

TO VISIT THE BROTHERS OF ST JOHN IN ADDIS ABABA - ETHIOPIA

On arrival in Addis Ababa airport, you will be asked to complete a formulary where you are asked to indicate the following details. Please complete the formulary exactly according the following:

City :	Addis Ababa
Region :	14
K/Ketema (Woreda) :	Yeka
Kebele :	13/14
House number:	653

In case you are facing any problem at immigration desk, please ring one of the brothers on the following mobile phone numbers:

Brother Athanase (superior):	09 12 96 78 23
Brother Alexander:	09 12 76 32 35
Brother John-Louis-Marie:	09 12 96 89 45

OTHER RECOMMANDATIONS:

Visa:

If you are staying for less than 3 months, please simply ask for a **tourist visa** application in the Ethiopian Embassy of your country.

If you intend to stay more than 3 months, please be advised that this is normally impossible. What might be done is to get a **business visa application**, for 3 months, and ask for an extension of 1 month just before the expiry date. But this is the maximum that can be done without applying for a work-permit (like the green card in US), which is extremely difficult to obtain.

To apply for a business visa application, you will need from me an official invitation letter, for which I need the following information:

- Date of Birth
- Place of Birth
- Place of residence
- Passport number
- Dates of arrival and departure of your flights

Health:

Regarding health, some immunizations are required to enter the country. Make sure to get the relevant immunization you need early in the year (and not just before to travel to Ethiopia...). And do not forget to bring your **international vaccination booklet** with you (it is a small yellow booklet they will give you the day you get the shots).

It is not needed for you to get all shots you will be recommended: the only real necessary one is Yellow Fever. The area where we will stay has no malaria at all. Any other vaccination than Yellow Fever (Hepatitis A, and so on), is not really necessary.

But Yellow Fever is! It is required to enter into the country. They never check, but if they do...

Regarding malaria, Addis-Abeba is an area free of **malaria** (because of altitude), but the Summer Camps take place in Awassa, where mosquito may transmit malaria. Although, beware that some preventive treatments are so strong that it is sometimes better not to take any, but prevent from mosquito bites by simple care (wearing socks and trousers at night, repulsive lotions on exposed part of the body during nights, etc...). This is the way we are doing since we arrived in the country.

Don't forget to bring **mosquito net** and **repulsive lotions!**

Security Questions:

To respond to these questions, the best we can recommend you is to visit the following links:

http://ethiopia.usembassy.gov/information_for_travelers.html

<http://ethiopia.usembassy.gov/service.html>

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1113.html

The areas where we will travel (from Addis Ababa to Awassa) are not in the unsafe areas mentioned in these pages (Eritrean border, Somaliland, etc...). Also, the road itself is secured with police forces.

In Addis Ababa, we leave also in a safe and quiet area of the City. Therefore, unless you travel on your own in areas that are known to be unsafe, you should not be unsecured during your stay with us.

Personal Expenses

Regarding your personal expenses (for example if you intend to travel on your own or stay some times out of the priory), please note that the level of life is here extremely low. Most of the people eat with less than half a dollar a day. A travel by taxi across the city of Addis-Abeba would cost you maximum 2 dollars. Therefore, even for a month stay, it is not needed to take a lot of cash.

But it is needed to take cash!!! Because you will not find any ATM in here!!!

Things you can bring in you luggage

- Cloths for cold and rain (specially From June to September “rainy season”)
- Good Sunglasses (because of the altitude the sun is very strong even if the weather is pleasant)
- Some cheap rosaries, crosses, medal of Mary, New Testament, or pious images, that you can offer to people or beggar instead of money.... People love these sort of gifts!
- Some earthly food of your choice for the brothers of the priory, guessing what they are missing.

For any other question, we remain available, and we keep you in our prayers!

The Brothers of St John in Addis Ababa.

Nota Bene:

In order for you to discover the pictures of the last camps, I invite you to visit our website :

www.addis-abeba.stjean.com