

# **FMC Travel Club**

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## **\*\*\* Ethiopia \*\*\***

***A fascinating, fulsome month to the "Roof of Africa"***

***A land full of surprises, excellent tramping, a rich cultural heritage –  
the only African country never to be colonised***

***29<sup>th</sup> October to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 - 30 Days***

***\$9,995 ex Auckland. Trip leader : John Dobbs***

*Cost is estimated as at December 2017, so is subject to currency fluctuations and other variables*

*Based on a minimum group size of 8 twin sharing – a private room supplement is possible at additional cost,  
please ask for details*

*Any payment by visa or mastercard adds \$250 to the final price*

### **Price Includes :**

- *International flights – Auckland to Addis Ababa return including all applicable taxes*
- *All accommodation – hotels, lodges and ten nights camping with all equipment provided*
- *All transport – land transport as appropriate plus four Ethiopia domestic flights*
- *All meals – from breakfast on Day 2 to breakfast on the departure day, as shown by B.L.D. in the daily itinerary*
- *Experienced English speaking guides, support staff and pack animals while trekking in Simien Mountains and Bale National Parks and an experienced Kiwi trip leader overall*
- *Arrival and departure flight transfers, internal flight transfers, entry to historical and cultural sights/sites as per the daily itinerary, support payment to FMC*

### **Price does not include :**

- *Tourist entry visa – US\$50 cash is payable on arrival to Addis Ababa Airport*
- *Tipping – Full guidelines will be given*
- *Personal incidental expenses, any other meals, alcoholic beverages*
- *Travel insurance*
- *Any additional pre or post core trip travels and any variation to group flights*

## Trip Leader

*John needs little introduction – he is the travel club organizer, regular tramper with the Napier Tramping Club, keen mountain biker and Lions club member. He has led many trips for the travel club over 16 years and enjoys the fun and challenges of organizing and leading groups overseas.*

*“Ethiopia has been on the radar for several years, so I’m thrilled that after advertising a trip there for a long time, I finally have a superb compilation ready to offer the many who have shown interest, I hope it appeals! I’m working in conjunction with an excellent Ethiopian operator [www.awazetours.com](http://www.awazetours.com) – they have impressed with their willingness and efficiency in putting our bespoke arrangements together. They have friendly, English speaking and experienced guides and safety conscious drivers and their track record is one of the best. The trip is flights inclusive from Auckland and we have four internal flights as well. This is a highly inclusive trip, with little in the way of additional personal costs.” I welcome your interest any time on 06 8352222 or [john@travelsmart.co.nz](mailto:john@travelsmart.co.nz)*

## Overview

*We begin the trip in Addis Ababa, the nation’s capital, biggest city and commercial heart. As many African organisations and UN agencies are headquartered here, it is often referred to as the ‘capital of Africa’. There is much of interest and we have time on arrival to recover from jetlag and check out the sights.*

*Flying north to Bahir Dar, we commence a trip through the historical heartland of the country visiting places renowned and on the UNESCO World Heritage list.*

*In the north lies the impressive Simien Mountains National Park where we shall spend a week tramping its magnificent landscapes, culminating in an optional peak bag of Ras Dashen, Ethiopia’s highest mountain (a real trampers peak). We reach our northernmost point of the itinerary at Axum, capital of an ancient kingdom of great extent and influence.*

*We now head east to the very different Afar region where we explore Harar, the 4<sup>th</sup> holiest place in Islam and encounter the wildlife of Awash National Park.*

*Then we travel south, first to tramp in the brilliant Bale Mountains National Park, which contains various landforms and eco-systems. Then into the southern Great Rift Valley region, so different to the rest of the country. Here we will encounter the many and fascinating cultural people groups that the Omo Valley region of the Rift is renowned for.*

*Throughout we will be immersed in the essence of Ethiopia at a grassroots level of authenticity. Our local guides will be invaluable in leading us throughout and in helping us to understand the complex and ancient history of this land and the hugely varied cultures and peoples that live here.*

*Finally, a return to Addis Ababa for end of trip celebrations and a very full month will have gone by!*

**The tramping programme** is centred on the Simien Mountains National Park in the north and the Bale Mountains National Park in the south.

