

CLASSIC PORTFOLIO

Wild Expeditions Lale's Camp & Expeditions

OMO VALLEY, BALE MOUNTAINS & DANAKIL DEPRESSION, ETHIOPIA



General Information

CLASSIFICATION	EXPEDITION: 1 exclusive-use camp and 2 expeditions. Lale's Camp is closed in April. Privately owned.
LAND RELATIONSHIP	The partnership with Lale Birwa and the Kara people allows for the protection of around 400 hectares of land along 9.5km of Omo Riverbank, preventing overgrazing and deforestation.
OVERVIEW	Lale's Camp, founded over two decades ago by legendary guide Lale Birwa, offers an idyllic and ultra-remote experience along the banks of the Omo River. Guests, the only foreigners in the area, explore isolated villages of the Kara, Hamar, and Mursi people for a truly unique experience in Ethiopia.
IMPACT OF YOUR STAY	LOW MEDIUM HIGH VERY HIGH Lale's Camp, one of Wild Expeditions' initiatives, preserves habitat for five primate species along the Omo River. Additionally, through ethical cultural tourism partnerships with local Kara, Hamar, and Mursi communities, Lale's Camp celebrates and promotes traditional cultures on the terms of the culture owners themselves. Each guest pays a daily Community & Park fee.
ACCESS	Addis Ababa (ADD) International Airport – Daily flights with Ethiopian Airlines from Addis Ababa to Jinka Airport (2 hrs), followed by 4-5 hour road transfer and 40 minute boat ride. OR private charter from Addis Ababa to Murule Airstrip, plus 30 minutes road transfer and 40 minute boat ride.
CAMP	Lale's Camp – 7 tents. Exclusive use rate.
CHILDREN	Lale's Camp – 10+ years
HEALTH	Malaria area. Seek advice from a health professional.

Need to know

OPERATING SEASON	Closed April	GYM / KEEP FIT	Through daily activities.
ELECTRICITY	Solar power with generator back-up.	SPA / MASSAGE	No
WIFI & MOBILE SIGNAL	No	FOOD & WINE	Fully inclusive: all meals, & drinks. No Halaal / No Kosher.
CHECK-IN CHECK-OUT	Flexible, depends on flight schedule.	GUIDE ROOM	No
CREDIT CARDS	No	OTHER FACILITIES	No
SECURITY	The property is patrolled.	ACTIVITIES	Boat cruises, cultural interactions with the Kara, Hamar and Mursi tribes, guided walks, fly-camping.

Weather

Lale's Camp is located in an arid environment with consistently warm daily temps throughout the year. Rains come twice in a year, first from March – May and then again in September. Summer months are dry and hot with max temperatures reaching close to 40 °C / 104 °F.

JANUARY – MARCH
23 - 36°C | 73 - 97°F
The hottest and driest time of the year. The days are clear but it is important to come prepared to beat the heat.

APRIL – JUNE
22 - 34°C | 71 - 93°F
The official rainy season, the majority of the year's rainfall occurs between April and May. Lale's is closed in April.

JULY – SEPTEMBER
22 - 33°C | 71 - 91°F
As the rains head to the north of the country, Omo Valley is the ideal location to explore and experience the various cultures of the region.

OCTOBER – DECEMBER
22 - 33 °C | 71 - 91°F
After quick rain in September, this is a great time to travel to Ethiopia due to the there being fewer tourists than in the height of peak season.

LALE'S CAMP

EXCLUSIVE CAMP – CHILDREN 10+ YEARS

# TENTS	7 Max 14 guests	POOL	X
EXTRA BEDS	✓ On request	IN-ROOM WIFI	X
TWIN BEDS	✓ All tents	MINI BAR	X
BATHROOM	En-suite. Canvas	AIR CON	X
SHOWER	✓ Indoor	MOZZIE NET	X Gauze windows
BATH	X	FAN	X
HAIRDRYER	X	LAUNDRY	X
ROOM SAFE	X	DISABLED ACCESS	X

LALE'S CAMP FLY CAMP EXPEDITION

MOBILE DOME TENTS – CHILDREN 10+ YEARS

# TENTS	7 Max 14 guests	POOL	X
EXTRA BEDS	X	MOZZIE NET	X
TWIN BEDS	✓ All tents	FAN	X
BATHROOM	Canvas	LAUNDRY	X
SHOWER	✓ Bucket Shower	BATH	X



TENT INTERIOR



TENT EXTERIOR
WITH VIEWS OF THE RIVER



MESS TENT



FLY-CAMPING

EXPEDITION: ETHIOPIAN WOLF

The Ethiopian Wolf Expedition explores the Bale Mountains, one of the last remaining strongholds of the Ethiopian wolf, a species with an estimated global population of just 250–500 individuals. Set in the ancient Afro-alpine landscapes of the Ethiopian Highlands, this isolated region supports a high concentration of endemic plants and animals found nowhere else in Africa.

