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04 Days Somaliland Explorer



04 Days / 03 Nights | Culture, History, Adventure

Best period: October – April

Uncover the hidden gems of Somaliland on this fascinating 4-day explorer tour. Marvel at the ancient rock art of Laas Geel, discover the vibrant capital city of Hargeisa, explore the historic port town of Berbera, and traverse the scenic Sheikh Pass.

Highlights

• Visit Laas Geel — one of the most significant rock art sites in Africa, dating back 5,000+ years

• Explore Hargeisa, the vibrant capital, and its bustling markets

• Drive through the dramatic Sheikh mountain pass with lush juniper forests

• Discover the ancient port of Berbera on the Gulf of Aden

• Experience authentic Somali culture, cuisine, and hospitality

• Visit the Freedom Arch — Hargeisa's iconic MiG jet monument

Day 1: Arrival in Hargeisa

Arrive at Egal International Airport in Hargeisa. Transfer to your hotel and freshen up. In the afternoon, explore the capital — visit the Freedom Arch (War Memorial with a mounted MiG fighter jet), the lively Hargeisa Market for textiles, frankincense, and myrrh, and the Hargeisa Cultural Centre showcasing contemporary Somali art.

Day 2: Laas Geel Cave Paintings

After breakfast, drive to Laas Geel, about 50 km from Hargeisa. This extraordinary rock art complex features some of the earliest and best-preserved cave paintings in Africa, dating back over 5,000 years. The vivid polychrome paintings depict cattle, humans, and wild animals in remarkable detail. Return to Hargeisa for lunch and visit the Livestock Market — one of the largest in the Horn of Africa.

Day 3: Sheikh Pass – Berbera

Drive north through the dramatic Sheikh mountain pass, ascending through arid scrubland into lush juniper and acacia forests — a stunning transition. Stop at the hill town of Sheikh, a former British colonial retreat. Continue descending to the coast and the ancient port city of Berbera on the Gulf of Aden. Explore the old Ottoman-era buildings and relax on the white-sand beaches.

Day 4: Berbera – Hargeisa – Departure

Morning swim in the warm waters of the Gulf of Aden. Drive back to Hargeisa via the scenic coastal and mountain route. Final shopping for frankincense, myrrh, and handmade crafts. Transfer to the airport for your departure.

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