

## **Travel Tips**

### **Visas**

Every national except Kenyans need a visa to enter Ethiopia before departure. Single-entry 1 -3 month tourist visas can be issued upon arrival at the Bole International Airport in Addis Ababa for nationals and residents of the following countries: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Democratic people's Republic of Korea (northern Korea), Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea (south Korea), the Russian Federation, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America.

To get the most current visa information; for business visas and multiple-entry tourist visas, contact your local Ethiopian Embassy or refer -

<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country/ethiopia.html>

## **Health and Immunizations**

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The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccines for Ethiopia:

- Typhoid,
- Yellow fever,
- Hepatitis A,
- Hepatitis B,
- Meningitis,
- Polio,
- Rabies,
- Measles,
- Mumps and rubella (MMR) and influenza.

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/ethiopia>

## **Safety**

For the most part traveling in Ethiopia is safe, but you should take the same precautions as you would traveling in any African country

### **Basic safety rules for travelers to Ethiopia**

- Don't walk on your own at night in Addis Ababa and other major tourist towns.
- Watch out for pickpockets at the Mercato in Addis Ababa
- Don't wear jewelry.
- Don't carry too much cash with you.
- Don't carry a lot of camera equipment especially in the major cities.
- Avoid travel at night because roads are perilously filled with potholes, livestock, and broken down vehicles.

## **Climate**

There are two major seasons: the dry season prevails from October through May; the wet season runs from June to September.

In Southern Ethiopia from Mid April to May and from Mid October to November there will be rain.

Trekking in Bale Mountains from August to October is very difficult due to heavy rain.

## **Currency matters**

The US Dollar is the best foreign currency to bring with you to Ethiopia and it can be exchanged at banks and foreign exchange bureaus. US Dollars should be carried in cash.

Major credit cards can be used to pay for flights with Ethiopian Airlines, tour operators, some restaurants and hotels in Addis Ababa

ATM machines are now used in Addis Ababa and most tourist destination areas. Most local restaurants, transport services and shops accept Ethiopian Birr.

**Electric supply** - Ethiopia uses 220 volts 50 cycles AC.

**Time** - Ethiopia is in the GMT + 3 hours time zone.

**Communications** - Telephone, fax and Internet access is available in Addis Ababa. Wifi is available in most tourist standard hotels for free.