



Ride the Rift: Ankober Charity Challenge 28-30 January 2022

Exactly one year after our inaugural charity bike ride which launched Ride The Rift we are staging the second edition of our charity bike ride in Ankober. All profits from this event will be given to support local guides and cooks who have had no income due to the impact of COVID-19. As for last year we have a choice of camping and lodge accommodation and a full weekend of activities culminating with the charity ride and a celebratory lunch at Ankober Palace Lodge. We will be using a different campsite to last year and our ride starts from here. With a smaller elevation gain the route is easier than last year and perfect for mountain biking. We encourage early booking as places are limited and we expect a lot of interest for this trip!

Ride the Rift is a collaboration of tour operators who have unique outdoor adventure experience as tour operators in Ethiopia. Over the last 12 months we have staged three spectacular tours for local residents and are now expanding our tours with tours tailor-made for international tourists.

Choose from our options to combine highlights that best fit your dates and preferences.

Any questions? Then contact us at ridetherift2020@gmail.com

Detailed information on day to day itineraries, pricing, booking terms see below.

For booking fill out our [registration form](#).

DETAILED ITINERARY

| DATE | DAY | ITINERARY | LOCATION | HOTEL |
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| 28/01/2022 | Fri | <p>Our charity bike ride around Ankober was born in 2020 when the pandemic hit and freelance tourism professionals remained without income for months. As a group of four Ethiopian tour operators we came up with the idea to run this event to raise funds for those most in need. The situation has not changed in 2021 and 2022 and we wanted to run this bike ride again. This is now one of the best cycling and hiking tours you can do in Ethiopia. Stay at our riders' camp at Lik Marefia on the edge of the forest, one of the Wof Washa community guest-houses or do it in a bit more luxury at Ankober Palace Lodge -a rebuild of the former Emperor's palace. At the camp mingle with the locals, your fellow riders and their friends and family. We provide you with all you need for your weekend including tents and camp equipment, toilets, bucket showers, all meals, and participant and bike transfers from Addis Ababa to and from the event. The total number of riders will be 30 to a max. 50 participants (some camping, some in the lodge), but during activities you will be split into smaller groups with your individual guides. Today is the arrival day with some beautiful hiking options and flatter mountain biking opportunities. Bike rental is available at an additional cost for the weekend.</p> <p>Meals: -/-/D</p> | Ankober | Camp Lik Marefia or Ankober Palace Lodge |
| 29/01/2022 | Sat | <p>On Saturday morning you can choose from a wide range of activities for the day. Our experienced guides offer you different level cycling and hiking opportunities. All of our cycling, hiking & running routes allow you to marvel at the beauty of landscapes as you pass through local villages and explore quiet scenic trails.</p> <p>Meals: B/L/D</p> | Ankober | Camp Lik Marefia or Ankober Palace Lodge |
| 30/01/2022 | Sun | <p>Today is the day of the actual charity ride which will start near Lik Marefia just below the Wof Washa forest and ends in a finish at Ankober lodge where a crowd of locals and some family members will cheer you over the finish line.</p> <p>After our great finishing party with some buffet lunch provided by the lodge we will put you on our transport back to Addis Ababa.</p> <p>Meals: B/L/-</p> | Addis Ababa | - |

PRICING & CONDITIONS

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| PRICES & OPTIONALS | <p>Participants: min. 25 to max. 45 pax</p> <p>3-days / 2-night tour: 270 USD per person (payable in USD, EUR, GBP or ETB)</p> <p>Supplement for single tent 25 USD (only for camping)</p> <p>Upgrade to overnight in simple community guesthouse instead of 2 nights camping 45 USD;</p> <p>Upgrade to overnight in Ankober Lodge instead of 2 nights camping 140 USD;</p> <p>Older children 12-17 years: 160 USD per child</p> <p>Young children 3-11 years: 100 USD per child</p> <p>Infants until 3 years: FREE</p> <p>Family discount: starting from 3 family members 15 USD discount per child</p> <p>Discount for self-driving: 30 USD per adult</p> <p>Good quality mountain bikes can be rented for the whole tour for 45 USD</p> <p>Special discount of 15% will be given to the Ethiopian diaspora returning temporarily or permanently to Ethiopia.</p> |
| INCLUSIONS | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2 camping nights in tents for 2 persons incl. rental tent & mattress;- mules/porters to carry the luggage to the campsite;- all transfers and travels with private vehicles;- transport for bikes (from/to Addis & during the rides);- all meals as per itinerary (incl. water, coffee/tea, alcoholic drinks excluded);- refreshments & sandwiches for the rides & other activities;- guides for rides and hiking;- Finisher T-Shirt for the bike ride;- first aid support;- technician support. |

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| EXCLUSIONS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - international flights; - COVID tests or other requirements linked to COVID travel measures; - travel insurance; - visa in Ethiopia; - sleeping bag; - fee for horse-riding or other not mentioned activities; - alcoholic drinks; - tipping; - all extras and personal expenditures. |
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BOOKING TERMS

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| BOOKING TERMS | <p>If not agreed differently, the following payment and cancellation terms apply for bookings with Ride the Rift:</p> <p>At registration: 10% registration fee of total trip costs (non refundable)</p> <p>By Friday 21 January 2022: remaining payment</p> <p>We will send you all the necessary information for the payment and advise you to settle the payment as soon as possible to secure your place in the tours.</p> |
| CANCELATION POLICY | <p>Your booking will only be confirmed with payment of the registration fee. A cancellation must be reported to the organizers in written form and the following conditions apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - at registration: registration fee (non-refundable), further payments made will be refunded - there will be no refund in the case of cancellation after Friday 21 January 2022 - if for some unforeseen reason this tour does not happen, full refund will be given |