



# Addis Ababa

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Capital of one the world's fastest-growing economies, Addis Ababa (also spelled Addis Abeba) is a city in motion, catching up to Ethiopia's zooming commercial development in its stride. At times gauche and somewhat rough around the edges, it is nonetheless worth more than a single night in transit, if only for the country's finest dining, shopping, and of-the-moment urban developments.

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## THE CITY



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Having descended from its original founding spot atop the close-by Entoto Hill (the city used to shift seasonally between its elevated and low-lying locations until the late 19th century), Addis Ababa has long taken root in the heart of Ethiopia, and grown to become not just the country's official capital, but the entire continent's diplomatic first city, for the abundance of important international organisations based here (among which United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the African Union).

The sprawling city's two neighbourhoods to keep on your radar are the Mercato (home to an enormous market selling everything under the sun) and Piazza, the backpackers' favourite. Bole, the area in immediate vicinity of the airport, is an upper-class neighbourhood where the country's most affluent reside, along with a significant expat population. Outside of Addis, the natural wonderland of Menagesha forest, Debre Libanos monastery, archaeological site of Tiya and scenic crater lakes of Bishoftu make for excellent day trips.

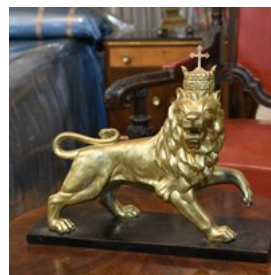
## DO & SEE



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Although most visitors to Ethiopia enter the country through Addis, few choose to linger for more than just a night or two before heading further inland to explore some of the country's ancient relics, and very unjustly so. There is an urban vibrancy of a distinct kind inhabiting the busy Mercato and Piazza, scented by the aromas of excellent coffee served at nearly every corner, and a handful of worthy museums to check out on a longer stay.

### Ethnological Museum



The capital's Ethnological Museum is considered to be one of the finest on the continent. Intricately arranged exhibits narrate the story of Ethiopia and its peoples, all spanning two floors of the former residence of Emperor Haile Selassie, whose rooms are preserved in nearly their original state and open to visitors. Detailed written explanations are provided.

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Address: Algeria St, Addis Ababa

Phone: +251 92 074 7162

### National Museum



Although the National Museum contains a plethora of cultural artefacts, its most notable exhibit is the cast of Lucy, a female skeleton of the *Australopithecus afarensis* species, discovered in Ethiopia in 1974 and dating back as far as 3.2 million years. The museum also contains Ethiopian art from the 14th to the 20th centuries.

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Address: King George VI St, Addis Ababa

Phone: +251 11 111 7150

### Red Terror Martyrs' Memorial Museum



The chilling, heartbreaking exhibits of the Red Terror Martyrs' Memorial Museum are guaranteed to leave no visitor indifferent.

Atrocities committed during Mengistu's Derg regime are laid bare, to be processed independently or with an English-speaking guide. The museum operates on donations alone; entry is free of charge.

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Address: Africa Ave, Addis Ababa

Phone: +251 11 515 6197

Internet: [www.rtmmm.org](http://www.rtmmm.org)

### Entoto Hill



A steep climb (or car ride) up Entoto Hill is worth the time if only for the spectacular views over sprawling Addis Ababa unfolding from the

top. On Sunday, the hilltop Maryam Church is open for mass (closed other days of the week), and the Entoto Maryam Museum showcases artefacts and personal belongings of Emperor Menelik, whose humble palace still stands not too far away.

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### St George Cathedral & Museum



Typically octagonal, the stern-looking, neoclassical St George Cathedral was where Ethiopian rulers were inaugurated ever since its construction by the order of Emperor Menelik II, who dedicated the church to Ethiopia's patron saint, St George. Adjacent to the church is a museum containing religious paraphernalia.

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Address: Fitawrari Gebeyehu St, Addis Ababa

Phone: +251 92 205 2209

### Merkato



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Photo: Alex Sinclair Lack/Shutterstock.com

Address: Addis Mercato, Addis Ababa

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 6am-7pm

Phone: +251 91 250 2236

### Holy Trinity Cathedral



The second in importance house of worship in Ethiopia, the Holy Trinity Cathedral contains the tombs of Haile Selassie and his wife; many more prominent figures of the country's history are buried on its compounds. The building itself is a curious mix of international styles.

