

# Domestic Varsity Birding Tour Packages

## Attraction Overview –on Ornithology (Birding)

Ethiopia a paradise for Ornithology, there are about 835 species of birds known to occur in Ethiopia, 23 are found exclusively within the country's boundaries. Most of these 23 endemic birds are widely distributed, chiefly on the western and southern highland plateau. Many of the semi endemic birds of Ethiopia- like Thick-Billed Raven, Wattled Ibis, Black Winged Love bird and White Collared Pigeon- are notably common over extensive areas of the plateau, and, because they are big readily identified and not especially shy, they are consequently easy to see and observe. Even in the highland forests which support comparatively few endemic species of birds, the endemics are nevertheless obvious and common. The song of one- the Abyssinian cat bird - is considered to be one of the most beautiful of any bird in Africa, Three Ethiopian Endemics are confined to the southern edge of Ethiopian plateau: they are the Streetman's Bush-Crow, The white Tailed Swallow and Prince Ruspoli's Turaco. Another endemic Ethiopian bird, The Blue- Winged Goose, is a very isolated species: its closest relative is a Goose which occurs in South America. It is surprising that the biology of obvious and common endemic birds of Ethiopia remains inadequately known, For the Scientist, they provide a great number of interesting problems of investigation: for the tourist, they provide a very enjoyable opportunity of seeing something new and unique: for the bird watcher, they provide the experience of observing 23 birds found nowhere else in the world.

Title	Ethiopian Birding Tour to the Rift Valley and Bale Mountains
Tour Code	BDTP 001
Tour Duration	07 Nights and 08 Days
Mode of Transportation	Surface Drive with –Minivan/ Bus/ Four- wheel drives
Number of travelers	Optional
Type of accommodation	Your choose Hotels or Lodges Up market/ Moderate/ Budget /camping
Attraction Highlights	Bird-Watching, rift valley system, lakes, aquatic birds, Crowned and common cranes, Fish Eagle, king fisher, Jacanas, lapwings, Black Forest Oriole, the White Chicked Turacco and Senegal coucal, Tawny, Battler, the Abyssinian and Lilac breasted Roller, Kore bustard, carmine bee-eater, yellow breasted francolin and much more.

Departure Point/ Place:-Meskel Squire/ Avenue

Departure Time: - 8:00 Western / 2:00 Ethiopian Time

### **DAY 1- ADDIS ABABA – LANAGANO**

Morning after everyone gather at the departure point/Place and time start the tour at 7.00 am, start drive down to south, the through the Ethiopian mid-rift system, stopping at Lakes Koka and Zway to watch: Crowned and common cranes, Fish Eagle, king fisher Jacanas, lapwings etc, overnight resort.

### **DAY 2- LANAGANO- AWASSA- Abiata-Shalla National Park**

Drive to Abiata-Shalla National park, enjoy the breeding and feeding grounds of Flamingos, Pelicans, cormorants, storks and other aquatic birds, best place for aquatic birds continue driving to Awassa, overnight hotel.

### **DAY 3- AWASSA- Excursion to Wondo Genet**

Early Morning bird watching along the shores of lake Awassa, Saddle billed storks, Malachite and Giant King fisher's, and more then drive back to Wondo Genet, where you Spot the Black Forest Oriole ,the White Chicked Turacco and Senegal coucal, overnight hotel.

#### **DAY 4- AWASSA- BALE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK**

Morning after breakfast drive to Bale Mountain National park, Stop around Dinsho - head quarter to see the endemic Wattled Ibis, Rougets Rail and proceed to Goba, overnight hotel.

#### **DAY 5- FULL DAY BIRDING AT BALE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK**

Drive to Sannate, on the highest all weather roads, on the unspoiled alpine lakes, to see the endemic Blue winged Goose and Black Headed Siskin and further in the Harena forest the Black Beaded Oriole and White Chicked Turacco late afternoon drive back to Goba, overnight hotel

#### **DAY 6- BALE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK- AWASH NATIONAL PARK**

Drive to Awash National Park through Asela and Bekoje, on the way see some birds of prays and others, on the way picnic lunch overnight hotel

#### **DAY 7- FULL DAY BIRDING AT AWASH NATIONAL PARK**

Morning after breakfast full day birding including the Tawny and Battler, the Abyssinian and Lilac breasted Roller, Kore bustard, carmine bee-eater, yellow breasted francolin, overnight hotel

#### **DAY 8- AWASH NATIONAL PARK- ADDIS ABABA**

Mornings after breakfast drive back to Addis, en route stopping around Debre Zeit; creator lakes for birding continue driving, evening cultural dinner in traditional restaurant

