

**PHOTO TRIP TO ETHIOPIA JULY 13 TO 27 2024**



**PRICE: 3,450 € / person** in a double room, full board.  
 Single room supplement 200 € depending on availability and by order of request.  
 Departure and return: Adolfo Suárez Airport, Madrid.

**WHAT INCLUDES:**

Accommodation in a double room on an all-inclusive basis.  
 Ground transportation in an air-conditioned Land Cruiser.  
 English-speaking birding and wildlife watching guide.  
 All entrances to the Parks.  
 Photography and video rates.  
 Local guide and explorer rates.  
 List of birds and mammals of Ethiopia.

**WHAT DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

Flights from Madrid and return to Addis Ababa.  
 Alcoholic beverages and soft drinks.  
 Personal expenses.  
 Travel and cancellation insurance.  
 Food and drinks on the days of departure and return at the airports.  
 Entry visa to the country.

**Trip Features:**

Theme: photographic trip of birds and some mammals.  
 Duration: 16 days 15 nights.  
 Group: 6 to 9 participants.  
 Number of Ethiopian bird species 852.  
 Number of mammals of Ethiopia 279.  
 Physical conditions: Low.  
 Accommodation: As detailed in the brochure.

**Itinerary:**

Day 1: Arrival in Addis Ababa  
 Day 2: Debre Libanos  
 Day 3: Jemma Valley  
 Day 4: Awash via Melka Jebdu  
 Day 5: Ali Dege Plains  
 Day 6: Trip to the lakes of the Great Rift Valley  
 Day 7: Langan Area  
 Day 8: Bale Mountains National Park  
 Day 9: Sanetti Plateau and Harenna Forest  
 Day 10: Negele Borena  
 Day 11: Negele Borena – Yabello  
 Day 12: Yabello Wildlife Sanctuary  
 Day 13: Yabello – Lake Hawassa  
 Day 14: Lake Hawassa - Addis Ababa  
 Day 15: Flight to Spain

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Ethiopia is one of the most fascinating African countries for wildlife and birding, with new and exciting discoveries being made every year, and is surely also one of the most enjoyable, what with its wonderful light, diverse habitats, amazing scenery and very rich and often colorful avifauna. A must-visit for any wildlife enthusiast, Ethiopia has unique flora and fauna and extraordinary scenery to offer. The primary aim of this special tour is to find the country's endemic and not endemics Birds, wildlife resource, and scenery. The trip starts with a trip to Debre Libanos, Which is a brilliant place to find beautiful Spot-breasted Lapwing, the taxonomically strange Blue-winged Goose, and other endemics.



Then our next destination will be Awash National Park, one of Ethiopia's premier national parks, which has a rich diversity of birds as well as mammals. Then, we will continue to the Highlight of our trip, Bale Mountains National Park. Here we spend the next two days searching for endemic mammals and birding varied habitats. Interesting mammals here are mountain Nyala, Klipspringer, Menelik's Bushbuck, Bohor Reedbuck, and others. Yabello wildlife sanctuary will be the next and important destination of the itinerary, which is a protected area and wildlife sanctuary in southern Ethiopia. This mosaic arid land is home to several wildlife and spectacular birds. Finally, the tour ends with a drive back to Addis Ababa with the birding rift valley lakes of Ethiopia including Hawassa, Langanano and Abijatta Lakes.

#### Day 1: Arrival in Addis Ababa



Welcome to Ethiopia! Upon arrival at Addis Ababa Bole International Airport, you Will be welcomed by our staff members. For mid night arrivals, you may begin your tour the following day.

Overnight: Nexus hotel Accommodation: Nexus Hotel

#### Day 2: Trip to Debre Libanos

After breakfast will be drive up towards the sululta plains North of addis Ababa we'll be birding near Debre Libanos, an old monastery situated on a stunning mountain escarpment with some breath-taking views! Here we will likely find the Fan-tailed Raven, Stout Cisticola, Ethiopia Boubou, Variable Sunbird, Ruppell's Robin-chat,



Yellow-bellied Waxbill and three endemics White-winged Cliff-chat, Ruppell's Black Chat White-billed Starling, Egyptian Vulture, Griffon Vulture, Bearded Vulture, and other raptors as they gracefully sail by, as well as Little Rock Thrush and many other mountain birds. It's also a good place to find Lammergeiers soaring above, and if we're lucky a large troop of Gelada Baboons.

Overnight: Silale Hotel.

