



*Discover the Magnificent  
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## **10 days for Coffee in Ethiopia**

This educational trip of 10 days will bring you to the heart of the origin of coffee. It will take you to the Mother Coffee Tree in the coffee forest of Kaffa Region of Ethiopia. This is the place where coffee originated from and where Kaldi the goat herder originally is from.

The Ethiopian culture is very strongly related with coffee. There is a very rich tradition of drinking coffee in most of the parts of Ethiopia. The coffee ceremony does have different aspects, related artisans and products that are used during the coffee ceremony.

We will during the journey touch upon all different aspects of the Ethiopian coffee and the myths surrounding it. We will visit the nursery and different smaller and larger plantations of different coffee varieties. We will also go to different production farms where we see all sorts production methods (dry/washed). Coffee will be picked, produced and of course also tasted in different cupping sessions. You will also see why climate change is the one of the biggest threats in the Ethiopian coffee business. Therefore we will also like to show you different sustainable solutions.

Also honey and spices are crucial for the Ethiopian coffee and their relevance will become clearer during your visit to Ethiopia.



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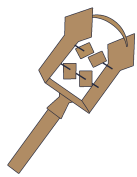
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**Joost Leopold**, coffee expert and authorized SCA coffee trainer of the Koffieschool (Coffee School) will be your tour leader.





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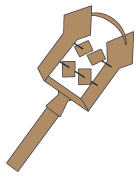
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### Trip summary

Date	Description	Accommodation	Transport
28-Oct	travel to Ethiopia		
29-Oct	Early arrival and check in to the hotel. Welcome to the country of the origin of coffee. Explanation on the tradition and culture of coffee with a visit to the National Museum. <b>Cupping session</b> Ethiopian coffee at one of the coffee warehouses and have a tour as well.	Washington Hotel	APT minibus
30-Oct	Drive from Addis Ababa to Bonga, on the way you will have some view points and a short stop in Jimma which is one of the famous coffee cities in Ethiopia	Kaffa Dev Association Guesthouse	4x4
31-Oct	The heart of the coffee area is Kaffa region. We will have a <b>cupping session</b> at the local Commodity Authorities. Receive some information on the history of the area and the meaning and usage of honey and spices for the coffee. Visit a coffee plantation (Kaffa coffee) is part of the program.	Kaffa Dev Association Guesthouse	4x4
1-Nov	Mankira forest and visit the oldest coffee tree in Kaffa - Mother Coffee Tree. In the afternoon you will have the opportunity to pick your own coffee. We will do another <b>cupping session</b> to close the day.	Kaffa Dev Association Guesthouse	4x4
2-Nov	You will visit beekeepers association, where you will attend the honey harvesting. In the afternoon you will have a spice tour. In between you will visit another coffee plantation. In the late afternoon you will move back to Jimma.	Kaffa Dev Association Guesthouse	4x4
3-Nov	Today we will visit the area where we can find Geisha coffee and visit a plantation. It is some hour's drive out of Bonga, where you pass through the coffee forest.	Kaffa Dev Association Guesthouse	4x4
4-Nov	Today we will drive back to Addis Ababa, where we pass by Jimma. We can visit short the local market and continue our way.	Washington Hotel	4x4
6-Nov	Sunrise hot air balloon trip (optional). After this trip you will visit the Ethiopian Commodity Exchange building, have an explanation on the coffee trade. Visit Oromia Trade Union, with the warehouse. On this day it is possible to organise an additional <b>cupping/barista session</b> , where there will be a small test to guess the origin of the coffee.	evening flight	minibus
7-Nov	Arrive to Netherlands		

**Best travel period:** October to April (rainy season is from May until the end of September)



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Coffee harvest is in October and November where local farmers collect, prepare and dry the precious crop. Kafa has a temperate climate with an average annual temperature of about 20°C

### **Money**

In Ethiopia nowadays you can find ATM's everywhere, it is also possible to exchange foreign currency in banks everywhere in the country. In Addis Ababa it is easy to take out money from the ATM (you have to activate your bankcard before travelling) to obtain the local currency the Ethiopian Birr in which you should pay.

We recommend you to bring some pocket money; we expect €200 to be sufficient, unless you want to buy special souvenirs of course.

### **Health/ Safety**

We do our best to guarantee your safety. We advise you to take out good travel insurance for calamities and cancellation policy.

Various vaccinations are required to travel in Ethiopia. Check your local vaccination consultancy for this.



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## PRICES

**The price per person = €1.465,-**

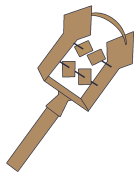
The price is based upon double room. For single room we request an additional €175 on top of the total price.

For hot air ballooning we have a special arrangement and can offer it for €130 per person (when we fly with a minimum of 6 people).

### Including:

- Hotel
- 4x4WD
- Fuel
- Driver/guide fee (not his tip)
- All meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- Non-alcoholic beverage during all meals (for diner one glass of wine or beer can be consumed)
- All entrances to musea and National Parks, and of course to coffee and tea plantations
- Local guide fees (not their tip)
- All coffee/tea consumptions
- Cupping sessions

**The trip will go on with a minimum of 4 participants.**



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**Hotels:**

Addis Ababa

Washington Hotel

Bonga

Kafa Development Association Guesthouse