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Address: Niger St, Addis Ababa

### Piazza



The capital's atmospheric "old town" is known as the Piazza, its name gesturing towards the brief period of Italian presence in the country. The area still breathes an Italian air today, and there are a few landmarks remaining from the first half of the 20th century. A few good places to eat and budget accommodation are also to be found here.

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### Lion of Judah & Churchill Avenue



After being relocated back to Ethiopia from Rome in the 60s, the symbol of Ethiopian monarchy - the Lion of Judah - marks the beginning of Churchill Avenue, one of the city's main shopping streets, running from the railway stations straight into the popular Piazza neighbourhood.

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### Bete Maryam Mausoleum



A hidden door inside leads into the crypt, where several Ethiopian royals are buried, along with Emperor Menelik himself. The marble tombs are a stunning discovery in themselves, but the real kicker is an original painting by Michelangelo also on display here. Come with a guide to get the full experience.

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Address: Itegue Menen Rd, Addis Ababa

### DINING



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At the heart of Ethiopian dining sprawls the injera, a large savoury pancake with a porous surface made from tef, a grain native to Ethiopia and Eritrea, often replaced in the West for rice flour - often, at the cost of authentic flavor and consistency. The injera is then topped with a variety of "wet", which are essentially different varieties of curries and stews (go for the vegetarian options on Wednesdays and Fridays, fasting days during which many locals abstain from consuming animal foods, so these may likely be leftovers from earlier).

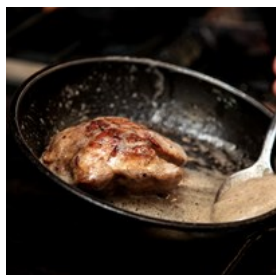
### Yod Abyssinia



A stone's throw away from the airport is Yod Abyssinia, an experience restaurant known equally for its culinary offerings and traditional performances (the latter start at 7.30pm and gather a sizeable audience). The menu is illustrated to help guide you to the desired dish.

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Address: Cameroon St, Addis Ababa  
Opening hours: Open late  
Phone: +251 11 661 2985

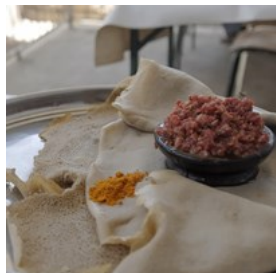
### La Mandoline



French dining doesn't get any better than this in Addis Ababa, a state of affairs carefully maintained by the restaurant's skilled French chef and owner. The menu lists everything from beef carpaccio to crepe suzette to specialities like beef fondue. Credit cards not accepted.

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Address: Off Mickey Leland St, Addis Ababa  
Phone: +251 92 132 8507

### Kategna



Excellent Ethiopian cuisine is the prime reason of Kategna's success with both locals and tourists. The menu lists a plethora of local specialities, including the ubiquitous injera and kitfo, a local take on tartar. They also do full traditional coffee ceremonies.

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Address: Gabon St, Addis Ababa  
Phone: +251 91 152 0183  
Internet: [www.kategnaaddis.com](http://www.kategnaaddis.com)

### 2000 Habesha Cultural Restaurant



The treat of Habesha is doubled if you pay a visit for dinner (from 8pm onward), for it is then that the incredibly entertaining Ethiopian culture show starts, complete with music and performers clad in traditional local clothing dancing on stage. It is enjoyed by both locals and guests alike, and is an absolute must for first-time visitors.

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Address: Namibia St, Addis Ababa  
Phone: +251 11 618 2253

### Lucy Lounge & Restaurant



This lush garden restaurant is a favourite for visitors concluding their tour of the National Museum, located only steps away. The breezy, refreshing setting is one of the restaurant's main draws, along with a wide selection of local and international dishes.

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Address: Saint George St, Addis Ababa  
Phone: +251 91 114 6646  
More Info: Next to National Museum

### Gusto



Among the capital's several Italian restaurants, Gusto is the one that arguably best pays homage to Italian presence in the Ethiopian

culinary scene. Gusto is an upscale establishment, so the bill can get hefty by local standards, but quality and execution are above par.