### Day 3: Jemma Valley

After breakfast, we will continue visiting The Jemma River, one of the tributaries of the Nile, and there is a drop of nearly 1000 meters to the valley below. Here at the gorge, and in the forest around the church we can expect to see Banded Barbet, Black Headed Forest Oriole, White-billed Starling, Red-Billed Starling, White-winged Cliff-Chat, White-backed Tit, White-cheeked Turaco and Hemprich's Hornbill. We'll be birding around the stunning JemmaRiver Valley. Here on the rocky valley rim, we will be looking for a number of species but the main agenda will be to find the elusive and well sought-after endemic Ankober Serin, occurring only along the spectacular Ankober escarpment. Then, continue to Debre Birhan for overnight.

Overnight: Getva Hotel.

### Day 4: Drive to Awash via Melka Jebdu

After breakfast, we start driving to Awash National Park. On the way, we'll be visiting Melka Jebdu to look for species such as Erckel's Francolin, Crested Francolin, Speckled Pigeon, White-collared Pigeon, Dusky Turtle Dove, Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove, Bare-faced Go-away-bird, Eastern Plantain-eater, Abyssinian Nightjar, African Grey Hornbill, Yellow-breasted Barbet, Shining Sunbird to name a few! We will arrive at Doho lodge in the afternoon, where a rich diversity of birds hopefully will make their appearance. We will spend the rest of the day enjoying the natural hot spring and beautiful swimming pools.

Overnight: Doho Lodge

### Day 5: Birding around the Ali Dege Plains





This morning we will head north towards the reserve at Ali Dege, an area of plains habitat with a few clumps of cover. The road passes by several customs points with the first one having a male Mocking Cliff-Chat. The next stop will be good for Egyptian Vultures which shows well on the ground with a party of Helmeted Guineafowl, White-browed Sparrow Weaver, Cut-throat Finch and Rosy-patched Bushshrike. The acacia bushes attract Woodchat and Great Grey Shrike, Tawny Pipit and the first of many Chestnut-backed Sparrow-Lark. We will also encounter Gravy Zebra, Gerenuk, and Soemmering's Gazelle. There is also a rare chance to see Wild Ass. Here you will have a game drive and spot the vast plain for Grevy's Zebra, Gerenuk, Beisa Oryx, Simmering's Gazelle, Grant's Gazelle, Somali Ostrich and for some rare birds. Then drive to Doha Lodge for lunch and enjoy the large number of Birds that visit this lodge.

Overnight: Doho Lodge.

#### Day 6: Drive to the Great Rift Valley Lakes

On this day, we will drive to Lake Langano, where we will spend the night. We will bird this and other lakes, among them, beautiful Lake Ziway, and wetland sites of the Great Rift Valley, looking for Black Crowned Crane, Collared Pratincole, African Snipe and several other shorebird species, various Tern species including Gull-billed, Lesser and African Jacanas, Fulvous Whistling-Duck, African Pygmy Goose, Western Marsh Harrier, and many others. Other highlights today might be Greater Spotted Eagle, Egyptian Vulture, White-headed Vulture, Clapperton's Francolin, Blue-spotted Wood Dove, Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse, Buff-bellied Warbler, Northern Black Flycatcher, Blackstar, Black-headed and Pygmy Batises, the striking Masked Shrike, Green-winged Pytilia, and Red-fronted Warbler, as well as many others.

Overnight: Sabana Beach resort

#### Day 7: Langano area

We will explore the forest around the lodge and the lake shores - here again will find good numbers of species. The endemic Yellow-fronted Parrot and the Black-Winged Lovebird are found around the lodge, also Broad-billed Roller, Narina Trogon, Red-shouldered and Emerald Cuckoos, Lemon, Blue-spotted, and Tambourine Doves,



different woodpeckers, Sharpe's Starling, Double-toothed Barbet, Yellow-fronted Tinkerbird, Red-breasted Wryneck, Masked Weavers, Beautiful Sunbird and many more. It is home to a few mammals including the Bushbuck, Vervet and Black Colobus Monkeys, Olive Baboon and Golden-backed Jackal. Afternoon, After a relaxed Lunch, touring around Langano, visit the villages of the Oromo people, interact with locals and learn their real ways of life.

Overnight: Sabana Beach Resort

### **Day 8: Drive to Bale Mountains National Park**

We drive to Dinsho, which is the gateway to the fabled Bale Mountains, high reach an altitude of around 4 500 meters (more than 14 000 feet). Here we spend the next two days birding varied habitats for such sought-after species as Abyssinian Owl, Cape (Mackinder's) Eagle-Owl, African Wood Owl, Wattled Ibis, Chestnut-naped Francolin, Moorland Francolin, Wattled Crane, Red-billed Chough, Abyssinian Crimsonwing, and, with luck, Golden Eagle, as well as a long list of other birds. Interesting mammals here are mountain nyala, klipspringer, Menelik's bushbuck, Bohor reedbuck, and others. The days in this area are also a botanical treat, with vegetation ranging from Hagenia-dominated forest to giant Erica woods to high-altitude moorlands, sometimes with fabulous giant lobelias.



