



## Ethiopia Cultural Tour

### A Journey Through the land of Origins

Ethiopia has a character unlike any you'll find on the planet. [The only African Nation to have avoided European colonialism](#), it retains a strong cultural identity that can be felt everywhere you go. The amazing people, stunning landscapes, and diverse wildlife are just some of the things that make Ethiopia so magnificent. Ethiopia is a country rich in history, diverse in culture, with breathtaking views and awesome geology. Explore the heights of the Simien Mountains, dance with the tribes of the lower Omo Valley and [marvel at the 8<sup>th</sup> wonders of the world Lalibela](#).

### Tour Duration

11 Days, 10 Nights Package from March 28 – April 7, 2024

### Tour Cost

**Double Occupancy – \$3,500**

Required Deposit - \$500

**Single Supplement - \$775 (\$4,275 Total)**

Required Deposit - \$775

Roommate requests are made at the time of deposit. No requests will be accepted after your deposit. Single occupancy requests will **only** be accepted at the time of deposit. If you book a double room and do not have a roommate, we will pair you with another member.

### Payment Terms

#### 1. Full payment

1.1. If you pay in full by **January 27, 2024:**

**\$3,500** per person for double occupancy.

**\$4,275** per person for single occupancy.

2. Installments

2.1. Travelers can choose to pay in **7 installments** after deposit, due by:

Date	Double	Single
July 31, 2023	\$428.57	\$500
August 30, 2023	\$428.57	\$500
September 30, 2023	\$428.57	\$500
October 31, 2023	\$428.57	\$500
November 30, 2023	\$428.57	\$500
December 30, 2023	\$428.57	\$500
January 27, 2024	\$428.57	\$500

### 3. Late Fees

- 3.1. A \$25 late fee charge will be applied to all payments made after the 3-day grace period. Missed payments will be applied to the next month plus the \$25 late fee. Your tour will be automatically cancelled after two missed payments **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
- 3.2. There will be no refund of the deposit or any payments that were made for the tour if it was cancelled due to missed payments. Your tour must be paid in full by **January 27, 2024**. Final payments not received by **January 27, 2024** will be charged an additional \$25 for every 3 days payment is not received. If a late final payment is received without the additional late fees included, your tour will be cancelled, and **NO refund** will be given. This is **NON-NEGOTIABLE**.

### 4. **Invoices**

Payments will be made to **Globetrotting Sistars, LLC**, via **Zelle** at [typhanielynych@globetrottingsistarsllc.com](mailto:typhanielynych@globetrottingsistarsllc.com), or **CashApp** at [\\$GlobetrottingSistars](https://www.globetrottingsistars.com). If you wish to utilize any other payment method, send an email to [typhanielynych@yahoo.com](mailto:typhanielynych@yahoo.com) or call 347-500-9220(WhatsApp) for approval. Once payment is received, you will receive an invoice/Trip Packet no later than 3 days after payment. It is your responsibility to provide an email address for the invoice/documents to be emailed.

### 5. **Cancellation/Refund Policy**

You have **90 days** before the scheduled tour (**December 29, 2023**) to cancel. If you cancel your tour after **December 29, 2023**, there is no refund of any payments. **No Exceptions**. If you cancel your tour before **December 29, 2023**, you will receive 25% of your payments made to date, **not including your deposit and any additional fees charge by the airline for the 5 domestic tickets within Ethiopia**. You can opt to transfer your funds paid on the tour to date (deposit is **not included or Airline fees**) to a future Globetrotting Sistars LLC tour that you are **NOT** currently making payments on or receive a refund of your funds paid on the tour to date (deposit/airline fees is **not included**) within 21 business days. Your request for the transfer must be received at the following email address:  
[typhanielynych@yahoo.com](mailto:typhanielynych@yahoo.com)

