

BEST OF SOUTHERN ETHIOPIA

This 11-day tour of Southern Ethiopia offers a rich and fascinating cultural experience as you visit six local villages where you can witness daily life and learn of their traditions. See large populations of hippo and huge nile crocodiles as well as wide range of aquatic birds that call Lake Chamo their home. Ethiopia is the ideal destination for those wanting an "off the beaten track" travel experience, seeing some of the most intersting people of Africa.

11 Days / 10 Nights

ETHIOPIA

PRICE PER PERSON FROM:

\$7,915*

PRICE INCLUDES

- 10 nights accommodation on twin share basis
- Meals as indicated (B, L, D)
- All transfers, touring with an English-speaking guide and entrance fees. Local guide at each spot.
- Lake Chamo boat trip
- Domestic flights as shown (based on flying internationally with Ethiopia Airlines)

NOTE:

Based on a minimum of 2 passengers travelling together

* A supplement applies for travel during major festivals in Ethiopia Terms and conditions apply. Subject to change without notice.

DAY 1: ADDIS ABABA

On arrival at Addis Ababa airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight at the GOLDEN TULIP HOTEL or similar. (B)

DAY 2: ADDIS ABABA - ARBAMINCH

This morning you will visit the Ethnological Museum for an introduction to Ethiopian culture and history. In the afternoon, fly to Arba Minch, where you will be met and transferred to your resort on the edge of Langano Lake. En-route, you will visit the village of Chencha, home to the Dorze people – known for their weaving culture and beehive shaped huts. Overnight at PARADISE LODGE or similar. (B. L. D)

DAY 3: ARBAMINCH

After breakfast, head south to Lake Chamo, where you will be taken on a boat trip. The lake is home to large populations of hippopotamus as well as flocks of aquatic birds. Float past the 'crocodile market'; one of the world's greatest concentrations of giant Nile crocodiles. Overnight at PARADISE LODGE or similar. (B, L, D)

DAY 4: ARBA MINCH - JINKA

Today you will visit the rock terraces of a local Konso village. Depending on the day of the week, you may have the chance to visit the local Key Afer market of the Ari, Benna, and Tsemay people. Continue to the town of Jinka. Overnight at ECO OMO LODGE or similar. (B, L, D)

DAY 5: JINKA – TURMI

After breakfast, you will be taken to a Mursi village to visit and experience the culture of the Mursi tribe. One of the most fascinating tribes of Ethiopia, the Mursi are renowned for customs and rites of passage such as circular clay lip discs worn by young women. Continue to the town of Turmi for three nights staying at BUSKA LODGE or similar. (B, L, D)

DAY 6: MURRULLE

This morning you will visit Murrulle, the village of the Kao people. The Kao are one of the smallest tribes in Ethiopia, but perhaps the most recognisable, with their chalk bodies and face painting. Return to Turmi in the afternoon and visit the village of the Hamer people. Depending of



the day of the week, you may be able to visit the Dimeka Market of the Hamer and Benna people. (B, L, D)

DAY 7: OMORATIE

This morning you will be taken to Omoratie, the village of Dasenech people. This tribe are agropastoralists in that they grow crops and keep cattle. (B, L, D)

DAY 8: TURMI – ARBAMINCH

Today you will continue on to Arba Minch, en-route you will visit the villages of the Arbore and Borana people.

These tribes are excellent jewellery makers and highly spiritual. Overnight at PARADISE LODGE or similar. (B, L, D)

DAY 9: ARBAMINCH - YIRGALEM

After breakfast, drive through lush green landscapes and coffee plantations to the town of Yirgalem. Your lodge for the night is nestled in a peaceful forested area where many bird species and other animals are common. Overnight at AREGASH LODGE or similar. (B, L, D)

DAY 10: YIRGALEM - ADDIS ABABA

Today you will be transferred to Awassa for your flight back to Addis Ababa. Overnight at the GOLDEN TULIP HOTEL or similar (B, L)

DAY 11: ADDIS ABABA

Today you will be taken on a city tour of Addis Ababa taking in the National Museum, Trinity Cathedral, the Mercato – the largest open air market in Africa and Mt. Entoto for a panoramic view of the city. Enjoy a farewell dinner at an Ethiopian restaurant featuring ethnic dancers and musicians. (B, D)

