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HORN OF AFRICA

Ethiopia • Somaliland • Somalia • Djibouti

February 2027

HORN OF AFRICA EXPEDITION

Our journey begins in Ethiopia's **Danakil Depression**, among salt flats, mineral fields and volcanic terrain, before continuing to ancient **Harar**.

We then cross overland into **Somaliland** for Laas Geel, Berbera and Hargeisa. Included flights connect us with **Mogadishu** before the final expedition across **Djibouti**, from Lake Abbe and Lake Assal to Tadjourah and Sable Blanc.



Woman with Somali Flag at Mogadishu Airport, CCO



👉 Travellers completing the full tour will have visited **nine NomadMania regions**:

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| 1 • Ethiopia - Addis Ababa | 5 • Somaliland - Coastal West |
| 2 • Ethiopia - Afar | 6 • Somaliland - East |
| 3 • Ethiopia - East Hararge | 7 • Somalia - Coastal & Northern |
| 4 • Ethiopia - Somali | 8 • Djibouti - South |
| | 9 • Djibouti - North |

Module 1 — Danakil Depression and Harar Adventure

February 20-26, 2027

Addis Ababa · Semera · Dallol

Erta Ale · Awash · Dire Dawa · Harar

Module 2 — Somaliland and Mogadishu

February 26-March 4, 2027

Harar · Jijiga · Hargeisa · Laas Geel

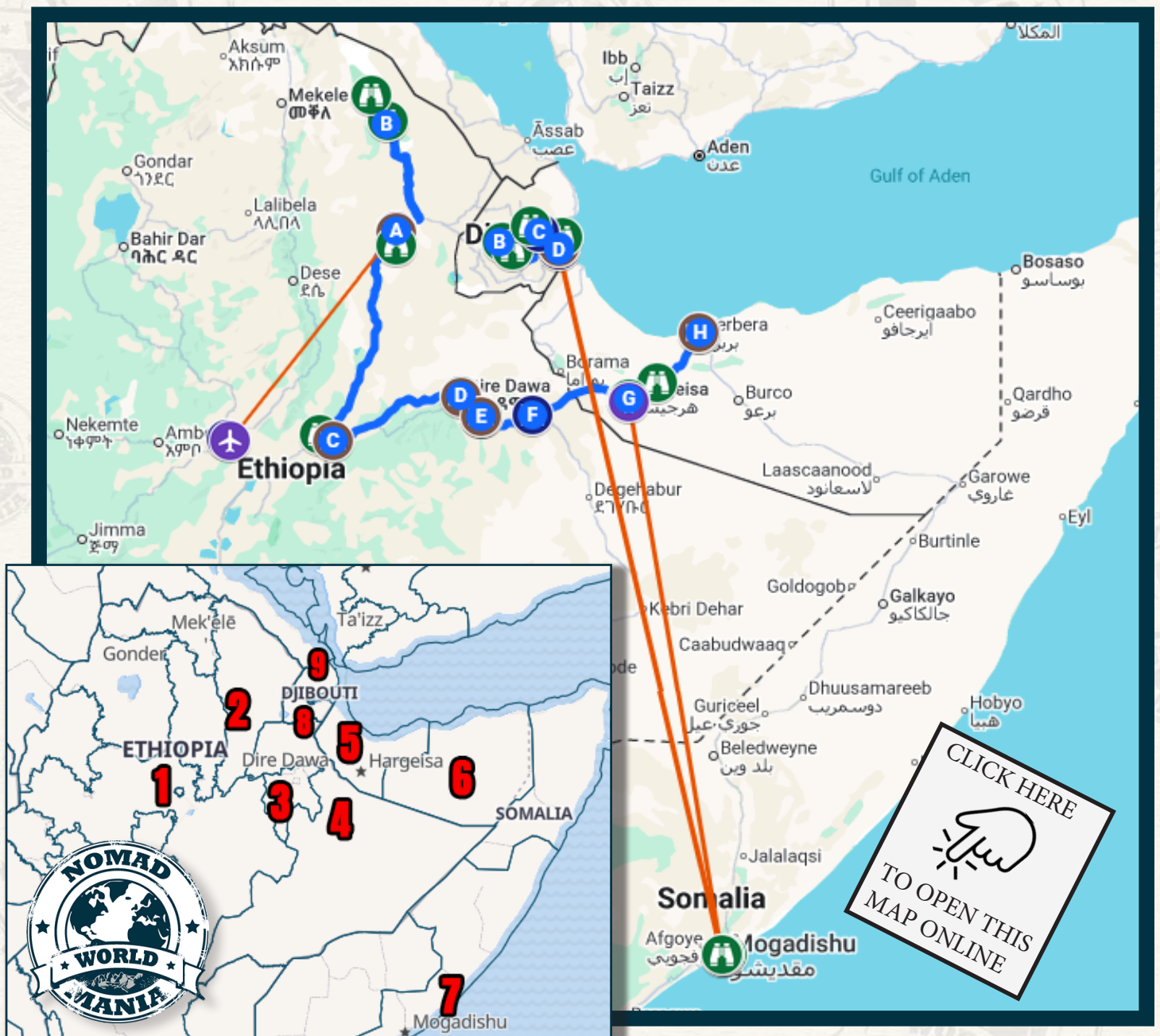
Berbera · Burao · Mogadishu

Module 3 — Djibouti Complete

March 4-8, 2027

Djibouti City · Lake Abbe · Lake Assal

Day Forest · Tadjourah · Sable Blanc



Module 1



Day 1 – February 20

- Included flight to Semera; Alellobad geyser, Lake Afdera and Hamedela.

Day 2 – February 21

- Dallol geothermal landscapes and ascent to Erta Ale.

Day 3 – February 22

- Sunrise at Erta Ale and return across the desert to Semera.

Day 4 – February 23

- Long overland journey from Semera to Awash.

Day 5 – February 24

- Continue to Dire Dawa and explore the historic railway city.

Day 6 – February 25

- Harar Jugol and the Hyena Man experience.

Day 7 – February 26 — **Module 1 ends after breakfast**

- Travellers continuing to Module 2 depart overland for Somaliland.



Ethiopia Lake Karum - by Thomas Fuhrmann, CC4.0



Module 2

Day 7 – February 26

- Harar, Jijiga and the overland crossing to Hargeisa; alternative joining point in Hargeisa.

Day 8 – February 27

- Laas Geel rock art and the historic port of Berbera.

Day 9 – February 28

- Berbera, the Sheikh mountain pass and Burao.

Day 10 – March 1

- Return to Hargeisa and city tour.

Day 11 – March 2

- Included flight to Mogadishu and city introduction.