*The Simien Mountains is the country’s premiere tramping location, gaining World Heritage status in 1979 for its spectacular landscapes, with jagged mountain peaks, deep valleys and sharp precipices. The meadows and moorlands are a biodiversity hotspot, populated by an alluring wealth of endemic plants and animals. More than a dozen of its peaks top the 4000m mark, with Ras Dessen the 4533m highest. Our route here is broadly west to east and partly back again and we use established campsites. Our trekking team will provide all equipment including pack animals for carrying gear and we will be well led and fed.*

*Bale Mountains National Park is also a terrific tramping region, but lesser known and visited than the Simiens. There are also numerous peaks and a wide range of different types of vegetation, from bamboo forests to Juniper woodland, grasslands and waterways. Fixed campsites are used and there are a number of possible routes, ours will be a north to south mid-park direction giving much variety with interesting animal and birdlife encounters. The mountain team will take care of all the logistics.*

*There will be plenty of walking in all areas in addition to these specialized tramping locations. This is an active holiday!*

### **Cultural experiences.**

*From atmospheric rock-hewn churches to one of the world’s most singular cuisines, Ethiopia offers a wealth of cultural experiences to enjoy.*

*Our itinerary initially focuses on Christian and pre-Christian sites, then we head east to the holy Islamic citadel of Harar. The southern section explores the animist cultures of the Omo Valley and we travel nearly to the Kenyan border.*

*Pancake-like injera, heaped with a tantalisingly spiced selection of meat and vegan dishes, and washed down with honey-derived tej, make Ethiopia a delight for those with an adventurous palate. However, the range of eating and drinking options also embraces many more familiar dishes and drinks.*

*A host of colourful Christian and Islamic festivals are sprinkled throughout the year, but unfortunately no significant ones occur during our trip dates.*

*A remarkable series of palaeontological discoveries, mostly in the Afar region of the northern Rift Valley, makes it certain that Ethiopia was the main crucible of human evolution.*

*Found all over Ethiopia are a wonderful assembly of timeless and characterful old monasteries, mosques and rock-hewn churches that are still in use.*

*Markets and craft stalls abound, providing a wonderful opportunity to see how people trade and barter and some will become souvenir buying opportunities. Handwoven fabrics and other uniquely Ethiopian handicrafts are possible considerations.*

**Accommodation** comprises a range of local hotels and lodges of a good tourist class standard on a twin share basis. A large international hotel in Addis Ababa is balanced by smaller establishments elsewhere, often with amazing views and several close to water views. The camping nights are at fixed, authorised sites in the two national parks, with all camping provisions to a good standard included.

*It is possible in cities and main towns to have a solo use room at additional cost – please advise if this is your preference.*

**A pre-trip newsletter** will include a further dis-semination of important information to prepare you for the trip. A gear list, details on things such as diet and cuisine, water supplies, electricity, safety, tipping and other cultural material will be provided. This will be compiled after we have confirmed the trip is viable to run and deposits have been invoiced for. If you have any questions about anything along the way, please get in touch.

### **A few facts about Ethiopia**

- *At 1,100,000 square kilometres, Ethiopia is a little over four times the size of New Zealand*
- *With over 102,000 million people, it is the most populated landlocked country in the world*
- *It is very multi-lingual with over 80 people groups, but English is the most widely spoken foreign language*
- *Some of the oldest skeletal evidence of humans have been found here, so the human imprint on the country is ancient*
- *Kings and kingdoms have been its heritage and it has the rare distinction of never having been colonised by another power*
- *The land is mainly a vast highland complex of mountains and dissected plateaux divided by the Great Rift Valley*
- *Ethiopia sits between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> parallel north of the Equator, but because much of the population lives at an altitude of 2000m to 2500m, temperatures are moderated (typical daytime maximum temperatures during our visit will be in the low to mid 20's, and likely 15C to 5C in the higher parts of the Simien and Bale National Parks) due to the effects of altitude.*
- *Ethiopia is mostly a Christian nation with a very long history and heritage, and 30 million people follow Islam*
- *There is a fairly large number of endemic animals – we should have encounters with the Gelada Baboon, Walia Ibex and Ethiopian Wolf among others, and there are numerous bird species including many raptors such as the impressive Lammergeyer*
- *Ethiopia is the home of the coffee bean – we shall visit several coffee farms and no doubt enjoy the way it is served in the country*
- *The country contains an impressive 9 UNESCO World Heritage sights and we will visit 7 of them in this itinerary*
- *Ethiopia is considered safe, certainly by African standards, but petty crime such as pick-pocketing in the cities is not uncommon.*
- *The cuisine is interesting and centred on grains and a variety of meat dishes, bottled water is available and recommended, coffee and tea are grown and beer is brewed*

