



The Southern Omo Valley Tribes and Great Rift Valley Tour

Mode of Transport: Surface

Duration: 12 days / 11 nights

Day 1: Arrival Addis Ababa- City Tour

Up on arrival at Bole international air port and met by Ghion travel and tours representative and transfer to hotel. After check in to hotel you will have city tour of Addis, Which includes National Museum- the home of the famous complete hominid fossil remain of Lucy dates 3.2 million years back, Mount Entoto- panoramic view point at the highest peak in Addis with an altitude of 3200 meter above sea level, trinity cathedral- a beautiful church with a baroque style of European architecture unique to both Ethiopia and Africa, Ethnographic museum and Merkato (the largest open air market in Africa). Overnight in Azzeman Hotel



Pic. The skeleton of Lucy, a 3.2 Million fossil remain, National Museum, Addis Ababa

Day 2: Addis- Arbaminch

Morning, drive to Arbaminch. On the way, visit Tiya Stele site (one of the world heritage site registered by UNESCO) and Melka Kunture archeological site. Then keep driving to Arbaminch and Overnight in Paradise Lodge



Picture: Tiya Stele Field

Day 3: Arbaminch

Morning boat trip on Lake Chamo (the largest lake in Ethiopian rift valley lakes) to visit hippos and Nile Crocodiles at Azo (Crocodile) market on the lake, afternoon drive to Chenchu village to visit the Dorze tribe who lives in the high land areas and surrounded by bamboo forest and well known for their traditional weaving and towering huts. After visiting drive back to Arbaminch. Overnight in Paradise Lodge/ (Haile resort)



Picture: Elephant Shaped traditional Dorze hut, Chench Village, Arbaminch

Day 4: Arbaminch-Jinka

After breakfast, drive to Jinka via Woyto. On the way, if it is Thursday or Saturday, visit the colorful Key Afer Market. On these beautiful markets you will have a chance to see Bena, Hamar, Tsemay and Ari peoples together. Then proceed to Jinka.

After check in to Hotel, visit Ari Tribe Village. The Ari tribe is the populous tribe in southern Omo Valley. They inhabit the northern part of the Mago National Park in Ethiopia and have the largest territory of all the tribes in the area. They have fertile lands allowing them to have several types of plantations. An Ari's crop can consist of grains, coffee, fruits and honey. It's also common for them to have large herds of livestock. Overnight in Eco Omo Lodge or Jinka Resort



Picture: Ari Tribe, at Jinka Market

Day 5: Jinka- Turmi

After check in to hotel, drive to the Mursi village through Mago national park to visit the Mursi tribe. The Mursi people are the Nilo Saharan language speaker and famous for their women putting lip plate, made of clay and up to 15cm in diameter, on their lower lip and men for their stick fighting (donga). After visit, drive to Turmi.



Pic Mursi Boys

In the late afternoon, visit the Hamar Tribe with their village. They are one of the most known tribes in Southern Ethiopia. They inhabit the territory east of the Omo River and have villages in Turmi and Dimeka. Very colorful bracelets and beads are worn in their hair and around their waists and arms. The practice of body modification is used by cutting themselves and packing the wound with ash and charcoal. Some of the women wear circular wedge necklaces indicating that they are married. Men paint themselves with white chalk to prepare for a ceremony. Hair ornaments worn by the men indicate a previous kill of an enemy or animal. Overnight in Buska Lodge or Turmi Lodge. (Paradize lodge)



Pic. Hamar girls

Day 6: Turmi – Karo- Turmi

After breakfast drive to Karicho to visit the Karo tribe. They paint their bodies and faces with white chalk to prepare for a ceremony. The chalk is mixed with yellow rock, red iron ore and charcoal to make its color. Face masks are worn at times and they have clay hair buns with feathers in them. In the evening, you will have a chance to visit Evangadi night dancing and bull jumping ceremony (the rite of passage to manhood for Hamar and Bena tribes). Overnight in Buska Lodge or Turmi Lodge. (Paradize lodge)



Picture: Karo mens

Day 7: Turmi- Konso

In the morning, drive to Konso. On the way, visit Dimeka Market (if it is Tuesday or Saturday), Benna and Tsemay villages. Then keep drive to Konso. After check in, visit Konso tribe and Konso Landscape. The Konso people are the hard working people and well known for their specially land management, one of Africa's most fascinating cultures. The Konso landscape is one of the world heritage sites in Ethiopia registered by UNESCO. Overnight in Kanta Lodge



Picture: Konso Village

Day 8: Konso- Hawassa

After breakfast, drive to Hawassa. On the way visit the Alaba people Village who are known for the images they paint on the inside and outside of their huts. Then keep drive to Hawassa. Overnight in Haile Resort



Picture: Alaba Village

Day 9: Drive to Yirga Alem to visit the coffee plantation. Overnight Aregash Lodge.

