

## A Day Trip to Blue Nile Gorge & Debre Libanos Monastery

## **Tour Summary**

With one-to-three days distance from Addis Ababa, there are so many historical, natural and cultural tourist attractions that can be a good choice both for international and domestic travelers. Melka-kunture prehistoric site, Adadi Mariam rock hewn church, Tiya world heritage site, Debrelibanos monastery and the Blue Nile gorge, Menagesha-Suba natural forest, Wonchi crater lakes, Bushoftu crater lakes, Awash National park, Abijata-Shalla national park, Langano lake, Wondogenet, Yirgalem, Awassa town, Harar and its fabulous tourist sites are major tourist attractions found around Addis Ababa. These ranges of tourist attraction and activities includes beautiful birds, trekking areas, beaches, hot springs, fishing, camping sites, sightseeing, heritage sites, historical churches and towns.

**WUB ETHIOPIA TOURS** is so happy to plan and escort your trip to such diverse tourist attraction sites that will be visited within a day, two, or three day trips from Addis Ababa.

Tour Code: WET-106Duration: Full Day

Tour Title: Addis Ababa-Blue Nile Gorge – Debre Libanos Monastery

Morning, you will meet our guide either at your hotel lobby, or any place convenient for you and get a program detail on what you are going to see. The Magnificent view of the Blue Nile Gorge lies 200 km north from Addis on a road to Bahirdar over the Entoto Mountains passing through Sululta plains. To start your trip drive to Blue Nile Gorge which is about 200 km, it takes 3 to 4hours to reach there. On the way; rural tourism (short visit to local farmer house, feeding the Baboon and other local farmer activity) is possible.

The road to Bahirdar, after 200kms on the highland, it begins to make dramatic stretches down in to the Blue Nile Gorge which is 1000m below, and this is the most spectacular scenery of the landscape of the area. It is an amazing view how the great Nile erodes the rock and makes a marvelous landscape. The Gorge is at 1 km in depth comparable in scale to the Grand Canyon of America.

Next tour program will be to the Monastery of Debre Libanos founded in the 13th century by Abune Tekle Haymanot. Overlooking Jema River Gorge, a tributary of the Blue Nile, the Monastery owns ecclesiastical, cultural and historical relics; here you have also a chance to see birds and baboons. Below the monastery there is a bridge which is called Portuguese bridge or Egg Bridge is worth a visit. Lunch will be in one of the Lodges or from the Lunch box and late in the afternoon drive back to Addis Ababa.