### **Day 9: Sanetti Plateau and Harenna Forest**

After breakfast, we will be driving on Africa's highest road, passing close to the summit of Ethiopia's second-highest mountain. We will search for Black Stork, Wattled Ibis, Rouget's Rail, the endemic Blue-winged Goose, Spot-breasted Lapwing, Wattled Crane, Thekla Lark, migratory flocks of Red-throated Pipit, Abyssinian Longclaw, Red-breasted Wheatear, the dumpy Moorland Chat, and flocks of the endemic Black-headed Siskins. Then, we Will continue to the south of the Park lies a 1200m (3700 ft) escarpment, below which is one of the largest and most extensive forests remaining in Ethiopia, the Harenna Forest. Here rare Bale Monkeys inhabit the trees and the birdlife is spectacular. Wild coffee is harvested to the south of the lodge and delicious Bale honey is obtained by the local people from hives placed high within the canopy. Here is also found 3% of Africa's remaining bamboo forest.



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Overnight: Bale Lodge

**Day 10: Bale Mountains National Park - Negele Borena**

Drive through grasslands and the Genale Valley Leaving behind the moist tropical forest, drive 50km south to Delo-Mena. Delo-Mena is known for its coffee and offers basic accommodation to Negele-Borena, a large, bustling town. En route look for the Turaco and outstanding Golden-breasted Starling. We will also seek the endemic Sidamo Lark and the Somali Short-toed Lark and possibly Heuglin's Bustard on the Negele Plains. The Sidamo lark is quite secretive and like many Ethiopian endemics inhabits a very small area. we may also encounter Dikdiks running along the road on the way.

Overnight: Mareg guest house

**Day 11: Negele Borena - Yabello**

Drive along another long and seldom-traveled road, which takes you near to the Kenya border and finally to the Yabello region, home to two of Ethiopia's most sought-after endemic birds, both listed as globally threatened: the enigmatic Stresemann's bush crow and glistening White-tailed swallow. You should spot the Swallow threading its way through the termite chimneys and groups of Bushcrows in the thorn bushes. For the entire day explore the Yabello Wildlife Sanctuary and Reserve; species to look for include: Somali Ostrich, Secretary Bird, Ruppell's Griffon Vulture, African Pygmy Falcon, Kori Bustard, Star-spotted Nightjar, Yellow-billed Hornbill, Lilac-breasted Roller, Rufous-crowned Roller, Red and Yellow Barbet, Short-tailed Lark, Northern Grey Tit, Black-capped Social Weaver, Grey-headed Silverbill, Taita Fiscal, and Somali Golden-breasted Bunting.

Overnight: Yabello motel

**Day 12: Yabello Wildlife Sanctuary**

A full day in bushcrow country – but we'll also look for tons of other birds such as Somali Courser, Somali Fiscal, Taita Fiscal, Short-tailed Lark, and Red-naped Bushshrike, and also for many less range-restricted species like Speke's Weaver, Black-faced Waxbill, Black-breasted Snake Eagle, Eurasian Hobby, Black Cuckoo, and two spectacular Whydah species, Steel-blue and





Straw-tailed. Throughout this epic tour, we should stumble across a plethora of Eurasian migrants, which could include many different warblers, and all the others. This place also contains the improbably long-necked gerenuk, an antelope that feeds high up in trees and bushes while standing on its hind legs. A night drive might yield yet another mammalian treat, the Somali bushbaby.

Overnight: Yabello Motel.

### Day 13: Yabello –Lake Hawassa

A morning, drive to Lake Hawassa, which is on the edge of Abaro Mountains and Rift valley, rich with the habitat of edge effect species, includes Spotted Creeper, Banded Barbet, Black-winged Lovebird, Grey-backed Fiscal, Double-toothed Barbet, Beautiful Sunbird, Blue-headed Coucal, Abyssinian Waxbill, Red-throated Wryneck and White-rumped Babbler. Among shorebirds, African Pygmy Goose, White-backed Duck, Lesser and African Jacana, Goliath Heron, Fulvous and White-faced whistling Ducks, Common Waxbill, Pied and Malachite Kingfishers, Marabou Stork, Great White Pelican, Reed and Great Cormorant, Egrets, Spur-winged Goose, Squacco Heron, Grey-headed Gull, Whiskered and White-winged Terns are some to mention.