Day 12 – March 3

- Full-day Mogadishu city and cultural tour.

Day 13 – March 4

- Breakfast and transfer to Mogadishu Airport, where Module 2 ends.



Somaliland, Laas Geel Caves - by Clay Gilliland, CC2.0

Module 3



Day 13 – March 4

- Independent flight to Djibouti and included hotel transfer.

Day 14 – March 5

- Cross southern Djibouti to Lake Abbe for sunset.

Day 15 – March 6

- Grand Bara, Lake Assal, Ghoubet and Day Forest.

Day 16 – March 7

- Abourma Rock Paintings and Tadjourah.

Day 17 – March 8

- Sable Blanc, Ghoubet and transfer to Djibouti Airport.



Djiboutian Women Take Part in a Ceremonial Dance, Tadjourah, CC0

MODULE 1

Day 1 — Semera & Danakil Depression

Saturday, Feb. 20, 2027 • **Lunch and dinner included**



Danakil Depression – by Mike Mirano, 197TravelStamps.com, CC2.0

We take the included early-morning flight from Addis Ababa to Semera and begin our journey through Ethiopia's Afar Region.

After visiting the geothermal area of Alellobad geyser, we continue to saline Lake Afdera, where traditional salt extraction takes place.

We then travel deeper into the Danakil Depression toward Hamedela. Overnight at Hamedela camp in basic camp arrangements.

MODULE 1

Day 2 — Dallol and Erta Ale

Sunday, Feb. 21, 2027 • **Breakfast, lunch and dinner included**

We explore the mineral springs, salt formations and otherworldly colours of Dallol, one of the Danakil Depression's most extraordinary landscapes. Later, we drive toward Erta Ale and begin the approximately one-hour hike to the volcanic rim around sunset.



Erta Ale - by Petr Meissner, CC2.0

Visible lava depends entirely on natural conditions and cannot be guaranteed. Overnight in a basic shared camp near the Erta Ale rim.

MODULE 1

Day 3 — Erta Ale and Semera

Monday, Feb. 22, 2027 • **Breakfast, lunch and dinner included**

We wake early for a final sunrise view of Erta Ale before descending to the base camp.

After breakfast, we cross the desert plains back to Semera, returning to the comfort of a hotel after two nights in the Danakil Depression.

Overnight at Kuriftu Lodge or similar in a private single room.



The Hydrothermal System of Dallol - by Kotopoulou Electra, CC4.0

MODULE 1

Day 4 — Semera to Awash

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2027 • **Breakfast included**

Street Scene in Old Town, Dire Dawa - by Adam Jones, CC2.0

We travel from Semera to Awash on a long journey expected to take around seven hours.

