



## Enchanting Ethiopia

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21 November – 7 December 2017

## Meet your Tour Leader | Ralph Roseman

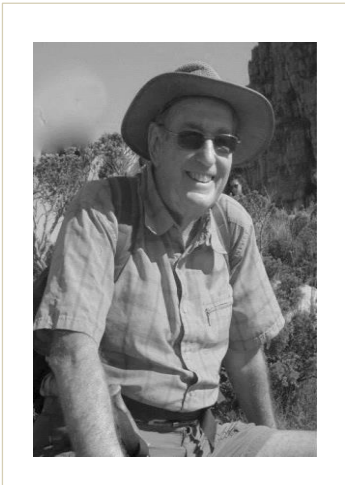
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Ralph was born in Camps Bay, Cape Town, educated at CBC and UCT and subsequently qualified as an Actuary, spending most of his working life with Old Mutual.

Ralph's climbing destinations/experiences have taken him to Mont Blanc in the Alps, the base camp of Mount Everest, and other mountains in Patagonia, Pakistan, Nepal, Central Africa, and the Dolomites in Italy, as well as many local climbing/hiking trips in South Africa. Ralph has led two successful trips in Ethiopia including trekking in the Simien National Park.

Ralph has been a member of the Mountain Club of South Africa since 1961 and in 1995 led an expedition for them to the Baltoro Glacier and the K2 base camp.

Ralph retired in 1994. He and his wife Valja felt the urge to explore the world, and in consequence bought a motor home with which they have travelled extensively in Central Europe, Scandinavia, Eastern Europe, Iceland, the Baltic States and Morocco.



## Information & Costs

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### **Includes:**

Accommodation, meals as mentioned, transportation by bus and 4x4 for the Danakil Depression Region | English-speaking guide, cook & camping gear during camp outs, local guides and scouts, entrance fees & boat trip on Lake Tana.



### **Excludes:**

International & Domestic airfares.

**Per Person Sharing:** R 45 000

**Single Supplement:** R 7 150

Based on 16 travellers

### **Airfares:**

(including taxes, on Ethiopian Airlines)

South Africa – Addis Ababa | Addis Ababa - Bahar Dar | Gondar – Lalibela | Lalibela – Axum | Dire Dawa - Addis Ababa | Addis Ababa - South Africa

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Estimated costings & itinerary costed in March 2017 | Subject to change due to currency fluctuations.

# Ethiopia Itinerary | November - December 2017

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- 21 November      CAPE TOWN – ADDIS ABABA (1 night)  
Fly Cape Town/Johannesburg - Addis Ababa on Ethiopian Airlines. Arrival at 20h25 / 22h20. On arrival we will be met and transferred to our hotel.
- 22 November      ADDIS ABABA – BAHAR DAR (1 night)      **BD**  
Fly Addis Ababa – Bahar Dar ET120: 08h10 – 09h10. On arrival we will take a morning boat trip to the Zeghi Peninsula; this will involve an easy 2-hour walk to visit Azoa Mariam and Ura Kidane Meheret Churches, as well as the Monastery famous for Ethiopian Paintings; this is a World Heritage Site. In the afternoon we will visit the Tis Tsat Waterfall and take a short walk through the beautiful countryside.
- 23 November      BAHAR DAR–GONDAR-SIMIEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK (1 night)      **BD**  
In the morning we will travel by road to the Simien Mountain National Park. En route we will visit the 17th Century Gondar Castle and the Mount Light Trinity Church.
- 24 November      SIMIEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK – GONDAR (1 night)      **BD**  
Half day excursion in the National Park. We will walk for an hour along a scenic nature trail to see endemic wild animals like Chilada Baboons and if we are lucky, the Walia Ibex (big horned buck). Continue back to Gondar for dinner and overnight stay.
- 25 November      GONDAR – LALIBELA (2 nights)      **BD**  
Transfer to the airport. Fly Gondar – Lalibela ET122: 09h45 – 10h10. On arrival we will visit the Lalibela Rock Churches (World Heritage Site), all amazingly carved out of solid rock. The 11 churches are in close proximity on a plateau with panoramic views over the plains below, and are a highlight of any Ethiopian tour.
- 26 November      LALIBELA      **BD**  
This morning we will walk for an hour to visit the Yemerhana Kirstos Cave Church. In the afternoon, further church visits in Lalibela.

