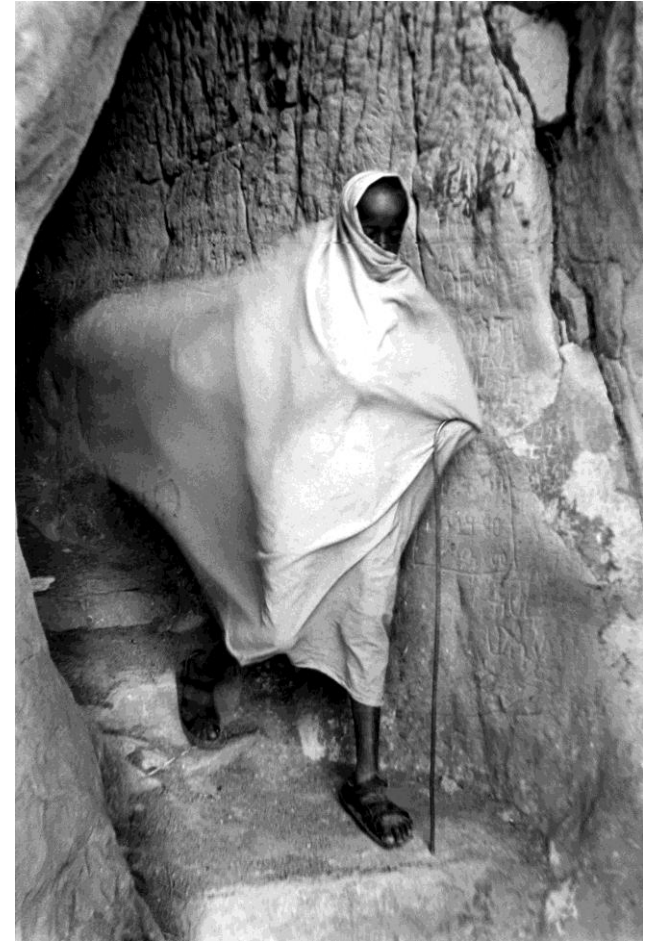


Ethiopia – Mysteries of the House of Israel in Christian Ethiopia **10- Day Departures on April 24, September 24, 2012, April 21 or September 8, 2013**

This is a specially designed journey to the country of Ethiopia for those with an interest in the richness of this Judaic-Christian country – with seemingly un-noticed rich archeology. You will have special access to people and places generally beyond the reach of most visitors. You will start by being a part of a two-thousand-year-old celebration as in King David's time, attended by thousands of pilgrims who journeyed for miles, many on bare feet. The tour will give each of you an idea from their Judaic history – both from an archeological and cultural perspective. You will be amazed at the First Temple traditions that are being played out even today. You will learn of how Ethiopia is tied into the Israel of today and its promise of the future hope. A few of the sites included are as follows:

- The UNESCO-registered site of Axum, home of the world's tallest steles
- Queen of Sheba's Bath
- St. Mary of Zion Church and visit with the Priest who is the Keeper of the Ark of the Covenant in Axum
- An ancient Jewish Temple and nearby incense burners with Hebrew inscriptions
- One of the eight wonders of the world, the UNESCO Judeo-Christian rock-hewn complex of Lalibela
- A remote island on Lake Tana to see the altar where the Ark of the Covenant was kept
- Blue Nile Falls and a private hippo safari on the Nile
- A special visit at Gondar with the Ethiopian Bete-Israeli and the group responsible for the flight operations that airlifted 23,000 Ethiopians to Israel (Aliyah)
- Visits to the Tomb of Bazén and the The Tomb of Ityopis.
- Optional trip to mysterious Lake Ziway and the Rift Valley Lakes



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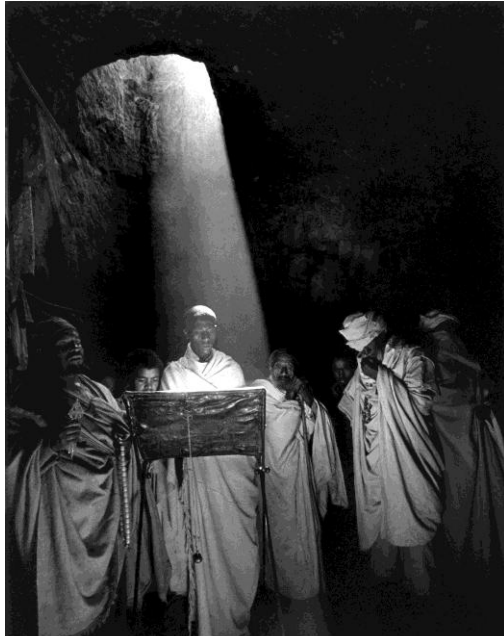
Day to Day Itinerary:

Day 1 – Flights to Ethiopia

Depart home city in the early afternoon via Washington Dulles or Frankfurt.