If road conditions and arrival time permit, we include a short activity around Awash, potentially visiting the river, waterfalls or nearby hot springs.

Overnight at Grace Land Hotel or similar in a private single room.

MODULE 1

Day 5 — Awash and Dire Dawa

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2027 • **Breakfast included**

We continue east to Dire Dawa, a city shaped by the historic railway that once linked Addis Ababa with Djibouti.

Depending on our arrival time, we explore the old railway station, St Augustine Catholic Church and some of the city's colourful market areas.



Dire Dawa, Ethiopia - by Ninara31, CC2.0

Overnight at Samrat Hotel or similar in a private single room.

MODULE 1

Day 6 — Harar Jugol and the Hyena Man

Thursday, Feb. 25, 2027 • **Breakfast included**

Feeding the Hyenas in Harar, Ethiopia - by Ninara31, CC2.0

Today is dedicated to UNESCO-listed Harar Jugol, known for its narrow alleys, traditional Harari houses, markets and Islamic heritage. Our walking tour includes the historic centre and Arthur

Rimbaud House. After dark, we experience Harar's famous Hyena Man feeding tradition.

Overnight at Heritage Hotel or similar in a private single room.

MODULE 2

Day 7 — Harar, Jijiga and Hargeisa

Friday, Feb. 26, 2027 • **Breakfast included from Harar**



Ethiopie-Région de l'Erta Ale - by Ji-Elle, CC3.0

Participants starting in Harar meet the group in the morning.

We travel through Jijiga to Tog Wajaale, complete the border formalities and meet our Somaliland team for the drive to Hargeisa.

Guests using the alternative option meet us at the Hargeisa hotel that evening.

Overnight at Damal Hotel or similar in a single room.

MODULE 2

Day 8 — Laas Geel and Berbera

Saturday, Feb. 27, 2027 • **Breakfast included**

We visit Laas Geel, where exceptionally preserved prehistoric paintings depict decorated cattle, people and wild animals. We continue to Berbera on the Gulf of Aden for its historic quarter, Ottoman and British-influenced buildings and sunset beside the sea.

Overnight at Berbera Damal Hotel or similar in a single room.



Laas Geel Rock Paintings - by Theodor Hoffsten, CC3.0

MODULE 2

Day 9 — Berbera, Sheikh and Burao

Sunday, Feb. 28, 2027 • **Breakfast included**

After a final look around Berbera, we climb through the dramatic Sheikh mountain pass, stopping for views over the coastal plains.

We explore the historic mountain town of Sheikh before continuing to Burao, one of Somaliland's principal commercial and livestock-trading centres.



Sheikh Mountains, Togdheer, Sheikh, Somaliland, CC0

Overnight at Deero Hotel or similar in a private single room.

MODULE 2

Day 10 — Burao and Hargeisa

Monday, Mar. 1, 2027 • **Breakfast included**

Hargeisa Plane Monument - by Najeeb, CC2.0

We return west through Somaliland's open pastoral landscapes to Hargeisa.

After arrival, we explore the capital's city centre, markets, monuments and public spaces, depending on timing and local access.

Overnight at Damal Hotel or similar in a private single room.

MODULE 2

Day 11 — Hargeisa to Mogadishu

Tuesday, Mar. 2, 2027 • **Breakfast included**

Residents of Mogadishu Spend their Weekends at Lido beach, CC0

We take the included flight from Hargeisa to Mogadishu.

After meeting our local team and security personnel, we transfer to the hotel.

Depending on arrival time and local conditions, we begin with a city introduction or Liido Beach.

Overnight at Holiday Hotel or similar in a single room.

MODULE 2

Day 12 — Mogadishu City Tour

Wednesday, Mar. 3, 2027 • **Breakfast included**

We explore Mogadishu with local guides and security.

Subject to access, visits may include Hamar Weyne, the Old Town, cathedral ruins, Arba-Rucun Mosque, the fish market and Indian Ocean coastline.

The program may change according to security conditions and permissions.

Overnight at Holiday Hotel or similar in a single room.



Man Carries a Huge Hammerhead
Through the Streets of Mogadishu - by Marco Gualazzini, CC4.0

MODULE 2

Day 13 — Departure from Mogadishu

Thursday, Mar. 4, 2027 • **Breakfast included**

After breakfast, we transfer to Mogadishu Airport.

Module 2 ends at the airport, and travellers not continuing to Djibouti are free to make their onward arrangements.



Soldiers serving with the African Union Mission in Somalia, CC0

Those joining Module 3 check in independently for the Mogadishu-Djibouti flight, which is not included in the tour price.

