

ERITREA

Overseas Italy



FOR TRAVEL ACADEMY MEMBERS ONLY

25 April-1° May 2025

Extension to the Dahlak Islands available upon request
2 nights in a tent



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Italy Overseas: The Longest-Lasting Italian Colony

April 25 – May 1, 2025

7 Days / 6 Nights

Overview

A three-leg journey to discover Eritrea.

Starting in Asmara, with its distinctly Italian architecture, Empire-style houses, and signs reminiscent of the Bel Paese. Almost like a Fellini movie set, where you can sip coffee at a café with an Italian name.

Next, Keren, Eritrea's third-largest city, located in a beautiful region north of the capital, on a small plateau surrounded by mountains.

A crossroads for those traveling to Khartoum, Sudan, or arriving in Eritrea, Keren retains a reserved character and the pleasant rhythm of a small town, despite its commercial importance.

Finally, Massawa, the much-coveted Red Sea port contested for centuries by the Portuguese, Arabs, Egyptians, Turks, British, and Italians.

A trading hub that has seen it all: slaves and pearls, giraffes and ostriches, myrrh and incense. Even today, its slightly decadent style fascinates travelers.

Including an excursion in the Red Sea to the Dahlak Islands and Green Island, so named because it is almost entirely covered in vegetation and mangroves. Enjoy swimming in crystal-clear waters, snorkeling, and the possibility of visiting the ruins of an ancient mosque dating back to the Turkish era.

A fascinating journey away from the typical mass tourism destinations.

Itinerary

Day 1: Friday, April 25

23:40 Arrival in Asmara and private transfer to the hotel

Overnight at Asmara Hotel Sunshine

Day 2: Saturday, April 26

08:00 After breakfast, guided city tour:

- Cinema Odeon, Opera Theater, Post Office, Albergo Italia, Catholic Cathedral, Cinema Impero, Bar Impero, Synagogue, Bar Zilli, Fiat Tagliero Building, Cinema Roma, railway station, etc. (the visit will continue on April 29 and 30).

Lunch: Buffet at a local restaurant, mixed menu

15:00 Transfer to Keren, arrival around 17:00

17:00 Brief guided city tour:

- Old railway station

- Italian and British War Cemetery

20:00 Dinner and overnight at Hotel Sarina Keren

Day 3: Sunday, April 27

08:00 After breakfast, continuation of the guided city tour:

- Market, Baobab tree, St. Mary Derait Chapel, etc.

12:30 Lunch: Buffet at Hotel Sarina restaurant

14:00 Transfer to Massawa via Asmara – Ghinda – Massawa

20:00 Arrival in Massawa

Dinner: Buffet at a local restaurant

Overnight at Grand Dahlak Hotel Massawa

Day 4: Monday, April 28

08:30 After breakfast, boat excursion to Green Island – Swimming and Snorkeling
13:00 Lunch: Buffet at a local restaurant
Afternoon: Massawa city tour
20:00 Dinner at a local restaurant
Overnight at Grand Dahlak Hotel Massawa

Day 5: Tuesday, April 29

08:00 After breakfast, transfer to Asmara.
Visit to Ghinda along the way.
13:00 Lunch: Local restaurant
Arrival at the hotel in Asmara and continuation of the Asmara city tour
20:00 Dinner and overnight at Hotel Sunshine Asmara

Day 6: Wednesday, April 30

08:00 After breakfast, continuation of the guided city tour:
- Cathedral, Synagogue, Italian Cemetery, Medebar Market, etc.
13:00 Lunch: Buffet at a local restaurant
Afternoon: Free time, including a traditional coffee ceremony
19:30 Traditional dinner
Return to Hotel Sunshine (day use until departure)

Day 7: Thursday, May 1

10:00 Transfer to the airport
00:50 Departure

QUOTE

Individual participation fee starting from €1,997 for STANDARD and PREMIUM members, €2,230 for FREE members
10% "bring a friend" discount (applied to the entire fee excluding substitutes for those who introduce a non-cohabiting friend who signs up for the trip)
Single supplement €300

PAYMENTS

A €1,000 deposit is required upon registration
Balance due by January 31, 2025
Payments should be made by bank transfer or card
Bank Details
Palidano LLC
IBAN: BE24967431143138
SWIFT/BIC: TRWIBEB1XXX
Purpose: "Deposit or balance) Eritrea Trip or Eritrea and Dahlak + participant's name"
Upon request, remote payment by card (American Express, Visa, MasterCard, and others)

CANCELLATION FEES

From the day following the booking up to 30 days before departure: 30%
From 29 to 10 days before departure: 50%
From 9 to 0 days before departure: 100%
No refund will be granted to those who do not show up at departure or cancel during the trip
Any expenses for visas, registrations, and insurance are non-refundable.

THE FEE INCLUDES

Support letter for the Visa
Full board including drinks at meals (water, beer, or cola)
Hotel Sunshine in Asmara and the best in other locations (those indicated or similar)
Private transport, minibus or bus, including fuel and tolls
Ministerial permits for transfers outside Asmara
Private transfers to and from Asmara Airport (only for those who choose the recommended flights)
Visits and excursions with entries, as per program

Accompanying person from Italy
Italian-speaking guide

THE FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE

Entry visa
International flight
Airport transfers if recommended flights are not chosen
Single supplement
Insurance (participants are advised to take out one for cancellation, health, and accidents)
Personal expenses (phone, laundry, minibar, etc.)
Tips
Anything not expressly indicated in the program

EXTENSION TO DAHLAK ISLANDS

It's possible to extend the trip by 2 nights in a tented camp on the Dahlak Islands (Disse Island)
Includes a visit to an Afar fishermen village and Madot Island
Accommodation is very basic in igloo tents with mattresses and a shade tent
Full board with field kitchen and water
There are no facilities; chemical toilet available on request
Fee in double starting from €2,627
Single supplement €300

N.B.

Quotes: Prices are calculated based on 10 participants; if the minimum is not reached, the cost may increase, and the traveler will have the option to cancel the trip without penalties. Flights will be purchased only after reaching the minimum number of participants with the trip confirmed.

Local correspondents: Travel Academy selects correspondents based on their authorization to operate and provide tourist services and their reputation. This is the second trip that Travel Academy conducts relying on these DMCs.

Bus. Il Paese è soggetto a embargo e non può importare mezzi nuovi e spesso nemmeno i pezzi di ricambio quindi i bus utilizzati sono i migliori disponibili. I mezzi nuovi in circolazione sono quelli delle agenzie internazionali, delle ambasciate e delle multinazionali operanti nel Paese.

Bus Seats Seats on the bus are rotated.

Maximum Number of Participants The maximum number of participants is set at 25, including escorts from Italy.

Booking Confirmation The booking is considered confirmed upon receipt of the deposit.

Itinerary Changes For technical or operational reasons, if necessary and in the interest of the group, the itinerary may be modified on-site.

Service Standards The star ratings of the hotels may not correspond to European standards.

Flights and Insurance Participants may arrange these independently.

General Terms and Conditions of Participation The general terms and conditions for trips organized by Travel Academy can be downloaded from the website

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