RURAL STUDY TOUR

LALIBELA, ETHIOPIA

26-28 OCTOBER

JOIN INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL ENTERPRISE LEADERS ON THIS UNIQUE STUDY TOUR TO EXPERIENCE THE VIBRANT ETHIOPIAN SOCIAL ENTERPRISE ECOSYSTEM
LALIBELA

Lalibela is located 521 km from Addis Ababa. Participants will fly from Addis Ababa Bole International airport to Lalibela on the morning of Saturday 26th October returning on the morning of Monday 28th October. Direct flights are available with Ethiopian Airlines and flight duration is 1 hour.

Lalibela is a tourist destination that is growing in popularity. The 11 medieval monolithic cave churches of this 13th-century ‘New Jerusalem’ are situated in a mountainous region in the heart of Ethiopia near a traditional village with circular-shaped dwellings. Lalibela is a place of Ethiopian Christianity, still today a place of pilgrimage and devotion. Discover more at UNESCO World Heritage centre. [Link to Google maps]
Day 1 Saturday 26 October

0830  Transfer to Bole International airport
1140  Flight to Lalibela
1300  Transfer to Panoramic View Hotel
1345  Check-in and lunch
1445  Social Enterprise study visit: Beza Association
1600  Return to hotel; discussion and reflection
1630  Free time
1800  Dinner at hotel

Day 2 Sunday 27 October

0830  Social Enterprise study visit: Ben Abeba
1100  Cook school at Ben Abeba: Ethiopian traditional food and coffee ceremony
1230  Lunch at Ben Abeba
1430  Cultural tourist visit to local sights and monastery
1630  Return to hotel: discussion and reflection
1700  Free time
1800  Optional activity: Evening at Azmari Bet

Day 3 Monday 28 October

0900  Transfer to Lalibela airport
1140  Flight to Addis Ababa
1300  Arrive Bole International airport
VISIT INFO

Accommodation

PANORAMIC VIEW HOTEL

Throughout the study visit delegates will stay in the Panoramic View Hotel. The hotel stands high on Lalibela Mountain, commanding breath-taking views of the surrounding Ethiopian highlands and countryside in all directions.

It has beautiful landscapes, sunrises, and sunsets, combined with convenient access to magical Lalibela. The famous churches of Lalibela are only a 10-minute walk, with many restaurants, artisan shops, and bars located nearby. For further information, visit http://www.panoramicviewhotel.com/

Social Enterprise Host

BEZA ASSOCIATION

Beza Association was established in February 2005 by people in the local community living with HIV (PLHIV) to support others living with this. Too often, due to stigma and discrimination, PLHIV are outcast from their families and receive limited financial and social support.

The BEZA association was established to provide community care for people living with HIV/AIDS. Currently, the association has 1010 members; 378 women, 212 men and 420 HIV- affected orphans and vulnerable children. BEZA serve coffee and other drinks to locals and tourists alike, allowing them to enjoy a delicious cup of coffee, while showing that the BEZA members are able to live positively and productively with HIV/AIDS. For further information, visit https://www.facebook.com/bezafoundation

BEN ABEBA

Ben Abeba is a restaurant in Lalibela, offering traditional Ethiopian and western style food in comfortable surroundings with spectacular views. Food is sourced locally from farmers and provides a much-needed income to the local economy. After a long career teaching Home Economics and catering in Scotland, Susan Aitchison has gone into partnership with Lalibelian local Habtamu Baye to create this very special restaurant on a hill-top overlooking Lalibela.

For further information, visit http://www.benabeba.com/lolibela/Profile.html
COST*: £897 PER PERSON

This cost includes:

- Transfer to airport on Saturday 26th October
- Return flight from Addis Ababa on Saturday 26th October to Lalibela, returning Monday 28th October
- Two nights B&B accommodation in Lalibela at the Panoramic View Hotel Lunch and dinner on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th October
- Social enterprise host visit fees
- Local transport and airport transfer in Lalibela Cultural visit fees
- Post-event report
- Management, organisation and interpretation fees

Note: This study visit programme is only available to SEWF 2019 delegates. Places are limited (max. 25 places available)

*This cost is indicative as flight prices may change at time of booking.

This study tour is being run in partnership with Community Enterprise in Scotland (CEIS) and is not currently available for direct booking. To register your interest in attending this event, please email joanne.seagrave@ceis.org.uk