



Leswa Ethiopia Tour

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DANAKIL DEPRESSION

ONE OF THE LOWEST POINT ON EARTH

4 Days | 3 Nights

EXPERIENCE ETHIOPIA AUTHENTICALLY WITH **LESWA ETHIOPIA TOUR**

Leswa Tour is a women-led, locally owned tour operating company based in Ethiopia, founded by two women with 20 years of combined experience in the tourism industry.

The name Leswa (ለእሷ), meaning “For Her” in Amharic, reflects our purpose to create a space in tourism that uplifts women and creates a global network of women travelers and professionals.

Our focus is dedicated to creating authentic, and culturally immersive travel experiences through meaningful journeys that go beyond sightseeing and actually build real connections with local women in the communities.

Our journeys are led by experienced local expert guides who bring Ethiopia’s stories to life with knowledge and heart.





Trip Overview

Ethiopia is a destination of remarkable depth and beauty. Its cultural diversity, ancient history, and dramatic landscapes combine to create one of the most compelling travel experiences.

Day	Description	Accommodation
Day 1	Arrival - Welcome to Addis Ababa	Jupiter International Hotel
Day 2	Fly Addis - Mekele or Semmera/Arrival at Afar Region - Hamedela	Hamedela for overnight camping
Day 3	Dallol - Lake Asale - Erta Ale	Overnight camping near the crater
Day 4	Drive to Mekele or Semmera/ Fly back to Addis Ababa/Departure	Jupiter International Hotel

Experience the breathtaking and surreal landscapes of the Danakil Depression in Ethiopia, one of the hottest places on Earth. This 4-day tour will take you through vibrant geological wonders, including the stunning Dallol sulfur springs, expansive salt flats of Lake Assale, and the unique culture of the Afar people. Perfect for adventure seekers and nature lovers alike, this tour offers an unforgettable glimpse into one of the most extraordinary regions on the planet.





DAY 1 | ARRIVAL A WARM ETHIOPIAN WELCOME

Welcome to Addis Ababa, the world's fourth-highest capital city, whose name beautifully translates to "New Flower."



On arrival, you will be received with warm Ethiopian hospitality by our VIP meet-and-greet team. After assistance through immigration, you will be escorted to the terminal parking area where your driver awaits for a comfortable transfer to your hotel. Following check-in, the remainder of the day is at leisure, an opportunity to relax, settle in, and gently acclimate to the pace and atmosphere of Ethiopia.

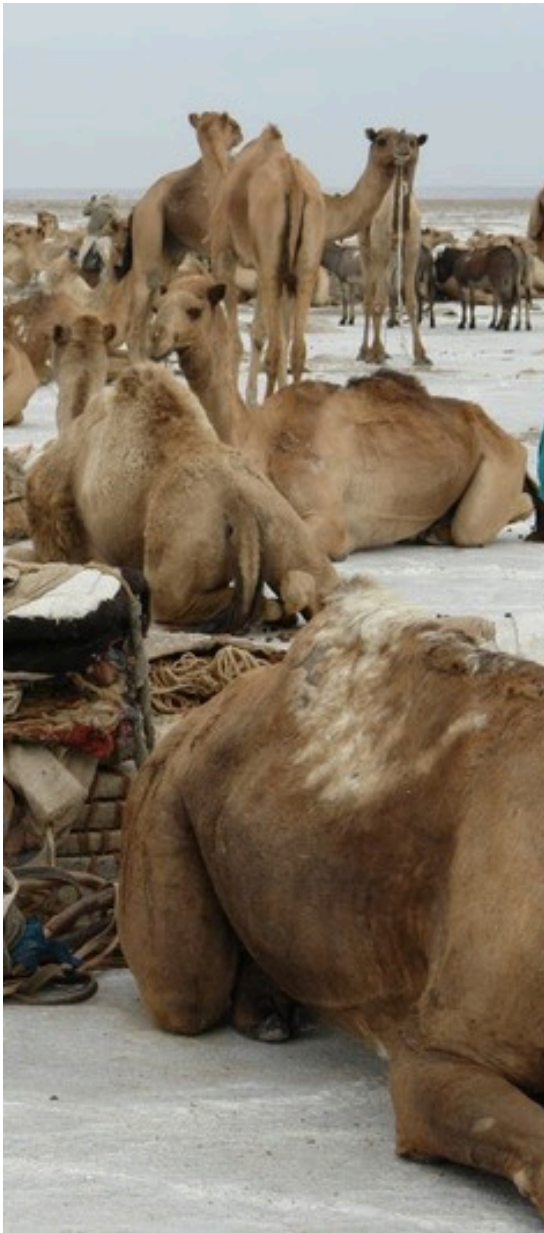
Depending on your arrival time optional sightseeing tours in Addis can be arranged.

Addis Ababa is a dynamic metropolis city deeply rooted in its unique cultural identity, unmistakably Ethiopian at heart.