#### **END OF THE TOUR**

## Detail service

### Included:-

All accommodations	Your choose of Hotels or Lodges Up market/ Moderate/ Budget/ camping
Meal plan:- Optional meal plan BB- Bed & Breakfast HB- Half Board- Lunch/ Dinner FB- Full Board- Lunch & Dinner	your choose of Meal Plan, with one complimentary soft drinks/ water
Transportation (All ground transportation) The kind of Vehicle will depend based on the season, Number of travelers and Budget	very good condition Minivan/ Bus/ Four-wheel Drive
Entrance fee	All entrance fee in the sight and village
Guiding service	Professional English speaking Birding guide and a local guide in each destination and scout in the case of attraction sight and national park
Boat trips and other special activity	Boat trips at lake Awassa
Water	Daily bottled water
Government tax	Since our company is legal our price include government tax

### Not included:

- Any meal which is not mentioned in the included part
- Alcohol beverages,
- Tourist Insurance,
- Video filming and photography fees,
- Tips and items of personal nature like laundry, souvenirs, etc
- All expense that are not mentioned in the included part

Title	Ethiopian Birding Tour to Blue Nile gorge, Great Rift Valley and Bale Mountain
Tour Code	BDTP 002
Tour Duration	11 Nights and 12 Days
Mode of Transportation	Surface Drive with –Minivan/ Bus/ Four- wheel drives
Number of travelers	Optional
Type of accommodation	Your choose Hotels or Lodges Up market/ Moderate/ Budget /camping
Attraction Highlights	Bird-Watching- rift valley system, lakes, aquatic birds, Crowned and common cranes, Fish Eagle, king fisher, Jacanas, lapwings, Black Forest Oriole, the White Chicked Turacco and Senegal coucal, White Billed Starling, Ruppel’s black chat, Lanner Falcon, Common Rock Trush, Abyssinian Wood Pecker, Brown Snake Eagle, African Pygmy Falcon, Black Crested Eagle, White Billed Bustard, Abyssinian Roller, Red and Yellow Barbet, Tawny, Battler, the Abyssinian and Lilac breasted Roller, Kore bustard, carmine bee-eater, yellow breasted francolin, Yellow Billed and Ground Horn Bill, Ruppel’s Black Headed Weavers, Egyptian Vultures, Kori Bustard, Red Winged Bush Lark, Common and Red Billed Teals, Herons, different species of Proverbs, Saddle and Yellow Billed Storks, Yellow Fronted Parrot, Abyssinian Woodpecker, and Half Colored king fisher, Yellow Billed Wax bill, Scaly Francolin, Silver Checked Horn Bill, Red Winged Starling, Olive Trash, Red Capped Lark, Augur Buzzard, Abyssinian Flycatcher, Ground Horn Bill, Tawny Eagle, Abyssinian Woodpecker, Abyssinian Cat Bird, White Backed Black Tit, Olive Trush, Wattled Ibis, Rougt’s Rail, Wattled Ibis, Cranes, African Pied Rock, Gray King Fisher, Spotted Creeper, Purple Swamp Hen, Giant King Fisher and beautiful Sun birds, Bush Crow and African Golden Oriole, Gray Headed Social Wavers, Black Breasted Barbet, Golden Breasted Starling, Pale Flycatcher, African Black Headed Oriole, Martial Eagle.

Departure Point/ Place:-Meskel Squire/ Avenue

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### **DAY 1- ADDIS ABABA – DEBRE LIBANOS AND THE SURROUNDING**

Morning after everyone gather at the departure point/Place and time start the tour at 7.00 am, Day excursion to Monastery of Debre Libanos (13<sup>th</sup> c AD) via Suluta plain which holds large number of afro tropical species including Black Headed Sis Kin, White Collard Pigeon and Breasted Whether. Continue driving north from Suluta plain us reach at Debre Libanos and its escarpment. Here it produce an excellent bird species including few endemic, such as White Billed Starling, Ruppel’s black chat, Lanner Falcon, Common Rock Trush, Abyssinian Wood Pecker are among the species we will see here, besides the beautiful endemic mammal Gelada Baboon can be seen at the edge of Debre Libanos gorge, then we drive back to Addis Ababa on late afternoon, overnight hotel.

