



ALONG THE

HISTORICAL  
*Routes*

OF THE

NORTH

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BAHIR DAR, COPTIC BELIEVERS PRAY AT DAWN IN THE CHURCH OF ST GEORGE

THERE'S NO TIME FOR DREAMING IN ETHIOPIA. YOU JUST CARRY ON, IN THE NAME OF GOD. IN BAHIR DAR, THE MARCH BEGINS AT DAWN, WHEN THE LIGHT BLESSES THE STREET THAT LEADS FROM THE VILLAGES TO THE CITY AND ST GEORGE IS ALREADY SURROUNDED BY FIGURES WRAPPED WITH PURE WHITE VEILS. IN THE NORTH OF THE COUNTRY, BETWEEN UPLANDS AND HISTORICAL CITIES LIKE GONDAR AND LALIBELA, ONE CAN DISCOVER THE RELIGIOSITY OF AN ENTIRE PEOPLE. IN A COUNTRY, WHERE OFTEN THE ASPHALT IS MISSING, CHURCHES ARE EVERYWHERE AND THE FACES OF JESUS APPEAR ON CARS AND IN MUD HOUSES WITH NEITHER BEDS NOR RUNNING WATER. THE ETHIOPIAN PARADISE OF CHURCHES IS LALIBELA, A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE 2,700 METRES HIGH, WITH BUILDINGS CARVED INTO THE GROUND. ACCORDING TO A LEGEND, THESE BUILDINGS WERE REALIZED BY ANGELS. «THERE IS ONLY ONE PERSON WHO CAN REALIZE MY DREAMS – EXPLAINS TESFU POINTING AT A HOLY PICTURE – AND THAT IS THE ONLY ONE I TELL THEM».





LALIBELA, BELIEVERS PRAY IN BET GIYORGIS (THE CHURCH OF ST GEORGE)

LALIBELA, VIEW OF A STREET THAT LEADS TO THE CITY, AT DAWN







GONDAR, WAITERS OF THE RESTAURANT THE FOUR SISTERS DANCING, OUTSIDE THE RESTAURANT, A TRADITIONAL ETHIOPIAN DANCE



TISSISAT WATERFALLS, RELIGIOUS PICTURES  
ALONG THE STREET TO THE WATERFALLS



BAHIR DAR, COPTIC BELIEVERS PRAY AT DAWN IN THE ST GEORGE CHURCH



TISSISAT WATERFALLS, SHEPHERDS WALKING NEAR THE WATERFALLS



BAHIR DAR, A COUPLE GETTING MARRIED, IN A CART, AT SUNSET

LALIBELA, A BOY DRAWING HOLY FIGURES OUTSIDE  
BET GIYORGIS (CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE)



TISSISAT WATERFALLS, A CHILD PLAYING THE FLUTE  
ALONG THE STREET FOR THE WATERFALLS





WATERFALLS DI TISSISAT, A WOMAN  
WALKING ALONG THE STREET FOR THE WATERFALL

LALIBELA, BELIEVERS PRAYING AT DAWN  
OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OF BET MEDHANE ALEM





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