## **Itinerary**

**We depart Auckland on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October around mid-afternoon.**

### **Day 1. Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Oct – Arrival**

*Early morning arrival into Addis Ababa, transfer to the hotel and remainder of day is free to rest and recover from jetlag. This evening we will meet up with our local guide in preparation for the tour of the capital tomorrow. Overnight hotel – no meals included today.*

**Day 2. Tue 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – In Addis Ababa**

The sprawling capital of over 3 million people lies at an altitude of around 2300m in the highlands and adjacent to the Great Rift Valley, making temps during our visit pleasant in the low 20's, and this is also the dry season, with sunny skies prevailing. Addis is Ethiopia's commercial and cultural hub with much of interest. Today we will visit the Ethnographic Museum, a great introduction to Ethiopian culture and history. Also the National Museum, home of the 3 million year old skeleton "Lucy." We will also tour the Mercato, one of Africa's largest outdoor markets, and Trinity Cathedral, resting place of Emperor Haile Selassie. Overnight hotel – B.L.D.

**Day 3. Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Fly to Bahir Dar**

We take a morning flight north west to Bahir Dar -aAn attractive city on the shores of Lake Tana, largest lake in Ethiopia and the source of the Blue Nile River. We will enjoy a boat tour on Lake Tana including visits to several ancient monasteries of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. Lunch is at a charming lakeside restaurant near where pelicans congregate. Enjoy the weekly marketplace in town. Overnight hotel – B.L.D.

**Day 4. Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – Drive to Gondar**

A pleasant 4 hour drive north to the city of Gondar, a must stop on any historical tour of the north. After lunch we will explore this royal and ancient city and visit the Royal Enclosure, a UNESCO World Heritage site featuring five castles built by a succession of Ethiopian kings beginning in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century. Having survived several wars, including air raids during World War 2, the castles are a testament to the resilience of this once mighty African Empire. Also visit the church of Debre Birhan Selassie, famous for its religious art and especially its iconic ceiling depicting angels. Tonight, a special dinner at a local restaurant with a great atmosphere, plus singing and dancing – should be an enjoyable intro' to local culture. Overnight Hotel – B.L.D.

**Day 5. Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Simien Mountains National Park**

We drive 100kms from Gondar to Debark, where the headquarters of Simien Mountains National Park is located. Meet the mountain guide and others on the trekking team. Continue driving to Sankaber (31 kms from Debark) and the first camp site of the National Park. The scale and beauty of this highland region is impressive and we may be fortunate to encounter some wildlife the area is known for, such as the endemic Gelada Baboons and the "bone breaker" bird Lammergeyer – a magnificent eagle like raptor. Camping Sankaber (3250m) – B.L.D.

**Day 6. Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Trek from Sankaber to Geech**

Heading in a roughly easterly direction, we cover around 17kms today (5 – 7 hours). Early on we'll see the Jinnbar River and falls and river, which we will be crossing later in the day. After the crossing we ascend for about 2 hours to Geech. The scenery is wonderful as the mountains unfold and we will likely encounter a curious group of Gelada Baboons as we approach camp. Camping Geech (3600m) – B.L.D.

**Day 7. Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Trek Geech – Imet Gogo – Kedadit – Seha – Geech**

Today we head for some of the finest view points in the National Park. Immet Gogo boasts spectacular views in every direction. Possible wildlife sightings on this 4 – 5 hour trek include the Simien Wolf, the Walia Ibex and Klipspringers - cute little antelopes. Return to Camping Geech (3600m) – B.L.D.

**Day 8. Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Nov – Trek Geech to Chenek**

Much of our day (16kms est' 7 – 8 hours) is along the breathtaking Enarte escarpment before descending to Chenek. More likely sightings of Gelada Baboons and Walia Ibex. Camping Chenek (3632m) – B.L.D.

**Day 9. Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – Chenek to Ambiquo**

A big day of around 23kms that may take up to 9 hours. The route continues eastwards via Mt Buhit (4430m) and crosses the Mesheha River before reaching Ambiquo at a lower level than the last four nights. It will be a bonus to see the rare Ethiopian Wolf today, possibly our best chance. Camping Ambiquo (3170m) – B.L.D.

