



**BEYOND
THE PATH
ADVENTURE**

Djibouti, Somaliland, - 9 days Somalia (optional) 3 days

historical, sightseeing and cultural tour

An exceptional tour to one of the places least popular with tourists in the world. Despite their negative opinion, a tour to countries located within the hot Horn of Africa are possible and, when appropriate procedures are adhered to – also safe. During the tour, you will be able to see unusual landscapes existing at the place where the African continent breaks, admire the moon-like, rocky and desolate sceneries, dip your feet in a salty lake, and also visit areas where people live in a way that has not changed for years and get to know the amicable inhabitants of this region. The areas that we will see during our expedition may prove different from the images generally presented to us by the media. We will be able to form our own opinions.

You are welcome to take part in this exceptional journey to places off the beaten path. BTP Adventure

Depending on the political situation, the length of the tour and the order of visited places may change. In a situation of a serious threat to travellers' safety, the tour may be cancelled. We will keep you updated as to whether the expedition is possible.

Itinerary:

❖ Day 1 – arrival in Djibouti

Depending on the place and time of departure of the flight, arrival in Djibouti in the morning or evening. If time allows, short visit to the town of Djibouti, the capital of the country. In the evening, an organisational meeting and dinner. L.D.

❖ Day 2 – Dikhil, Lake Abbe



We will set off in the morning. We will leave the town and go to the mountainous and desert regions of Djibouti. We will cross the Dikhil mountain range, and then we will drive to the extraordinary region of the rift between two tectonic plates of Africa. We will spend the night at a camping site on Lake Abbe. B. L. D.

❖ **Day 3 – Lake Abbe, Lake Assal, Tadjourah**

Optional early waking call to see the sunrise at the lake, and then return to the camping site for breakfast. After breakfast and a short rest we will leave the Lake Abbe area. En route to Lake Assal we will stop in a Nomad camp, and then we will visit the vantage points in Adaleh and Goubet canyons. After lunch, we will set off to Lake Assal – one of hotter places in Africa. We will stay for the night near the town of Tadjoura. B. L. D.

❖ **Day 4 – Sables Blancs**

In the morning relaxation and rest, after which we will leave for the Sables Blancs vantage point. In the afternoon, return to the Djibouti town. In the evening, brief sightseeing, purchase of souvenirs and dinner. B. L. D.

❖ **Day 5 – Hargeisa**

Flight to Hargeisa in Somaliland, a country that theoretically does not exist because it has not been internationally recognised. After we check in, we will set off to visit the city. We will see from up close how its inhabitant live. We start from a visit at the market, then we will see the Civil War Memorial – a shot-down MiG-17 fighter jet, we will also take a walk in the centre. Night rest at the hotel. B.L.D.

❖ **Day 6 – Laas Geel, Berbera**



After breakfast, we will set off to Laas Geel. These are cave formations with rock paintings that are more than 5000 years old, one of the most important archaeological sites in this part of Africa, discovered in 2002. Next we will drive to the harbour town of Berbera which we will visit. It will be possible to take a swim or do some snorkelling in the sea. Night rest in Berbera. B. L. D.

❖ **Day 7 – Berbera, Sheikh, Hargeisa**

After breakfast, a walk to see the historical sites of Berbera, dating back to the Ottoman and British times. Next we will drive to the mountainous regions of Somaliland – into the Sheikh mountains. We will see picturesque landscapes with lush green vegetation, contrasting with the desert areas of the remaining parts of Somaliland. In the evening, arrival in Hargeisa. Dinner in one of restaurants near our hotel. B. L. D.

❖ **Day 8 – Hargeisa, Dhagax Kuure, Djibouti**

In the morning, a drive to Dhagax-Kuure where one of the oldest rock paintings in the world, which are more than 7000 years old, are found in an enchanting entourage of stones and dry savannah. Return to Hargeisa, short visits to a few souvenir shops, and then lunch and drive to the airport. Afternoon flight to Djibouti, transfer to the hotel and the last dinner. B. L. D.

❖ **Day 9 – flight**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and outbound flight to Europe from Djibouti (or flight to Mogadishu). B. (D)



Dates of the Djibouti – Somaliland tour:

The price depends on the number of travellers

Group size: 2 to 8 persons + tour leader

Services included in the price:

- Internal return flight to Somaliland
- Road transport by cars, including 4WD vehicles
- Accommodation in single- or double rooms
- Services of a local guide throughout the tour
- Invitation necessary to obtain the visa
- Meals as specified: B – breakfast, L – lunch, D – dinner
- Entrance fees and permit charges
- Tips and payments for porters
- Cost of Somaliland visa
- Armed security guard services – where necessary

The price does not include:

- Return flight to Djibouti
- Cost of visa for multiple entries of Djibouti
- Travel insurance



- Meals other than those listed in the final itinerary.
- Personal expenses and souvenirs

Additional information / final notes:

- Because of the particularities of the country and its political instability, the price and itinerary of the tour may change.
- In view of the nature of this tour, its optimum time is the period from November to February.
- This trip may have the form of a self-guided tour at any selected period. The itinerary can be modified for the purpose of the specific trip. The price will depend on the number of travellers, the length of the trip and the individual itinerary prepared for those interested
- The tour may be combined with trips to Somalia, Ethiopia and Chad.

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Somalia – Mogadishu

❖ Day 1 – Mogadishu

Arrival in Mogadishu. After arrival, visa formalities, transfer to the hotel, a short rest. Meeting with our guide at the hotel. Organisational meeting to discuss the safety matters.



Drive through the city, a stop at the Lido beach that is a remainder that the city used to be an Italian holiday resort, famous for its most beautiful and widest beaches at the Indian Ocean. If possible, a short cruise around the bay. Visiting the remains of colonial buildings in the Old Town. Drive through Mogadishu. Lunch, return to the hotel. L. D.

❖ **Day 2 – Mogadishu**

After breakfast, a visit at the market, in the fish harbour, at the bay and at the lighthouse. We will also see the The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and a place related to the city's history. Moreover, we will go to a souvenir shop. The itinerary may be changed for safety reasons. Night rest at the hotel. B. L. D.

❖ **Day 3 – flight from Mogadishu**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and outbound flight from Mogadishu. B.

Dates of the tour to Somalia, Mogadishu:

The price per person depends on the number of travellers

Group size: 2 to 6 persons + tour leader

Services included in the price:

- Accommodation in single- or double rooms
- Road transport by cars, including 4WD vehicles



- Services of a local guide throughout the tour
- Professional security guards during the stay in Mogadishu
- Invitation necessary to obtain the visa
- Meals as specified: B – breakfast, L – lunch, D – dinner
- Tour leader throughout the tour
- Entrance fees and permit charges
- Tips and payments for porters
- Cost of Somalia visa
- Cruise around the bay (if possible)

The price does not include:

- Return flight to Mogadishu
- Travel insurance
- Meals other than those listed in the final itinerary.
- Personal expenses and souvenirs

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- The tour may be combined with trips to Djibouti and Somaliland.
- An optional trip to Baydhabo or Puntland, for 4 days and 3 nights, may be prepared at a request.

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