



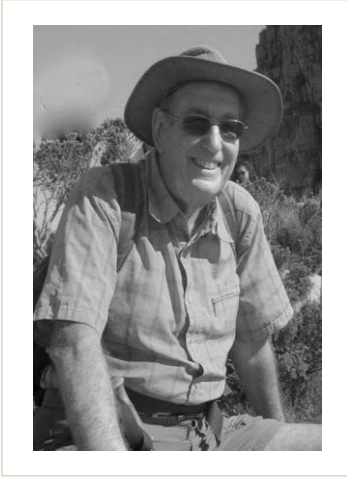
## Ethiopia Itinerary | 18 November – 8 December 2018

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Ethiopia offers an amazing diversity from the bustling capital of Addis Ababa, to Lake Tana in Bahar Dar and the Blue Nile, Gondar and the Simien Mountains where we hope to see the intriguing Galada baboons, rock churches of Lalibela, Axum and Gheralta, the Danakil Depression with its mineral deposits and hot springs, as well as the Erta Ale, Mekele, Awash National Park and Harar.

# Meet your Titch Tour Leaders

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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 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.



Mandi was born practically with a backpack on her back and a head filled with dreams of adventure. Given both her parents working in the industry, it's no surprise that Mandi went on to complete studies in travel and marketing before jetting off to explore the world.

She later returned to South Africa where she worked in the family travel business before being appointed as MD of Titch Tours in 2008. In addition she holds the appointment as MD of Travel Concepts, as part of the Concepts Collection Group.

Mandi is married to her Italian husband Federico and they have 2 children, Gabriella and Claudio. Mandi promises to share her love of travel and all places foreign!

# 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 52 200

**Single Supplement:** R 8 800

Based on 16 travellers

## **Airfares:**

R12 500 from Johannesburg

R15 300 from Cape Town

(including taxes, on Ethiopian Airlines)

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

Estimated costings & itinerary costed in February  
2018 | Subject to change due to currency  
fluctuations.

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## 18 NOVEMBER 2018 | DEPART SOUTH AFRICA – ADDIS ABABA | (2 NIGHTS)

Fly Cape Town/Johannesburg - Addis Ababa on Ethiopian Airlines. Arrival at 20h25 / 22h20. On arrival we will be met and transferred to our hotel.

## 19 NOVEMBER 2018 | ADDIS ABABA | BD

After a leisurely breakfast, we will enjoy a city tour of Addis Ababa including a visit to the national museum, a walk through the biggest open air market in Africa & the **Gullele Botanical Gardens** in Mount Entoto. We will also “meet” **Lucy, the 3-million year old hominid**.

## 20 NOVEMBER 2018 | ADDIS ABABA– BAHAR DAR (1 NIGHT) | BD

**Fly Addis Ababa – Bahar Dar** ET120: 08h10 – 09h10. On arrival we will take a morning **boat trip on Lake Tana** 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**.

## 21 NOVEMBER 2018 |BAHAR DAR-SIMIEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK (2 NIGHTS)| 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**.

## 22 NOVEMBER 2018 |SIMIEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK | BD

Full day to explore the Simien Mountains National Park, a World Heritage Site. 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).

## 23 NOVEMBER 2018 | SIMIEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK - GONDAR (1 NIGHT) | BD

We will drive to Gondar to visit the **Mount Light Trinity Church**, King Fasiladas Bath & the former Ethiopian Jews village (Bete Israel).

## 24 NOVEMBER 2018 | GONDAR – LALIBELA (2 NIGHTS) | BD

Transfer to the airport. **Fly Gondar – Lalibela** ET122: 09h50 – 10h20. On arrival in Lalibela, 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.

## 25 NOVEMBER 2018 | LALIBELA | BD

This morning we will drive outside of town to visit the **Yemerhana Kirstos Cave Church** older than the Lalibela rock churches and different in style. The walk up to the church takes about an hour. In the afternoon, further church visits in Lalibela.

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## 26 NOVEMBER 2018 | LALIBELA- AXUM (2 NIGHTS) | BD

Transfer to airport. Fly Lalibela-Axum ET122: 10h40 – 11h20. On arrival we will visit the archaeological/historical sites in Axum it involves 3000 year old grave marks, 200BC – 100AD Axumite stele parks, tomb chambers and museum.

## 27 NOVEMBER 2018 | AXUM | BD

In the morning we will visit the Axum Zion Mariam church and its premises and museum. Later, in the afternoon we will visit the 4<sup>th</sup> Century King Ezana Inscription, tombs of King Caleb and G/Meskel. Evening Dinner in a local family home.

## 28 NOVEMBER 2018 | AXUM – GHERALTA (2 NIGHTS) | BD

Today is a long drive, approximately 7 hours, with stop overs to get to Gheralta, famous for its spectacular landscape and ancient churches of Ethiopia. En route we visit the oldest temple in sub-Saharan Africa, Yeha Temple, built in 800BC.

## 29 NOVEMBER 2018 | GHERALTA | BD

In the morning we will drive approximately 20min before we start our hike of about 4 hours roundtrip to visit Mariam and Daniel Korkur Church. Afternoon at leisure or optional visit to Abuna Yamata Church.

## 30 NOVEMBER 2018 | GHERALTA - DANAKIL DEPRESSION / DALOL (2 NIGHTS CAMPING) | BLD

In the morning we will change into our 4WD cars and make our way to Dalol. The 4 – 5 hour trip will take us past the Wukro Museum and the Asbah Church. Camping in the Danakil on the Saba River.

## 01 DECEMBER 2018 | DANAKIL DEPRESSION / DALOL | 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. This is best seen in the morning. The afternoon will be at leisure. Camping in the Danakil on the Saba River.

