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11 DAY OMO VALLEY CULTURAL JOURNEY



Day 1 – Arrival + Addis

Be welcomed by your guide on arrival at Addis Ababa Bole International Air Port, and transfer to your hotel. Overnight – Global or Similar 4* Hotel

Day 2 – Addis – Tiya – Adadi Mariam – Langano

Drive south to the Rift Valley Lake of Langano visiting the rock-hewn church of Adadi Mariam that is believed to be the southern-most church founded by King Lalibela, the pre-historic archeological site of Melka Kunture, and the stelea field of Tiya (UNESCO World Heritage Site). At Lake Langano enjoy swimming and bird watching around. Overnight – Sabana Beach Resort

Day 3 – Langano – Arba Minch

Drive 300 km south to Arba Minch visiting the tribal people of Alaba who are noted for their beautifully painted houses, Wolita, known for their cultivation of Enset or False Banana, and Dorze – who are renowned for their huge huts and colorful cotton clothes, en route. Overnight – Paradise Lodge

Day 4 – Arba Minch

Morning visit to the Nech Sar National Park to visit mammals like Swains Hartebeest (endemic), Burchil's Zebra, Grants Gazelle and also endemic birds like the thick-billed raven, the Wattled ibis, and the mysterious Nech Sar nightjar. In the afternoon enjoy a stunning boat trip on the rift valley lake of Chamo to visit the 'crocodile market' where you can see display of large African Crocodiles, hippopotamus, and low land water birds. Overnight – Paradise Lodge

Day 5 – Arba Minch – Jinka

Drive 275 km south to Jinka visiting the villages of the Konso people who are renowned for their colorful hand-woven cotton clothes and beautiful rock terraces. *(If the day is Thursday, stop on your way at Key Afer to visit the most colorful multicultural market in the Lower Omo Valley, which is attended, by the tribal groups of Ari, Benna, and Tsemai.)* Overnight – Jinka Resort Hotel

Day 6 – Jinka

Today, you will have an excursion to the Mago National Park and 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 7 – Jinka – Turmi

Drive to Turmi – the village of the Hamar people whose women are noted for their typical hairdressing, and leather skirts. *(If today is Saturday or Tuesday, you will have a stop at the colorful weekly market of the Hamar and the Benna people at Dimeka.)* Overnight – Buska Lodge



Day 8 - Turmi

In the morning, you will have an excursion to Omo Rate to visit the Dasenech people who are the southernmost people of the country and are known for their scarifications. Then, with a picnic lunch stop at Murulle, head to Korcho – the village of the Karo people. *(OR if the day is Saturday or Tuesday, have an excursion in the afternoon to visit the colorful weekly market of the Hamar at Dimeka, or if Monday at Turmi.)* Overnight – Buska Lodge

Day 9 – Turmi – Yabello

Drive to Yabello with a stop at the villages of the nomadic people of Erbore. Overnight – Yabello Motel

Day 10 – Yabello – Awassa

Head to the north visiting the nomadic people of Borena, and the other people of Sidama who are renowned for their cultivation of Enset or False Banana. Overnight – Pina Hotel

Day 11 – Awassa – Addis

Visiting the 'Fish Market' at the Shore of Lake Awassa, drive back to Addis visiting the chains of the Rift Valley Lakes of Langan, Abiyatta, Shalla, and Ziway. Have a free afternoon in Addis. In the evening before departure, have a fare well dinner party at one of the best traditional restaurants where you will see the folkloric dances of the people of Ethiopia, and taste a variety of Ethiopian meals. Then, be transferred to the airport for your evening departure.

Price inclusive of:-

- Accommodation on a twin room sharing basis
- All meals out of Addis, and only breakfast in Addis
- All entrance fees
- All ground transportation and transfers
- Professional English speaking guide, Portage fees, All local guides and scout fees
- Boat hire on lake Chamo

Price exclusive of:-

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