### **DAY 2- ADDIS ABABA – AWASH NATIONAL PARK**

In the morning leave Addis Ababa to Awash National Park. We stop at Chalalaktu wetland near Debre Zeit. Here we will see a great number of Ducks, Red Billed Teal, Sand Piper, Common and Crowned Cranes, Wattle and Sacred Ibis, then drive to Nazareth at midday for lunch. After lunch, we proceed to the superb lowland of Awash. The roadside stop supply a lot of birds including Brown Snake Eagle, African Pygmy Falcon, Black Crested Eagle, White Billed Bustard, Abyssinian Roller, Red and Yellow Barbet also different Weavers and Vultures, overnight hotel

### **DAY 3- FULL DAY BIRDING AT AWASH NATIONAL PARK**

Full day birding in the bushes of Awash National Park including the riverien forest in the Awash River It is one of the best birding sites in Ethiopia Rift Valley. There are about 380 bird species have been recorded in this game park. Yellow Billed and Ground Horn Bill, Ruppel’s Black Headed Weavers, Egyptian Vultures, Kori Bustard, Red Winged Bush Lark are amongst the birds inhabited this wonderful lowland. Not only birds can be seen in Awash but also we can see different mammals like Beisa Oryx, Defarsa Water Buck, Summering Gazelle, Salt’s Dik-Dik, Greater and lesser Kudu, Warthog, Hamadrayas Baboon, and the endemic Hartebeest and if lucky you will see also Lion, Overnight Awash Fall Lodge.

### **DAY 4- AWASH NATIONAL PARK- LANGANO**

In the morning after breakfast leave Awash National Park to the rift valley Lakes region; en route have a stop at Koka Dame. The dame accommodates a great number of water birds including

Lesser Jacana, African Pygmy Goose, Little Egret, Common Snipe, Skimmer and more water birds then drive to Langano for lunch. After lunch, drive to Abijata - Shala National Park, reach to Lake Abijata the feeding site for thousands of Flamingo and a great number of water birds like Common and Red Billed Teals, Herons, different species of Proverbs, Saddle and Yellow Billed Storks are amongst the birds inhabited the lake, then drive back to Langano for overnight, Overnight

#### **DAY 5- LANGANO- WONDO GENET**

Morning drive to Wondo Genet to see some forest endemic birds like Yellow Fronted Parrot, Abyssinian Woodpecker, and Half Colored king fisher, Yellow Billed Wax bill, Scaly Francolin, Silver Checked Horn Bill, Red Winged Starling, Olive Thrush and more, Overnight hotel.

#### **DAY 6- WONDO GENET- BALE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK**

Morning drive to Bale Mountains National Park en route visit Red Capped Lark, Augur Buzzard, Abyssinian Flycatcher, Ground Horn Bill, Tawny Eagle and more, after lunch break more birding in the forest near Dinsho, here we can visit Abyssinian Woodpecker, Abyssinian Cat Bird, White Backed Black Tit, Olive Thrush, Wattled Ibis and more, Besides, as we entered the park boundary we can also see few mammals that restricted to the southeastern Mountain Chain like the elegant endemic Mountain Nyala and Menilik's Bushbuck, the beauty of the Bale Mountains National Park, Overnight hotel/camping

#### **DAY 7- FULL DAY BIRDING AT BALE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK**

Morning after breakfast full day birding in the Sanneti Plateau, the largest moorland in Africa and it is the home for endemic species. Here you will have a chance to see Rought's Rail, Wattled Ibis, Cranes, African Pied Rock and more, overnight camping

#### **DAY 8- BALE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK- AWASSA**

Morning drive to Lake Awassa, the smallest and the shallowest Lake of Ethiopia rift valley lakes, Today you may not have special stoppage unless you drive forward in order to get enough time in Awassa this late afternoon to see different bird species on the Lake like Gray King Fisher, Spotted Creeper, Purple Swamp Hen, Giant King Fisher and beautiful Sun birds are amongst the birds inhabited Lake Awassa and the surrounding woodland. Overnight hotel

#### **DAY 9- AWASSA- YABELLO**

Morning drive to Yabello in search of few localized endemic birds; it is about 300kms south of Awassa on the main road to Kenya board. Our roadside stops may supply a few resident and localized birds like endemic Abyssinian Bush Crow and African Golden Oriole, Overnight Hotel.

### **DAY 10- FULL DAY BIRDING AT YABELLO**

Morning after breakfast full day birding in the bushes of Yabello area It accommodates a great number of excellent birds like the Gray Headed Social Wavers, Black Breasted Barbet, Golden Breasted Starling, Pale Flycatcher, African Black Headed Oriole, Martial Eagle are some of an excellent bird species we are expecting to see in this superb lowland area, Overnight hotel.

### **DAY 11- YABELLO- LANAGANO**

Morning we drive back to the rift valley lakes region arriving at Lake Langano; we stay birding and swimming along the shores of the lake, Overnight hotel.

### **DAY 12- LANAGANO- ADDIS ABABA- on the way stopping at Debrezeit creators for more birding**

Morning after breakfast drive back to Addis Ababa, stopping at Debre Zeit for lunch and in the afternoon you will have a time for shopping in Addis Ababa. In the evening our company will invite you to a farewell dinner party in one of the Traditional Ethiopian Restaurants with traditional music and dances from different ethnic groups, then transfer to Bole International Airport to fly back home.

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