



SOUL OF TANZANIA
EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEYS



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7. Departure from Addis Ababa



Ethiopia is the cradle of mankind and the oldest independent country in Africa. The earliest evidence of Ethiopian history was in around 1000BC when the Queen of Sheba visited King Solomon. Unique among other African countries, Ethiopia is one of the world's most fascinating countries that offer all in one. It has rich history, amazing people with deep culture, towering mountains and breathtaking scenery, endemic mammals and birds, and unique natural sites.

DAY
01

ADDIS ABABA

Arrive in Addis Ababa

On arrival meet your guide and transfer to the hotel.

Founded in 1886 by Emp. Menelik II, Addis Ababa is the capital of Ethiopia and the seat of the African Union (AU). Addis Ababa is the third highest capital in the world and one of the largest cities in Africa with a population well over 5 million. It is located at 2500 m above sea level at the foot step of the highest peak of Entoto Mountain chain (3200m above sea level), and enjoys an excellent climate all year round; with an average temperature of 16C. Addis Ababa is a pleasant city with wide avenues of Jacarandas, interesting museums and one of the largest open-air markets in Africa, known as Merkato.

Overnight - Golden Tulip Hotel)

DAY
02

FLY TO ARBA MINCH

Fly to Arbaminch

Today you will fly to Arba Minch and drive to Alaba and Dorze tribal villages to visit the Dorze people who are known for their weaving culture which is reflected in their beautiful cotton clothes, fences, and beehive shaped bamboo huts.

Dinner and overnight will be at Haile Arbaminch Hotel which is situated at a nice point to spot two of the Rift Valley lakes and part of the land between the lakes which is known locally as 'the Bridge of Heaven or Paradise'.

Overnight - Haile Arbaminch Hotel

DAY
03

DRIVE TO TURMI

Drive to Turmi

In the morning, have a remarkable boat ride on the southernmost Rift Valley Lake of Ethiopia – Lake Chamo. Boat trip on Lake Chamo is among the best anywhere in Ethiopia. One can spot many Hippos and the world’s most spectacular concentrations of Giant Crocodiles (It is locally called as ‘Crocodile Market’). The water birds are great the scenery is truly unforgettable. Fishing for Nile Perch and many other species by locals on their traditional boat is by far the best in the country. You will also watch various low land water birds like the African Fish Eagle, Great White Pelicans, egrets, etc.

Then you will drive to Turmi – the settlement of Hamar people. There you will attend the Dimeka market if the day is Tuesday or Saturday.

Overnight - Buska lodge

DAY
04


TURMI

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In the morning, you will make an excursion trip to Murulle - the village of Karo people, who are the tribe with the least in number of members, and known for their body paintings they indulge before important ceremonies. The most striking thing about Karo people's symbolic and ornamental expressions is the painted body and face decorations. This is an elaborate process, which ranges from fine and elaborate details to rough, but striking paintings traced with the palms or fingers. The most beautiful expression is in the facial and chest paintings that combine white (chalk), black (charcoal), yellow, ochre, and red earth. They often imitate the spotted plumage of a guinea fowl. Karo woman scarify their chests to beautify themselves. The complete scarification of a man's chest indicates that he has killed an enemy or a dangerous animal..

DAY
04

TURMI



The scars are cut with a knife or razor blade and ash is rubbed in to produce a raised effect. The wearing of a grey and ochre clay hair bun also indicates the killing of an enemy or a dangerous animal. We also visit Dus, a typical settlement with open public meeting grounds and dancing place. The people living here have shelters called shuppa, where they pass the hottest hours of the day playing a Karo board game called Warre.

In the afternoon, you will visit the Hamar people in their village. The women of the Hamar are known particularly for their striking, adorned with thick plaits of ochre-colored hair hanging down in a heavy fringe, leather skirts decorated with cowries, a dozen or more copper bracelets fixed tightly around their arms. And the men are noted for the initiation ceremony of Jumping over the Bulls. Catching this interesting ritual is entirely a matter of chance.

Overnight - Buska lodge

DAY
05

DRIVE TO JINKA

Drive to Jinka

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.

Overnight - Eco Omo Lodge

DAY
06

FLY TO ADDIS ABABA

Fly to Addis Ababa

After breakfast, leave Jinka and drive to Mursi village to visit and appreciate the very attractive culture of Mursi tribe. They are renowned for the strange custom followed by their women who on reaching maturity, have their lower lips slit and circular disks inserted. The larger the clay plate, the more the woman is worth before she gets married. It is said that the clay plates were originally used to prevent capture by slave traders. Although very unique and part of their tradition, the Mursi women only wear the plates for a short time because they are so heavy and uncomfortable. Men of the Mursi also use white paint for their bodies and faces. Just like any other ethnic tribe in the lower valley, the men must pass a test before they can get married. A Mursi man is given a stick called a Donga and must face one opponent. The men then battle it out, beating each other with the sticks. Then you will fly back to Addis Abeba. In the evening you will have farewell dinner.

Overnight - Golden Tulip Hotel

DAY
07

ADDIS ABABA

After your breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your international flight.

OUR PRICE

2 pax: \$2,300 USD per person plus USD 580 for domestic airfare which is subject to change

▣ 4 pax: \$2,000 USD per person plus USD 580 per person for domestic airfare which is subject to change

INCLUSIONS / EXCLUSIONS

INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

- Accommodation on a twin/double room sharing basis
- Meal- Bed and breakfast in Addis Abeba and full board outside of Addis
- All transfer in and out services
- All ground transportation
- Professional English speaking guide accompanying you throughout the tour
- All local guides
- All entrance fees
- All portage fees
- Scout fees
- Bottled mineral water service in the vehicle (1lt. per person per day, other than the beverage served during each meal)
- Boat hire on Lake Chamo
- Government tax

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NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

- Lunch and dinner everywhere
- International and domestic airfare
- Alcoholic drinks
- Photo fees
- Tips
- Other expenses of personal nature like shopping, laundry, etc
- Any expense not included in the inclusive list above