



4 Days Monastery Tour, Eritrea

Day 1 Asmara – Debre Bizen – Asmara

27km east on gradual descent from 2400 meters above sea level to about 1670 meters, in to Nefasit & trek 7 kilometers to visit Debre Bizen Monastery. The Debre Bizen Monastery of the legendary Saint Abune Philipos is visited yearly only by male pilgrims on August 11th.

Overnight: Asmara

Day 2 Asmara –Debre Sina – Keren

68km north visit Debre Sina Monastery 4th Century. The pilgrimage centers on a Church above the village where a vision of Mary was said to have been seen by shepherd girls beneath a large boulder.

23km northwest visit Keren, visit Monday's Camel & Live Stock Market.

Visit the Italian and Common Wealth War Cemeteries. Keren is well known for the fiercest battles that went on between the Common Wealth and the Italian forces in 1941. The fall of Keren in the hands of the Common Wealth advancing army signaled the end of an era of the Italian occupation in Eritrea. Visitors will also visit the famous Mariam Dearit Temple curved out from a Baobab tree. Keren is also well known for the Citrus Fruits like Guava, Orange, Papaya and Mango trees that it produces.

Overnight: Keren

Day 3 Keren – Asmara

Visit the Mariam Dearit Temple curved out from a Baobab Tree.

Visit Tigre Nomadic-Pastoralist Ethnic group residing in Eritrea and Sudan, they are related to the Biher-Tegrinya of Eritrea and to the Beja people of Sudan.

Visit Bilen are agriculturalist Cushitic ethnic group. They were formerly known as the Bogo or North Agaw. Return back to Asmara, ascending from 1390 to 2400 meters above sea level.

Overnight: Asmara



Day 4 Asmara City Tour

- The Peak of St Mary Cemetery where one can see the whole of Asmara.
 - The Medeber, where artisans recycle old tires and tins. They make shoes, oven, carpentry, red pepper mill. It was built circa 1912.
 - The St Mary Church built circa 1900.
 - The Grand Mosque built circa 1920s
 - The Cathedral built circa 1920s
 - The Post office built 1916 f) Albergo Italia built 1899.
 - The Municipality established in 1890 H) Teatro Asmara built 1920s,
 - Cinema Odeon, Cinema Roma built 1920s,
 - Villa Roma built circa 1907 (now the residence of the Italian Embassy)
- Overnight: Asmara