

HAWASSA CHRONICLES

a Little Big Adventure

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT: IT WORKS!

Where have all the Ladas gone to?... Ethiopia!



What if you're traversing Ethiopia with more than three suicidal persons? Take a Toyota mini van!



What if you only have €0.25 and a string of cloth on yer person? Ethiopia will make certain you will arrive with the minimal amount of expenditure, delay and comfort! It always works, ... more or less.



THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED. Saturday 10th of April our little big adventure finally materialized and we set out for Ethiopia. On the verge of boarding the right Turkish Airlines flight sometime late on a sunny Dutch morning, a nigh hidden flatscreen showed the CNN news that would significantly increase our chance of successfully arriving by air at our given destination. Scenery of a desolated Russian forest violated by partially burning or burned debris of an aircraft flashed past. Somewhere amongst the ruins of this human blight, the Polish president was returned to Mother Earth. Chances were great we would not crash on the same day and our exodus across continents ensued without further problems. 11 Hours later we arrived at Bole International Airport and took our first breaths of Ethiopian air at circa 2200 meters above sea level.

Upon arrival we paid \$20 for our visa, flew through the usual security checkpoint and collected our gear. Amongst our meager possessions, we stowed away medical instruments and cooled chemotherapy. In order to ensure swift processing of these goods we were going to donate to the academic hospital in Hawassa, Detlef- our boss and mentor - ascertained that no official would think otherwise than that he needed the chemotherapy for personal use.



Lucy: 3.2 million years of age. Before the onslaught of the Ethiopian health service would confront us a few days hence, we spend time sniffing 'bout in the capital Addis Abeba. It's oldest - and proly smallest 90cm - resident, Lucy, was on display in a typical dusty and unorganised museum. Below: proximal tibia.



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