

# Ethiopia

## historic exploration of abyssinia

### highlights

**3,000 Years of History.** For thousands of years, the never-colonized Ethiopia has been a powerhouse in Africa—with its own complex written language and numeric signifiers. From Biblical reference to the lands of Cush to some of the earliest churches in Christendom, discover the rich and unique history of this crossroads of cultures.

**Emperors and Queens.** The monarchs of Ethiopia traced their heritage back to King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, though the last emperor was deposed in the 1970s, this historical influence of royals has left an indelible mark on the nation.

### at a glance

**Capital Comfort.** Rest from the overnight flight in five star accommodations in the heart of Addis Abba, home to the African Union and the capital of this growing nation.

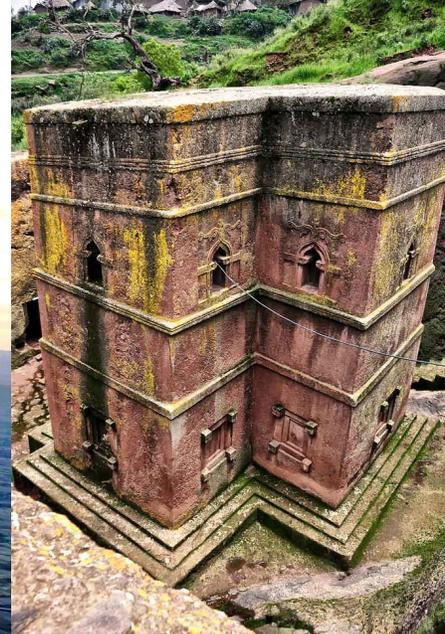
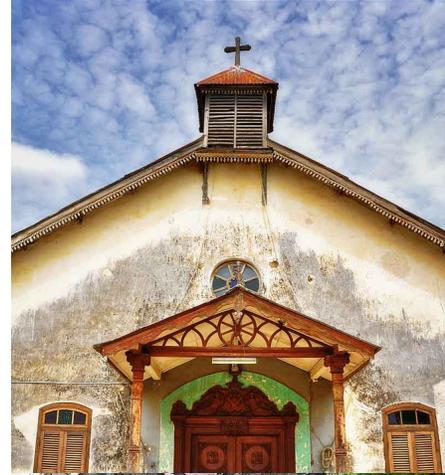
**Gender Equal Utopia.** Visit the Awra Amba Village, a planned community that has self-segregated from the rest of Ethiopian society to build a lifestyle based in equality. Men and women share domestic and public tasks to create a harmonious village life.

**From Gondor to Axum.** Investigate the imperial capital from the 17<sup>th</sup> Century as you explore the city of Gondor, then see the heart of Abyssinia and the seat of the Queen of Sheba's power as you explore the ancient ruins of Axum.

**World Heritage Sites.** Explore the Rock-Hewn Churches carved deep into the ground in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century as a "New Jerusalem" and the Simien National Park, "The Roof of Africa"—both wonders are among the first sites to be named by UNESCO in 1978 as World Heritage Sites.

### details

- Dedicated expert guides and private transportation throughout the trip.
- The services of a full-time Insider Expeditions tour manager.
- Comprehensive briefing packet for each participant, including destination information, logistical and contact information, reading list, and packing list.



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