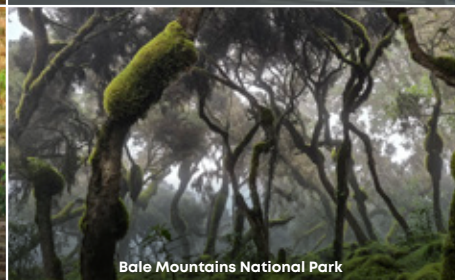
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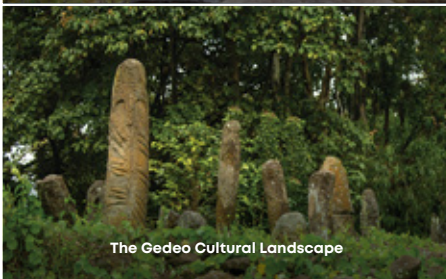
Harar Jugol, the Fortified Historic Town



Konso Cultural Landscape



Bale Mountains National Park



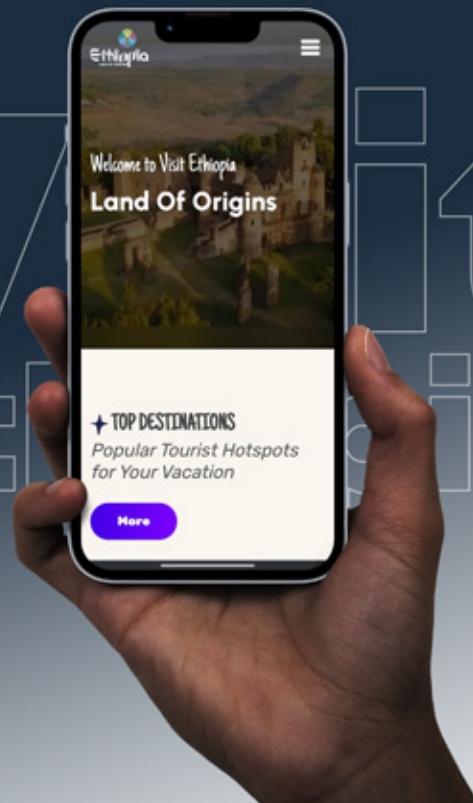
The Gedeo Cultural Landscape



Melka Kunture and Balchit

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