Day 2 - Addis Ababa

Arrive in Addis Ababa this evening, transfer to the lovely Sheraton Hotel – Ethiopia's 5 Star/5 Diamond jewel. Addis Ababa is home to 3.8 million people and is the "political capital of the African continent".



Day 3 – Axum

Depart Addis and arrive today in Axum (Aksum), the city in northern Ethiopia which was the original capital of the eponymous Axumite kingdom. Axum was a naval and trading power that ruled the region from 400 BC into the 10th century. The kingdom was also arbitrarily identified as Abyssinia.

We'll visit the ruins of Queen of Sheba's Palace and exotic tombs of former kings, a mysterious carved lion's head depicting the Lion of Judah and the great Obelisks of the Axumite Empire. In addition we visit Ethiopia's version of the epigraphic records in Sabeen, Ge'ez and Amharic – similar to the "Rosetta Stone" of Egypt. We will also visit some newly-uncovered archeological sites and recently-opened tombs. Axum has its own unique monolithic steles, or obelisks, and the Baths of the Queen of Sheba. In the town of Axum you can visit their new museum with treasures from the Axumite Kingdom and Solomonic Dynasty. There is an Orthodox church called St. Mary of Zion. In its sanctuary some believe is the Ark of the Covenant. You will meet the Keeper of the Ark for a few moments. You will have an opportunity to shop for antiquities as well today. Enjoy a fire and lively discussion this evening at our hotel that overlooks the unique monoliths.

Day 4 – Axum and Yeha

Axum is the holiest city in Ethiopia and is an important destination for pilgrimages, both for Jews and Christians. From our hill top hotel we can see the groundswell of worshippers draped in white gauze gather around the Queen of Sheba Pool. They are preparing to celebrate a festival with worshippers coming from all over Ethiopia – most by foot. The people who to this day incorporate Judaism into their practice of worship also have the belief that Yahweh has allowed this country to keep the Ark of the Covenant safe all these years. Enjoy the music and chanting that goes back as far as King David's time as they celebrate taking the replica of the Ark of the Covenant out of Our Lady Mary of Zion church. Later in the afternoon we will visit the museum where the instruments, robes and treasury articles used in the procession and to worship God are housed. In addition to the Tomb of Bazén, located to the West of the city of Axum is what is called the Tomb of Ityopis (Ethiopia) – said to be the great grandson of Noah.

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For those interested, we will drive out to Yeha to see a Jewish Temple site. When we take this drive we will also have the chance of seeing two stone incense burners with inscriptions that discuss the Hebrew people who lived there. Also today you can see some local projects that were funded by some American friends. These projects support orphans and widows. We will have a lively discussion around the fire this evening overlooking Stele Square and the Queen of Sheba pools.

Day 5 – Lalibela

We depart together to Lalibela – home of a precious UNESCO World Heritage Site. We visit the amazing underground rock-hewn complexes of the Jewish Zaguyae Dynasty which ruled Ethiopia between the 11th and 13th centuries. We will be able to discuss how the churches were originally Jewish compounds. You will see remnants of Jewish symbolism at the various sites as well. We will spend tonight in Lalibela at the Eagles Nest with its excellent chef and spectacular views.

Day 6 – Gondar

Those with extra energy can depart our hotel early this morning and visit the mysterious monastery of Yemrehenna Kristos. Those of you who wish to relax at our hotel or visit the complexes will meet us at the Lalibela airport for our departure to Gondar. On arrival in



Gondar we will visit the small community of Bete Israel, House of Israel or Falash Mura as they are called. We are

provided this special visit by the Jewish agency who organized Aliyah for these precious people. Gondar was the third capital of Ethiopia between the 16th and 18th centuries. After seeing the Castles of Gondar and the Royal Fasiledes Bath, we will take a 70-mile scenic

drive into lovely Bahir Dar down its palm tree-lined wide boulevards. Bahir Dar is the honeymoon destination for many Africans. We overnight at the



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inviting Kuriftu Lodge this evening. The spa at the hotel will be open for a nice massage after dinner. Dinner will be spent on Lake Tana this evening.

