

**African Focus Inc. Organized Cultural Tour to Africa
Summer 2017 - Senegal & Gambia, Addis Ababa, Plus an
Add-On for Lalibela and Axum in Northern Ethiopia**

Itinerary for June 18 – July 5, 2017

17 Day Tour Package with Air Transportation, Plus Many Inclusions

Join Dominique DiPrima on her 2nd Annual "African Focus Inc.'s" Journey to the Motherland with a focus on the path that Africans followed before being sent across the Atlantic to the Americas during the centuries when abducting and selling black people grew the economic wealth for many, many countries in Europe, in the Americas and even in Africa. She will be doing live KJLH Front Page broadcast discussions with her audience and travelers throughout the journey about the experience.

DAY 1 – Sunday, 18 June (Flight Begins After Midnight or 19 June)

Depart Los Angeles and travel to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Africa on Ethiopian Airline

Check in at airport 3 hours before flight is scheduled to depart, check baggage, clear security and board Ethiopian Airline flight for departure to Addis Ababa.

DAY 2 – Tuesday, 20 June

Arrival / Welcome to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Arrive in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia early in the morning. Clear customs and transfer from airport to your hotel. Have breakfast at hotel, check into your room around noon and rest for a few hours.

Addis Ababa Half Day City Tour

Mid-afternoon, embark on a sightseeing city tour of Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia. Ride up "Entoto Mountain" (3100 meters above sea level) to have a look at panoramic down-view of Addis Ababa and the palace of Emperor Menlik II. Visit the National museum of Ethiopia where our ancestor Lucy (3.2 million old skeletons) is displayed. Her remains have led to Ethiopia being described as the cradle of human beings.



Overnight at Getfam Hotel. This hotel is conveniently located in the heart of Addis Ababa.
(Meals included D)



DAY 3 – Wednesday, 21 June

Addis Ababa

After breakfast, do a half day city tour that includes the Holy Trinity Cathedral with its outstanding architectural structure, mural, mosaic & stained glass icon and the burial of the late Ethiopia's royal family, and St. George Cathedral, where paintings by the famous Ethiopian artist Afewerk Tekle and other ecclesiastical wealth and cultural heritage of the past are displayed, as well as the Addis Ababa Museum which displays the history of the city and other collections.

In the afternoon visit Ethnographic museum which is famous for its art gallery and cultural antique collection of Ethiopian's life located in the old palace of Emperor Haile Selassie I (Currently in the compound of Addis Ababa University), then visit Merkato the biggest open air market in Africa. Continue shopping at other traditional markets in the Pissa, Shero Meda and Tewodros Square areas.

Traditional Dinner and Folk Dancers

Enjoy a festive farewell dinner at traditional restaurant with folkloristic dancers.



Overnight at Getfam Hotel (Meals included B, D)

DAY 4– Thursday, 22 June

Addis Ababa

After an early breakfast, check out of hotel, transfer to airport, check in, check baggage, clear customs and take an Ethiopian Airline flight to Dakar, Senegal.

Arrival /Dakar, Senegal / Welcome to Senegal – “AKWAABA”

Upon arrival at Leopold Sedar Sengor Airport, transfer to hotel in Dakar. Attend orientation, enjoy dinner and check into hotel.

Overnight at Novotel Hotel This hotel is located in the city centre of Dakar, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. **(Meals included B, D)**



