

Hiking tours at Zege Peninsula

Enjoy the wild coffee forests and discover the outstanding wildlife of the Lake Tana Biosphere Reserve. Choose one of the tours, as indicated on the map.

Tour 1: Wildlife Tour

Duration: 1.5h, difficulty: easy, occasionally uphill.
Trail: Start at Mehal Zege Port and follow the signs to Ura Port near the lake shore. Option: Continue until Ura Kidanemihret.

Highlights: Wild coffee forest, monkeys, birds, lake shore.

Tour 2: Lake View Tour

Duration: 3 h, difficulty: moderate, uphill, occasionally thickets.

Trail: Leave the Ura Kidanemihret compound at the back and follow the signs and red marks at trees uphill to the campsite. Option: Walk back to Ura Port via Yiganda Teklehaymanot and Azewa Mariam for other churches to see.

Highlights: The campsite/viewpoint is a perfect picnic spot with lake view.

Tour 3: Bird Watching Tour

Duration: 5 h, difficulty: moderate, uphill, occasionally thickets or muddy paths.

Trail: Start at the campsite and follow the signs to the Birdwatching spot/Temen Wuha, past the campsite (~2 hours from Ura church). Return to Bahir Dar by bus from Afaf town.

Highlights: Wild coffee forest, lake view, a perfect spot to watch crowned cranes and other birds at Yiganda Wetland.

Further information: www.laketana-biosphere.com

Book a local guide: Trained local guides will show you Zege according to your interests. Book upon arrival.



Discover Zege Peninsula

With an extension of 1,300 hectares, Zege Peninsula offers a wonderful mix of natural and cultural attractions. After a marvelous boat ride from Bahir Dar, passing white pelicans and traditional papyrus boats the visitor is greeted by a forested island where one can discover rare birds, wild coffee and monkeys. Following the main route from Ura port uphill (Tour 1) you will be tempted to buy the offers of silver jewelry, traditional handicrafts, scarves or stop for a cup of coffee.

History and spiritualism awaits you

Mystic Zege Peninsula attracts thousands of pilgrims each year heading for the seven monasteries from 13th century. Also for non-pilgrims, the Ura Kidanemihret and the new museum offer most impressive wall paintings and some of the oldest artifacts of the region.

Lake Tana Biosphere Reserve

Zege is located at the heart of Lake Tana Biosphere Reserve and thus part of UNESCO's worldwide network of sites, where nature and people shall live in harmony. Lake Tana Biosphere Reserve offers natural treasures with thousands of migratory birds at the immense lakeshore, wetlands and the biodiverse church forests.

Green tourism initiative

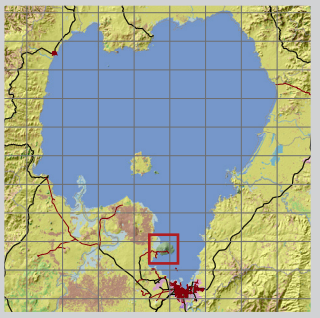
Being a guest in this region, we kindly ask you to respect nature and support our initiative for sustainable, green tourism: Use a local guide for your tour which can be booked upon arrival at fixed rates, stay on the marked trails only, visit the Zege Community Restaurant situated near Ura port, buy local handicrafts and make sure not to harm wildlife or leave trash behind.

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Your green guide to Zege Peninsula





Zourist Map

- Path
- Tour 1
- Tour 2
- Tour 3

- Forest
- Water
- Grassland
- Wetland
- Swamp
- Protected Core Zone

- Camp Site
- View Point / Picnic Spot
- Monastery
- Port
- Boat Route
- Handycraft Shopping
- Local Tourguide Office
- Bird Watching Spot
- Museum

