



Join us for 15 days of transformative learning focusing on bio-cultural diversity, regenerative agriculture, nature and social entrepreneurship

Included: Shared accommodation | Meals | Day Trips | Lectures | Experiences (International flight excluded)

R36 700 per person

Immersive learning journey exploring bio-cultural diversity

16 to 30 September 2018

To reserve your space, email Eduardo Shimahara at shima@sustainabilityinstitute.net
Places must be booked by 16 June 2018.



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ETHIOPIA

A rugged, landlocked country at the horn of Africa, Ethiopia is traditionally known for its archaeological history, religious sights and wildlife. Few experience its enchanting forest reserves and the authentic conservation methods based on indigenous knowledge that thrive beyond the top listed destinations.

The journey starts in the capital of Addis Ababa from where travellers will head southeast to Bale. Join the elders on a three-day trail into the forest and be inspired by their age-old indigenous knowledge. Encounter the intricate connections between traditional cultures and nature and see how the one needs the other to survive. A one-day trip to visit the renowned Bale Mountains National Park on the Sanetie Plateau gives travellers the chance to see the Ethiopian wolf (red fox) endemic to Ethiopia, as well as the mountain nyala.

A two-day transition further south lets travellers admire the Ethiopian countryside and appreciate the slow and intentional nature of travel in rural Africa. In Sheka and Majang zones they will spend time in two biosphere reserves to learn about the traditional conservation practices of these communities and to compare these methods, based on specific contexts and handed down through generations, with conventional national park protection.

Visiting Ethiopia with local nature and community NGO, MELCA, will bring travellers to experience a sense of place and encounter a deep-seated respect for nature.

Traditional conservation methods remove people from place to rigidly conserve and control. An immersive learning journey through local forest reserves will challenge this conception to reveal how being truly grounded in nature and culture can create both resilient communities and flourishing ecosystems.

CERTIFICATE

Attendees who satisfy the minimum performance requirements i.e. attendance of the full journey, full participation and contribution to class and group projects, will be awarded a Certificate of Attendance from the Sustainability Institute.

THIS COURSE IS IDEAL FOR

This two-week immersive journey is targeted at postgraduate students, practitioners and curious travelers who want to encounter a destination like few others do and who want to connect authentic experiences with global thinking and research.. An immersive learning journey such as this will leave you with new perspectives and insights that can be applied to a multitude of situations and complexities.