**Day 10. Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Nov – Optional climb of Ras Deshen (4550m) highest peak in Ethiopia and Africa's tenth highest peak**

Set out under torchlight at 4am and with lunch and water to be carried. Initially we climb to the small village of Mizma. From here, a steep climb brings us to an impressive amphitheatre made up of three major buttresses of expanded rock. It is then an easy scramble to the summit. A great achievement and possible highlight of the overall trip! A rugged peak, it is the eastern peak of the rim of an enormous ancient volcano, with other peaks surrounding. Although only 13

degrees north of the equator, midday temps are likely to reach 5C and there may be snow patches. Return the same way to Ambiquo camp.

Should you prefer to have a day off instead, relax around camp or go part of the way to Ras Deshen. There will be someone in the support team to assist. Camping Ambiquo (3170m) – B.L.D.

**Day 11. Thu 8<sup>th</sup> Nov – Ambiquo to Chenek**

Basically retracing our route, we now head westwards to Chenek, bypassing Mt Buhit this time. Still, it is another big day of 20kms and around 7 hours. Camping Chenek (3620m – B.L.D.-

**Day 12. Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Nov – Drive to Axum**

Meet the vehicles at Chenek and head north on a longish (7 hours) but spectacular drive to Axum, capital of the ancient Axumite Empire and another UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will have frequent stops at viewpoints along the way, arriving in Axum late afternoon. Overnight Hotel – B.L.D.

**Day 13. Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – In Axum**

Continually occupied for 2000 years, ancient Axum became the capital of the Kingdom of Aksum, a naval and trading power playing a significant role in international relations around the time of the first millennium which covered all of modern day Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan and western parts of Saudi Arabia and Yemen. Massive ruins impress and we will tour the ancient stelae fields and well as the new and impressive Archaeological Museum. We will also visit St. Mary Zion Church, which houses the Biblical Ark of the Covenant - according to the Ethiopian Orthodox Church (no one is allowed to see the Ark). We will take a break for lunch at a local restaurant renowned for its exceptional Ethiopian cuisine before visiting other tombs and archaeological site as time permits. Overnight hotel – B.L.D.

**Day 14. Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Fly to Lalibela**

A short flight south brings us to Lalibela, one of the most famous places in Ethiopia. Here we tour the magnificent rock-hewn church of Lalibela, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This group of eleven monolithic and semi-monolithic structures were carved directly into the stone of the mountainside at least 800 years ago. This complex boasts the largest monolithic church in the world, a maze of passageways and tunnels, intricately carved reliefs and fabulous examples of icon paintings. An amazing lunch venue on the top of a hill with lovely views of the town, and an unusual Scottish meets Ethiopian menu! Overnight Hotel – B.L.D.

**Day 15. Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – In Lalibela**

Early morning we will explore the famous weekly market in Lalibela. Then late morning, we have two choices.

A hike with mules to Mount Asheton, with its 13<sup>th</sup> century rock-hewn monastery and great views over the town, OR, drive to Yemrehanna Kristos, a beautiful church situated in a shallow cave that predates the churches of Lalibela. The drive will also give an opportunity to see the rural villages and countryside of the Ethiopian highlands. Overnight Hotel – B.L.D.

**Day 16. Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Fly to Dire Dawa, travel to Harar**

A flight south to Addis Ababa, then east to the city of Dire Dawa. Then we travel to the holy city of Harar. An ancient walled city with a rich and colourful history, Harar is in fact the fourth holiest city in the Islamic world, after Mecca, Medina and Jerusalem. It holds 99 mosques and has a lively market place.

On the drive from Dire Dawa Airport, we will make a stop at a coffee plantation and also visit the largest “Chat” plantation in the same area. Overnight Hotel – B.L.D.

**Day 17. Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – In Harar**

Stroll the impressive high walls of Harar. See the home of Arthur Rimbaud, renowned French poet who worked in Harar as a “gun-runner” during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Visit the National and Harari museums, the house of Ras Mekonnen (father of Haile Selassie), and a traditional Harari home. In the evening, something unique. We will see the “Hyena Man” hand (and mouth!) feeding the hyenas that gather nightly outside the town. Overnite Hotel – B.L.D.