Day 10: Drive to rift valley lakes to lake Langano bird watching and swimming in the fresh water lake. Overnight Sabana Lodge.



Picture: Flamingos at Abyata-Shala National Park

Day 11: visit lake Shala and Abyata lakes. Overnight Haile Resort Ziway by the lake side.

Day 12: Drive to Addis Ababa shopping. Free time evening traditional Dinner and cultural Dance show and transfer to the airport for your flight back home, where the tour ends.

Our price for the above proposed program will be USD = 3960 P/P

The prices are computed based on 4 star Hotel in Addis Ababa and the rest of Souther hotels prices are same standard

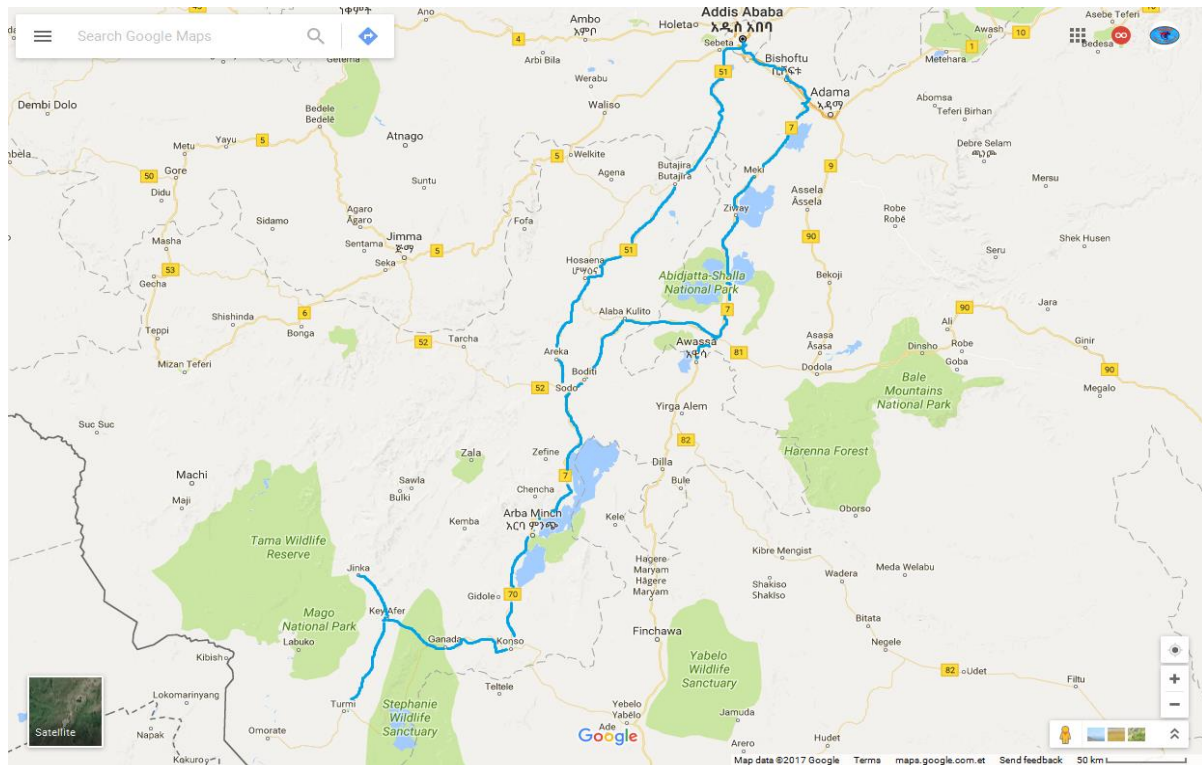
Our price includes

- 11 nights hotel accommodations on Twin/Double room sharing using best 4/3 star hotels and lodges
- Meal on half board basis; breakfast, and dinner including soft drink in each meal
- All ground transportation, transfer in and out including fuel and driver allowance using Coaster Bus (10-20 pax) or Coach Bus (21-35)..
- All entrance, local guide and scout fees
- English speaking guide
- English speaking drivers and local guides
- Boat fee on Lake Chamo

Our price does not include

- Any flight cost
- Porter's fee at hotel and airport
- Alcoholic beverages
- Tips and other personal expenses

Map of Ethiopia



Our Fleet of Vehicles

