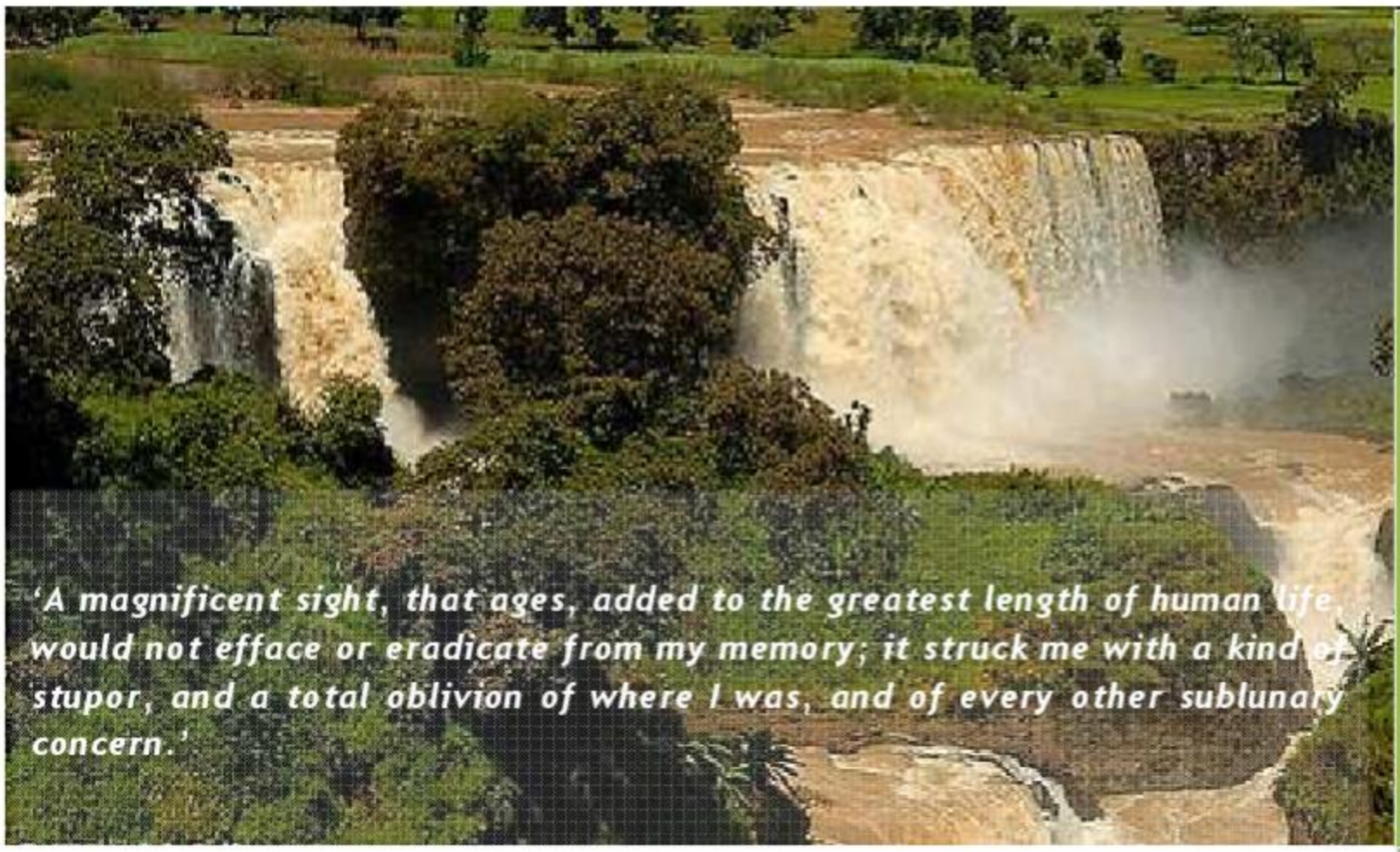


The Spectacular Blue Nile Falls



The Blue Nile dives over a 45m-high rock face about 30km after it exits Lake Tana. It forms one of Africa's most remarkable waterfalls, known as Tis Abay (smoke of the Nile) or Tis Isat (water that smokes). Tis Abay consists of four distinct water courses and is most striking for the sheer volume of water that pours over it, particularly during the rainy season. The 400m wide river above water fall becomes narrower in the gorge below. This section of the river is estimated to be 37m deep.

You probably have heard of James Bruce the 18th century traveller. Usually he is credited as the first European to see Tis Abay though the waterfall was known to the Portuguese at least a century before his visit. Bruce once said of this great waterfall,

'A magnificent sight, that ages, added to the greatest length of human life, would not efface or eradicate from my memory; it struck me with a kind of stupor, and a total oblivion of where I was, and of every other sublunary concern.'







Well, in fact, after you reach there you would not find it as Bruce has described it for things have changed through times. But, it is still a sight not to be missed.

To the west of Tis Abay, in the Yagume Escarpment some 7km off the road, stands DengaiDebelo, an impressive rock-hewn church said to have been carved by King Lalibela before his coronation. You have got nothing to worry about when it comes to the 'how to visit' this place. You can organize a half-day tour with a reputable tour operator. You still have nothing to worry about for Amran Ethiopia Tour and Travel Agency is waiting for your arrival with its wise and experienced tour operators and guides.