

Grand Voyage Mathilde et Antoine

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IN A NUTSHELL :

Date: April 24th, 2016 (728th day)

Location: Lalibela, Ethiopia

Driven km up to date: 72 745.



PHOTOS



VIDEO

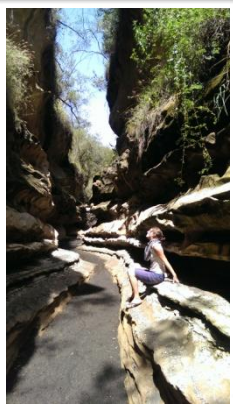


NEWS

To start with, we had had the surprise visit of Mathilde's parents, Elise and Francois, for a week together in Uganda. We have enjoyed the diversity of landscapes in this country and its friendly population. In Jinja, we drove around the banks of the Nile sources in motorbikes. The Murchison national park, although very far in the North, was worth the detour since we had the chance to see lions. We experienced having being four people sleeping in Pavan for a wild camp night. It was quite athletic but very funny!

After Kampala, we speeded up the pace. We spent two weeks in Kenya (our maximum allowed time was two weeks due to the fact we had to send our car customs carnet for renewal to France, thanks Manu, Anne and Ingrid!). We have been surprised by the forests and freshness in altitude in the west of the country. We had an adventurous nice cycling experience in Hells Gate National Park in Naivasha. And, Nairobi was far from being as bad as we feared, despite an attempt by two fake policemen to scam us in the street. The road straight North to Ethiopia has allowed us to discover the impressive Samburu people with pearl ornaments and cross the first arid area since Namibia.

We have now been in Ethiopia for ten days. Ethiopia is a striking country due to its rich history (the only African country which has never been colonized) and culture (coffee, having fun with friends), as well as its social and religious diversity. We liked the atmosphere in Addis Ababa where we felt safe. We have been found back Lada cars since Ethiopia has been communist for 15 years. We must regularly slalom between huge herds of cattle on the road (cows, sheep, goats, camels).



FUNNY PICTURE

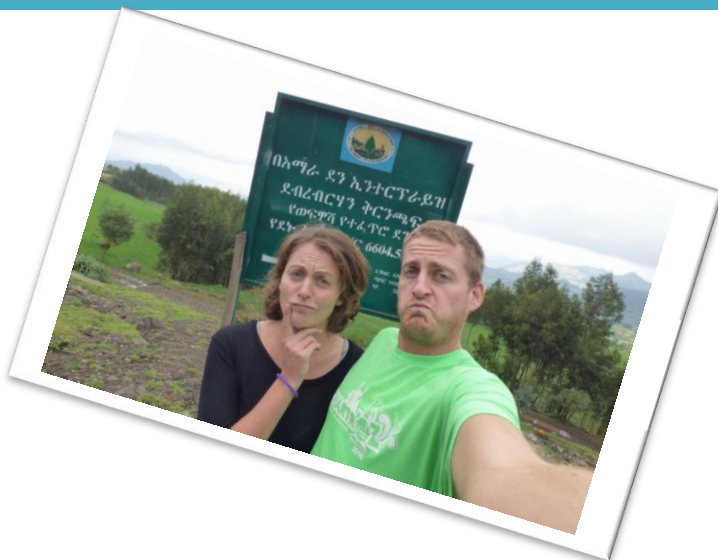


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INTENSIVE MOMENTS :

- Being 4 people for the night in Pavan;
- Visit artisans' workshops (blown glass and jewelry) in Nairobi;
- Discover the Samburu tribe in Northern Kenya;
- Attend a turbulent football match in the main stadium in Addis;
- Visit the weekly cattle market in Lalibela.



CURRENT MOOD : We feel at the crossroads between Black Africa and Northern Africa and we are very happy to discover new horizons.



COUNTRIES VISITED : Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Russia, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Indonesia, Vietnam, South Africa, Lesotho, Namibia, France, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia.

COMING : Sudan, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Europe.



MAP - ITINERARY :

since the last newsletter

 Departure

 Arrival



1. Murchison falls (UG)
2. Naivasha lake (KN)
3. North Kenya for the desert and tribes (KN)
4. Awassa (ET)
5. Addis Abeba (ET)
6. Lalibela (ET)