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- 27 November      LALIBELA- AXUM (1 night)      **BD**  
Transfer to airport. Fly Lalibela-Axum ET122: 10h35 – 11h15. On arrival we will visit the archaeological/historical sites in Axum and walk for approximately 90 minutes to visit the 5th Century Monastery, famous for old Manuscripts.
- 28 November      AXUM – GHERALTA (1 night)      **BD**  
Drive to Gheralta through the Adwa Mountains and visit the Yeha Temple built in 800 B.C, the oldest temple in the country. We will stay at Gheralta Lodge, a jewel constructed from dressed stone.
- 29 November      GHERALTA / DANAKIL DEPRESSION  
(2 nights camping)      **BLD**  
Today we will visit the Mariam Korkur and take an optional 4-hour walk through the breathtaking Gheralta Mountains. They have a wonderful climate and spectacular views; we plan also to visit a chapel carved out of the cliff, 50 metres above the plain. Camping in the Danakil on the Saba River.
- 30 November      GHERALTA/DANAKIL DEPRESSION      **BLD**  
We will drive to Danakil to explore Dalol where the colours of the mineral deposits at the hot springs in the desert are amazing, as can be seen on the photo on the front of this itinerary. This is best seen in the morning. Camping in the Danakil on the Saba River.
- 1 December      DANAKIL (1 night)      **BLD**  
There will be an optional 4-hour night hike to the Erte Ale Volcano and a visit to one of only 5 lava lakes in the world, involving also a camel ride. We will camp overnight on the rim of the volcano. For those who prefer not to hike to the volcano, you will overnight on the shore of Lake Afdera.
- 2 December      DANAKIL – SEMERA (1 night)      **BD**  
Both groups meet at the shore of Lake Afdera for transfer to Semera. It is 240 km but will be making stops on the way.

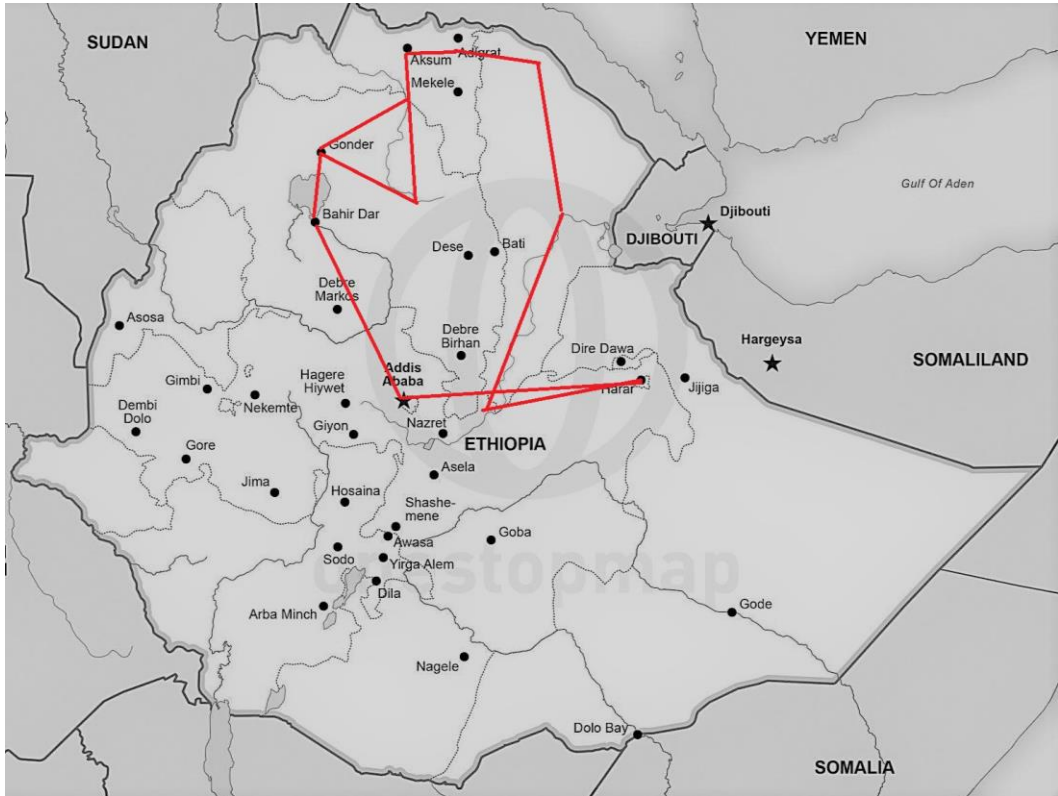
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- 3 December SEMERA - AWASH (1 night) **BD**  
We will visit the Arolebed Hot Springs and then continue to Afar and Isa villages, before arriving at Awash. The Awash National Park is a bird lover's paradise. We will overnight in a hotel near the park.
- 4 December AWASH – HARAR (2 nights) **BD**  
We will travel from Awash National Park to Harar, famous for its 1000 year old town walls, which is a World Heritage Site. In the evening visit the Hyena Man (this is a father-son team) who feeds hyenas by hand and sometimes by mouth.
- 5 December HARAR **BD**  
Ancient Harar is the world's 4th most holy Muslim City and rivals Marakesh with its picturesque narrow colourful streets, with markets still operating as they have done since the 14th Century. We will explore the town in the morning and in the afternoon, visit the Old Village of Argoba, built in the 10th Century.
- 6 December HARAR – ADDIS ABABA (1 night) **BD**  
Transfer to the airport in Dire Dawa. Fly Dire Dawa – Addis Ababa ET 207: 08h30 – 09h30. On arrival in Addis Ababa, we will have some time for further sightseeing, a highlight being the visit to the museum to “meet” Lucy, the 3-million year old hominid.
- 7 December DEPART ADDIS ABABA – CAPE TOWN/ JOHANNESBURG **B**  
Transfer to the airport for our departure flight at 08h25 / 08h40.