DAY 02: FLY ADDIS ABABA – MEKELE /DRIVE TO HAMEDELA



Transfer to the airport for your domestic flight from Addis Ababa to Mekele. Upon arrival at Mekelle, the journey continues by 4WD convoy into the Afar desert toward the Danakil Depression, one of the lowest and hottest places on Earth.

Along the way, pass through remote Afar villages, where life continues much as it has for generations, offering a glimpse into the resilience and traditions of the Afar people. The journey unfolds across vast desert plains, dramatic lava fields, and striking geological formations.

Continue to Lake Asale, where you will witness the centuries-old practice of traditional salt mining. Here, Afar workers skillfully extract salt blocks by hand and transport them by camel caravans across the desert which is a powerful and authentic scene that reflects one of Ethiopia's oldest trading traditions.

In the late afternoon, proceed to Hamedela for overnight camping. Settle in under the open sky, surrounded by the raw beauty of the Danakil, and experience the silence and vastness of one of the most unique landscapes in the world.





DAY 03: DALLOL – LAKE ASALE – ERTA ALE

Early in the morning, explore Dallol, one of the most surreal landscapes on Earth, known for its vivid sulfur springs, salt formations, and extreme geological activity shaped by volcanic forces beneath the surface. After the visit, return to camp for breakfast and a short rest before continuing the journey across the vast salt flats of the Danakil Depression, where you may observe traditional salt extraction activities and camel caravans moving slowly across the desert in one of the world's oldest trade traditions.

In the afternoon, begin the long but scenic drive toward Erta Ale Volcano, passing through remote lava fields and changing desert terrain. Upon arrival at base camp, prepare for the evening ascent. After sunset, begin the guided trek up the volcano to reach the crater rim, where you will witness the extraordinary active lava lake glowing in the darkness, one of the most powerful and unforgettable natural spectacles in Ethiopia. Overnight is spent in a desert camp near the volcano under the open sky.





DAY 04: DRIVE ERTA ALE - SUMMER /FLY BACK ADDIS/DEPARTURE

Early in the morning, begin the descent from Erta Ale Volcano after a night at the crater, returning to base camp with your expedition team. After breakfast, continue the drive south toward Semera, gradually transitioning from the extreme volcanic desert into more open and settled Afar landscapes. The journey offers a final glimpse of the vast salt plains and remote desert scenery that define the Danakil Depression.

Upon arrival in Semera, guests are transferred directly to Semera Airport for their onward flight, marking the end of the luxury Danakil expedition.

Upon arrival in Addis Ababa, you will be met and transferred to your hotel to refresh and unwind. In the evening, gather for a memorable farewell dinner at a local cultural restaurant, where traditional cuisine, live music, and vibrant performances offer a final celebration of Ethiopia's rich heritage and warm hospitality.





REASONS TO BOOK THIS TRIP WITH LESWA ETHIOPIA TOUR

REASON 1: Immersive Cultural Experience

Our deep local ties in the destination allow guests to experience authentic traditions while supporting women and communities with dignity. Our itineraries are designed to move beyond sightseeing, immersing guests in authentic Ethiopian culture through local interactions, traditions, cuisine, and community-based experiences.

REASON 2: Travel That Empowers Women & Builds the Future

Every journey with Leswa contributes directly to empowering women in Ethiopia's tourism industry. When travelers book with us, they are not only experiencing the destination responsibly, but also supporting the vision of women-focused tourism initiatives we are actively building. This contribution helps create professional opportunities, strengthen service standards, and ensure women are equipped with the skills, confidence, and leadership needed to shape the future of tourism in Ethiopia. Your travel becomes a meaningful investment in people, progress, and long-term impact.

REASON 3: Expertly Managed Logistics

We are meticulous in our planning, anticipating challenges before they arise. From reliable 4WD vehicles and experienced drivers to community coordination and daily logistics, we manage the details so you can travel comfortably and confidently.

REASON 4: Safety

Safety with Leswa is the foundation of every journey we design. The region's extraordinary beauty comes with remoteness and complexity, which is why our approach to safety is intentional, proactive, and never compromised.



WHAT TO EXPECT

ETHIOPIA IS EXTRAORDINARY—UNLIKE ANYWHERE ELSE IN AFRICA.

Its landscapes, history, cultures, and traditions create a journey that is beautiful, fascinating, and full of surprises. Whether your interests lie in geology, ancient heritage, wildlife, local communities, or a mix of everything, Ethiopia offers remarkable depth and discovery.

Travel here is rewarding, but expectations matter. Ethiopia remains an emerging destination, and part of its charm comes from the unpredictability that makes every moment memorable. Being prepared allows you to embrace the adventure with ease and enjoy the journey even more.

Addis Ababa is modern and well-developed, offering a wide range of accommodations and services. Outside Addis, tourism infrastructure is simpler and less polished than in classic East African safari destinations.

We take care to design thoughtful, seamless itineraries using trusted local partners, ensuring that the essential arrangements are in place before you arrive—so you can explore confidently and fully enjoy your experience.