MODULE 3

Day 13 — Mogadishu to Djibouti

Thursday, Mar. 4, 2027



Liido Beach Muqdisho - by Visit Mogadishu, CC3.0

Travellers fly **independently** from Mogadishu to Djibouti. Upon arrival, our local team provides an included airport transfer to the group hotel.

The remainder of the day is free to rest before the Djibouti expedition begins the following morning. Overnight at Red Sea Hotel or similar in a private single room.

MODULE 3

Day 14 — Djibouti City and Lake Abbe

Friday, Mar. 5, 2027 · **Breakfast, lunch and dinner included**

Place Menelik in Djibouti city - by Francisco Anzola, CC2.0

We leave Djibouti City early and cross the southern desert toward Lake Abbe.

The lake is famous for limestone chimneys, hot springs and stark mineral scenery.

We explore in the late afternoon and remain for sunset.

Overnight at the shared Lake Abbe tourist campsite.

MODULE 3

Day 15 — Grand Bara, Lake Assal, Ghoubet

Saturday, Mar. 6, 2027 · **Breakfast, lunch and dinner included**

After sunrise at Lake Abbe, we cross the Grand Bara Desert and visit Lake Assal, around 155 metres below sea level.

We continue through the volcanic landscapes of Ghoubet and climb into the cooler Goda Mountains.

Overnight at a basic shared campsite in Day Forest.



Goat Herds and Donkeys Roam

Near Limestone Chimneys in Lake Abbe, Djibouti, CC0

MODULE 3

Day 16 — Abourma and Tadjourah**Sunday, Mar. 7, 2027 • Breakfast and lunch included**

We visit the prehistoric Abourma rock paintings with a local guide before continuing to Tadjourah. Known as Djibouti's White City, Tadjourah has a long trading history and a beautiful setting on the Gulf of Tadjoura.

*Villagers from Kontali, Djibouti, CC0*

Overnight at Gadileh Resort Hotel or similar in a private single room.

MODULE 3

Day 17 — Sable Blanc & Departure**Monday, Mar. 8, 2027 • Breakfast and lunch included***Afar Woman Prepares to Dance in Dikhil, Djibouti, CC0*

Our final day begins at Sable Blanc, with time to relax beside the Gulf of Tadjoura and, conditions permitting, swim or snorkel.

After lunch, we return toward Djibouti City.

The expedition concludes with an included transfer to Djibouti Airport.

Participants should book a sufficiently late flight or arrange an additional night independently. No overnight is included.

Inclusions

Flights and transfers

- Addis Ababa-Semera flight in Module 1
- Hargeisa-Mogadishu flight in Module 2
- All listed ground transport and airport transfers
- Mogadishu departure and Djibouti arrival transfers on March 4
- Border assistance during the Ethiopia-Somaliland crossing

Accommodation and meals

- All 16 listed nights of accommodation
- Private single rooms at every included hotel
- Four nights of basic or shared camping accommodation
- 28 meals according to the complete itinerary
- Djibouti City hotel and transfer on March 4

Touring and operations

- English-speaking tour leadership and local guides
- Required security escorts and local assistance
- All listed sightseeing and activities
- Entrance fees, permits, permission letters and government taxes
- Afar, Somaliland, Mogadishu and Djibouti operating teams



Men pray at a mosque in Mogadishu, Somalia, CCO

Exclusions

Flights

- International flights to Addis Ababa and from Djibouti
- Mogadishu-Djibouti flight on March 4
- Addis Ababa accommodation before February 20
- Transfer to the airport on Feb. 20 for the early Semera flight

Visas and insurance

- Ethiopia, Somaliland, Somalia and Djibouti visas
- Travel and medical insurance

Personal expenses

- Meals not specifically listed
- Alcohol, tips and personal purchases
- Optional activities and anything not listed as included



Freshly Caught Tuna Fish are Lined up for Sale Inside Mogadishu's Fish Market, CCO

PRICES



Family Stands in the Ocean on Lido Beach, Mogadishu - by AMISOM, CC0

Program	Dates	Price
Module 1 Danakil Depression & Harar	February 20–26	€1,795
Module 2 Somaliland & Mogadishu	February 26 – March 4	€1,995
Module 3 Djibouti Complete	March 4–8	€1,445
Full 17-day package*	February 20 – March 8	€4,845

*The full-package price includes a **€390 discount** compared with purchasing all three sections separately.

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🌍 Ethiopia, Somaliland, Somalia & Djibouti

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Erta Ale, Danakil Desert - by Thomas Maluck, CC2.0



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