# Map of Ethiopia

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# Titch Tours Booking Form | Ethiopia | November & December 2017

Please complete this booking form and return it with your deposit of R 10,000 and photo-copy of your passport to Travel Concepts.

Name as per passport:				Title:	
Name you wish to be called:		Maiden name (if applicable):			
Address:					
Telephone:		Work -		Cell -	
Home -					
Fax:		Email:			
Nationality:		Id no:			
Passport no		Date of birth:			
Date of issue:		Date of expiry:			
Alt passport no:		Nationality:			
Date of issue:		Date of expiry:			
If you have two passports, which one will you be travelling on:					
Smoking:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Special meal requests:		
Seating request (on flight):					
Please note that we can only request your choice of seating and cannot confirm it.					
Accommodation - I would like to share with:				Single <input type="checkbox"/>	
In the case of passengers travelling alone who wish to share twin accommodation, we endeavour to fulfil these requests. however, should this not be possible, a single room supplement will be payable.					
Name of next of kin /friend:		Relationship:			
Address:		Tel:		Email:	
I enclose my cheque for the deposit of R 10,000 (or will do so, or have done so by eft) to secure a place on the tour. Furthermore I confirm I have read, understood and accept the terms & conditions (as overleaf) of travelling on tour with titch tours, a division of Travel Concepts. I also note that the balance of the cost of the tour is payable 6 weeks before departure; costed January 2017, based on 16 full paying passengers. If you are 85 at time of travel, please speak to us about your travel insurance before booking.					
Signed this.....day of.....2017			Signature .....		
Method of payment: tick applicable one					
Air ticket: Bank transfer <input type="checkbox"/>		Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/>			
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Card type: _____		Bank name: _____			
Land & Deposit (no credit card): bank transfer <input type="checkbox"/> cheque <input type="checkbox"/>					
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**Accommodation** | Basic hotel and tent accommodation in Ethiopia.

**Airline Clause** | The carrier(s) concerned will not be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not aboard the aircraft or conveyance. The passenger ticket in use by the airline concerned, when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airline(s) concerned and the purchaser of this tour and/or the passengers.

**Baggage** | One piece of luggage per person not exceeding 20 kilograms (on an exceptional basis this may be increased to 23 kilograms) plus one piece of cabin luggage/carry-on, not exceeding a total length of 115cm.

**Cancellation** | All cancellations must be made in writing. Titch Tours reserves the right to claim all or a portion of the fares paid by passenger(s) who cancel(s) reservations. In accordance with standard procedures adopted by tour operators worldwide, Titch Tours reserves the right to cancel the tour prior to departure without any further liability to Titch Tours, other than making an appropriate refund, at the discretion of Titch Tours, of amounts paid to Titch Tours in respect of the tour.

**Fares/Flights** | The tours are generally costed excluding international airfares. Accordingly Titch Tours recommends the air carrier, according to the destination of the tour, based on convenience of the flights/connections recommended and competitive pricing.

**Gratuities** | Tips for personal services are not included. Tips for the guides and drivers are not obligatory, but are customary and are left to the discretion of the travellers; ideally these are collected by the tour leader at the beginning of the tour.

**Insurance** | Comprehensive insurance cover is strongly recommended and is obtainable through Titch Tours, which constitutes an additional expense.

**Itinerary** | The itinerary is subject to alteration, without notice, where necessary, according to the conditions en route.

**Meals** | Breakfast, Lunch and/or Dinner daily shall be supplied, as specified in terms of the itinerary and subject to clause 8 above, by the symbol B, L or D.

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**Passport and Visas** | Travellers will be advised of visa requirements, if any, in relation to the destination(s) of the tour. Travellers are furthermore requested to ensure that their passports are valid for at least 6 months after the end of the tour, and that there are a minimum of 2 (two) blank and consecutive pages in the passport still unused for the purpose of applying for a visa, if required.

**Payment** | A deposit of R10, 000.00 is required at the time of booking. The cost of the tour in question will be based on the advertised minimum full-paying passengers. In the event that less than the minimum number of full-paying passengers are on the tour, the tour cost may change, in which event the traveller will be entitled to withdraw from the tour if desired, and will be refunded any monies paid for the tour, provided the payment for the tour has not already been remitted to the destination country/countries in question.

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