

A Water 1st Tour is a once-in-a-lifetime journey for the adventure traveler that will give you a first-hand look at the incredible work being done by our local partner organizations to bring safe, sustainable water supplies to the world's poor. Water 1st provides grants to non-governmental organizations based in developing countries in order to support the implementation of projects that include the provision of drinking water, hygiene education, and sanitary latrines. Once each year, we escort groups of people to witness these extraordinary programs.



What to Expect

Travelers accompany Water 1st staff to communities with in-progress or completed water projects, interact with community members, meet with representatives of our local partner organization, and have the opportunity to participate in a one-day work project in a community building a water system. There will also be plenty of free time to wander or rest, as well as discuss the experience. Travelers have a unique opportunity to witness the transformations being made in the lives of our project beneficiaries through the provision of safe water, latrines, and hygiene education.

Register

Please complete the registration form on our website and return to Water 1st. A \$500 deposit is due no later than November 30, 2010 to hold your reservation for the 2011 Ethiopia Water Tour. This deposit is non-refundable if you decide to cancel. The balance is due January 15, 2011. *Please note that there are a limited number of spots available on this tour, and Water 1st will be taking reservations on a space-available basis. Please send your deposit in as soon as possible to reserve your space.*

Medical Insurance and Emergency Medical Evacuation Insurance

Medical insurance is required for this trip. Be sure your current policy covers you while you travel in a foreign country. Some policies, including Medicare, do not cover international travel. If your policy does not cover you during the trip, you must obtain travel medical insurance. Water 1st can provide the names of several companies that offer policies. Your trip fee covers emergency medical evacuation insurance, which supplements your medical insurance. We purchase a short-term policy from International SOS that covers the costs incurred to transport the policy holder to high quality medical care in case of emergency.



Vaccinations

It is important that you consult with your health care provider to determine what medications and immunizations you need for this trip. You can also visit a local public health clinic, such as the King County Public Health Clinic or the UW Travel Clinic for Seattle residents, for good medical advice. Water 1st will not be able to refund your travel costs or delay the trip if you have not taken the necessary health measures to participate.

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Water Tour: Ethiopia
January 29 - February 4, 2011



ETHIOPIA



Preliminary Tour Itinerary: January 29 - February 4, 2011

January 29: Join tour in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

You will be met at Bole International Airport in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia by a Water 1st representative. Transfer to hotel. Welcome drinks and short orientation. Overnight: Global Hotel (3-star). Meals: dinner

January 30: Addis Ababa

Visit the headquarters of Water Action, a leading water and sanitation organization in Ethiopia and a Water 1st local partner, for a presentation of their work and our visit goals. Afternoon visit to the Ethiopian Ethnological Museum. Dinner at the Top View Restaurant, with a spectacular view of Addis Ababa. Overnight: as above. Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

January 31: Addis Ababa to Oromia

Breakfast in Addis Ababa. Travel to our project area, two hours west of Addis Ababa. Meet with local Water Action field staff for an overview of their program and progress update on the projects supported by Water 1st. Ethiopian lunch and coffee ceremony. Dinner and overnight in Woliso. Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

February 1 and 2: Dawo Woreda, Oromia

Half-day work project—help in the construction of a new water system. Visit a completed project and meet the water committee and community members. Visit a community in need of a water project and funding. Walk to communities' current water source. Dinner and overnight as above. Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

February 3: Oromia to Addis Ababa

Travel back to Addis Ababa. Visit the Merkato, the largest open air market in Africa. Overnight in Addis Ababa. Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

February 4: Tour ends, Addis Ababa

City tour. Visit the National Museum to see the remains of "Lucy," a 3.2 million year old fossil of the first human, St. George's Church, and other Addis Ababa highlights. We will celebrate our final evening together with dinner at an Ethiopian restaurant with traditional dancing. Transfer to airport for overnight flights to Europe/USA. Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner. Overnight in Addis Ababa for those flying out February 5.



"I thought I was going to Ethiopia for a cultural experience, but it turned out to be a life changing one. After seeing the faces of the people in these villages, and watching the women and children walk to and from watering holes carrying heavy containers of water on their backs, my life was forever changed. No longer could I look at this as someone else's problem, it was now my problem, too."

2007 Water Tour Participant

Trip Pricing

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Water 1st makes all in-country arrangements, including: in-country transportation, translation services, hotel accommodations, and group meals. International airfare, airport taxes, medical insurance/travel insurance, and tourist visas are additional, and travelers are responsible for purchasing their own tickets to/from Africa. Water 1st staff can assist in making air reservations. Trip conditions/cancellation policy and travel insurance information available on request.

\$1,600 per person based on double occupancy, \$250 per person single supplement

- Hotels or similar
- Meals per itinerary
- Land transfers only
- English-Amharic speaking local guide for city tour
- Water 1st representative
- Supplies for work project
- Pre-trip documents, including health information and packing list
- Emergency medical evacuation insurance



If you are interested in going on this trip, or for more information about the Ethiopia Water Tour, please contact Kirk Anderson at 206.297.3024 or KirkAnderson@water1st.org.