

TRACKS SAFARIS

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16 DAY TRIBAL CULTURES OF ETHIOPIA



Day 1 - Arrival + Addis

Be welcomed by your guide on arrival at Addis Ababa Bole International Air Port, and transfer to your hotel.

Overnight – 4* Hotel

Day 2 –Addis – Gambella

Fly west to Gambella in the morning. After lunch visit the cultural market of Gambella and enjoy an interesting walk by the Baro River, which joins the White Nile in Sudan, enjoying bird watching and the sunset. Overnight – Ethiopia Hotel

Day 3 – Gambella

In the morning, drive 48 km to Itang to visit the Nuer people who are cattle keepers and fishermen, and in the afternoon visit the Agnuak people on the outskirts of the town of Gambella. Overnight – Ethiopia Hotel

Day 4 – Gambella – Bebek

Drive to Bebek, where the largest coffee plantation is found, visiting the people of Maji and the Tepi Tea Plantation on the way. Overnight – Bebek Guest House

Day 5 – Bebek – Tulgit – Kibish

With a short visit of the Rubber Plantation around Bebek, drive further south to Kibish via Tulgit – the other settlement of the Surma people. Cross the Akobo River which flows into the Baro River. Overnight – Camping at Kibish

Day 6 – Kibish

Full day with the Surma people who share the practice of inserting clay discs into the woman's lower lips and men's 'Stick Fighting' – with the Mursi people who live on the other side of the Omo River. Overnight – Camping at Kibish

Day 7 – Kibish – Mizan Teferi

Drive Mizan Teferi via Bebek where you will visit the coffee exporting processes from nursery to packing and transporting. Overnight at – Eden Hotel

Day 8 – Mizan Teferi – Jimma

Visit the Chat (mild stimulant) cultivation, and the Muslim Oromo people. In the afternoon drive to Jimma – which was the regional capital of Ethiopia in the late 19th Century. Overnight – Central Jimma Hotel

Day 9 – Jimma – Sodo – Arba Minch

With a stop at Gojeb River where you may spot hippos, drive 360 km to Arba Minch. On your way visit the people of Wolita who are known for their cultivation of Enset or False Banana. Overnight – Paradise Lodge

Day 10 – Arba Minch – Key Afer – Jinka

Morning visit to the most colorful multicultural market in the Lower Omo Valley at Key Afer – which is attended by the tribal groups of Ari, Benna, and Tsemai. In the afternoon drive 275 km to Jinka. Overnight – Jinka Resort Hotel

Day 11 – Jinka – Mago NP – Jinka

Today, you will have an excursion to the Mago National Park to visit the people of Mursi who are typically known for the clay lip plates of the women. Then, drive back to Jinka and visit the Cultural Museum of the People of the Lower Omo Valley. Overnight – Jinka Resort Hotel

Day 12 – Jinka – Dimeka – Turmi

Drive to Turmi – the settlement of Hamar people. Stop off at Dimeka to visit the interesting weekly cultural market of the Hamar and the Benna people. After dinner at your hotel, you will be driven to the nearby village of the Hamar people to see the traditional dances of the Hamar people – the Evangadi Dance. Overnight – Buska Lodge

Day 13 – Turmi

In the morning enjoy an excursion to Omo Rate to visit the Dasenech people who are the southern most people of the country and who are known for their scarifications. After a picnic lunch at Murulle, proceed driving to Korcho to visit the Karo people. Drive back to Turmi. Overnight – Buska Lodge

Day 14 – Turmi – Arba Minch

An early start this morning - drive north to Arba Minch with a stop at Lake Chamo. Enjoy a boat trip to visit the 'Crocodile Market' where you can see the display of big African Crocodiles, hippos, and various low land water birds. Overnight – Paradise Lodge

Day 15 – Arba Minch – Langano

Drive north to the Rift Valley Lake of Langano visiting the people of Dorze who are known for their huge bamboo huts, and colorful cotton clothes. You will also visit the chains of Rift Valley Lakes on your way. Overnight – Sabana Beach Resort

Day 16 – Langano – Addis + departure

Drive back to Addis in the morning and after lunch at Addis have a short city tour of Addis to visit the National Archeological Museum of Addis Ababa, and Merkato – the largest open air market in Africa. In the evening, before departure, you will be guest at one of the best traditional restaurants to taste the variety of Ethiopian meals and to see Ethiopian folklore dances.

After your dinner you will be transferred to the airport for your international departure.

The price is inclusive of: -

- Accommodation on room-sharing basis
- Three meals a day out of Addis, and only breakfast in Addis
- All entrance fees and transfers
- Comfortable and air-conditioned 4X4 Toyota Land Cruiser with fuel, insurance and driver's allowance
- Professional English Speaking guide and professional cook for the camping days
- Boat trip on Lake Chamo
- Bottled water in the vehicle
- Portage fees and all local guides and scouts at the parks

Price exclusive of:-

- Lunch and dinner in Addis
- Any alcoholic drinks
- Personal expense like souvenirs, laundry and tips



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