5.1 If your tour is cancelled due to you missing two tour payments, you can not apply the deposit to any future Globetrotting Sistars LLC tour no matter when the tour was cancelled. In case it is necessary to cancel your tour due to a medical or personal emergency, your travel insurance policy can reimburse you for the cost of the tour. **Please carefully read your travel insurance policy to ensure reimbursement of your tour costs under ANY circumstances.**

## **5.2 Covid-19 Cancellation Policy/Civil Unrest/Terrorism/War**

If Globetrotting Sistars, LLC or its vendors cancel the tour at any time as a result of terrorism, war, civil unrest or border closures due to Covid-19 the tour will be rescheduled for a later date within 12-24 months of cancellation. If we're still unable to reschedule within 12-24 months due to circumstances beyond our control, then a company credit will be issued minus deposit/Airline Cancellation fees. No refunds, only company credit will be issued, **NO EXCEPTION!**

## **6.0 Tour Reminders**

★ There will be moderate walking during all tours.

★ Etiquette:

Remember ladies, you will be visiting a country whose customs may differ from what you are used to in your homecountry. Please be aware of the following while we are in Ethiopia.

### **Please be aware of the following while you are in Ethiopia:**

★ Tipping: Tips are customary for performances and entertainment in Ethiopia so please make sure you set aside funds for this, especially if you want to take individual or group pictures with performers. It will reflect badly upon yourself and the group if you attempt to sneak in photos or take pictures without tips/donations. Remember this is their livelihood and they rely heavily on our tips/donations to support themselves and their families.

★ Tips are customary for guides, hotel staff (housekeeping/maids) and restaurant servers. Be prepared to leave a tip when receiving a service in Ethiopia. While it's not mandatory, generally a tip is expected and always appreciated. Please avoid being overly generous, as this may appear that you are flaunting money, but do leave enough to show appreciation for the services you receive.

★ Housekeeping/Hotel Service: \$2-\$3 per night, and up to \$5 in high-end hotels. You can leave the tip on your pillow or in a place where it will be easily located. Tips are recommended to be left per night as the housekeeping staff will not be the same person for each night of your stay.

★ Bus Tours: (several hours or less), tip your guide 10% - 20% of the cost of the tour. For

driver/tour guide for one week the suggested amount is \$4-\$5 per day per passenger. You can give the tip at the end of the week to the driver in an envelope. The preference is for the tip to be given individually rather than as a group. While tips are not mandatory, they are greatly appreciated for all the work that goes into their job catering to travelers.

- ★ Bargaining: Except for goods in supermarkets, high-end shops, hotels and restaurants, nothing in Ethiopia has a set price, so bargaining is expected. The seller may offer the item at 30% - 50% more than what they expect for it, so your counteroffer should be lower than what you are expecting to pay. You and the seller will go back and forth until an agreement is made. If you can't come to an agreement, don't get frustrated. Move on and find another vendor and you may even get the price you are looking for once you've walked away. Remember to keep it fun and light.
- ★ Bartering with the locals for items can be fun and can be done in small villages and markets. Feel free to bring items from home that you are willing to trade for items in Ethiopia. Please DO NOT bring junk/cheap items that have no usefulness. Clothing with logos (T-shirts, caps, etc.) are especially interesting to locals.
- ★ Activities unless stated are not optional. If you choose to opt out of a scheduled activity Globetrotting Sisters LLC will not be responsible for creating an alternate itinerary. Any excursions or activities that you choose to participate in outside of the designated tour itinerary are at your own discretion. Globetrotting Sisters, LLC will NOT be held liable for your safety and security or any costs you incur.

### **When In Ethiopia**

- ★ Conservative dress is essential for all. Pack clothing that covers both shoulders and knees; women in particular should take care to cover cleavage and wear loose-fitting clothing, like long flowing skirts or maxi dresses, rather than figure-hugging attire. It's a good idea to pack a jacket, scarf, wrap or light cardigan as temperatures vary depending on the region.
- ★ Bikinis, shorts and swimwear are acceptable only on resort beaches.
- ★ Although alcohol is freely available, drunken behavior is considered offensive.
- ★ Ask for permission before taking pictures of people or private houses.
- ★ As is the case in many African countries, Ethiopians (of all religions) customarily reserve the left hand for ablutions, so it is considered both rude and unhygienic to use that potentially unclean hand to shake hands, to eat, or to pass money or any other object.

