

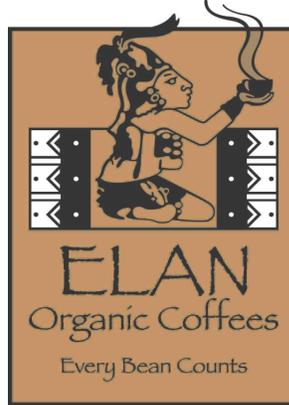


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COFFEE HARVEST TOUR: ETHIOPIA

Partnered with: Elan Certified Organic Coffees

Trip Dates: Nov 18 – 30, 2008

Land Costs: \$2955

DAYS 1-2

Depart USA and transit day (meals & accommodation on your own).

DAY 3 (Nov 20)

Arrive in Addis Ababa where you will be met by our representative and transferred to your comfortable hotel. Situated on the lower slopes of Mount Entoto, Addis Ababa (7,875 feet) is the third highest capitol city in the world. Spend the afternoon relaxing and resting. (Meals on your own.)

DAY 4 (Nov 21)

After a leisurely breakfast, start the coffee tour with a visit to the office of Oromia Coffee Farmers Cooperative Union for a briefing on how this Union has been seeking to improve the lives and livelihoods of its members. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant, and continue with a coffee cupping session in Oromia's cooperative bank. Overnight hotel. (BLD)

DAY 5

An early start today with breakfast and a southerly drive. We will be driving down the Ethiopian Rift, passing wonderful scenery at lakes Koka, Zwai and Langano. With various viewpoints and scenic stops for birdwatchers, we'll also be able to see lakes Langano, Shalla and Abiata. Enjoy a picnic lunch en route before passing through the town of Shashamene, home to a Rastafarian community from the Caribbean. During Mussolini's reign, the late Emperor Haile Selassie granted them land here in recognition of the support and solidarity of the people of African origin in the Caribbean. Skirting the town of Awassa, and head into coffee country to arrive at our destination, Yirga Chefe, in the early afternoon. The drive from Addis

Ababa will take 6 -7 hours. After checking into our simple and comfortable hotel enjoy some cooperative visits before returning to our hotel for dinner. (BLD)

DAY 6

Spend the whole day visiting small farms, cooperatives, and some of the facilities created by the Oromia Union. Our guide will be bi-lingual in English and Oromifaa, the language of the people of Oromia. (BLD)

DAY 7

After breakfast and a few last visits in the morning light to the cooperatives in Yirga Chefe, transfer onto Yirgalem and our beautiful bungalow lodge. After lunch enjoy free time on your own to sit and enjoy the lush and verdant scenery or enjoy a bushwalk in the nearby countryside. (BLD)

DAY 8

We will trace our steps back to Addis Ababa today, transferring vehicles through the junction at Mojo. Stop for lunch in the resort town of Debre Zeit or in Addis Ababa in the later afternoon. Enjoy the afternoon exploring Addis Ababa and get plenty of rest before your early flight tomorrow. (BLD)

DAY 9

A short morning flight takes us to Dire Dawa, where we will transfer through lush and mountainous landscapes to the coffee cooperative at Bedeno. Arriving in the early afternoon, we will spend the one night camping in the compound of the school at the small village of Illili Derartu, just outside of Bedeno. Our campsite is surrounded by small coffee farms where we will visit and interact with the farmers through our guide and interpreter. Also visiting will be English-speaking officials of the Union to tell us more about this unique area. Enjoy cultural dances and share in coffee ceremonies with the Union members in the late afternoon. Overnight: camping. (BLD)

DAY 10

After breakfast, enjoy a few morning farm visits and continue on to Harer. Situated on a magnificent hilltop and surrounded in part by deep gorges, Harer recently celebrated its millennium, and there is much to see here; a walk in the narrow streets of the old walled city is a must. Harer is also home to a strange tradition: every night at the city walls, a man calls to the hyenas that lurk outside and feeds them with scraps of meat. This tradition dates back several hundred years, to offerings made to the hyenas not to attack people or livestock in a time of drought. Overnight: Hotel. (BLD)

