

Ethiopia



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ENTRY DOCUMENTS

Travelers arriving in Ethiopia are required to have passports valid for at least six months from the date of return and containing at two blank pages for visas and entry stamps for each country on your itinerary.

Prior to visiting Ethiopia, travelers must fill out an online eVisa application via the eCitizen portal, <https://www.evisa.gov.et/visa/apply>

VACCINATIONS, ANTI-MALARIALS AND MEDICATION

All travelers to Ethiopia should consult a travel clinic at least 6 weeks before departure for advice as to the recommended medications and vaccinations for their safari, based on their itinerary, personal health profile and the latest policies at their destinations.

Malaria is present in Ethiopia. Although malaria medication is not *required* for entry to Ethiopia, your travel clinician may recommend it. Yellow fever is present in some parts of Ethiopia. Although travelers arriving directly from the US and returning directly to the US are not *required* to have yellow fever certification, your travel clinician may recommend it.

Travelers entering Ethiopia from countries where yellow fever is present *must* have either certification of yellow fever vaccination, or a waiver document provided by their physician citing the reason. Travelers who are only in airport transit are not required to have yellow fever vaccinations.

TIPPING

Service staff in Africa depend on tips as part of their livelihood. As a guideline, hotel porters get about \$1 per bag carried each way. City restaurant staff are tipped \$1 per person per meal. Bar waiters at 10% - 15% value of the beverages purchased. Airport transfer drivers at \$2 per person per transfer. Camp and lodge staff at \$10 per person per day in camp to be split between the entire camp crew – there is often a Tips box for this group tip in the main area of the camp or lodge. Driver- guides are with you the most and should receive \$10 - \$15 per person per day. If you have both a driver *and* a guide, the driver should receive \$5 per person per day.

BAGGAGE

Your baggage type and weight may be restricted, depending on the type of vehicle you will be traveling in and how many other passengers are with you. Your Destination Specialist will advise you of special requirements.

MONEY

Travelers can use either Ethiopian Birr or US dollars in Ethiopia. Africa Answers recommends bringing a mix of smaller and larger USD bills and exchanging some money at the airport on arrival for purchases at local markets, and small tips. Bills should be at least 2008 or newer “large face” bills in excellent condition, with no tears or marks. Your bank will be familiar with this requirement if you mention that you are using the bills overseas.

Visa and MasterCard are accepted in major hotels and shops, Amex less so. ATMs are available at Addis Adaba Airport. Money is issued in local currency from ATMs.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

During the journey, the driver-guide will offer instructions concerning safety. This includes advising tour members when it is safe to exit the vehicle.

Always use the safe in your room to store cash, important documents and other valuables. Larger items can be left in the lodge or camp safe at the front desk.

ELECTRICITY

Africa uses 220 volt electric current. Plugs types are C and F. For detailed information, images and links to purchase adaptors, please consult <https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com>

POTABLE WATER

Africa Answers does not suggest drinking tap water, unless it has been boiled. Bottled water is provided by most hotels and lodges at a modest cost. Safari vehicles also carry drinking water for your refillable flask.