## Special Attire

★ TBA

## Meal Requests

If you have food sensitivities, please alert Globetrotting Sisters LLC **at the time of booking**. Please be aware that the country you wish to visit may not be able to accommodate your food sensitivities in the same manner as you are accustomed to in your home country. We will do our best to accommodate you but if it isn't possible, we will let you know.

## INCLUDED TOUR FEATURES

- All Daily Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner (**As stipulated on itinerary**)
- All airport transfers & tour transportation within travel dates
- 10 nights' Accommodation
- 5 Domestic Flights via Ethiopian Airlines within Ethiopia (You must book your international flight with Ethiopian Airlines to maintain the discounted rate for the 5 flights. Failure to do so will result in an additional \$400 added to your package price.)
- Professional license guides
- Water on scheduled tours
- All Village Visits (As stipulated on itinerary)
- All Scheduled tours as specified in the itinerary
- Entrance fees for excursions.
- All sites entrance fees, service charges and taxes

## EXCLUDED TOURS FEATURES

- International Airfare
- Local Transport - Outside of scheduled activities and tour dates
- Tours and Excursions outside of scheduled activities, (including **Nightlife** activities)
- Visa
- **All** beverages including alcoholic beverages (unless otherwise stated)
- Lunch and dinner on day 11
- Tips (i.e. Drivers, Hotel Staff, Tour Guides or Waiters)
- Travel insurance including International Medical Insurance
- Any Vaccinations
- Any additional Hotel Costs - outside of Globetrotting Sisters arrangements
- Personal Spending Money & Additional Spa treatment
- Any Optional Tours, Cooking Class, and Spa Treatment

## Flight Information

Flights are booked separately.

**Departure Date: March 27, 2023**

The group flight will be via **Ethiopian Airlines (Flight ET 513)** from JFK (16hrs, 40min (brief layover in Abidjan). This flight **departs JFK at 9:30 pm on March 27, 2024; arrives 9:10pm on March 28, 2024** in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia) Addis Ababa Bole International Airport (ADD).

The return flight (**Flight ET 512**) leaves (ADD) **Addis Ababa Bole International Airport on April 7, 2024**, at 8:45am, and arrive at JFK(NYC) at 7:45pm

As of May 27, 2023, the roundtrip flight is averaging \$1,188 total roundtrip. However, we suggest you book your flight as soon as possible to avoid an increase.

You must book your international flight with Ethiopian Airlines to maintain the discounted rate for all 5 flights within Ethiopia. Failure to do so will result in an additional \$400 added to your package price. You don't have to take the suggested group flight, but you **MUST** fly on Ethiopian Airlines based on our arrangement. We also require you to arrive in close proximity to the group flight.

Please visit [www.ethiopianairlines.com](http://www.ethiopianairlines.com) to book.

## Visas Requirements.

All U.S. citizens are required to obtain a tourist visa to legally enter Ethiopia. Do not travel to Ethiopia unless you have an approved e-Visa. Travelers without a valid visa will be denied entry. To avoid any disruption to your travel print and carry a copy of your e-Visa with you. You can use this link to apply for your e-visa: [Ethiopian e-visa](#)  
[We will be conducting a Zoom session to discuss further in the coming months.](#)

## Covid 19 regulations/ Vaccinations

A COVID-19 test is no longer required for people who can prove they have received at least 2 doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccination or 1 dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccination, or for those travelers who have proof of recovery from COVID-19 within the previous 90 days.

## Questions?

If you have any questions or concerns, please send us an email at:

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[bookings@globetrottingsistersllc.com](mailto:bookings@globetrottingsistersllc.com)

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