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.

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

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

Harar
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 Ramidus.

Sofomar
Physical Features: High plateau, long mountain ranges, lofty peaks, deep gorges, the largest cave in Africa (Sofomar) one of the lower 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)
- Tir’a’ carved standing stones,
- The walls of Harar
- The Simien National Park