DAY 5 – Friday, 23 June

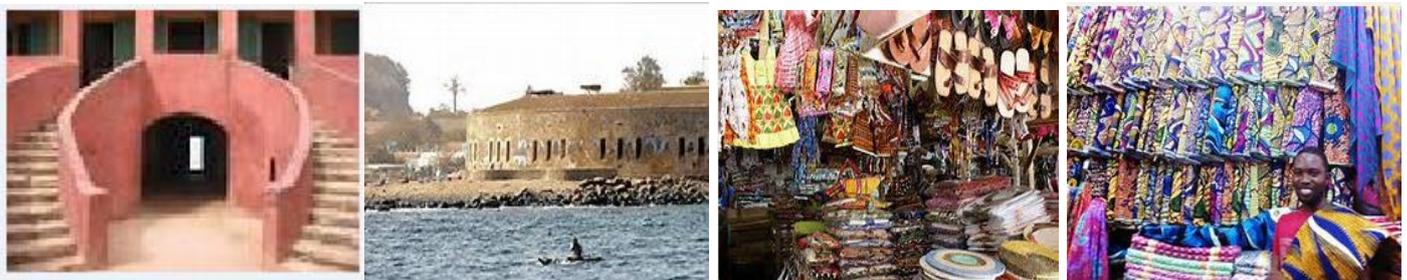
Goree Island / Dakar City Tour - “Part 1: Slave History Journey”

After breakfast, travel to the ferry terminal for ride to Goree Island. The island was once the depot and point of departure for millions and millions of Africans being shipped into bondage to the Americas. Learn from the curator of the infamous slave house about 3 to 4 centuries that West Africa was involved in the black slave trade. Experience the slave dungeons and look through the “Door of No

Return". Reflect on memories of the many black ancestors that perished in the passage. Tour the island to visit the Women's Museum. Enjoy lunch at a seafront restaurant. **Note: As a symbol of respect, all travelers are expected to wear white attire for the Goree Island' slave house tour.**

MISSION EXCURSION: Visit a Primary (Elementary) School. This is an opportunity to see young people in their classrooms and for travelers to share insights about the United States with the students. Travelers will give donation items to the children and teachers, including gifts like black baby dolls and soccer balls/pumps, along with much needed basic school supplies.

Return on the ferry to Dakar to discover the vibrant capital city of Senegal. See the Presidential Palace, the Catholic Cathedral of the African Memory and the University of Dakar. Then, shop for traditional crafts at the colorful Sandaga Market. In addition, shop for fabric at the HLM market. Fabric can be used in the construction of custom made traditional African style clothing.



Overnight at Novotel Hotel (Meals included B, L)

DAY 6 – Saturday, 24 June

Retba (Pink) Lake / Fulani Village

After breakfast, spend a few hours shopping for artifacts and other items of interest. Late in the morning travel to the phenomenal Pink Lake. Ride in 4x4 buggies follow the last lap of the famous Paris to Dakar Rally. Stop to meet the hundreds of men and women mining the salt from the rose colored body of water.

Visit a Fulani village. The Fulani are an ethnic group of people spread over many countries, predominately in West Africa. The Fulani are traditionally a nomadic, pastoralist, trading people, herding cattle, goats and sheep across vast dry hinterlands. They stay somewhat separate from the local agricultural populations.

Enjoy the breeze and the soothing view of the blue water, while, riding up and down the sand dunes, while driving along the long stretch of the Atlantic Ocean.



Overnight at Novotel Hotel (Meals included B, L)

DAY 7 – Sunday, 25 June

Dakar/Banjul (The Gambia) - “Part 2: Slave History Journey”

Check out of hotel for an early morning departure and road trip to The Gambia. Stop for breakfast during the journey.

Explore Nature

Stop several times to view the Savannah and the African lifestyle first hand on the way to the border of Senegal and The Gambia. Catch the ferry to cross the Gambia River.

Check into a beautiful beach resort hotel. The balance of the day is for your leisure and relaxation. There will be great shopping available at the hotel’s shops and down the street from the resort.

Overnight at Ocean Bay Beach Hotel and Resort (Meals included B, D)



DAY 8 – Monday, 26 June

Banjul

After breakfast, go to the capital city of The Gambia, Banjul and the surrounding area. Visit a women’s farms association. Learn and celebrate with these brave women their sisterhood.

Visit **Kachikally Museum and Crocodile Pool** and have the opportunity to pet the friendly crocodiles. This one of three sacred crocodile pools used as sites for locals’ fertility rituals.

