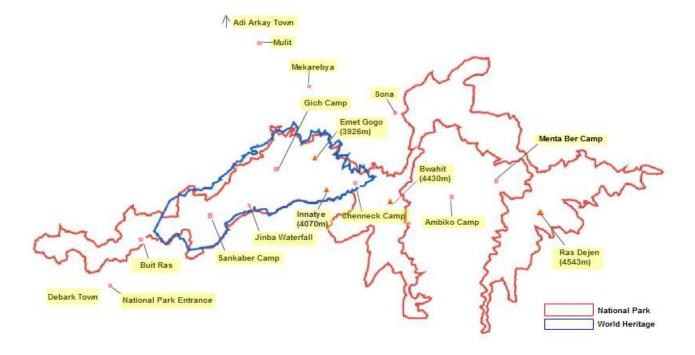




5 days trip



Simien Mountains National Park Trekking Map

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Included:

- Cars to and from Gondar
- Guide
- Scout
- Cook and cooking materials
- Mule(s) and mulemen
- Camping tools: tent, sleeping bags and mattresses
- Park entrance fees
- Plenty food and bottled mineral water

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Day1: Gondar - Sankaber camp (Camp in Sankaber)

We will meet you in the morning at Gondar Airport or your hotel in Gondar. Drive from Gondar to Debark, which is the headquarter town for the national park. We will stop here to get a permission to enter to the park and meet the scout. We will have tea and coffee break and visit the local market if we have time. The local market is open every day, and every Wednesday and Saturday is the big market day. From Debark town, we will drive to the park gate, which is about 16km from the town. We will drive to the first area of the national park, where we start trekking. The starting point will be flexible depend on your interest and time. You will be rewarded with marvelous escarpment and different plant species. You will most certainly encounter troops of the endemic Gelada Baboon and see them up-close. You may also see clipspringer, bushbuck, different plant species and birds species. We will continue trekking to Sankaber camp where we camp the first night.

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The viewpoints when we trek before we arrive Sankaber, along the escarpment

Day2: Sankaber camp - Gich camp (Camp in Gich)

After a breakfast, you will set off trekking to Gich. It is about 15km, 7 hours trek. You will trek along the edge with stunning views over the foothills 800m below. The trail passes most vegetated area in the park through low bush of Giant Heather, Abyssinian Rose, Oliveria and Globe Thistle. You will most certainly encounter troops of the endemic gelada baboons and see them up-close. You may also see Klipspringer, bushbuck, rockhyrax in the steep rocky and wooded slopes. Leopards live around here and you may have chance to spot leopard. The highlight of the trek is Jinba waterfalls, an incredible 500m sheer drop, the longest fall in Ethiopia. From the viewpoint opposite, you will see the different voltures such as Griffen Volture, Hooded Volture, Whitebacked Volture, Lapped-faced vulture and Lammergayer along the cliff. Lammergayer is one of the biggest bird prey in the world and feeds bone marrow. This area is best place for lammergayer to break the bone. This area is also good to see different small birds such as one of the Ethiopian endemic bird- Abysinian Catbird, Starlings, Sweafts and Swalows. From the Jinba waterfalls, we will continue to Jinba river and have a picnic near more peaceful waterfall. Then we will head to Gich village. Just before you reach Gich campsite, there is wonderful opportunity to visit one of the traditional village houses for traditional coffee and to experience the local living style(depends on your interest). After we arrive at the campsite, you have some time for snack and then head out for a short optional sunset trek up about 185m above the camp to Kedadit. On this point (3,786m), you will look 360 degree around the Simien Mountains and to the lowland mountains. Then, we will come back to the camp for dinner.



Gich camp sunset on the top of Kedadit

Day3: Gich camp - Mt. Emet Gogo - Gich camp (Camp in Gich)

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Magnificent view at Emet Gogo

Day4: Gich camp – Mt. Innatye – Chenneck camp (Camp in Chenneck)

After a breakfast, we will trek from Gich camp to Chenneck camp. Along the way, we will climb Mt. Innatye about 500m up to the summit pass through the jangle and enjoy the stunning views and terrifying vertical drop views. The views are arguably the best in the Simien Mountains. After having a picnic lunch on the top of the Mt. Innatye, the path follows mostly downhill though open grassland and Giant Lobelia towards Chenneck camp. This camp is the third camping site of the national park and is located in a beautiful valley at the foot of the Mt. Bwahit, at the altitude about 3,620m. You will encounter a number of stunning viewpoints. Moreover, this area is superb for wildlife with both Gelada Boboons and Walia Ibex.



Chenneck campsite boasts one of the best scenery in the

Simien Mountains



Ethiopian Wolf around the source of linba river

Day5: Chenneck camp - Gondar or Axsum

After breakfast, we will make a round trek from Chenneck camp. The path follows through the escarpment and enjoys the view of Mt. Emet Gogo (3,926 m). As long as time allows, we will climb up around the altitude of 4,000m or climb Mt. Bwahit (4,430m). You will see Walia Ibex, many different birds such as vultures and small birds, and different plant species such as evergreen and the high elevation plant Lobelia which grow above 3,600masl, everlasting flower, Erica Arboria tree, St. Johns Worttree(Hypercumrevoltum), and Festuca grass. In the afternoon, you will drive to Gondar or Axsum.



Giant Lobelia, evergreen plat in the Afro Alpine Moorland



Wildlife and scenery of Chenneck to Mt. Bwahit

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Group of Gelada Baboon up-close



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Looking opposite side to Mt. Innatye



On the top of Mt. Emet Gogo looking down to the lowland...

Day4: Chenneck camp - Mt. Bwahit - Chenneck camp (Camp in Chenneck)

After a breakfast, we will walk from Chenneck to Mt. Bwahit(4,300) which is the second highest point in the Simien Mountains. It is about 5 hours trekking. We are ascending 800m to the summit through stunning escarpment on the Afro Alpine Moorland route. We will spot Walia Ibex (Capra Ibex Walia), probably Ethiopian Wolf and different plant species evergreen and the high elevation plant Lobelia which grow above 3,600masl, everlasting flower, Erica Arboria tree, St. Johns Worttree(Hypercumrevoltum), and Festuca grass. After climbing the Mt. Bwahit, we will come back to Chenneck camp where we spend the fourth night.



Chenneck camp, one of the best camping area to spot Walia lbex and scenery

Day5: Chenneck camp - Gondar or Axsum

After a breakfast, we will drive from Chennek camp to Gonder or Axsum as soon as you get ready to depart.



Driving back through such wonderful topography...

More itineraries

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