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Destination: Djibouti, Djibouti

Activities: Djibouti Primary Forest and Park Reserve Day Tour with Sable Blancs Beach Visit

Expected travel dates: DEC 2024 | **Suggested Departure Times:** TBC



Tour Summary:

The Republic of Djibouti, although located in the dry horn of Africa, is home to several National Parks and protected areas. The country is a paradise for nature lovers, where over 800 species of plants, including olive trees and boxwood, 40 kinds of reptiles, and 360 types of birds, some critically endangered, thrive in their natural habitat. You will be picked up from your city hotel or airport at the start of the tour. Head to Primary Forest, a dense natural forest situated almost 2000 meters above sea level, where you'll find age-old Juniper trees and Strangler figs. Around the area rests the retreat and summer house of the former governor, which features a breathtaking viewing point of the Gulf of Tadjoura. After your upland adventure, head down to Sable Blancs Beach, the most beautiful beach in the nation, replete with corals and tropical fish. Here you can cool down and laze on the beach, enjoy a refreshing dip in its waters, and see the underwater world while snorkeling.

Rate Per Person \$ 119

Inclusions:

- Professional tour guide
- Armed, trained security guards authorized by the government
- Pick up and drop off after the tour
- Air Conditioned SUVs
- Fuel
- Entrance fees
- Assistance with visa documents for most nationalities

Exclusions:

- Food and beverages (ethnic and cultural cuisine meals can be arranged for an extra cost)
- Travel insurance (required to attend the trip) that includes medical, evacuation, delay, cancellation, baggage

- Visas
- Personal expenses
- Tips and gratuities

Destination: Djibouti, Djibouti

Activities: Lake Abbe and the Chimneys Day Tour

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Tour Summary:

Lac Abbe is situated on the border of Djibouti and Ethiopia, a lake that stretches six miles in width and is covered in clusters of massive, steam-blasting limestone chimneys. Unlike the usual lake, Abbe's dry land absorbs the water, and the area is a vast landscape of salt flats. Travel from Djibouti to Lake Abbe, and upon arrival, be welcomed by the chimneys stretching as high as 150 feet into the air. Despite the hot and hellish climate in the Afar Depression, you can expect to see nomadic shepherds, flocks of flamingos, antelopes, and gazelles around the area. Your knowledgeable local guide will also tell you more about the area's fascinating geology as you go on a walking tour. Your Lac Abbe or Lake Abbe tour concludes with a transfer back to the port.

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Destination: Djibouti, Djibouti

Activities: Djibouti Cultural Tour

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Tour Summary:

Visiting Djibouti to see Lake Abbe or Lake Assal? Why not spend half or a day exploring the city's capital? During this tour, you will learn more about the country's people, culture and history; which was a French colony until 1977. Djibouti, the port city and capital of the Republic of Djibouti, lies in northeast Africa on the Gulf of Aden at the southern entrance to the Red Sea. Built on three-level areas linked in jetties, the city combines old and modern architecture. On this tour, you will explore the city's capital and learn more about its colorful history and rich culture. Start by visiting the European and the Arab quarters, which are adjacent to each other. In the city's European Quarter, you can expect a mix of French colonialism and Moorish architecture. You will also find various stores selling all sorts of local items. Continue to Place

Mahmoud Harbi or Place Rimbaud, where the city's most iconic building and Djibouti's most important landmark is: the mosque. Then, proceed to the African Quarter, an enormous sprawl of tin-roofed huts lined up on barren streets. You can also swing by the African Market, the old and new train stations, and the ports of Djibouti, and even meet and mingle with the locals as you visit the suburb and villages.

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Destination: Djibouti, Djibouti

Activities: Lake Assal and Salt Flats Tour

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Tour Summary:

Located in Tadjourah and rimmed by white crusts of salt on every edge, Lac Assal, or Lake Assal, is the third saltiest body of water in the world - even more saline than the Dead Sea. Also known as the honey lake, Lac Assal is a crater lake that sits atop the Great Rift Valley. Several dormant volcanoes and lava fields surround the lake, and the locals have used the location to harvest salt. Upon arrival, be captivated by the breathtaking views of the turquoise blue lake contrasted against the brilliantly white salt fields. From the smallest to the biggest, rock in and around the lake is coated in a thick layer of salt. Before the tour ends, make sure to check out the souvenirs sold by the locals, which include salt crystals, salt-encrusted rocks, and other trinkets you won't find anywhere else but in Lac Assal.

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Destination: Djibouti, Djibouti

Activities: Maskali and Moucha Islands Snorkeling Day trip adventure

Expected travel dates: DEC 2024 | **Suggested Departure Times:** TBC



Tour Summary:

Situated a few miles from the shore of Djibouti City, the magical stretch of Maskali and Moucha Islands is one of locals' and visitors' favourite day trip destinations. This almost two-mile-long spot is frequented by travellers interested in exploring one of the wealthiest areas in the world for coral and fish species. Hop on a boat from the city port and travel for about 30 mins to Mask. With your snorkelling gear, jump into the water and have a chance to see all the fish species you can imagine: surgeonfish, angelfish, parrotfish, napoleon, barracuda, and if you're lucky, you may even spot some sea turtles. Then, head to Moucha Island, where Sheraton Beach is a perfect spot to chill and enjoy a picnic. While in Moucha, you may also explore its mangrove forest, which serves as a shelter for fish and other organisms looking for food and protection from predators. Head back to the city at the end of the day where you will be dropped back to the port.

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Destination: Djibouti, Djibouti

Activities: Day trip Whaleshark Excursion - Snorkelling & Diving

Expected travel dates: DEC 2024 | **Suggested Departure Times:** TBC



Tour Summary:

Meet the gentle giants of the Djibouti ocean on this tour to Ras Korali, also known as 'the whale shark spot.' This migratory spot, a part of Plage d'Arta, serves as a temporary home to whale sharks between October and late January. On this day tour from the city capital, you can swim and snorkel with these captivating sea creatures. Hop on a boat and depart from the fishing port of Djibouti to Ras Korali. After a quick briefing about the do's and don'ts with the whale sharks, you'll have the chance to see them up close and personal as you swim alongside them. These vast animals feed almost exclusively on plankton and small fishes and pose no threat to humans. Aside from the whale sharks, Plage d'Arta is also an excellent spot for diving and snorkelling because the area has magnificent corals and many colourful fish. You will then head back to the port after the tour.

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