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# OUR FAMOUS DOORS OF HOSPITALITY IN ADDIS ABABA

## *Ras Hotels of Ethiopia*



Visit our conveniently located hotels in various parts of the country during the Ethiopian Millennium



**Addis Ababa Ras Hotel (above)**



A legendary part of the charm and fabric of Ethiopia, the Ras Hotel in the heart of Addis Ababa has played a key role on the world stage during the turbulent twentieth century. For example! Did you know that Nelson Mandela slept here? That's right - as a fugitive from apartheid, South Africa's former leader spent time in Addis Ababa, where he received advice and assistance from Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia. That much needed help contributed to his later success. Wartime hero Marshall Tito of Yugoslavia was also a guest

at the Ras Hotel. Keeping with the tradition of famous names, the Ras Hotel is located on Churchill Road, just ten minutes from Bole International Airport and within walking distance of the railway station, with connections to Dire Dawa and Djibouti.

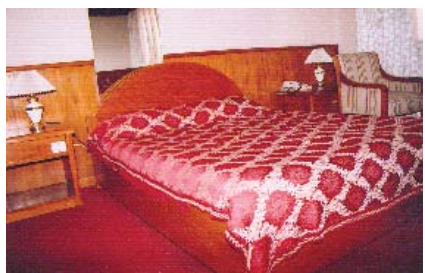
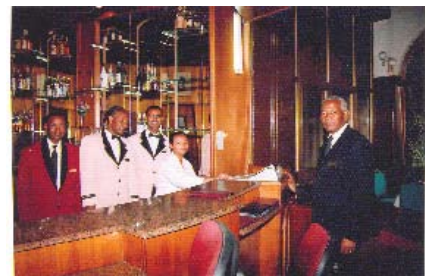
You will love the setting - from its streetside bistro, visitors can take in the activities of a thriving city, with shops and services nearby. On the opposite page is a complete list of activities and attractions that are conveniently close to the "Ras."

Famous for its traditional Ethiopian cuisine, plus other popular menu items, the hotel facilities include over 90 guest rooms, with hot bath and shower, television and DSTV, telephone, fax and e-mail services. There's a choice of restaurants, shops, a cozy bar, conference and meeting areas, For your further convenience there's ample parking.

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# ABABA WERE PART OF THE NELSON MANDELA STORY

Addis Ababa Ras



Assela Ras



Diredawa Ras No. 1



Adama Ras



Kereyou Lodge Ras



Diredawa Ras No. 2



Harrar Ras



Ras Hotel Traditional Restaurant (above)

## Addis Ababa attractions convenient to the historic Ras Hotel

Like fine wines and classical music, some things keep getting better with age. The Ras Hotel in Addis Ababa is one of them. Talk about convenience, it is walking distance from both the National and Ambassador Theatres.

Other places of interest around Addis

- Entoto Museum
- Ethnographic Museum
- The National Museum
- The Zoological Natural History Museum
- Beta Museum
- Addis Ababa Museum
- Ethiopian Postal Museum
- St. George Cathedral Museum
- Merkato- the biggest open air market in Africa
- Art Galleries, Exhibitions, Festivals, Night Clubs

## Travel, trade and tourism

Ethiopia has much to offer international tourists. It has a unique historical and cultural heritage, magnificent scenery, a surprisingly cool climate, rich floral and fauna, important archaeological sites and hospitable people. Some of the main attractions worth visiting are the following: Axum

**The ancient City of Axum:** It is for its ancient obelisks as is known said to be the last repository of the biblical Ark of the Covenant.

Lalibela

**The Medieval city of Lalibela:** Is a holy City to Ethiopian Christians, with Churches carved out of monolithic rock.

**The Medieval city of Gondar:** Ethiopians 17th Century Capital City with imposing castles.

**The Island Monasteries of Lake Tana:** with centuries-old mural paintings.

**The Walled City of Harar:** An old historical City located in the East.

**Anthropological Findings:** The 3.2 million-year old skeleton of "Lucy" of Australopithecus at Hadar. The 4.4 million-year old remains of Australopithecus Ram-ides.

Sofomar

**Physical features:** High plateau, long mountain ranges, lofty peaks, deep gorges, the largest cave in Africa (Sofomar) one of the lowers depressions on earth (Dalol), the great Rift Valley, Savannah land, tropical forests, lakes including lake Tana, the source of the Blue Nile). Spectacular waterfalls and volcanic hot springs.

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10 national parks, 13 wildlife reserves an sanctuaries an 18 controlled hunting areas have been established to protect these resources.

## Eight Natural Sites recognized by UNESCO:

- Axum obelisks
- The Monolic Churches of Lalibela
- Gondar's Castles
- The Island monasteries of Lake Tana
- Hadar, (where Lucy was discovered)
- Tia's carved standing stones,
- The walls of Harar
- The Simien National Park