Day 7 – Bahir Dar and Lake Tana

Enjoy a boat ride to see the early morning fisherman in their handmade reed boats called tankwas as we travel out to the ancient monasteries. You will travel on Lake Tana and actually see where the Blue Nile River flows right through the lake. This is adventure at its best. We have a chance of a lifetime visit to the mysterious island of Tana Kirkos. The island was home to the Ark of the Covenant for hundreds of years. Although women are not allowed to see the altar where the tabernacle sat, we have made special arrangements with the monks to have artifacts from the monastery brought out for viewing. We will have another lovely dinner at our lake front lodge.

Day 8 – Blue Nile Falls

We will visit Blue Nile Falls this morning and then a visit to Haile Sellasie's former palace. Then we depart for a hippo and crocodile safari down the Blue Nile. The elusive hippos are a joy to spot. We will see how the villagers along the Nile live simply perhaps just a few kilometers from these amazing creatures. Freshen up in our hotel and then enjoy a nice lunch on the terrace. Late we transfer for our flight back to Addis and then on to the US.



Day 9 – Arrive in the US

Optional Extension to the Rift Valley Lakes: We say goodbye to our friends and enjoy a short drive to Debra Zeit where we will stay at a lovely lakefront lodge.

Day 9 – Lake Ziway /Rift Valley Lakes

Late morning we drive to Lake Ziway. We board small boats and travel out to the island that also once kept the Ark of the Covenant hidden from Ethiopia's attackers. Enjoy the numerous unique birds of the Rift Valley lakes. We drive another 2 hours to the beautiful pink lake of Lake Langano. We will stay in cliff top bungalows at Sabana Beach Resort. Walk the long beaches and enjoy the tropical eco system of the Rift Valley.

Day 10 – Rift Valley Birding Safari

Sabana's location makes it the ideal starting point for our tour today of nearby Lake Shalla and Abjiata National Park. This is a top destination for international bird watchers. Not only will you enjoy the local monkeys but you will be able to spend time amongst the thousands of flamingos. You will also see plenty of ostrich's – so much so that there is an actual ostrich farm. We travel back to Addis and use an airport hotel to freshen up prior to our overnight flight back to the US.

Day 11 – Arrive the US



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Pricing, inclusions and registration

The tour includes round-trip airfare from Los Angeles, all meals except dinner on arrival day, all tips, all accommodations, all planned ground transportation and all tours. Group price is based on a minimum of 15 participants. The tour price does not include air taxes or fuel surcharges (which are to be determined at time of ticketing), visa fees (\$20-\$30) or trip cancellation insurance.

\$4,899 is the core tour price per person, based on two people sharing one room.

\$1,189 is the surcharge for a private room for one person (single occupancy).

\$779 is the optional extension to the Rift Valley (with a single surcharge of \$199 if needed)

\$449 optional "cancel for any reason" trip insurance, paid with initial deposit.

\$500 per person deposit (plus the insurance premium, if accepting) is required at time of booking.

Passenger 1 _____ Passenger 2 _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone: () _____ Evening Phone: () _____ Email address: _____

What is the date that your selected tour departs the U.S.? _____

- I would like a roommate. I understand that I may eventually need to pay the single supplement if no roommate is available.
- I would like a single room and will pay the single supplement.
- I want to decline the trip cancellation insurance and I understand the trip cancellation penalties.

I have read and understand the Terms & Conditions contained in this brochure and accept them on behalf of all being registered here.

Print Name

Signature

Date

My check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed or Charge my credit card in the amount of \$_____. I am mailing it to the address shown below

My card number is _____ and it expires on (month/date) ____ / ____



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Terms and Conditions

Proper Documentation

All members of this tour must have (at the time of travel, though not necessarily at the time of registration) passports valid for at least six months beyond their scheduled date of return. Visa's are purchased on arrival for **U.S. citizens**. It is the responsibility of NON-U.S. citizens to determine requirements and obtain any necessary visas. Visa fee is \$20USD.