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Address: Churchill Ave, Addis Ababa

Phone: +251 93 449 7861

Internet: [www.gustoaddis.com](http://www.gustoaddis.com)

### Sichuan Chinese Restaurant



The restaurant continuously receives rave reviews from patrons, and for good reason - dishes served here might not exactly replicate ones from their country of origin, but are an exciting break from the ubiquitous injera, and service is commendable.

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Address: Kassanchis, Addis Ababa

Phone: +251 91 160 3926

More Info: Oda Bld, 3rd Floor

### CAFES



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Some of the world's most revered coffee beans, along with remnants of an Italian presence in the country, make for a spectacular coffee culture, one upheld by locals who have firmly embraced coffee-drinking as an essential part of daily living. Coffee shops are aplenty, with many popular haunts in and around the busy Piazza area (most also sell beans by the bag). Do try and attend a traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony, wherein the beans are first roasted, then ground, followed by the invigorating drink being brewed in a jebena (designated clay pot) and poured into ornate cups.

### Tomoca



Ethiopian coffee is world-renowned, and Tomoca, in the popular Piazza area, is the place to have it: get a fresh brew and brush shoulders

with locals at the standing tables, or pick up some beans to bring back home. Beans are roasted on-site.

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Address: Wavel St, Addis Ababa

Opening hours: Daily 6.30am-8.30pm

Phone: +251 91 122 1412

Internet: [www.tomocacoffee.com](http://www.tomocacoffee.com)

### Lime Tree



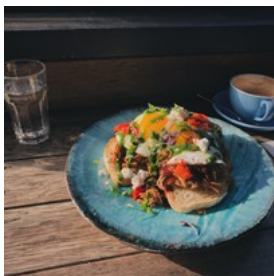
The international make-up of the cafe's clientele is reflected in its eclectic menu, featuring casual classics of Mexican, Middle Eastern and pan-Asian cuisine. Lime Tree has long been an expat's favourite, frequented especially for business lunches.

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Address: Guinea Conackry St, Addis Ababa

Phone: +251 91 120 0072

### Galani Cafe



The stylish space that is Galani has long enjoyed a reputation of being one of the capital's coolest cafes, complete with an art gallery and boutique in the floor above. At ground level, great breakfasts and lunches (and weekend brunches) are served, along with a whole list of coffee specialities.

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Address: Jacros - Salite Mehret Rd, Addis Ababa

Phone: +251 91 144 6265

Internet: [www.galanicafe.com/galani](http://www.galanicafe.com/galani)

### Five Loaves



Five Loaves is one of the capital's most attractive cafes: the deli display lets you see exactly what you're getting if it's just a quick meal or breakfast you're after (including freshly-baked pastries and cake); the second floor is reserved for slightly more formal dining, with an a la carte menu.

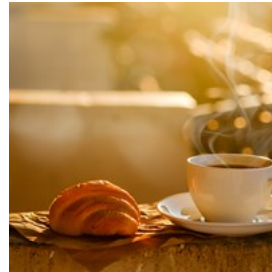
Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: Adwa Bridge, Addis Ababa

Opening hours: Wed-Mon 8am-9pm

Phone: +251 91 357 6818

### La Parisienne



A long-established Bole breakfast spot, La Parisienne is one you can rely on for uncomplicated fare, good coffee, and pastries to go along.

Although its claims to the French capital are rather ambitious, it still remains a solid choice of cafe in Addis' Bole.

Photo: mirtmirt/Shutterstock.com

Address: Gabon St, Addis Ababa

Phone: +251 91 121 3958

### Mokarar



Known to locals as "Harar" (its name in Arabic), this genuine coffee shop is a no-frills establishment that is all about coffee - only coffee,

as a matter of fact, which is roasted on-site and served as part of different caffeine-loaded varieties.

