

Tour code: HF-402

Tour Type: Cultural and Nature

Duration of stay: 14days/ 13 nights

Means of Transportation: Flight/Surface

Description: visiting the interesting mosaic cultures of the Omo valley tribes with their amazing uniqueness and the Chebera-Churchura national park with its amazing nature and wild lives.

Day 01 Addis Ababa-Jimma-Chebera-Churchura

Arrival at Addis Abeba and you will fly to the south western town called Jimma. The car will pick you up and drive you to Chebera-Churchura national park. You will enjoy the late afternoon sun set. You stay your night in the peaceful natural place.

Overnight lodge



Day 02 Chebera Churchura National park

Today will be an epic day in the national park. This park is one of the recent developments in Ethiopia and it is the most untouched parks with great wilderness. So far 37 larger mammals and 237 species of birds have been recorded. You will enjoy spotting different birds and animals like Elephants , Cape Buffalo, lions , Leopards. Overnight lodge or camping

Day 03. Chebera Churchura National park

Game drive to spot wild life and proceed to shoshuma campsite , especially to see Elephants. Back to the lodge or campsite. Overnight Lodge or campsite



Day4. Chebera-Churchura-Mizan Teferi

After having breakfast, start driving to Mizan Teferi. When you reach Jimma town, visit the famous Aba Jifar II palace. Abba Jifar II was king of the Gibe Kingdom of Jimma (reigned 1878 - 1932). After lunch, you will drive through one of the largest and the oldest natural forest in Ethiopia and also large tea and coffee farms to Mizan Teferi. This is the place where coffee is believed to have originated. In fact the name itself “Coffee” might have derived from the name of this old region called “Kaffa”.

Overnight Hotel



Day 05 Mizan Teferi-Kibish

In the morning continue driving to Kibish. The first part of this area is covered by dense pluvial rainy forest with different indigenous trees. The Agnuak people reside in the Dima district which is very near to Sudan. The Anuak are a river people whose villages are scattered along the banks and rivers of southeastern Sudan and western Ethiopia, in the Gambela Region.

On the way you will visit Bebekka coffee plantation, the Ethiopia's largest old coffee plantation.

Overnight Camping in Kibish

Day 06. Kibish

After breakfast start exploring Suri (surma) tribe's villages; Suri's live in a remote corner of south-western Ethiopia, virtually untouched by the modern world.. Piercing and lip plates are a strong part of the Suri culture. At the point of puberty most women have their bottom teeth removed in order to get their lower lip pierced. Once the lip is pierced, it's then stretched and a lip plate is then placed in the hole of the piercing.

One of the main Surma / Suri customs is stick fighting. This ritual and sport is called Donga or Sagenai (Saginay). Donga is both the name of the sport and the stick, whereas sagenai is the name of the stick-fighting session. Stick fighting is central in Suri culture. In most cases, stick fighting is a way for warriors to find girlfriends; it can also be a way to settle conflicts. On this occasion men show their courage, their virility and their resistance to pain, to the young women. The fights are held between Suri villages, and begin with 20 to 30 people on each side, and can end up with hundreds of warriors involved.

Overnight Camping in Kibish



Day 07 . Kibish-Turmi

You will drive to Turmi where we will meet the fascinating Hamar tribe. Turmi serves as our base to explore the tribes of the Southern Omo Valley. On the way you will visit the other colorful tribe Nyangatom known for wearing many necklaces on their neck. After visiting, proceed driving to Turmi.

Overnight Lodge



Day 08. Turmi-Karo-Turmi

In the morning, you drive about 60kms to Kortcho village to visit the Kara tribe who lives on the bank of the Omo river. They are the master of body painting and back to Turmi for lunch. Afternoon drive to Dimeka for Saturday market of the Hammer people and if there is bull jump ceremony after the visit of the market attend the bull jump ceremony, transformation of the young hammer boy to adult. Overnight Lodge in Turmi





Day 09 Turmi – Omorate – Turmi

Morning you take the excursion to visit the Dassanech Ethnic group (70 km, one way), famous for their nomad lifestyle and very interesting decoration and scarification on their bodies. There are also great views of the Omo River when crossing it in a dugout canoe. Back to Tumi late in the afternoon visit the village of the Hammer people. Overnight Lodge in Turmi.

Day 10. Turmi – Arbore – Turmi

Excursion to Arbore people which 80kms from Turmi. Arbore people are known to be the trade intermediary and peace settlers amongst the Omo valley people and they are more pastoralist. then back to the Turmi. Afternoon you will be at your leisure unless there is some special events to attend. Overnight Lodge in Turmi





Day 11. Turmi-Jinka – Konso

Early in the morning drive to Jinka and enter the Mago National Park by admiring different birds on the way; and proceed to visit to the Mursi tribe and their villages. They are one of the most unique tribes in Africa. Here women use huge round lips plates for beauty reasons. Back to town for lunch . Afternoon drive to Konso . overnight Lodge in Konso



Day 12. Konso – Arbaminch

After breakfast, you start visiting Konso which is the UNESCO Cultural Heritage site. You will visit the village compound and the local museum, and usually are also welcomed in the Konso

chief's compound, which includes the family graveyard and house mummies. The Konso people have a rich agrarian culture and construct ingenious terraces and walls that encircle their fields and villages for protection against livestock damage and flooding. Proceed to Arbaminch . overnight hotel in Arbaminch



Day 13. Arbaminch

Morning excursion to Dorze village which 30 kms from Arbaminch to visit Dorze people who live on mountains at an altitude of the 3000 above sea level. These people are known for their house construction know as “Elephant house “ constructed with bamboo tree , weaving tradition and their staple food made from false banana tree. Back to Arbaminch for lunch and some rest. Afternoon boat trip on Lake Chamo , one of the rift valley lakes to visit Crocodiles , Hippos and aquatic birds. Overnight in Hotel Arbaminch

Day 14. Arbaminch – Addis Ababa

Transfer to Arbaminch airport for the flight to Addis Ababa . Up on arrival transfer to day use hotel for some rest and refreshment. Evening after traditional farewell dinner transfer to the international Airport for the flight back home.

Departure Dates from Addis Ababa ;

- **08/08/2024**
- **14/09/2024**
- **15/11/2024**
- **11/01/2025**

The price is

No of pax	Price per person in Euro
2	2178
3	1715
4	1792
5	1592
6	1458
7	1363
8	1445
9	1373
10	1314
11	1314
12	1227