Visit the famous **Moma Tie Dye Factory**, in Serrekunda to see traditional hand-made batiks, tie dye and mud cloth being created. King and queen size sheets, table cloths, indigo dresses and skirts are some of the popular items available to purchase.

In the afternoon, visit the central market of Banjul for local crafts and artifacts before returning to the hotel.



Overnight at Ocean Bay Beach Hotel and Resort (Meals included B, D)

DAY 9 – Tuesday, 27 June

Juffureh Village – Pilgrimage on the Land of Kunta Kinteh- “Part 3: Slave History Journey”

After breakfast and check out of hotel. Go a river cruise on the river Gambia for a discovery tour to St James Island where Kunta Kinteh (ancestor of Alex Haley, author of the bestseller Roots) was imprisoned before being sent to America through Goree Island.

Take a 2 hour scenic sail up the river, passing Dog Island and Pelican Island, before arriving in Albreda on the north bank of the River Gambia. Albreda is an old slave fort/French trading post and the site of the Freedom Flag pole. Today, Albreda is an important fishing village.

Stop for lunch and then continue on to the Juffureh village to explore the legacy left by the Kinteh family through the Honorable Lady Tacko Taal, chieftain of the Juffureh. You'll meet the seventh generation of the Kinteh family.

Begin the evening road trip to Saly, Senegal. During the journey reflect on the experience of Kunta Kinteh and his family, enjoy watching the birds and dolphins. Check into the hotel.



Overnight at Teranga Hotel. Located in Saly, facing the Bay of Dakar, with views of Goree Island. Lounge by the pool **(Meals included B, D)**



DAY 10 – Wednesday, 28 June

Saly

After breakfast, relax and enjoy the variety of activities available at or near the Saly resort. Enjoy the beautiful scenery, including the beach. There are options to shop at the local markets and galleries or to relax by the pool. Complete your packing for the departure in the morning.

Naming Ceremony

Enjoy the final evening in Senegal at a Farewell Dinner being hosted in a local home and participate in a Senegal style African Naming Ceremony. Dress in your African attire while being entertained with traditional African music.

Overnight at Teranga Hotel/Saly Resort (Meals included B, D)

DAY 11 – Thursday, 29 June

Dakar / Addis Ababa

Enjoy an early breakfast, check-out of hotel, transfer to airport, check in, check baggage, clear customs, and board Ethiopian Airline flight for departure to Addis Ababa.

Arrival / Welcome Back to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Arrive in Addis Ababa late in the day. Clear customs and transfer from airport to your hotel. Check into the hotel.

Note: Consider checking any unnecessary baggage and packages with the hotel front desk to lighten your load during the balance of the trip.

Overnight at Getfam Hotel. This hotel is conveniently located in the heart of Addis Ababa.
(Meals included B, D)