Based in a remote ice-age valley on the southern edge of the Rift Valley, the expedition accesses key habitats across the Bale ecosystem, including Gaysay grasslands, Dinsho juniper forests and the Sanetti Plateau. Alongside Ethiopian wolves, wildlife sightings may include Mountain nyala, Menelik's bushbuck, Bale monkey, Blue-winged goose and numerous raptors.

To minimise impact in this fragile environment, the expedition operates from a small, fully removable mobile camp of four en-suite tents. Wolves and their rodent prey are sometimes observed directly from camp, allowing for close study within one of the species' most important remaining habitats.

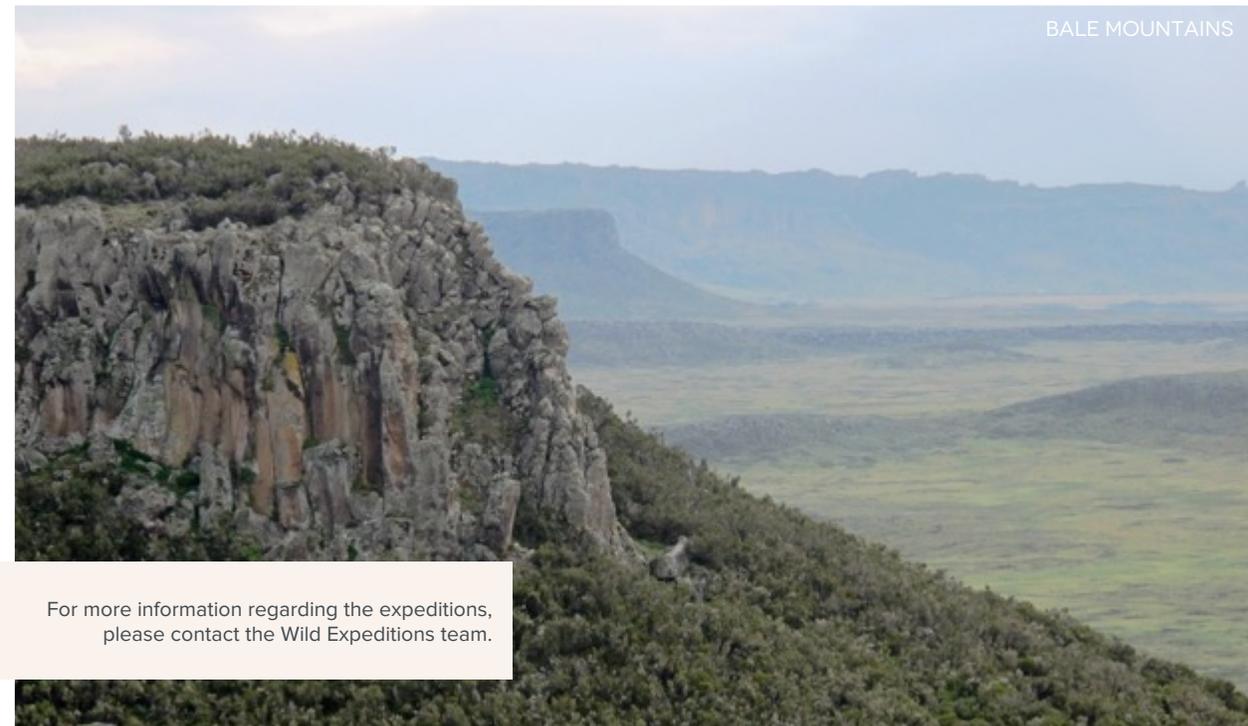


ETHIOPIAN WOLF



DANAKIL DEPRESSION - ERTA ALE VOLCANO

BALE MOUNTAINS



For more information regarding the expeditions, please contact the Wild Expeditions team.

EXPEDITION: DANAKIL DEPRESSION

The Danakil Depression Expedition explores one of the most extreme environments on Earth, located in north-eastern Ethiopia at the junction of three tectonic plates and the northernmost extent of the Great Rift Valley. At more than 100 metres below sea level in places, the Danakil is among the lowest and hottest regions on the planet, defined by intense heat, aridity and striking geological activity.