**Day 18. Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Drive to Awash National Park**

Driving east we hope to visit a camel market on the way to visit Awash National Park, rich in birdlife and also pretty good wildlife viewing. Various types of Oryx, Gazelles, Kudus, Dik-Dik and Hartebeest are found in the park, along with monkeys, while Leopards, Lions, Jackals and Wildcats also inhabit the park, but are seldom seen. The park also features a volcano with the last lava flow of 1820 visible on its southern flanks. We will have a walk in the afternoon and early

evening and our local guides will be able to point out the variety of birds and animals we hope to encounter. Overnight Lodge – B.L.D.

**Day 19. Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Drive from Awash to Bale Mountains National Park**

Turning south our drive is around 5 hours. In the afternoon we will take a leisurely hike, hopefully spotting two endemic mammals that frequent the area : Menelik's Bushbuck and the Mountain Nyala along with a variety of large birds such as the Wattled Ibis and the Blue-Winged Goose. Our overnight camping is near the park entrance. Camping Dinsho (3200m) – B.L.D.

**Day 20. Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Nov – Begin trekking**

Walk through Dinsho and enter the park, looking out for more Bushbuck and Mountain Nyala. Our route is around 16kms and will take 4 – 5 hours. While in the park there will be a chance to see Ethiopian Wolves. Enjoy a lunch break beside the lovely Habera Waterfall. Camping Fincha Habera (3550m) = B.L.D.

**Day 21. Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Fincha Habera to Wasama**

Trek to Wasama through a beautiful landscape with stunning views, passing through the Mararo Valley where the Lammergeyer and Verraux Eagles keep nests. Another chance to see the Ethiopian Wolf and different species of birds as well. Around 18kms and 7 – 8 hours today. Camping Wasama (3700m)

**Day 22. Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Wasama to Gebre Gurracha**

A great opportunity to climb the park's highest peak, Mt Wasama (4200m) and then descend into the Worgona Valley. We should see Falcons, Eagles and Wolves today. Around 19kms and 7 – 8 hours ends beside lovely Lake Gebre Gurracha, which means "black lake" in the Oromic language. Camping Gebre Gurracha (3900m) – B.L.D.

**Day 23. Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Nov - Explore Senatti Plateau and drive to Hawassa**

A short trek of just 6kms up to the Senatti Plateau to meet the vehicles. This will be our best opportunity to view the Ethiopian Wolf. Then an afternoon drive to Hawassa, a pleasant university city on the shores of Lake Hawassa, a major lake in the Rift Valley. Here we stay at the city's best resort, where we can relax in the swimming pool and enjoy the views over the lake. Overnight Resort – B.L.D.

**Day 24. Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Drive to Arba Minch and begin to explore the tribes and cultures of the Omo Valley**

Our journey south to Arba Minch will include a diversion to a Dorze Village in the Guge Mountains. The Dorze are known for their tall, beehive-shaped bamboo houses. If the base becomes infested with termites, the entire house can be lifted and moved to another location. Arba Minch is one of the main towns in southern Ethiopia. Overnight Lodge – B.L.D.

**Day 25. Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Omo Valley tribal areas**

The valley tribal areas are not large and driving distances moderate (about 200kms today). Each have different customs, clothing styles and colourful ways. Heading south along the Great Rift, we soon come to Lake Chamo. Here we take a boat trip to view some of the largest crocodiles in the world sunning on the banks of the lake. Hippopotami and birdlife are also abundant. We then drive through areas inhabited by the Gamo, Derashe, Konso, Tseme, Benna and Ari peoples. Stopping at the town of Key Afar, we will encounter the brilliant weekly market on Thursday's. Wander among the various tribes that have gathered to barter their goods - colourful and interesting. Tonight we stay in the western town of Jinka, our base for two nights. Overnight Safari Lodge in safari tent rooms – B.L.D.

**Day 26. Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Mursi extension**

An early morning drive to Mago National Park to visit the Mursi people. Mursi women are known for the clay plates they insert into their lower lips. Time permitting we will also visit the Omo Valley Museum in Jinka. Overnight Safari Lodge in safari tent rooms – B.L.D.

**Day 27. Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Nov - Drive to Turmi**

We are not far north of the Kenyan border area now. Turmi is home to the Hamar people and nearby are the Ari and the Banna. The Banna are known for decorating their bodies with clay, while the Hamar are known for their body decorations and the clay and ochre they put in their hair. Overnight eco-lodge – B.L.D.

