DISCOVER ETHIOPIA
OCTOBER 11-28, 2019
TRAVELS TERMS & CONDITIONS

TOUR OPERATOR: Distant Horizons;
CST# 2046776-40

ADMINISTRATION: Exclusively developed for the
Harvard Alumni Association by Harvard Alumni Travels

PROGRAM RATES:
Per person double occupancy: $9,995
Per person single occupancy: $11,685

PROGRAM COST INCLUSIONS: Accommodations
based on double occupancy in hotels as listed; five
internal flights (Addis/Bahir Dar; Gondar/Axum;
Axum/Lalibela; Lalibela/Addis; Jinka/Addis); meals as
listed in the program with mineral water; one glass of
beer included at lunch and a glass of wine (if available)
or beer at dinner; all sightseeing and excursions in a
private air-conditioned bus or mini-van; in the south
4x4 vehicles will be used with never more than three
travelers per vehicle; all entrance fees and special
events listed in itinerary; services of a local guide in
Ethiopia; all gratuities to drivers and local guides; bull
jumping ceremony; photo fees in Ethiopia; $200,000
emergency evacuation insurance.

PROGRAM COST EXCLUSIONS: International
airfare; passport and visa fee (Ethiopia visa fee is
currently $52 per person); medical expenses and
immunizations; deviations from the scheduled tour;
meals and beverages other than those specified as
included; dishes and beverages not part of the included
meals; excess-baggage charges; trip-
cancellation/baggage insurance; laundry, room service,
television/telephone/fax charges and other items of a
personal nature.

*Also not included: any and all expenses resulting from
delays arising beyond the direct control of the tour
operator due to bad weather, trail, river, sea, and/or
road conditions, sickness, civil unrest, government
action; or any other transportation delays for any
reason beyond their direct control.

PROGRAM SIZE: This tour, (exclusively developed for
the Harvard Alumni Association Travels), is limited to
14 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. The
minimum group size is 10. Should the minimum not be
met, we reserve the right to cancel the program, levy a
small group surcharge, and/or send the program
without a Harvard study leader. We retain the right to
add staff members and/or invited guests to any of our
group departures regardless of the stated group-size
limitation.

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, & FINAL PAYMENT:
To reserve a space on this program, a $1,000 deposit is
required per person. Please either call us at 800-422-
1636 or 617-496-0806 or fill out and mail or fax the
registration form (to 617-496-4011). Reservations are
acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum
enrollment has been reached. Deposits may be made
by check, payable to Harvard Alumni Association, or
with a major credit card. Final payment, payable by
check, is due July 11, 2019, 90 days before departure.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: Notification of
cancellation must be received in writing by HAA from
the participant. Should you have to cancel, the
following cancellation fee schedule will apply:
Cancellation notice received more than 90 days prior to
departure: $500 fee per person. Cancellation notice
received between 90 and 61 days prior to departure:
50% of the tour price per person. Cancellation notice
received between 60 and 30 days prior to departure:
75% of the tour price per person. No refund shall be
issued if cancellation is received less than 30 days prior
to departure date.

No refunds shall be issued after the tour has
commenced. No refunds shall be issued for occasional
missed meals, sightseeing tour or any unused
services. We recommend that you purchase a travel
insurance policy to cover cancellation due to
unforeseen circumstances.
INSURANCE: We highly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance to cover unexpected trip interruptions, cancellations, and lost baggage. An application for trip cancellation insurance through our recommended provider, Ripcord Rescue Travel Insurance, will be provided by Harvard Alumni Travels upon confirmation. The pre-existing medical conditions exclusion is waived if the insurance is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit. Neither Harvard Alumni Travels nor our tour operators, including their representatives, employees and agents, will take responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guests' dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, cancellation or curtailment of the tour, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Nor do they accept liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket or other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for the tour.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS: International airfare is not included in the program cost. Five internal economy class flights are included in the cost of the program: Addis/Bahir Dar; Gondar/Axm; Axum/Lalibela; Lalibela/Addis; Jinka/Addis.

WHAT TO EXPECT / PHYSICAL HEALTH: All participants must be in generally good health. Any condition that may require assistance or special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation. All programs require physical independence and mobility. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Travelers must be able to embark or disembark motor coaches alone or with minimal assistance from your traveling companion and climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Travelers requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling equipment.