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Address: Belay Zeleke Rd, Addis Ababa

Phone: +251 11 111 2783

### Choche Fine Coffee



The green oasis next to the busy La Gare is the courtyard of Choche Coffee - a small but very welcoming establishment, serving brews deemed to

be some of the best in the capital. Meet the

friendly team and pick up some beans to bring home at the adjacent shop.

Photo: Martchan/Shutterstock.com

Address: La Gare, Addis Ababa

More Info: Next to Lion of Judah

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Nightlife in the Ethiopian capital can be either very low-key or borderline raucous, depending on where you go. The country has a jazz tradition going back to the 60s, which was, sadly, temporarily suspended during the years of communist regime (along with other kinds of live music), but is now back up and ready to be thoroughly enjoyed at venues across town. An alcoholic beverage not to be missed is tej, a murky honey wine served in bulb-shaped glass containers at designated "tej houses" (tej bet), and not only.

### Club H2O



Heralded as one of the top clubs of the Ethiopian capital, H2O combines leisurely live jazz evenings with pumping nights of dancing to music mixed by energetic DJs (tunes spun include both African and Western, with one night a week reserved exclusively for the former).

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Address: Mickey Leland St, Addis Ababa

Phone: +251 92 904 0760

### Beer Garden



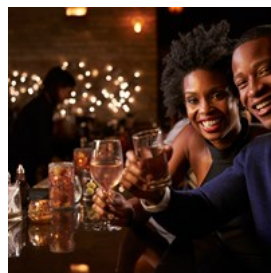
If the ambience of a German beer garden complete with beer barrels for tables speaks to you, then Beer Garden Inn is worth taking the trip to. It's not just beer that is served here, but a variety of authentic German snacks to go along, such as bratwurst and fries.

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Address: Bole, Addis Ababa

Phone: +251 11 618 2595

### Black Rose Bar



One of the classiest evening venues in Addis, Black Rose bar sits above the well-regarded Diplomat Restaurant, inviting diners to continue their night in the dimly lit space of the Black Rose. Here, locals mingle with visitors, and happy hour is a great time to go for drinks.

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Address: Africa Ave, Addis Ababa

Phone: +251 11 663 9884

More Info: Boston Building

### The Vault



You almost wouldn't expect to find a lounge this sleek and with-it in Addis, and yet The Vault is just that - an establishment that could as well have been found in any European capital.



The daily happy hour is from 5 to 9pm, and brings significant discounts on drinks and free snacks.

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Address: Africa Ave, Addis Ababa

Opening hours: Daily 5pm-3am

Phone: +251 96 741 7546

Internet: www.thevaultaddis.com

### AV Nightclub



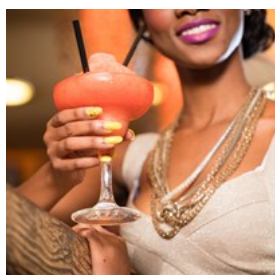
The roomy night club at the Friendship International Hotel is one of the places frequented by both local party-goers and visiting guests. It is a two-level space, with comfortable seating in the top floor overlooking the dance floor below.

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Address: Africa Ave, Addis Ababa

Phone: +251 11 667 0202

### Flirt Lounge



Having earned its great reputation with excellent live music nights on weekends, Flirt continues to gather patrons - in a new location, since recently. It is a very pleasant evening hangout location, and vibes heat up as the night progresses. Mondays are reserved for "Arabian Nights" with Middle Eastern music.

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Address: Cameroon St, Addis Ababa

Opening hours: Daily 5pm-3am

Phone: +251 96 104 0506

### Tobia Teje House



Although plenty of watering holes around Addis serve the murky, thick honey wine known as "tej" (tej bet = wine house), this one stands out for its breezy garden seating, and very good quality kifo. Menu is available in English.

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Address: Haile Gebreselassie Rd, Addis Ababa

Opening hours: Daily 10am-9.30pm

### SHOPPING



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There are plenty of locally-made crafts to shop for, which range from Ethiopian fabrics turned clothing and linens, to artisan jewellery and footwear (there are a few designers to keep on your radar), to various local edibles and spices. The place to be for all of these and more is the bustling Mercato, a sprawling market with entire sections dedicated to a certain type of product. It's best you go with a guide if there is the option - vendors often keep their goods inside stalls, making it not immediately apparent what it is that is being sold. A smaller, more manageable market offering a comparable experience is the Sholla, while the Shiro Meda is one dedicated to clothing and textiles only.