Day 11

Enjoy a morning tour of Harer including the old walled city, various markets in which Harer's ethnic diversity can be witnessed, the recently restored house of the French poet Rimbaud, various cultural and government museums, the church of Medhane Alem, Ras Mekonnen's palace, and the Jami Mosque. Harer is famous for its intricate filigree jewelry in gold and silver in which amber is often set; finely woven baskets and wall mats; and brightly colored shawls you'll see women in the city wearing daily. After lunch, depart for Dire Dawa and an early evening flight back to Addis Ababa, arriving just before dinner. Overnight: Hotel. (BLD)

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Day 12

Our last day in Addis Ababa will be spent visiting the national coffee processing center and warehouse, as well as the national coffee auction. Enjoy lunch and a farewell ceremony with the Oromia Coffee Farmers Cooperative Union, followed by some free time in afternoon for shopping. Farewell dinner with traditional Ethiopian music and dancing! Overnight: Hotel. (BLD)

Day 13 (Nov 30)

Transfer to airport for your flight home. (B)

Land Costs	Deposit	Single Supplement	Trip Dates	Group Size	Difficulty	Activities
\$2955	\$500	\$425	November 18-30, 2008	20	No Experience Needed	Coffee, Wildlife, Cultural Exchange, Lodges



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A FEW IMPORTANT DETAILS ABOUT YOUR TRIP...Read carefully

Included in your Trip Fee: Ten (10) nights accommodation based on double occupancy; all meals as indicated on itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner); in-country flight and all airport transfers; ground transportation by 4x4 vehicle (4 passengers per vehicle) for cooperative visits and activities; camping fees & equipment; escort guide fees; all entrance fees and local taxes; cuppings and special events as indicated by the itinerary.

Not Included in your Trip Fee: International Airfare; Visas; passport; airport departure tax; single supplement hotel fee (\$425) if unable to share a room based on double occupancy; medical evacuation and trip cancellation insurance; meals not specified itinerary, all alcoholic beverages; cost of delays due to weather, transportation problems, illness, political disputes or other contingencies for which reasonable provision cannot be made; tips to your guides as seems appropriate; optional activities.

Do I need a Visa to travel to Ethiopia: Yes. A tourist visa costs US\$20 and can be acquired upon arrival at Bole International Airport in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. If you are not a US Citizen, you will need to apply and obtain a tourist visa prior to your departure. Call for details.

Transportation/Flight Arrangements: Upon your registration, Adventure Associates will work closely with you on your individual flight plans. Certain programmed activities are dependant on flight schedule - you should verify your flight itinerary with Adventure Associates **before** purchase.

Travel & Trip Insurance: We strongly recommend that travel insurance be purchased immediately following your registration. The insurance protects you and your money from late cancellations, accidents or illness in remote areas, emergency evacuation, loss of baggage, airline flight changes and other unexpected delays. The particular program we recommend (Access America) will cover "preexisting" conditions if you purchase full coverage within fourteen (14) days following your registration or flight purchase. Information available upon request.

How to Register: If you do not have an application form, please contact our office for a complete registration packet. Complete the application form and return it to our office along with the appropriate deposit. Upon receipt of your application, we will send you a confirmation and final details about your pre-trip preparation. For immediate confirmation, you may charge your deposit to Visa, Master Card or American Express by phone or fax.

Payment Schedule: We accept checks, Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

Note: Due to the fluctuating nature of the American dollar, the trip price is based upon the dollar value at the time of printing (Oct 2007) and is subject to change.

\$500 deposit due at time of registration

Final payment due four months prior to departure

Cancellation & Refund Policy

If you must cancel prior to departure, the following fee will be assessed based upon our receipt of your written cancellation request:

Days Prior to Departure (trip destination)

90 or more \$200

60 to 89 \$300

45 to 59 50% fee

1 to 44 100% fee

Itineraries are subject to change.

No partial refunds are possible for any unused portion of your trip.

Penalties on airline tickets are subject to the individual air carrier's rules and regulations. Departure is defined as the date of the first flight, or the trip departure date as indicated on our Trip Schedule, whichever comes first.

Once a trip has been confirmed medical circumstances will not be considered as exceptions to our cancellation policy. However, if you have purchased a comprehensive Travel Insurance plan that covers cancellation, you may be able to retrieve some of the funds.

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