Overnight: Haile Resort

### Day 14: Drive back to Addis Ababa

Morning, you will visit the beautiful city of Hawasa including Lake Hawasa and the most famous fish Market. Then in the afternoon, start driving back to Addis Ababa. The tour ends with a transfer to Bole international Airport.



## Photo gallery







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The programming of the visits to the selected places will be based on the weather forecasts.

### **Important: vaccination and mosquito repellent**

No vaccination is necessary for this trip. Since we are going to be below 2,000 meters, it is necessary to take an antimalarial.

It is essential to take insect repellent.

### **Conditions of the reservation:**

#### **Payments**

Prior to the formalization of the reservation is necessary to have contacted by email with the organization to know if there are places available for this trip because they are very limited.

Once the confirmation of the place has been received, a payment of € 600.00 per registered person will have to be made by bank transfer or deposit in the current account of BT&N in the Banco Sabadell Atlántico with the following IBAN: : ES96 0081 0649 7100 01025312

Any reservation that previously has not made such payment will not be considered made.

The rest of the price of the trip must be transferred / entered in the same account of the previous paragraph at least sixty days before the departure of the trip.

In both cases, the trip selected and the person making the trip must be indicated in the transfer / income concept.

Both the payment of the reservation and the second payment must be communicated to the organization via email.

#### **Personal data**

In order to obtain the plane ticket, the participant of the excursion must send his / her personal information by email to the organization. Among them, your full name, address, passport number and expiration date. All these data must be identical to those in the passport.

#### **Visa**

It is necessary to be in possession of a tourist visa. The visa must be obtained prior to arrival through the official website of the Immigration Department of the Government of Ethiopia (<https://www.evisa.gov.et>).

#### **Cancellation and accident insurance**

Accident and cancellation insurance that covers theft, loss of luggage, hospitalization, repatriation, civil liability, etc. is not included in the trip price. It is essential to always travel with travel insurance that covers all medical expenses during your stay in the country and that, in any case, includes medicalized air repatriation to Spain or a third country. And it is advisable to have cancellation insurance to be covered in case you cannot go to the trip for reasons that may appear after booking it.

#### **Flights**

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This trip does not include international flights.

In the event that you are the ones who hire the round-trip plane, Madrid, Addis Ababa, Madrid, the flights will be the following:

Outbound: departure on July 13 from Adolfo Suarez Airport, Madrid, Terminal 4 with Turkish Airlines at 12:00 and arrival in Addis Ababa at 23:45. A scale.

Return trip: July 27, departure from Addis Ababa at 00:45 and arrival at Adolfo Suarez Airport, Madrid, Terminal 4 with Turkish Airlines at 13:35. A scale.

### **Cancellations**

On the part of the traveler:

If the cancellation is made more than 60 calendar days before the trip departure, 50 percent of the reservation payment will be retained, that is, €300.00. If the total cost of the trip has already been paid on this date, the difference between the total cost of the reservation and the total price of the trip will be refunded.

If the cancellation is made between 60 and 31 calendar days before the departure of the trip, 50% of the payment of the total trip will be retained as a penalty, unless your place can be occupied by another person interested in this trip. journey. If the traveler can be replaced and the airline accepts the change of passenger, 100% of the price paid will be returned.

If the cancellation is made between 30-0 calendar days before the trip departure, 100% of the amounts paid will be retained as compensation. If the traveler can be replaced and the airline accepts the change of passenger, 100% of the price paid will be returned.

In all cases, refunds will be made by bank transfer with expenses paid by the person canceling the reservation/trip.

**It is highly recommended to take out travel cancellation insurance.**

On the part of the organization:

If the travel agency suspends the trip 30 days before departure, it will fully refund the amounts paid within a period of no more than 7 days from its notification.

In addition, it will compensate the contracting party with 5% of the total cost of the trip if the cancellation is made between 30 and 15 days before departure; 10% if it takes place between 14 and 3 days before departure and 25% if it takes place 48 hours before.

The compensation described above will not apply in the case of force majeure, understood as such, unpredictable reasons, of an extraordinary nature, external and beyond the control of BT&N and which, even having acted with due diligence, have not been able to be resolved. Likewise, the organization will not be obliged to return any compensation if the cancellation of the trip is due to the fact that the minimum number of participants indicated in this brochure (6 participants) has not been reached. The maximum period for this cancellation case is 14 days before the start of the trip.

### **Prices:**

The prices of the trip are calculated (currency exchange and payment of suppliers) based on the date of the realization of this brochure so there may be some variation in the same at the time of contracting if a change in currency exchange is relevant.

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