Day 12 – Friday, 30 June

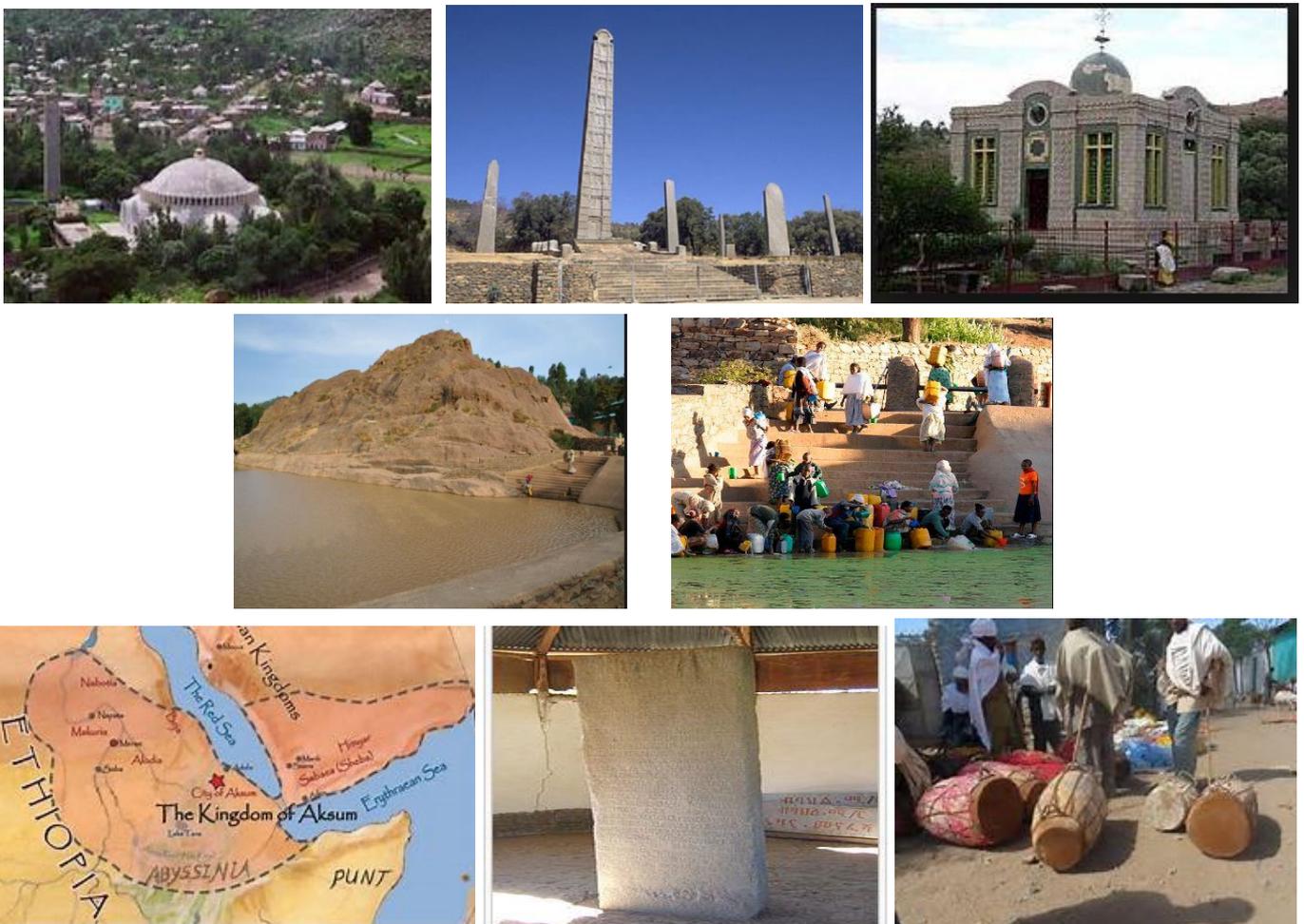
Addis Ababa / Akum

Early breakfast, check out of hotel, and transfer to airport for domestic Ethiopian Airline flight to Akum.

Arrival / Welcome Akum

Axum (Ancient spelling was Aksum) dates back to the 5th century B.C. and it has a rich history as evidenced by the sites to be visited.

Enjoy city tour of Axum including the Obelisk Compound and St Mary of Zion Church. The Ark of the Covenant disappeared from Jerusalem sometime before Christ. Ethiopians believe that the Ark of the Covenant is enshrined in the chapel St Mary of Zion Church. Visit the ruins of Queen of Sheba’s palace and bath. Visit the Tomb of King Ramaha, and the Ezana Encrypt. Check into your hotel. Enjoy dinner.