Limitations

The air carrier(s), hotels, group operators and Living Passages (LP) reserve the right to substitute equipment and properties and to add or delete en route stops at our discretion with or without notice. The hotels, ground operators and other vendors used by LP reserve the right to substitute accommodations/transportation of similar or better quality without penalty. All tour and air tickets are valid only for the dates booked and indicated on documents.

Making Your Deposit/Reservations

A total deposit of \$500 per person or \$949 if you are including "cancel for any reason" trip insurance is due at time of booking. Full payment is due 65 days prior to departure. Guidelines for the insurance will be sent separately.

Minimum Group Size

Prices quoted are based on a minimum of 15 participants. Price may increase should you choose to travel in a smaller group.

Cancellation and Refunds

In the event that you must cancel your reservation, or payments are not received by specified deadlines, refunds are made in accordance with the schedule shown here:

- 140-65 days or more prior to your departure date: Cancellation fee is \$200 per person plus the cost of insurance and any add-on travel you may have purchased.
- 64-0 days prior to your departure date: Cancellation fee is 100% of all monies received to date. Your financial losses may be covered entirely by trip insurance if you are cancelling for a set of reasons. If it is just a change of mind the coverage is 75% of the total paid up to \$5,000.00 per person.



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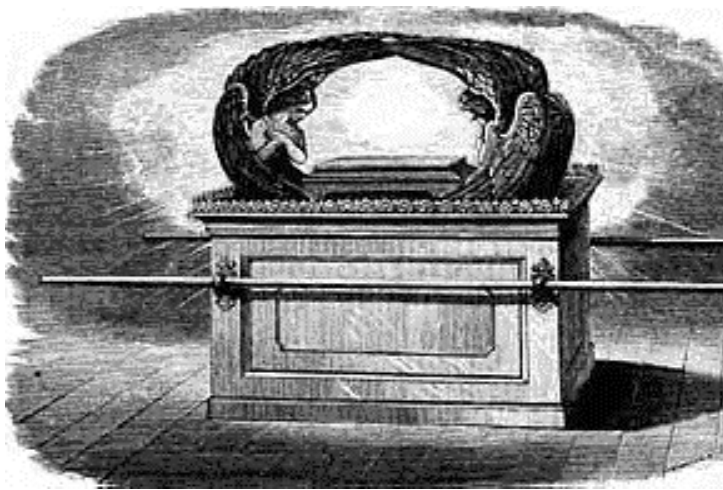
Fuel Surcharges and Other Unexpected Fees

With fuel charges changing rapidly worldwide, both air carriers and hotels have been instituting surcharges to accommodate increases. We have based prices on rates current at the time of printing; if vendors or countries add or increase fuel charges and/or taxes, we may need to pass those increases on to our passengers. The air carriers will determine any of their fees approximately 30 days prior to departure.

Responsibility

LP has the responsibility of booking with airlines, hotels, ground operators and tour guides to provide you with these services. The carriers, hotels, and other suppliers providing tour services are independent contractors and are not agents, employees, or servants of, or joint venturers with, LP or their affiliates. All certificates and other travel documents for tour services issued by LP are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the supplier, and to the laws of the countries in which the services are supplied. Each participant agrees not to hold Living Passages or its tour leaders liable, in the absence of its own negligence, for any loss, act or omission, whether negligent or otherwise, of any person or firm which is to, or does provide goods or services for the trip and shall have no liability to the participant for the quality of services or the condition or cleanliness of accommodations or for any transportation delay,

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Optional Activities

Cruise/tour participants may choose to engage in various activities including, but not limited to, swimming or other water sports, jogging, horseback or camel riding, hiking activities and other "activities"; participants are hereby notified that these and other activities may be dangerous and may result in a serious injury and that participation in these activities shall be at the participant's own risk. LP shall not be liable for any injuries sustained by cruise/tour participants, which are a result of participant's engaging in such activities.

Taxes

Hotel and air taxes are always subject to increase by the government of the countries involved. Such increases are not frequent, but regrettably, LP will have to pass on any increases.

Travelers Who Need Special Assistance

LP must be advised of a participant's special requirements at the time of booking. We will make every effort to accommodate special requests, but cannot confirm a reservation until all travel suppliers have acknowledged that they can provide the services requested.

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