

Ethiopia + Kenya Sound System tour King Shiloh ft. Alborosie Nairobi + Kwale + Diani Beach + Addis Ababa

Day to Day program

Thursday 7 November 2024

Arrival in Nairobi, the busting capital city of Kenya. Our dedicated team will be waiting to welcome you at the airport and to bring you to a comfortable hotel or Airbnb situated in the heart of the city. At the time of booking, we will discuss the possibilities with you. If time allows, we're delighted to offer you a glimpse of Nairobi, with our knowledgeable guides ready to assist.

Accommodation:	3 star hotel or Airbnb
Meals:	-

Friday 8 November 2024

Today, we embark on an exciting exploration of Nairobi. Local Reggae musicians and Rasta guides will introduce you to their city. The day starts with a visit to the National Museum, where you'll immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of Kenya. Following this, we'll take a leisurely stroll through the city center, absorbing the energetic Nairobi street culture, and we will have lunch at a local restaurant. For a captivating perspective, we'll ascend to the rooftop of the KICC building to gaze upon the city's skyline. In the afternoon we venture to Roots Radio Nairobi, a local Reggae Radio studio where you will meet local musicians and delve into the thriving Kenyan Reggae music scene.

In the evening, we'll share a delightful dinner together.

Accommodation:	3 star h
Meals:	Breakfa

3 star hotel or Airbnb Breakfast, lunch, and dinner







Saturday 9 November 2024

The morning takes us to Kibera, Africa's largest slum. We actively support a development project for deaf women in this area. The local community will welcome us and explain about their programs and activities. Local residents will show us around, offering you a unique and respectful insight into life in this part of the city. In the afternoon, we'll visit a giraffe sanctuary and spend quality time with local musicians and artists.

In the evening, we're honored to join Umojah Sound System at their regular Dub event in the city called Nairobi Dub Club. This time hosted by King Shiloh Sound System from Amsterdam and featuring none other than the international Reggae superstar Alborosie!

Accommodation: Meals: 3 star hotel or Airbnb Breakfast, lunch, and dinner



Sunday 10 November 2024

In the morning there is time to relax and after lunch we go to the train station where we board the train that runs daily between Nairobi and the coastal city of Mombasa. After a scenic journey crossing the eastern part of the country we arrive in Mombasa city. There we will be picked up and tranfered to the Kwale Deaf Centre in the rural areas around Kwale town, about 1,5 hours driving from Mombasa. There we spend the night at the Deaf Centre, a community center for deaf and hard of hearing people from this part of Kenya. We stay in a simple but comfortable guesthouse that is part of the community centre.

Accommodation:	
Meals:	

Kwale Deaf Centre Breakfast

Monday 11 November 2024

Morning unfolds with an exploration of Kwale town and its surroundings, guided by local residents. We'll have lunch in town followed by a unique opportunity to participate in sports activities with local deaf instructors at a nearby school. In the evening you can participate in a sign language workshop at the Deaf Centre and we will have dinner together with the residents.

Accommodation:	Kwale Deaf Centre
Meals:	Breakfast, lunch and dinner





Tuesday 12 November 2024

The day begins with a visit to Shimba Hills Forest Reserve, one of the last remaining coastal forests in East Africa. We'll hike to a waterfall where you can take a refreshing plunge in the cool water. If you're lucky, you might spot wild animals such as elephants, gazelles, giraffes, and perhaps even a leopard, though sightings are rare due to the dense forest. Lunch is provided at the Deaf Centre. The day culminates in an exhilarating Boda tour, traversing scenic landscapes and villages on the back of a motorbike, passing through fields, cliffs, and stunning viewpoints. Dinner will be served at a lodge with splendid views of the area.

Accommodation: Meals: Kwale Deaf Centre Breakfast, lunch and dinner



Wednesday 13 November 2024

Today we will transfer you to Diani Beach, known as one of the most beautiful beach destinations in East Africa. You can spend the entire day relaxing by the ocean and soaking up the sun, or choose from one of the optional excursions we offer such as visiting a remote tribal community or a full day snorkling and spotting dolphins in the wild. You can also join us on a visit to Lavosti, one of Kenya's iconic Reggae musicians who resides in the beautiful rural areas away from the busy city life. We will discuss the options with you.

Accommodation: Meals: Safari beach hotel Diani or similar Breakfast





Thursday 14 November 2024

We will bring you to Mombasa from where you fly to Addis Ababa, the capital city of Ethiopia. We'll be there to greet you at the airport and bring you to a proper guesthouse nestled in the heart of the city. Our knowledgeable guides are eager to introduce you to some of the city's hidden gem and we will have dinner together.