Please note that for the itinerary in Ethiopia, patience and acceptance of basic hotel standards, slow service, as well as a weak infrastructure are important. The best available hotels are used throughout and occasionally these are wonderful 5 star hotels, but in more remote areas, the accommodations will be basic, not always meeting expectations of cleanliness and comfort. Please also be prepared for roads that are occasionally winding, unpaved, slow, and in poor repair. There will be days with numerous religious sites where your will need to remove your shoes several times. Travelers need to be physically fit and able to walk along rugged paths occasionally on steep terrain, climb stairs without handrails, climb stairs to board aircraft, climb in and out of vehicles including vans and boats all with minimal assistance. Please note elevations in Ethiopia range from 5,900 to 10,700 feet which does effect stamina. Additional information will be sent with the registration packet on the flexibility needed to travel in Ethiopia.

Participants with medical issues and/or dietary restrictions must make them known to us well before departure, and impairments regarding mobility must be disclosed prior to booking. If you have any questions about the level of activity of this program or your ability to participate, please call Harvard Alumni Travels at 800-422-1636.

PREPARING FOR YOUR JOURNEY: You will be provided with comprehensive pre-departure travel information, including specific suggestions for packing, a recommended reading list and amenities pack.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL & EVACUATION INSURANCE: As a service to our travelers Harvard Alumni Travels automatically provides basic emergency medical evacuation insurance. This policy has the following schedule of benefits: $5,000 Accident/Sickness Medical Expense; $200,000 Emergency Medical Evacuation (to the nearest appropriate facility based on medical necessity as determined by local attending physician) & Return of Remains; $3,000 Emergency Reunion; $5,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment. This insurance is secondary to any insurance the traveler may already have. This insurance covers travelers for the Harvard-sponsored program dates, including optional group extensions, but not for any independent travel plans. You will receive detailed information on this coverage approximately 30 days prior to your departure. Should you also purchase the Ripcord Rescue Travel Insurance plan offered to you at confirmation, it will provide you with benefits which are additional to those stated above.

CHANGES IN ITINERARY, PROGRAM, STAFFING, AND COSTS: The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Harvard Alumni Travels and the tour operator. We reserve the right to change a program's dates, staff (including study leader*), itineraries, or accommodations as conditions warrant. Harvard Alumni Travels reserves the right to cancel the program, levy a
small group surcharge, and/or send the program without a study leader. If Harvard Alumni Travels is unable to confirm a study leader or should the study leader cancel from this program, we reserve the right to operate the program regardless of Harvard representation. Deviations from the scheduled itinerary are at the expense of the individual. All prices quoted are based on prevailing fuel prices, airfares and currency exchange rates in effect as of November 2018 and are subject to change.

*In the event of a cancellation by the Harvard study leader, we will attempt to notify all travelers as soon as possible. We will make every reasonable effort to find a replacement study leader, but our ability to do so will depend on the availability of appropriate lecturers and proximity to the departure date. If we are not able to provide an appropriate substitute we will make every reasonable effort to provide other educational opportunities or program enhancements to ensure a viable travel study experience. Please note that all participants are bound to the cancellation fee schedule and other terms and conditions of the program regardless of whether or not a replacement study leader is found.

RESPONSIBILITY: The tour operator, its owners and employees act only as agents for the various independent suppliers and contractors providing transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurants, and other services connected with this tour. Such travel and services are subject to the terms and conditions under which such accommodations, services, and transportation are offered or provided, and Harvard Alumni Travels and the tour operator and their respective, employees, agents, representatives, and assigns accept no liability therefore. Harvard Alumni Travels and the tour operator, assume no liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect of any aircraft or vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out or performing any of the services involved. Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses, injury, damages, or expenses of any kind due to sickness, weather, strikes, local laws, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature, or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. Harvard Alumni Travels and the tour operator reserve the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour participants. They reserve the right to withdraw this tour without penalty. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour, or to substitute another qualified leader or special guest. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. The price of the program is given in good faith based on current tariffs and rates, and is subject to change. Any tariff, exchange rate, or fuel increases will be passed onto participants. As part of the consideration and right to participate in this tour, each participant will be asked to sign a liability release.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: All personally identifiable information provided by tour participants is strictly confidential. Personal information is not shared with third parties or made publicly available except under the following circumstances: Name, degree, home city, and email address*, may be included in the tour participant list that is distributed to tour staff and participants prior to departure; relevant information provided by tour participants to Harvard Alumni Travels and the tour operator is shared with the agents providing tour services in the destination. Per contractual agreement, the tour operator and its agents are prohibited to share or sell this information to other parties. *Please let us know if you would like to opt out of sharing your email address on the tour participant list.

APPEARING IN PHOTOS: Photos from Harvard trips may be posted on photo-sharing web sites or on social networking sites. Your likeness may appear in some photos or videos, posted either by Harvard Alumni Travels or other travelers, and the circulation of the materials could be worldwide. Trip photos may also be selected to appear in future Harvard Alumni Travels promotions; Harvard Alumni Travels will attempt to notify the traveler in advance, but no compensation is available for appearing in a trip photo used for promotional purposes.

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