



Bahir Dar



Bahir Dar is a town set on the southern tip of Lake Tana, where local fishermen still use Tankwa's (small papyrus boats) for trade and transport. The city is one of the tourist paradises in north western Ethiopia. In Bahir Dar, you will enjoy strolling through palm-lines avenues, relaxing at lake side, visiting ancient monasteries that have been built on the islands of Lake Tana, visiting to awe-inspiring Blue Nile Falls, riding bicycle and much more.

Lake Tana

Covering around 3,673 square kilometers, Lake Tana is the largest lake in Ethiopia and the principal

reservoir of the Nile. The lake has 37 islands and 20 of these shelters monasteries and churches. The lake is home to variety of bird and fish species.

Islands and Monasteries in and at the shore of Lake Tana

A boat trip to the islands of Lake Tana is one of the most interesting tourist attractions in Bahir Dar. Churches and monasteries were founded during the 14th century on the islands. Most monks of these monasteries spend their days in meditation and cultivating their gardens so they live a completely self-containing life. Some of the most interesting island churches and monasteries include Kibran Gabriel, Ura Kidane Mihret, Azwa Mariam, Mehal Zege Georgis, Dega Estefanons, Narga Selassie; Tana Cherkos and so on . . . You will see priceless collections of icons, historical crowns, crosses and fine royal collections.



Blue Nile Falls

It is found at 30km south of Bahir Dar. The noise, the force and the smoke created by the fall is really worth discovering. On the bottom the fall there is a historic bridge across the Blue Nile River built in the 17C named, Alata Bridge.