Accommodation:	<u>Tirago hotel</u> or similar
Meals:	Breakfast and dinner

Friday 15 November 2024

Our day begins with a warm meet and greet, where you'll get acquainted with the remarkable individuals and organizations behind our tour programs. Our experienced guides and tour leaders will extend their welcome, and you'll have the privilege of meeting Dires for Development, the Ethiopian Charity that is the official partner of our organization.

Then we go into the city. Our first stop takes us to *Arada*, the historic quarter of the city, where we'll explore the renowned National Museum and delve into Ethiopia's rich ancient and contemporary history. A refreshing Ethiopian fruit smoothie and the quintessential Ethiopian coffee will energize us for the next part of the day. We'll continue to the compound of Addis Ababa University, which once served as a palace for Emperor Haile Selassie I, now transformed into a museum with preserved rooms that will transport you back in time!

The day concludes with an ascent to Entoto Mountain, offering a breathtaking panoramic view of Addis Ababa. In the evening, indulge in a delectable dinner prepared by our very own Rastafari chef. Ital options will always be available.

Accommodation:	<u>Tirago hotel</u> or similar
Meals:	Breakfast, lunch and dinner







Saturday 16 November 2024

Our exploration of Addis Ababa continues as we delve into the vibrant heart of Merkato, acclaimed as Africa's largest and busiest marketplace. This bustling hub offers a kaleidoscope of sights, sounds, and scents. Next, we'll visit Unity Park, a captivating fusion of a zoo and an open-air museum. This unique attraction allows you to experience historical imperial palaces up close, offering a deep dive into Ethiopia's rich cultural tapestry and history. To complete the experience, we've included a lunch featuring delectable, authentic Ethiopian cuisine.

For dinner we go to a pasta party organized by the legendary runner Haile Gebrselassie for all international participants of the Great Ethiopian Run. Then we'll join our monthly Dub event Addis Dubclub, promising an unforgettable night of Roots & Culture!

Accommodation:Tirago hotelor similarMeals:Breakfast and lunch



Sunday 17 November 2024

Early in the morning, at around 7 am, we go to the start of the Great Ethiopian Run, the biggest running event in Africa. Those who want can participate in the 10 km run, either as a serious physical challenge, or just on a calm paste to enjoy the unique atmosphere. Alternatively, you can also join the King Shiloh crew who will set up the Sound System alongside the road to entertain the 45000 runners. Either way, it will be an absolute unique experience.



After the run we will go to our guesthouse for a special brunch organized for all our guests and colleagues. The rest of the day you can relax or explore Addis Ababa further with our local guides. They are standing by to serve you.

In the evening, we will transfer you to the airport for your flight back home. Alternatively, you can extend your stay to explore more of Ethiopia. Continue your Reggae Dub experience with a journey south to visit the tropical city of Arba Minch, the tribal area of Dorze, and the Rastafari communities in Shashamene and Wondo Genet. Here, you can join the first edition of the Dub festival 'Dub in Jah Forest.' Contact us to discuss the possibilities.

Accommodation: <u>Tirago hotel</u> or similar Meals: Brunch



Price and information

Starting from: €1650 per person*

* 2 people sharing, conditional upon availability and price changes. Single room surcharge: €245.

Included:

- A comprehensive meticulously organized travel program of 11 days designed with respect for local communities, ensuring a safe and enriching experience for all.
- Traveling in small groups with experienced local tour leaders and knowledgeable local guides.
- Accommodation for all overnights with breakfast included.
- Most meals included (as per program).
- All activities and excursions as outlined in the program with all entrance fees and local guides included.
- Private transportation throughout the whole journey for your convenience.
- International flight from Mombasa, Kenya to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.



- Entry ticket to all King Shiloh sessions ft Alborosie included in the program
- Participation Great Ethiopian Run (€82)
- All local taxes and surcharges are included in the package, ensuring no hidden costs.

Not included:

- International airfare from your country to and from Kenya / Ethiopia (for a comprehensive quote that includes airfare from your country, please contact us).
- Tourist visa fees (US\$35 for Kenya, plus US\$85 for Ethiopia) + possible service charge (US\$30 per visa).
- Any activities or excursions that are not mentioned in the day to day program.
- Personal travel insurance and possibly travel vaccinations.
- Personal expenditures such as souvenirs, laundry services, beverages, etc.

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