

MOGADISHU

The Soul of Somalia

Guaranteed Departure (All year round)
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Mogadishu, the capital and largest city of Somalia, is a vibrant metropolis that plays a central role in the nation's political, cultural, and economic life. Situated along the Indian Ocean, it serves as a crucial port city, facilitating trade and commerce in the region. Rich in history, Mogadishu has seen various influences over the centuries, from its early days as a thriving trading hub to more recent challenges stemming from conflict and instability.

Today, Mogadishu is experiencing a resurgence as efforts to rebuild the city and reconstruct its infrastructure are underway. The skyline is a mix of modern buildings, remnants of past architectural styles, and seaside views that attest to its historical importance. The city's diverse population contributes to a dynamic cultural scene, with traditions reflected in its cuisine, art, and music.

Despite its challenges, Mogadishu is increasingly recognized for its resilience and potential. With ongoing developments in security and governance, there is a growing optimism about the future, making it an intriguing destination for travelers interested in experiencing a unique blend of history, culture, and contemporary progress.

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Day 1

Arrive in Mogadishu (**SOMALIA**)



After breakfast, transfer to the airport to your flight to Somalia. Upon arrival in **Mogadishu**, the Capital of the Federal Republic of Somalia. The city was chosen by the Italians to be the capital of Italian Somalia in 1905 and

since then it has been the main city of Somalia. Mogadishu's authority over the rest of the country since 191, is symbolic, since both the city and the rest of Somalia are divided into zones of influence governed by clans. Upon arrival in the early afternoon, meet your guide and head for lunch then head to visit the **Old Italian**

Cathedral (with special permission), a stunning structure built in 1928, which was tragically destroyed in 1992 during the onset of the Mogadishu Civil War. Next, visit the **Unknown Soldier Monument**, erected in 1964 to honor those who fought for Somalia's independence. Afterward, make your way to the **Grand Mosque**, where you can admire its architecture from the outside. Transfer to *Shamo Hotel or similar* for check-in, dinner and overnight **(L,D)**

Day 2

Mogadishu



After breakfast, start the day with a visit to **Liido Beach**, the premier leisure destination in the capital. Enjoy a scenic 20-minute **boat ride**, offering the perfect opportunity to take a refreshing swim in the clear waters. As you relax by the shore, interact with friendly locals and savor a warm cup of tea or coffee. Next, head to the **Camel Farm** for a unique experience, where you will have the chance to sample fresh camel milk and learn about these fascinating creatures. Return to the Hotel for lunch and enjoy some free time before heading out for further exploration of the city. Return to the *Hotel* for dinner & overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Day 3

Mogadishu



Start the day with breakfast at the *Hotel*, then head to the scenic **Fishing Dock**, where you will have the opportunity to capture stunning photos of the harbor and its surroundings. From there, visit the iconic **lighthouse**, built in 1934, and admire its impressive structure from the outside. Take a relaxing break at a modern, **local café** where you can sip on refreshing tea or coffee while engaging with friendly locals, offering you a glimpse into the vibrant community. Continue the cultural exploration with visits to both a **primary** and **secondary school**. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the education system and interact with the curious children, adding a personal touch to your experience.

Return to the *Hotel* for lunch, and if you wish, enjoy an optional guitar performance for some light entertainment. Next, embark on a visit to **Hamar-Weyn**, the oldest market in Mogadishu. Wander through the maze of narrow streets, exploring the bustling shops and vibrant market atmosphere. This is your chance to meet locals, soak in the lively environment, and take in the essence of the country. Return to the *Hotel* for dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Day 4

Mogadishu - USA



Enjoy breakfast and then transfer to the airport for your flight back to the US. **(B)**

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Special tour remarks:

Tourist facilities are very limited in this city. This destination remains one of the most dangerous destinations in the world (despite the security measures that we provide you with) and you accept by participating the risk and hold STS accountable for anything that may happen to you.

Tour Cost (Land Only):

1 traveler \$2,495.00

2-8 travelers \$1,995.00

Per person sharing in double occupancy

Single Supplement: \$195.00

Price based on group size maximum of 8 participants

Trip Grade: III Lodging Level: ***

Tour includes:

- Airport/Hotel/Airport transfers.
- Transportation with A/C Vehicle.
- Accommodation at mentioned *Hotel* or similar (3-4 stars).
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch and D: Dinner).
- Daily bottles of water on tours.
- Entrance fees to all sites mentioned.
- Security personnel accompanying during the stay.
- English-speaking guide.

Tour does not include:

- International Air in and out of Somalia.
- **Somalia visa** (multi-entry - \$60.00 – subject to change).
- Alcoholic drinks and beverages with or without meals.
- Items of a personal nature (camera fees, laundry, excess luggage, etc.).
- Gratuities to guide, drivers, and porters.
- Dayroom/overnights necessitated by changes in airline schedules or misconnections.
- Travel insurance (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED)