

# Domestic Varsity Combination Tour Packages

Title	Ethiopian combination tour to the Omo Valley cultural route with Bale Mountains National park and the Great Rift Valley.
Tour Code	CDTP 001
Tour Duration	10 Nights and 11 Days
Mode of Transportation( surface )	Surface Drive with –Minivan/ Bus/ Four- wheel drives
No of travelers	Optional
Type of accommodation	Your choose Hotels or Lodges  Up market/ Moderate/ Budget/ camping
Attraction Highlights	<p>Spectacular scenery, peoples, customs Scenery, Grate rift valley system, falls, rift valley lakes, wild life, Birds, trekking, culture, national park, tribes, custom, live culture.</p> <p>The Omo Valley in Southern Ethiopia is a little visited area of Ethiopia containing some of the most colorful tribes and ethnic groups. The fascinating costumes, colorful ceremonies and celebrations, arts, crafts, music and dance of the Benna, Hamer, Mursi, Karo, Gelebpeopl/ Dasench and much more are very special. In the Omo Valley region many of the tribal groups have changed little over hundreds of years and they offer the visitor extraordinary insight into a variety of traditional cultures. On this trip, you get truly off the beaten track, exploring little visited villages and vibrant tribal markets of the Southern with the Bale mountains for diversify endemic flora, fauna and bird life with breathtaking scenery and endemic mammals</p>

Departure Point/ Place:-Meskel Squire/ Avenue

Departure Time: - 8:00 Western / 2:00 Ethiopian Time

### **DAY 1- ADDIS ABABA - AWASSA**

Morning after everyone gather at the departure point/Place and time start the tour at 8.00 am, drive to southward to the rift valley regions passing creator lakes and rift valley lakes on the way visit the Tiya steal field a UNSCO registered site in Ethiopia, arrival at Awassa and walk on the lake shore of Lake Awassa, overnight hotel.

### **DAY 2- AWASSA - ARBAMINCH- on the visit the Dorze tribe**

Mornings after breakfast walk on the lake shore to see the fish market and a very good opportunity to see the aquatic birds, then drive will take you along the scenic farmlands of Gurage People. We will also drive through the Wolayta farmlands, with views of the lush green hills and valleys, on the way visit the Dorze tribe and their village, famed for their bee hive shaped houses and their weaving skills. Weaving is a primary profession for many Dorze. They are also farmers, who prevent soil erosion by ingenious terracing of the mountainsides. Around their huts they have their own little garden with vegetables, spices; tobacco and Enset (false-banana or musa Ensete). You arrive late in the afternoon at Arba Minch - meaning 'Forty Springs' in Amharic. Arba Minch takes its name from the bubbling streams that cover the groundwater forest occupying the flats of the town, Overnight hotel

### **DAY 3- ARBAMINCH- TURMI on the way KONSO TRIBE**

Early in the morning drive to the Lake shore to have a boat trip on Lake Chamo, Boat trip on Lake Chamo is along the best anywhere in Ethiopia. One can spot many Hippos and the world's most spectacular concentrations of Giant Nile Crocodiles which measure about 6 meter with the water birds are great the scenery is truly unforgettable, continue drive on the way stop at KONSO to visit the Konso tribe with their king- UNSCO registered site for their extensive terracing and practice of making a wooden grave mark for their hero and kings, continue driving and late afternoon arrival to Turmi, overnight Lodge.

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#### **DAY 4- TURMI- KARO TRIBE AT MURULLE- on the way DIMEKA market- afternoons HAMER VILLAGE**

Early in the morning after breakfast Head to Murulle to see the Karo tribe, famous for their body painting (they prepare the ink for the painting from locally available material like flower, soil and animal blood) we will also admire the scenery view of the Omo river from the edge of the village, then drive to Dimeka Market to attend the weekly colorful market of the HAMER tribe then drive back to Turmi after afternoon break in the lodge late afternoon walk from the lodge to the village to visit the HAMER tribe with their own way of life interaction with their way of life, overnight Lodge.

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#### **DAY 5- TURMI- OMORATE-DASENCH TRIBE- JINKA**

These day early in the morning after breakfast drive 73 km west to visit the Dassench/Geleb people; who inhabited in the bank of Omo River and we cross the Omo River by locally made boat to see the village these tribes are semi nomadic with very little agriculture on the bank of the Omo River, then drive to Jinka on the way enjoy the interaction of different tribes with their way of life, overnight Lodge.

#### **DAY 6- JINKA- ARBAMINCH on the way excursion to MURSI TRIBE – and KEY AFER market**

After breakfast early in the morning 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 clay discs inserted, then drive to KEY AFER- Tribal Market- one of the best market in the OMO VALLEY since at list four different tribes are coming to attend these weekly market arrival to the small town and escort a local guide walking around the market and explore different section of the market including animal, vegetable, cereals and much more. Then continue drive back to Arbaminch, overnight hotel.

#### **DAY 7- ARBAMINCH – YERGALEM/AREGASH LODGE**

Morning after breakfast start drive to Aregash Lodge an interesting lodge in the middle of forest in Sidama region with a traditional house made up of traditional material available from the surrounding, after check – in to the lodge you will visit the Sidama people and their village with their fascinating culture and the false Banana preparation and coffee plantations, overnight lodge

## **DAY 8- AREGASH LODGE- BALE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK- BALE MOUNTAIN LODGE**

Morning after breakfast head to Bale mountain national park ,to the head quarter on the highest road and on the highest moorland in Africa. Stop at DINSHO- head quarter for Birding along the way you will spot Golden backed wood pecker White backed Tit and endemic Mountain Nyala, Menilik Bush Buck and warthog in the park with other wild animals, then drive further to the national park passing the Sanette Plateau then finally to the lodge, overnight Bale Mountain Lodge

## **DAY 09- FULL DAY BALE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK**

Morning after breakfast drive to the Sannati plateau for amazing viewing in Bale Mountains National Park and to spot the endemic Ethiopian Wolf And may other endemic mammals and birds then continue driving around the mountain to late afternoon drive back to the lodge, overnight lodge

## **DAY 10- BALE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK- LANGANO**

Spend the whole morning in the park then drive back to Langano Rift Valley Lake with a brownish color located in the Great Rift Valley system arrival to the lodge, relax and enjoy the sunset in the lodge, overnight lodge

## **DAY 11- LANGANO- ADDIS ABABA- DEPARTURE**

Morning After relaxed breakfast in the lodge and enjoying the sunrise start to drive back to Addis Ababa through the Great Rift Valley on the way coffee and tea stop at the town of Debrezayet in one of the creator lake arrival at Addis, shopping and coffee break and finally in the evening traditional farewell dinner in cultural restaurant with live tribal music, overnight hotel

## **END OF THE TOUR**

## Detail service

### Included:-

All accommodations	Your choose of Hotels or Lodges Up market/ Moderate/ Budget
Meal plan:- Optional meal plan BB- Bed & Breakfast HB- Half Board- Lunch/ Dinner FB- Full Board- Lunch & Dinner	your choose of Meal Plan, with one complimentary soft drinks/ water
Transportation (All ground transportation) The kind of Vehicle will depend based on the season, Number of travelers and Budget	very good condition Minivan/ Bus/ Four-wheel Drive
Entrance fee	All entrance fee in the sight and village
Guiding service	Professional English speaking guides and a local guide in each destination and scout in the case of attraction sight and national park
Boat trips and other special activity	Boat trips at lake Chamo
Water	Daily bottled water
Government tax	Since our company is legal our price include government tax

### Not included:-

- Any meal which is not mentioned in the included part
- Alcohol beverages,
- Tourist Insurance,
- Video filming and photography fees,
- Tips and items of personal nature like laundry, souvenirs, etc
- All expense that are not mentioned in the included part

Title	Ethiopian combination tour to the famous Northern Historic circuit and Omo Valley cultural route to the south with Bale Mountains and Rift Valley Lakes
Tour Code	CDTP 002
Tour Duration	16 Nights & 17 Days
Mode of Transportation( surface drive + domestic flights )	Surface Drive with –Minivan/ Bus/ Four- wheel drives with two domestic flights
No of travelers	Optional
Type of accommodation	Your choose Hotels or Lodges  Up market/ Moderate/ Budget/ camping
Attraction Highlights	<p>gorgeous gorges, runes of palace, spectacular scenery, paintings, peoples, customs Scenery, monuments, falls, lakes, wild life, mosques, and Churches, Birds, rock hewn churches, boat trip, culture, Ancient monasteries, custom, live culture...much more .</p> <p>The famous historic route is one of the best destinations In the world to travel back centuries back to perceive the civilizations of the ancient and medieval Ethiopia and all the artifacts, rock churches, steels, runes of palace and castles are living testimonies with spectacular scenery, peoples, customs Scenery, Grate rift valley system, falls, rift valley lakes, wild life, Birds, trekking, culture, national park, tribes, custom, live culture.</p> <p>The Omo Valley in Southern Ethiopia is a little visited area of Ethiopia containing some of the most colorful tribes and ethnic groups. The fascinating costumes, colorful ceremonies and celebrations, arts, crafts, music and dance of the Benna, Hamer, Mursi, Karo, Geleb people are very special. In the Omo Valley region many of the tribal groups have changed little over hundreds of years and they offer the visitor extraordinary insight into a variety of traditional</p>

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Departure Point/ Place:-Addis Ababa Bole airport Domestic Terminal 1

Departure Time: - 6:00 Western / 12:00 Ethiopian Time

### **DAY 1- FLY ADDIS- BAHIRDAR- FULL DAY BAHIR DAR**

Morning after everyone gather at the departure point/Place and time start the tour at 6.00 am, to fly Bahirdar, arrival and directly transfer to the hotel, after breakfast take a boat trip on Lake Tana and visit two of the most accessible and representative of the monasteries with very beautiful well painting from the medieval time still serving their original function, Ura Kidane Mehret and Azwa Maryam then ride back to Bahirdar on the way see the outlet of the famous Blue Nile the longest river in the world as it depart from the lake. Lunch break and Afternoon a drive to the Blue Nile Falls, (the water amount of the fall is depending on the rain), but the drive and walking by its self is great and enjoyable, Overnight hotel.

### **DAY 2- BAHIR DAR – GONDER- VISIT GONDER**

After breakfast drive to Gonder 180 km to conduct tour of Gonder known as the “Camelot” of Africa, nestled in the foothills of the breathtaking Semien Mountains National Park in the northwestern part of the country was the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century capital city of Ethiopia, which was founded by Emperors Fasiladas (1632 – 1667) and was home to a number of emperors & warlords, curtsies and kings who built several castles and palaces around the area. Visit the oldest and the most impressive Gonderine structure, the magnificent castle compound including the two storied palace of emperor Fasiladas, built of roughly hewn brown basalt stone held together with mortar, the fantastically decorated Debre Brehan Silassie Church (light of Trinity),the bath (now baptismal place during Ethiopian epiphany, January 19) of king Fasiladas and the ruined palace of Queen Mintiwab at Qusquam, where the Scottish explorer James Bruce used to reside for sometimes, overnight hotel

### **DAY 3- SIMIEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK**

Early in the morning Trip to Simien Mountain drives to Debarq, 100Kms from Gonder, the Headquarter of the Simien Mountains National Park. Proceed to Sankaber, 37Kms farther, which is your first trekking starting spot, 3250 ms above sea level. Spend the day trekking around the

camp sites. Lunch will be served by lunch boxes on top of the view point; here you will see some endemic Ethiopian Birds like wattle Ibis, and some mammals like the Gelada Baboon, overnight hotel

#### **DAY 4- SIMIEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK- AXUM**

Early in the morning after breakfast drive through the Semien Mountains National Park escarpments to Axum, via one of the most scenic road of Ethiopia and the Tekeze river gorge. This trip is a trying one, but it is the most rewarding for those who love exceptional scenery, overnight hotel

#### **DAY 5- FULL DAY TOUR OF AXUM**

Full day visit of Axum, a place where the cradle of Ethiopian culture Christianity and the first capital of Ethiopia until the 9<sup>th</sup> century A.D., On this day you will visit the small but rich archaeological museum, the famous stele park, where the magnificent single block of stones erected since 3<sup>rd</sup> century, the Saint Mary of Zion Cathedral, where the original Holy Ark of the Covenant is still sheltered, however except one guardian (priest) no one is allowed to enter in to the sanctuary where the ark is stayed. Continuing your visit which includes the subterranean tomb of king Kalbe and his son king Gebremeskel, 6<sup>th</sup> Century AD, the trilingual inscription of king Ezana and finally visit the ruin palace and bath of Queen of Sheba who was the mother of king Menilik I of the 950 B.C, overnight hotel

#### **DAY 6- AXUM- GERALTA- ROCK CHURCHES OF TIGRAY**

Morning after breakfast drive Axum-Geralta In the morning, drive to Mekelle visiting the 8-5th Century Temple of Yeha. The temple is believed to be the oldest standing building in the country. Proceed to the 6th century famous Monastery of Debre Damo established by Abune Aregawi one of the nine Saints came in Ethiopia in the 6th century in the reign of King Kaleb to spread Christianity in different parts of the country (the monastery is only for men and accessed by climbing rope) if you are not interested with the monastery since it is only for men it is possible to visit rock churches of TIGRAY (TEKA TESFA CLUSTER) arrival to Geralta, overnight Lodge

#### **DAY 7- GERALTA- MEKELLE**

Morning after breakfast head to the Geralta cluster to visit the rock churches of Tigray dated back from the 6-9<sup>th</sup> century established by the nine saints who came from Syria during the time of Kaleb and Gebremeskel kings of the Axum dynasty, the rock churches are carve on the top of mountain façade today you will visit the rock churches namely Mariam Korkur in the morning and afternoon ABUNE YEMATA – The most difficult to ascend but worth to see the surrounding mountains from the top of the cliff, after that continue drive to Mekelle on the way

more rock churches of Abrehawe Atsbha and finally to Wekro Cherkos and finally drive to Mekelle, overnight Hotel

#### **DAY 8- MEKELLE- LALIBELA**

Morning after breakfast drive Mekele-Lalibela a full day Drive to Lalibela passing through outstanding chains of Mountain via Weldia on the way picnic lunch, late afternoon arrival at Lalibela and check in to Hotel, overnight hotel

#### **DAY 9- FULL DAY LALIBALA**

Full day at Lalibela visiting the brilliant feats of engineering and architecture, are often by many referred as the “8<sup>th</sup> wonder of the world” which is exceptional to find eleven churches of such master craftsmanship in one place. In this morning among the eleven remarkable rock hewn churches built by king Lalibela in the late 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> century A.D, you will visit the first cluster of churches that represents the earthly Jerusalem. In the afternoon you will visit the second cluster of churches, which represents the heavenly Jerusalem, finally visit the most beautiful and monolithic cruciform church of Saint Gorge, late afternoon Ethiopian traditional coffee ceremony and honey wine, overnight hotel

#### **DAY 10 - FLY LALIBELA- ADDIS ABABA –drive AWASA**

Morning after breakfast transfer to the airport to Fly back Addis Ababa after lunch break head to southward to Awassa passing through the interesting Great Rift Valley on the way admiring the Lakes and the savanna grass land, on the way visit the TIYA steal filed a UNSCO registered site arrival to Awassa overnight hotel

#### **DAY 11 - AWASSA- ARBAMINCH- on the visit the Dorze tribe**

Mornings after breakfast drive will take you along the scenic farmlands of Gurage People. We will also drive through the Wolayta farmlands, with views of the lush green hills and valleys, on the way visit the Dorze tribe and their village, famed for their bee hive shaped houses and their weaving skills. Weaving is a primary profession for many Dorze. They are also farmers, who prevent soil erosion by ingenious terracing of the mountainsides. Around their huts they have their own little garden with vegetables, spices; tobacco and Enset (false-banana or musa Ensete). You arrive late in the afternoon at Arba Minch - meaning 'Forty Springs' in Amharic. Arbaminch takes its name from the bubbling streams that cover the groundwater forest occupying the flats of the town, Overnight hotel

#### **DAY 12 - ARBAMINCH- TURMI –BOAT TRIP on the way KONSO TRIBE & DEMAKA MARKET (Tuesday & Saturday)**

Early in the morning drive to the Lake shore to have a boat trip on Lake Chamo, Boat trip on Lake Chamo is along the best anywhere in Ethiopia. One can spot many Hippos and the world's

most spectacular concentrations of Giant Nile Crocodiles which measure about 6 meter with the water birds are great the scenery is truly unforgettable, continue drive on the way stop at KONSO to visit the Konso tribe with their king- UNSCO registered site for their extensive terracing and practice of making a wooden grave mark for their hero and kings, continue driving on the way Dimeka Market to attend the weekly colorful market of the HAMER tribe late afternoon arrival to Turmi, overnight Lodge.

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### **DAY 13 - TURMI- KARO TRIBE AT MURULLE - afternoons HAMER VILLAGE**

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### **DAY 14- TURMI- OMORATE-DASENCH TRIBE- JINKA on the way KEY AFER market (Thursday)**

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### **DAY 15- JINKA- ARBAMINCH on the way excursion to MURSI TRIBE**

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#### **DAY 16- ARBAMINCH - AREGASH LODGE**

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#### **DAY 17- AREGASH LODGE - ADDIS ABABA DEPARTURE**

Morning After relaxed breakfast in the lodge and enjoying the sunrise start to drive back to Addis Ababa through the Great Rift Valley on the way coffee and tea stop at the town of Debrezayet in one of the creator lake arrival at Addis, shopping and coffee break and finally in the evening traditional farewell dinner in cultural restaurant with live tribal music.

#### **END OF THE TOUR**

## Detail service

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Meal plan:- Optional meal plan BB- Bed & Breakfast HB- Half Board- Lunch/ Dinner FB- Full Board- Lunch & Dinner	your choose of Meal Plan, with one complimentary soft drinks/ water
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Title	Ethiopian photography Tour to the Classical Historic route with Simian mountain, Rock churches of Tigray and Ethiopian New year celebration at Lalibela with Extension trip to Harar, Awash National Park and Omo valley cultural Route with MESKEL festival at Dorze Tribe
Tour Code	CDTP 003
Tour Duration	19 Nights and 20 Days
Mode of Transportation( surface Drive + domestic flights )	Surface Drive with –Minivan/ Bus/ Four-wheel drives with domestic flights
No of travelers	Optional
Type of accommodation	Your choose Hotels or Lodges Up market/ Moderate/ Budget/ camping
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#### **DAY 8- MEKELLE- LALIBELA- Attend the eve of Ethiopian New Year**

Morning after breakfast drive Mekele-Lalibela a full day Drive to Lalibela passing through outstanding chains of Mountain via Weldia on the way picnic lunch, late afternoon arrival at Lalibela and check in to Hotel. After that head to the 1<sup>st</sup> group of church to attend mass service that stay all the night, overnight hotel

#### **DAY 9- FULL DAY VISIT LALIBALA & Attend Ethiopian New Year celebration**

Full day at Lalibela- early morning attend the festivity of Ethiopian New Year at the church then host by a local family and experience how new year celebrated in the northern part of the country. After that start exploring the brilliant feats of engineering and architecture, are often by many referred as the “8<sup>th</sup> wonder of the world” which is exceptional to find eleven churches of such master craftsmanship in one place. In this morning among the eleven remarkable rock hewn churches carved by king Lalibela in the late 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> century A.D, you will visit the first cluster of churches that represents the earthly Jerusalem. PM after lunch break you will visit the second cluster of churches, which represents the heavenly Jerusalem, finally visit the most beautiful and monolithic cruciform church of Saint Gorge, late afternoon Ethiopian traditional coffee ceremony and honey wine, overnight hotel

#### **DAY 10- fly LALIBELA - ADDIS ABABA connect another flight to DERE DAWA- drive to HARAR- attend evening Hyena man performance**

Early morning after breakfast transfer to airport transfer to the airport to fly back to Addis Ababa, quick lunch near the airport then connect your flight to Dire Dawa at the airport meet our representative then drive to Harar approximately 1:30 hours through a beautiful scenery road, arrival to your guest house and evening attend the hyena-feeding man performance, overnight guest house

#### **DAY 11- HARAR- AWASH - visit the walled city HARAR- the UNSCO heritage site.**

Morning after breakfast, start exploring the 16<sup>th</sup> century UNSCO registered wall city of HARAR. Including the colorful local market and the famous museums and holy shrine, you will enjoy visit of the colorful market in Harar then drive to Awash National Park. Arrival late afternoon and game drive around the head quarter and the waterfall, Overnight hotel/ Lodge

## **DAY 12- AWASH- DORZE-**

Very early in the morning after breakfast a quick game drive then head to Dorze via the mid rift valley along the scenic farmlands of Gurage People, you will also drive through the Wolayta farmlands, with views of the lush green hills and valleys, late afternoon arrival at Dorze tribe and their village, famed for their bee hive shaped houses, their weaving skills and the remarkable colorful festival of MESKEL- commemorating the finding of the true cross, overnight local lodge.

## **DAY 13- FULL DAY Dorze tribe- ARBAMINCH**

Mornings after breakfast visit the Dorze tribe and their village, famed for their bee hive shaped houses and their weaving skills. Weaving is a primary profession for many Dorze. They are also farmers, who prevent soil erosion by ingenious terracing of the mountainsides. Around their huts they have their own little garden with vegetables, spices; tobacco and Enset (false-banana or musa Ensete). You arrive late in the afternoon at Arba Minch - meaning 'Forty Springs' in Amharic. Arba Minch takes its name from the bubbling streams that cover the groundwater forest occupying the flats of the town, Overnight hotel

## **DAY 14- ARBAMINCH- KONSO TRIBE- on the way Boat trip at Lake Chamo & Konso**

Early in the morning drive to the Lake shore to have a boat trip on Lake Chamo, Boat trip on Lake Chamo is along the best anywhere in Ethiopia. One can spot many Hippos and the world's most spectacular concentrations of Giant Nile Crocodiles which measure about 6 meter with the water birds are great the scenery is truly unforgettable, continue drive on the way stop at KONSO to visit the Konso tribe with their king- UNESCO registered site for their extensive terracing and practice of making a wooden grave mark for their hero and kings, overnight hotel/ Lodge

## **DAY 15- KONSO- JINKA- on the way KEY AFER market & southern Omo cultural research center/ museum**

After breakfast drive to Jinka on the way KEY AFER- Tribal Market- one of the best market in the OMO VALLEY since at list four different tribes are coming to attend these weekly market arrival to the small town and escort a local guide walking around the market and explore different section of the market including animal, vegetable, cereals and much more then continue drive Jinka after arrival and check in the hotel walk/ drive to Omo cultural research center/ museum to have an overview of the tribes that lives in this special region, overnight hotel/ Lodge

## **DAY 16- JINKA- KARO- Morning excursion to Mursi tribe and on the way Karo tribe**

After breakfast early in the morning 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 clay discs inserted, then Head to Murulle to see the Karo tribe, famous for their body painting (they prepare the ink for the painting from locally available material like flower, soil and animal blood) we will also admire the scenery view of the Omo river from the edge of the village, overnight camping

Remark: - if there is any ceremonial activity like traditional dance, Bull jumping ceremony you will be informed by your guide so based on that you will pay the extra payment for the ceremony

## **DAY 17- more time in KARO TRIBE AT MURULLE- on the way DIMEKA market-TURMI**

Morning after breakfast more time at Murulle to see and photograph the Karo tribe, famous for their body painting (they prepare the ink for the painting from locally available material like flower, soil and animal blood) we will also admire the scenery view of the Omo river from the edge of the village, then drive to Turmi on the way Dimeka Market to attend the weekly colorful market of the HAMER & BENNA tribe, afternoon break in the lodge late afternoon walk from the lodge to the village to visit the HAMER tribe with their own way of life interaction with their way of life, overnight Local hotel/ camping .

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## **DAY 18- TURMI- OMORATE-DASENCH TRIBE- ARBAMNINCH**

These day early in the morning after breakfast drive 73 km west to visit the Dassench/Geleb people; who inhabited in the bank of Omo River and we cross the Omo River by locally made boat to see the village these tribes are semi nomadic with very little agriculture on the bank of the Omo River, then drive back to Arbaminch, over overnight hotel

## **DAY 19- ARBAMINCH - LANAGANO**

Morning after relaxed breakfast start drive to Langano on the way visit more rift valley lakes and tribes, around lunch time arrival at Abijata Shalla national park adjacent to Lake Langano for Game drive and aquatic birding and great scenery. Then drive to Langano for free afternoon, overnight Lodge.

## **DAY 20- LANGANO- ADDIS ABABA**

Morning After relaxed breakfast in the lodge and enjoying the sunrise start to drive back to Addis Ababa through the Great Rift Valley on the way coffee and tea stop at the town of Debrezayet in one of the creator lake arrival at Addis, shopping and coffee break and finally in the evening traditional farewell dinner in cultural restaurant with live tribal music.

**END OF THE TOUR**

## Detail service

### Included:-

All accommodations	Your choose of Hotels or Lodges Up market/ Moderate/ Budget
Meal plan:- Optional meal plan BB- Bed & Breakfast HB- Half Board- Lunch/ Dinner FB- Full Board- Lunch & Dinner	your choose of Meal Plan, with one complimentary soft drinks/ water
Transportation (Surface drive+ Domestic flights ) The kind of Vehicle will depend based on the season, Number of travelers and Budget	very good condition Minivan/ Bus/ Four-wheel Drive with domestic flight ADDIS ABABA- BAHIRDAR LALIBELA- ADDIS ABABA- DIRE DAWA
Entrance fee	All entrance fee in the sight and village
Guiding service	Professional English speaking guides and a local guide in each destination and scout in the case of attraction sight and national park
Boat trips and other special activity	Boat trips at lake Tana & Chamo with hyena man performance
Water	Daily bottled water
Government tax	Since our company is legal our price include government tax

### Not included:

- International air tickets,
- Any meal which is not mentioned in the included part
- Alcohol beverages,
- Tourist Insurance,
- Video filming and photography fees,
- Tips and items of personal nature like laundry, souvenirs, etc
- All expense that are not mentioned in the included part