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Explore Ethiopia by helicopter

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After landing in the Simien Mountains, guests will take off on a game-drive through Ethiopia's highest mountain range.

Extraordinary Journeys Africa, safari specialists to Africa, has introduced a seven-night helicopter tour through Ethiopia in partnership with Tropic Air, Kenya's leading helicopter charter company.

The Ethiopian helicopter adventure begins in the capital city of Addis Abba, where guests will meet their pilot and set off on their journey. The journey will follow the landscapes of the Blue Nile Gorge to the Unesco World Heritage site of Lalibela, one of the most important holy cities in Ethiopia.

At Lalibela, guests will explore the city's 12th century rock-hewn churches followed by a flight along one of the world's deepest canyons created by the Tekeze River. The helicopter will land in the Simien Mountains for a game drive through Ethiopia's highest mountain range, discovering local wildlife such as the gelada baboon.

The final days will be spent exploring the heart of Northern Ethiopia where guests will soak in the natural beauty of the Danakil Depression. Here guests will discover acid lakes, salt pans and active volcanoes. Travelers will also take a day to explore the ancient churches of the Tigray Region with a specialist guide. Only by helicopter is it possible to see the region's eight most famous churches in a single day. After following the western wall of the Great Rift Valley the journey will end back in Addis Abba.

Prices for this itinerary start from \$136,550 for two travelers on an all-inclusive basis and \$142,000 for four travelers. Travelers who book by Dec. 15 will receive \$5,000 off the cost of the trip.

For a complete itinerary, please visit www.extraordinaryjourneys.net/blog/ethiopia-by-helicopter/.

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