Overnight at Hotel – TBD (Meals included B, D)

DAY 13 – Saturday, 1 July

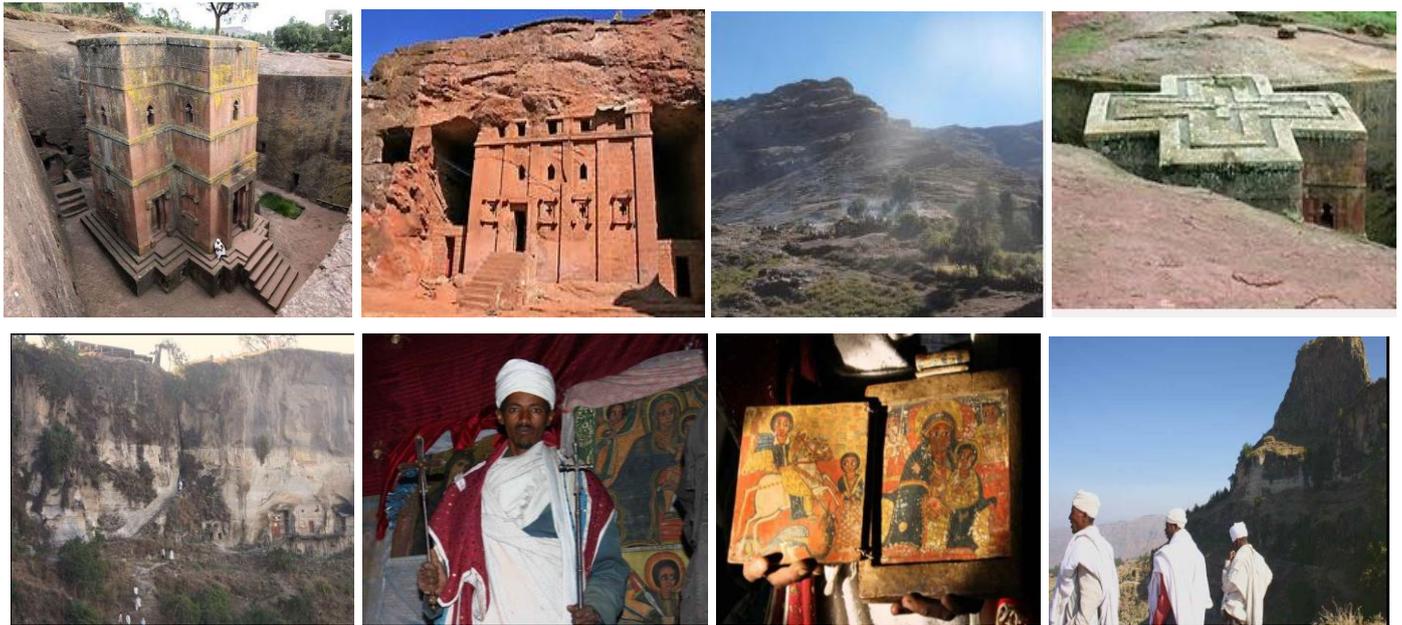
Akum / Lalibela

After breakfast, check out, transfer to airport and take domestic Ethiopian Airline flight to Lalibela.

Arrival / Welcome Lalibela

Transfer from airport. Lalibela was the 3rd capital in Ethiopia’s history from 11th and 13th century. King Lalibela excavated the magnificent rock hewn churches (An official 8th Wonder of the World). The first group of rock hewn churches are defined as “**Earthly Jerusalem**”. Ride mules to Asheten Mariam Mountain top to view the ancient church.

Visit markets for local crafts. Check into hotel. Enjoy dinner and relax for the balance of the day.



Overnight at Hotel – TBD (Meals included B, D)

DAY 14 – Sunday, 2 July

Lalibela

After breakfast, continue visiting the balance of the rock-hewn churches. The 2nd and 3rd group of rock hewn churches of Lalibela are known as “**Heavenly Jerusalem**”. Visit markets for local crafts and religious art, enjoy dinner and relax for the balance of the day.



Overnight at Hotel (Meals included B, D)

DAY 15 – Monday, 3 July

Lalibela / Addis Ababa

After breakfast, check out of hotel, transfer to airport and take domestic Ethiopian Airline flight to Addis Ababa.