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Photo: Alex Sinclair Lack/Shutterstock.com

Address: Addis Mercato, Addis Ababa

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 6am-7pm

Phone: +251 91 250 2236

### soleRebels



The first footwear producer to receive certification from the World Fair Trade Organisation, soleRebels' cause is to provide its workers with honest compensation and contribute to sustainable development by using recycled car tires and natural fabrics in shoe production. And it's not just shoes, but clothing and accessories too.

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Address: Roosevelt St, Addis Ababa

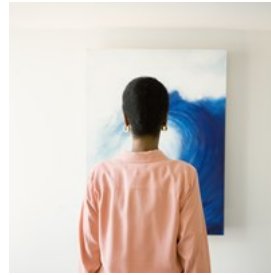
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9.30am-7pm

Phone: +251 91 059 1180

Internet: [www.solerebels.com](http://www.solerebels.com)

More Info: 2nd Floor, Adams Pavilion

### St George Gallery



The art gallery and shop hybrid, St George is definitely not for travellers on a budget, but those looking to purchase Ethiopian antiques or artwork (which ranges from scarves and bed linens to paintings by celebrated artists) will hardly find a better place to do so. Also stocks jewellery and books.

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Address: Taitu St, Addis Ababa

Phone: +251 11 551 0983

Internet: [www.stgeorgeofethiopia.com](http://www.stgeorgeofethiopia.com)

### Shiro Meda Market



Much more modest in size, but with that also a lot more manageable, the Shiro Meda Market (also spelled "Chiromeda") sells Ethiopian textiles in all their forms, from Ethiopian wedding dresses to various types of clothing, linens, and fabrics. Make use of a guide if you can.

Photo: Mollie Wilson/Shutterstock.com

Address: Entoto Ave, Addis Ababa

### Salem's Ethiopia



This quiet oasis of a workshop, only a stone's throw away from the Addis Ababa airport, is a great place to shop if the Mercato proves to be a tad overwhelming. Salem's is a much more relaxed experience that allows you to browse at your own leisure, selecting from fabrics, clothing, jewellery, woven items, and other crafts

produced directly on site.

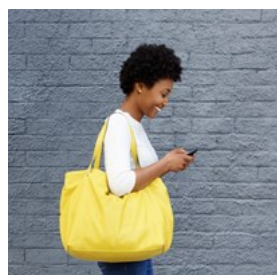
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Address: Menhame Allen, Addis Ababa

Phone: +251 91 152 9682

Internet: [www.salemsethiopia.com](http://www.salemsethiopia.com)

### Zaaf Collection



The remarkably stylish bags of this Ethiopian label are a treat one really shouldn't deny themselves when in Addis. Functional and

modern, the brand's pieces all contain a slither of traditional ornament, giving the items individual character.

Photo: mimagephotography/Shutterstock.com

Address: Shalla Park, Addis Ababa

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8.30am-6pm

Phone: +251 91 014 9965

Internet: [www.zaafcollection.com](http://www.zaafcollection.com)

### T&H Designs



T&H Designs offers high-quality, original jewellery and accessories, all sourced by the founding twin sisters, who have earned

themselves an impeccable reputation and stable client base over the years of the shop's existence. Prices are reasonable, and service above par.

Photo: Uber Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: +251 91 347 2639

Phone: +251 91 347 2639

### Anbar Marketplace



The bi-annual happening that is Anbar Marketplace (locations vary) gathers the best of local producers, many without brick-and-mortar shops, to showcase and sell their wares, from clothing and jewellery to all manner of edibles. There is a small entrance fee; live music plays and dining options are abundant.

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Email: [anbarmarketplace@gmail.com](mailto:anbarmarketplace@gmail.com)

### TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Travel Advice



Addis Ababa is a rather safe city where violent crime is uncommon, but travellers are advised to exercise vigilance and be weary of pick-pocketing and muggings which occur fairly frequently, and are not exclusively targeted at tourists (these have been especially common along Churchill Ave, in Piazza and Meskal Square).