### **Day 28. Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – Turmi area**

Continue our interactions with local people groups. Today, an excursion to Omorate visiting the Dasanch Tribe who live on the banks of the Omo River, an area rich in colourful birds. Returning to Turmi, and spend more time with the Hamar people. Overnight eco-lodge – B.L.D.

### **Day 29. Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Nov – Drive to Konso**

Our final day in the Omo Valley region of the Great Rift centres on the Konso people whose villages have been recently designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site. These highland people are known for the ancient and intricate terraces that encircle their well-planned villages. Overnight Lodge – B.L.D.

### **Day 30. Tue 27<sup>th</sup> Nov - Return to Addis Ababa and farewell**

A short drive back to Arba Minch, connecting with a flight north to the capital. We have day rooms available at the hotel to freshen up, complete packing and any last minute souvenir shopping before our end of trip farewell dinner at a traditional restaurant, featuring dancers and musicians from some of the country's varied ethnic groups. Late evening we transfer back to Addis Ababa International Airport for our departure flight a little after midnight. This transits through Bangkok before returning to Auckland around midday on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **Booking Conditions : FMC Travel Club and Travel Smart Napier**

1. The FMC Travel Club (FMC) offers this small group trip in conjunction with Travel Smart Napier (TSN). All travel arrangements for the operation of the core trip are made with TSN. Participants agree to all terms and conditions by signing the Registration Form.
2. FMC and TSN are not responsible or liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may arise from weather, defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft, or through the acts or default of any person or company engaged in carrying out any of the arrangements of the trip.
3. We reserve the right to cancel the trip if minimum numbers don't eventuate. In such an event, all monies paid will be fully refunded. We also reserve the right to make any modifications that may be essential, or to offer a modified trip to a smaller number of people.
4. The trip includes a payment to FMC.
5. **Registrations are accepted in good faith on a first comers basis on receipt of the Registration Form. The deposit is \$3000 per person and will be invoiced once a core minimum number of registrations have been received. Registrations close by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (or earlier if the trip fills) and final balance is due by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018. All payments may be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, internet banking, visa or mastercard to the offices of TSN. All or any payments by Visa or Mastercard adds \$250 to the final trip price. Our preferred method of payment is internet banking. Please use : 010685 0151601 46 at ANZ Napier providing your name and "Ethiopia" as identifiers. Cheques must be payable to Travel Smart Napier.**
6. Events beyond our control such as currency fluctuations or any unforeseen additional costs may affect the overall trip price. We cannot guarantee the price until such times as full payment has been received. Upon full payment, the trip price is guaranteed.
7. **Cancellations. If you need to cancel your registration for any reason, you must advise TSN in writing as soon as possible. An email is acceptable, a phone call alone is not. Travel insurance will cover you for unforeseen circumstances but will not cover you for changing your mind after committing to the trip. Cancellation fees apply as follows :**
  - **Cancellations received from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 incur a fee of \$3000 (the deposit)**
  - **Cancellations received from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018 onwards incur a fee of 100% of trip costs.**
8. Travel insurance is mandatory, and we are able to assist with cover through Kiwi Holiday Insurance. For your own protection, travel insurance should be effective not later than 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018, the date that trip deposits become non-refundable.

## Registration Form – Ethiopia 2018

Complete and send to John Dobbs at TSN with a passport scan. **Registrations ideally close by 31<sup>st</sup> April 2018 (or earlier if the trip fills). So your earliest commitment is appreciated.** All or any payments by Visa or Mastercard adds \$250 to the final trip price. Our preferred payment method is internet banking into : 010685 0151601 46 at ANZ Napier . Do not send the deposit initially, this will be requested once a core minimum number of participants have registered.

Your full name(s) as per passport(s) and please underline or highlight your preferred first name(s).....

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Mailing address.....

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What are your recent tramping experiences? How often do you tramp? Please extend your answers overleaf or on separate paper, or by email.

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Specify any dietary requirements, allergies or medical conditions.....

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Contact person in NZ for any emergencies : name, address, contact phone numbers, email and the relationship to you. In the event of any emergency, this is the sole person you are authorizing us to liaise with

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I/We have read the full trip dossier and I / We agree to pay all trip costs by due date, as advised by invoice. I / We understand that the final trip price is subject to minimum numbers and other cost impacts as detailed under the Booking Conditions section; therefore the final trip price cannot be guaranteed until such times as full payment has been made.

.....signed and dated by each person registering

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