Arrival / Welcome back to Addis Ababa

Transfer from airport to hotel for check in. On your own for balance of the evening for shopping, dinner on own and organizing your belongs for the return flight home.

Overnight at Getfam Hotel (Meals included B)

DAY 16 –Tuesday, 4 July

Addis Ababa

After breakfast, visit remaining sites, do final shopping, rest and finish packing.

Departure for United States

Early in the evening check out of hotel, transfer to airport, check in, check baggage, clear customs and board Ethiopian Airline flight for departure to final destination. **(Meals included B)**

DAY 17 – Wednesday, 5 July

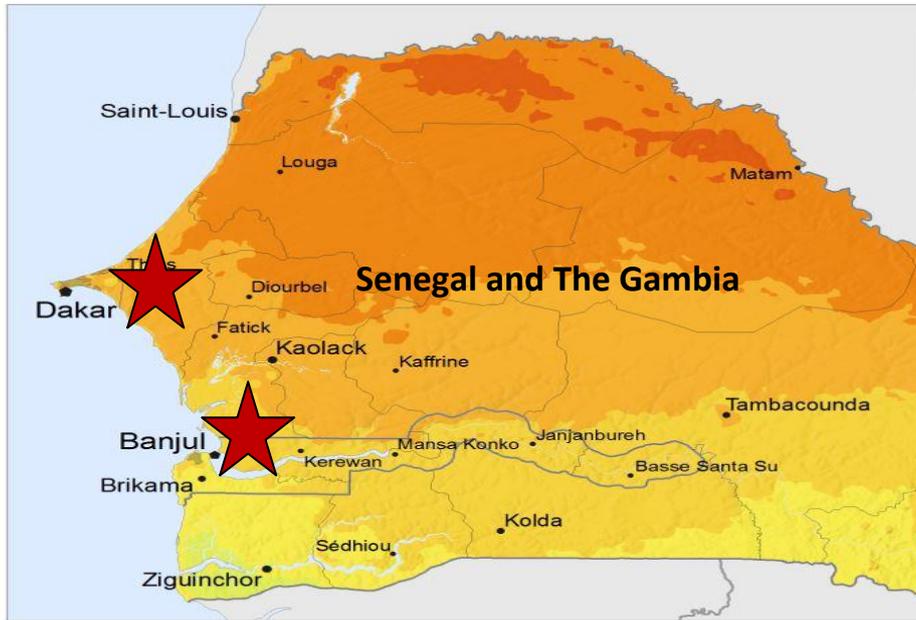
Arrive at Los Angeles Airport. Claim checked baggage and clear customs.

End of Itinerary

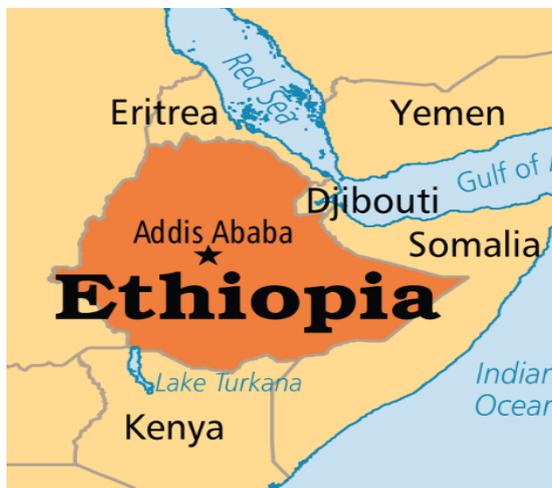
Note:

1. There is potential for single occupancy hotel accommodations, as well as, business class seating on airline flights. Please inquire.

Maps of Senegal, The Gambia and Ethiopia with locations on itinerary marked with stars



Maps of Ethiopia with locations on itinerary marked with stars



Map of Ethiopia with the destinations of Lalibela and Akum marked with stars