## 02 DECEMBER 2018 | DANAKIL - ERTE ALE (1 NIGHT) | BLD

Today will be a long 7 – 8 hour drive to get to Erte Ale. There will be an **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** (optional). We will camp overnight on the **rim of the volcano**.

Notice : Should you prefer not to hike, you can take the option of being transferred to a hotel in Mekele for overnight.



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## 03 DECEMBER 2018 | DANAKIL – MEKELE (1 NIGHT) | BD

The clients on Erte Ale will walk down to the cars then drive to Mekele for 7 – 8 hours with stop overs to join the rest of the group and spend another night in Mekele.

## 04 DECEMBER 2018 | MEKELE – ADDIS ABABA - AWASH (1 NIGHT) | BD

**Fly Mekele – Addis Ababa** ET101: 08h55 – 10h10. On arrival we will meet our bus and drive 250 km , 5 – 6 hours to Awash Town. En route we will visit the rift valley lakes in Debrezait.

## 05 DECEMBER 2018 | AWASH – HARAR (2 NIGHT) | BD

After a quick morning bird watching safari in Awash National Park we will make our way to **Harar** (7 – 8 hours drive) 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 feed hyenas by hand and sometimes even by mouth!

## 06 DECEMBER 2018 | 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**.

## 07 DECEMBER | HARAR – ADDIS ABABA (1 NIGHT) | BD

Transfer to the airport in Dire Dawa.

**Fly Dire Dawa – Addis Ababa** ET 205: 15h10 – 16h10.

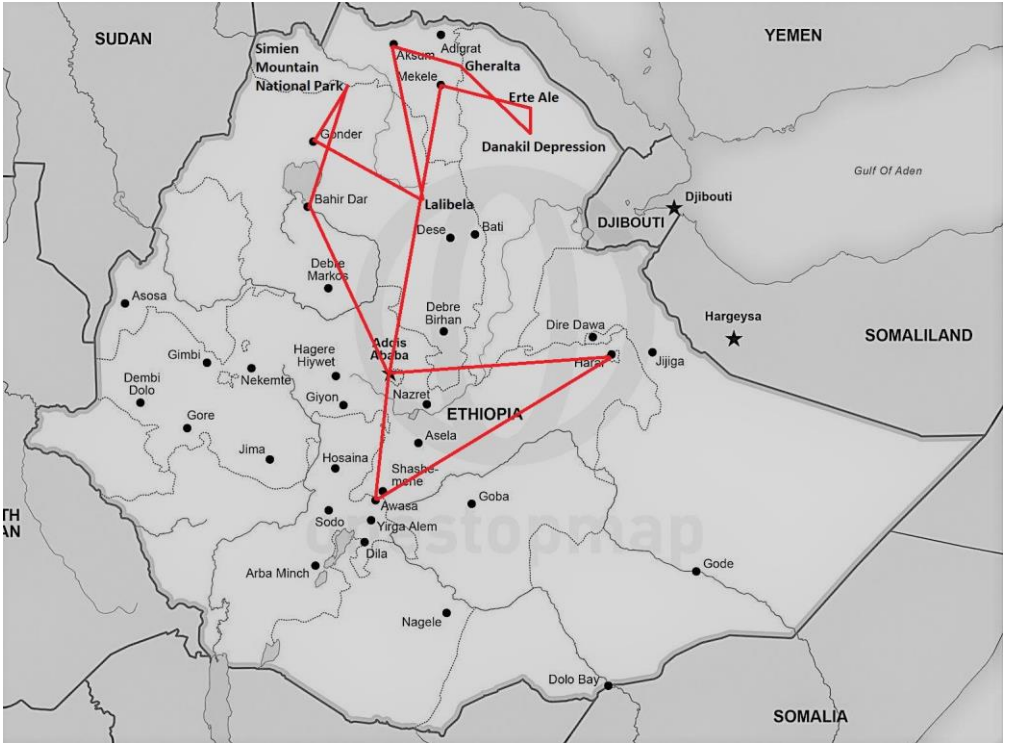
Transfer to our hotel for farewell dinner & overnight.

## 08 DECEMBER 2018 | DEPART ADDIS ABABA – SOUTH AFRICA | 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 2018

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 August 2017, based on 16 full paying passengers. <b>If you are over 85 at time of travel please speak to us about your travel insurance before booking.</b>					
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"/>					
<u>Bank details:</u>		Name: Travel Concepts Bank: Standard Bank Cape Town Branch Code: 051001		Account no.: 0624830802 Swift Code: SBZAZAJJ	



# Terms & Conditions | Titch Tours

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**Accommodation** | Basic hotel and tent accommodation in Ethiopia.

*Should you decide not to hike the Erte Ale Volcano additional accommodation and transfer arrangements will be made to take you to Mekele. This will be at an additional cost of 140 USD per person, payable onsite & subject to amount of people.*

**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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**Liabilities** | Titch Tours, its employees, the Tour Operators and/or their agents, in making arrangements for the tour, act as agents only and on condition that they shall not be held liable for injury, damage or any loss arising in respect of their services. Participation in the tour is strictly undertaken at the traveller's own risk. Titch Tours warrants that whilst it will use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that the services are carried out timeously, and accordingly it cannot warrant such services and cannot be held liable for any claims of whatsoever nature by any person whatsoever, arising directly or indirectly out of, or in consequence of its services.

**Not included in tour price** | The tour specifically excludes all entertainment not shown in the itinerary, insurance cover, flights/fares, gratuities, meals or food purchased over and above the tour menus, morning and afternoon teas, beverages, wines, spirits, laundry, optional tours, additional portorage, telephone calls or any other incidental expense etc.

**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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Account No: 0624830802  
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