If invited for an unsolicited "culture show"

decline politely but firmly, and continue on your way; this is one scam to which tourists have often fallen prey. Avoid talking to anyone approaching to sell you things in the street.

Homosexuality remains both illegal (with punishments of up to 10 years imprisonment if convicted) and severely morally condemned in Ethiopia. So strong is the sentiment, that some hotels may refuse business to clients suspected of being in a same-sex relationship. It is strongly advised that same-sex couples keep a very low profile and avoid any form of public displays of affection.

Photo: Victor Z

### Passport / Visa



Entry visas to Ethiopia are necessary for citizens of all countries with the exception of Djibouti and Kenya. Travellers must apply for visas in

advance, but visas on arrival are issued at the Addis Ababa International Airport to nationals of 40 countries: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Macau, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Korea, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States. As of 2017, nationals of most countries eligible for visa on arrival can also apply for eVisa (first point of entry for eVisa holders must be Addis Ababa Bole International Airport).

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### Best Time to Visit



Although the sun shines nearly all year in Addis Ababa, the absolute best time to visit is during the dry season, roughly from September to March. This

period is also when two of Ethiopia's major festivals (Meskel and Timkat) are celebrated, which is done with great swing and accompanied by major processions. The summer months (June to August, the "rainy season") aren't the most favourable, especially for trips to elsewhere in the country.

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### Airport



Although the Bole International Airport is only a few kilometres away from the city centre, it can get quite costly to reach Addis

Ababa if no prior transfer arrangements are made. It is strongly recommended to inquire with your hotel about possible pick-up/transfer service (these are offered by most lodgings).

Yellow taxis can be hired at the airport arrivals area. Make sure the fare is agreed upon before departure.

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Phone: +251 11 665 6666

Internet: [www.addisairport.com](http://www.addisairport.com)

## Public Transport



Public busses aren't the most efficient way of getting around; instead, most locals use the smaller, faster blue-and-white

mini-busses. Fares in these are very moderate and normally fixed. Destinations will often be yelled out by staff on board the mini bus at major intersections/hubs.

Addis Ababa now also has a light rail system, with lines connecting north and south (stops at Merkato, Meskal Square, and Menelik II Square), and east and west (stops at Meskal Square and Mexico Square). Tickets may be purchased at stations.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

## Taxi



Most taxis in Addis operate from 6am to 11pm. Short journeys (up to 3km) usually cost foreigners Birr60 to Birr80 (more at night).

Medium/long journeys cost Birr100/140. If you share a taxi with strangers, the normal fare is split between the group.

If you want to visit a lot of places in Addis Ababa, negotiate with a driver for a half- or full-day fare (Birr600 for a full day is pretty reasonable). A 'city tour' lasting a couple of hours should cost around Birr300 to Birr350.

Taxis can be found outside larger hotels, as well as the National Theatre, national stadium and on De Gaulle Sq in the Piazza. At night, many line

up outside the nightclubs.

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## Pharmacy



Gishen Pharmacy +251 11 661 1717 Ras Desta Damtew St, Addis Ababa  
Lion Pharmacy +251 11 155 1893 Mahatma Gandhi St, Addis Ababa

Photo: Gemma Garner

## Post



There are several post offices around Addis Ababa, the main branch being on Churchill Avenue, next to the Derg Monument (parcels can only be sent from this post office location). Post boxes are yellow in colour. Stamps and post cards may be bought at post offices.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Gola Sefer, Addis Ababa

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-5pm

Internet: [www.ethipostal.com](http://www.ethipostal.com)

## Telephone



For calls within the country: area code + 10-digit number; to call abroad dial 00 + number  
Fro calls to Ethiopia from abroad: +251 (country code for Ethiopia) followed by a 9-digit number (drop the zero)

Photo: Jardson Almeida

## Electricity



220 V, 50 Hz 2-pin  
European-style plug

Photo: Stirling Tschan

## Population

4.6 million

## Currency

Ethiopian birr

## Emergency numbers

Universal number: 911

Police: 991

Ambulance: 907

Fire: 939

Traffic police: 945.