The expedition visits key sites including the multicoloured hydrothermal formations of Dallol, the active lava lake of Ertale Ale volcano and the hypersaline Lake Afrera. Alongside its geological significance, the region supports a centuries-old salt trade, where Afar camel caravans transport salt slabs across the desert, offering insight into a culture shaped by extreme conditions.

Access is via Mekele, reached by flight from Addis Ababa, followed by a demanding overland journey into the desert, requiring multiple vehicles and careful logistics. Accommodation is in a small, low-impact mobile camp of four en-suite walk-in tents, designed to minimise environmental impact in this sensitive landscape. Conditions are basic and comfort limited, but the expedition offers a rare opportunity to witness geological processes in real time in a place unlike anywhere else on Earth.



CAMELS

Activities & Experiences

CULTURAL INTERACTIONS

Excursions to the remote villages of Kara, Hamer, and Mursi people.

FLY CAMPING

Boat upriver and set up camp close to the Mursi village.

BOATING

Wildlife viewing of special and unusual species.



COLOBUS MONKEY

WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	DOES NOT OCCUR HERE
LION			✓*	
LEOPARD			✓*	
CHEETAH				X
ELEPHANT			✓*	
RHINO - WHITE & BLACK				X
DE BRAZZA'S MONKEY	✓			
GRIVET MONKEY	✓			
GUEREZA COLOBUS MONKEY	✓			
GUNTHER'S DIKDIK		✓		
LESSER KUDU			✓	
NILE CROCODILE	✓			
EGYPTIAN PLOVER	✓			
PEL'S FISHING OWL	✓			
NORTHERN CARMINE BEE-EATER		✓		
VARIETY OF BIRD LIFE	✓			
SPECIAL SIGHTING FOR THIS AREA	De Brazza's Monkey, Egyptian Plover, Pel's Fishing Owl			

OTHER

*Wildlife is icing on the cake to this riveting cultural immersion, with a low density population being found in Mago National Park.



KARA VILLAGE

Location & Access Map

Flight Access

- **LALE'S CAMP (OMO VALLEY)**
 - Scheduled flights from Addis Ababa to Jinka,
 - From there, a road transfer and river boat up the Omo River
 - Private charters to Murule Airstrip also possible.
- **EXPEDITION: ETHIOPIAN WOLF (BALE MOUNTAINS)**
 - Fly from Addis Ababa to Bale Mountains Airport (BHM) or via Dire Dawa with road transfers to camping base.
- **EXPEDITION: DANAKIL DEPRESSION**
 - Fly to Mek'ele or Addis Ababa then road transfer; expedition access requires robust 4x4 support and experienced guides.





OMO RIVER



KARA TRIBE DANCING



KARA WARRIOR



FLY-CAMPING

WILD EXPEDITIONS

LALÉ'S CAMP

CLASSICS CLASSIFICATION	EXPEDITION
IMPACT OF EACH GUEST STAY	VERY HIGH
CHILDREN (MINIMUM AGE)	10+
FAMILY ROOMS	X
EXCLUSIVE CAMP / VILLAS	✓
HONEYMOON OFFER	X
LAND SAFARI	X
WATER SAFARI	✓
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	CULTURAL INTERACTIONS, FLY-CAMPING
GET INVOLVED - CONSERVATION	X
GET INVOLVED - COMMUNITIES	✓
WELLNESS & MASSAGE	X

CLASSIC CLASSIFICATIONS:

P – Premier: These camps/lodges feature luxurious amenities and are often priced at a higher tier.

C – Classic: These camps/lodges offer a more down-to-earth experience and are priced at a mid-level rate.

E – Expedition: These experiences are best suited for small groups or trips led by private guides.

IMPACT OF EACH GUEST STAY:

L – Low

M – Medium

H – High

VH – Very High

Based on the following 4 considerations we look at the positive impact that each guest is making by staying here:

- **Transferability:** What percentage of the daily rates is allocated to conservation and community initiatives?
- **Removability:** What impact would arise if the property were absent? Are there alternative lodges in the vicinity that continue to make positive contributions?
- **Responsibility:** To what extent does the property handle management privately, and how much is overseen as a concession under a collaborative arrangement?
- **Fragility:** How vulnerable is the surrounding environment and community?

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