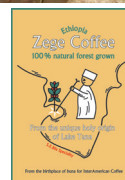


# Ethiopia

## Zege Forest Grown Coffee

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**COFFEE**



### Farm Information

- Country:** Ethiopia
- Region:** Lake Tana, Zege
- Altitude:** 1.850 masl
- Farm:** Cooperation of 7 monasteries on Zege

Around Lake Tana in Zege, coffee has been growing from time immemorial. Nevertheless, this region does not belong to the classic producing regions of Ethiopia. Originally, the coffee of the lake area was forest grown coffee, but due to the felling of the recent decades, this historic coffee has almost disappeared around Lake Tana. The only exception is the Zege peninsula. Here, we find the biggest coherent woodland on Lake Tana; here the coffee grows in its original form. According to our inquiries, this is due to its' unique "sacred" origin. The saint "Betre Maryam" once divided his wand into three parts. From the head of it sprang the first coffee plants. This unique story is immortalized in a wall painting in one of the seven convents on Zege. Moreover, there is also an old book in which this special event is described. For these historic and religious reasons, still today there is no land cultivation in the conventional sense. Thus, the "sacred" coffee protects the forest and the forest protects the "sacred" coffee.

### Coffees

This coffee is well balanced and round, with a full body and high sweetness. It has a wonderful taste of ripe blueberry and black-tea.

Blueberry

Black-Tea

Variety: Wild Ethiopian Varieties

Processing: Natural

Grade: 3



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