The South & the Tribes Tour

T O U R P A C K A G E NAME	Southern Ethiopia Tribal Tour
PACKAGE CODE	ET-AD -S 031
MODE OF	Flight and Surface
DESCRIPTION	Cultural & Tribal Tour
DURATION	08 Days / 07 Night



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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

DAY	PLACE	ROUTES/ACTIVITIES	HOTELS/ LODGES
1	*Addis Ababa*	*Arrive at Addis Ababa early in the morning. In the afternoon take a city tour, including the Holy Trinity Cathedral & National Museum and visit the largest market in Africa, the Merkato.* ***Board Type: L&D***	***Golden Tulip Hotel, Addis Ababa*** ***https://addis-ababa.goldentulip.com/en-us/***
2	*Arba minch*	*Fly to the famous lakeside town of Arba Minch. Visit the Dorze People & village at high up in the Guge Mountains northwest of Arba Minch.* ***Board Type: B,L&D***	***Paradise Lodge, Arbaminch*** *www.paradiselodgeethiopia.com*
3	*Jinka*	*Drive to Konso to visit the colorfully costumed dress and impressive terracing of the land of Konso then continue to drive to Key afar to visit the Ari, Bena, Hamer and Tsemay tribes people.* ***Board Type: B,L&D***	***Eco omo Lodge, Jinka*** *www.eco-omo.com*
4	*Turmi*	*Early morning drive to Mago National Park to visit the Mursi tribe and then continue driving through the Omo valley region to Turmi via Dimeka for visiting the Hamer tribes.* ***Board Type: B,L&D***	***Paradise Lodge,Turmi*** *www.paradiselodgeturmi.com*
5	*Turmi*	*An excursion tour to Omorate to visit other tribes, the Dasenech (formerly known as Geleb) and one of their villages along the western banks of the Omo River. In the afternoon drive back to Turmi to visit Hammer village.* ***Board Type: B,L&D***	***Paradise Lodge,Turmi*** *www.paradiselodgeturmi.com*
6	*Konso*	*In the morning an excursion to the Murulle area to visit the Karo ethnic group known for their body painting andin afternoon drive to Konso to stay over* ***Board Type: B,L&D***	***Kanta Lodge,Konso***
7	*Arba minch*	*In the morning drive north towards Arba Minch and drive through Nechisar National Park, then will embark on a private boat trip on Lake Chamo to explore the wildlife, to see big African Crocodiles and families of hippo.* ***Board Type: B,L&D***	***Haile Resort, Arbaminch*** *www.hailehotelsandresorts.com/ arbaminch- resort*

8	*Addis Ababa*	*Morning will have leisure time and transfer to Arbaminch Airport for the flight to Addis Ababa. Then in the evening you will have a traditional Ethiopia dinner and enjoy live folklore music and dance and finally transfer to the Airport for international flight.* ***Board Type: B,L&D***	***Golden Tulip Hotel, Addis Ababa*** ***https://addis-ababa.goldentulip.com/en-us/***

DETAILED ITINERARY FOR SOUTHERN ETHIOPIA & TRIBES TOUR

DAY 01: ADDIS ABABA

Arrive at Bole International Airport, Addis Ababa and on the airport you will be met and greeted by our tour representative and transferred to your hotel for check-in. Following some rest in the morning you will have city tour of Addis Ababa in the afternoon. It will begin with the Holy Trinity Cathedral, built to commemorate the country's liberation from Italian occupation. It is also the burial place of many famous people and was once the largest Ethiopian Orthodox cathedral. Later you will visit the National Museum of Ethiopia, one of the most important collections in sub Saharan Museums in Africa, where the 3.2 million years old hominoid fossil called *Lucy* is found. If there is time, we will visit of Emperor Haile Selassie's former palace – a must see sight while you are in Ethiopia.



Stay over at Golden Tulip Olympia, Addis Ababa ***Golden Tulip Addis Ababa***

Room Type: Single /Double/Twin Room ***Hotel Board Type: Lunch & Dinner***

DAY 02: FLY TO ARBA MINCH

In the morning transfer to domestic Airport to fly to the famous lakeside town of Arba Minch.



Lake chamo

Arba Minch (literally f*orty springs*) has grown to be the largest town in deep Southern Ethiopia with a population of 200,000. The town is set in an elevation of 1,300 mts in the south foothills of the rift valley escarpment; it is a very scenic town, offering a view of the east over Lake Chamo and Lake Abaya and the lush groundwater forest fed by eponymous spring. Lake Chamo abounds in wildlife and birds.

Up on arrival in Arbaminch you will meet by our experienced local Guide and driven towards the Dorzes village. Thr Dorze are one of the small segment of ethnic groups of southern Ethiopia. Once warriors, the Dorze have now turned to farming and weaving to earn a living. Their success in the field of weaving has been phenomenal and the Dorze name is synonymous with best woven cotton cloth in Ethiopia. Each amazing Dorze bamboo house has its own small garden surrounded by inset, beds of spices, cabbage and tobacco. Finally we will drive back to Arbaminch for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: *Paradise Lodge, Arbaminch* *www.paradiselodgeethiopia.com*
Room Type: *Twin/Double Room* ***Board Type:*** *B,L&D*

Paradise Lodge ***is located on the edge in the peak overlooking Lake Chamo & Lake Ababa, offer Spectacular view across Ethiopian's Southern Rift Valley The lodge has Luxury accommodations and spacious restaurant Located at the edge of the cliff.***

DAY 03: JINKA VIA KONSO AND KAY AFER

In the early morning, we will to drive to Jinka, via Konso, where colorfully costumed dress, impressive terracing of the land and unusually engraved wooden statues used as grave markers can be seen. Differing from their neighbors, the Konso are pure agriculturalists, famed for their use of the stone terraces that they utilize to such good effect in this dry and barren region of basalt hills. Originally from the east and speaking an east Cushitic language, the Konso live in settlements that are surrounded by stone walls. The age of each town is classified by a generation pole and each family lives in compounds that are accessible only through gateways that require the visitor to enter on all fours thereby rendering any potential attackers vulnerable. We continue driving to *Key Afer* for the colorful market (*Please note that the market date is on Thursday only)* where we should see and photograph the Ari, Bena, Hamer and Tsemay people.

The Bena and Hamer women usually favor red clay braids in their hair, shiny with butter and perfumed with incense. The long beaded skirts of the Tsemay have a stick incorporated in the back to denote a married woman and the men have elaborately plaited hairstyles decorated with feathers and colorful beads.

After visiting the market, continue to drive to Jinka, often called the gateway to the *Omo* valley.

Jinka is the administrative capital of South Omo and has a quaint atmosphere. It has an elevation of 1,490m above sea level and stands above the rest of the Omo Valley. Jinka is home to the German-funded Ethnographic Museum and is connected to Addis Ababa by air as well as road. Market day is Saturday and Mago National Park, 40 kilometres south by unpaved road, is a nearby attraction.

Overnight: *Eco omo Lodge, Jinka* *https://www.eco-omo.com/*
Room Type: *Twin/Double Room* ***Board Type:*** *B,L&D*

Eco- Omo Safari Lodge *located in remote part of the country in South Omo valley, the lodge offer great experience full of relaxation, authenticity, and uniqueness in, offers a private stay experience for travelers who love the authentic peaceful stay.*







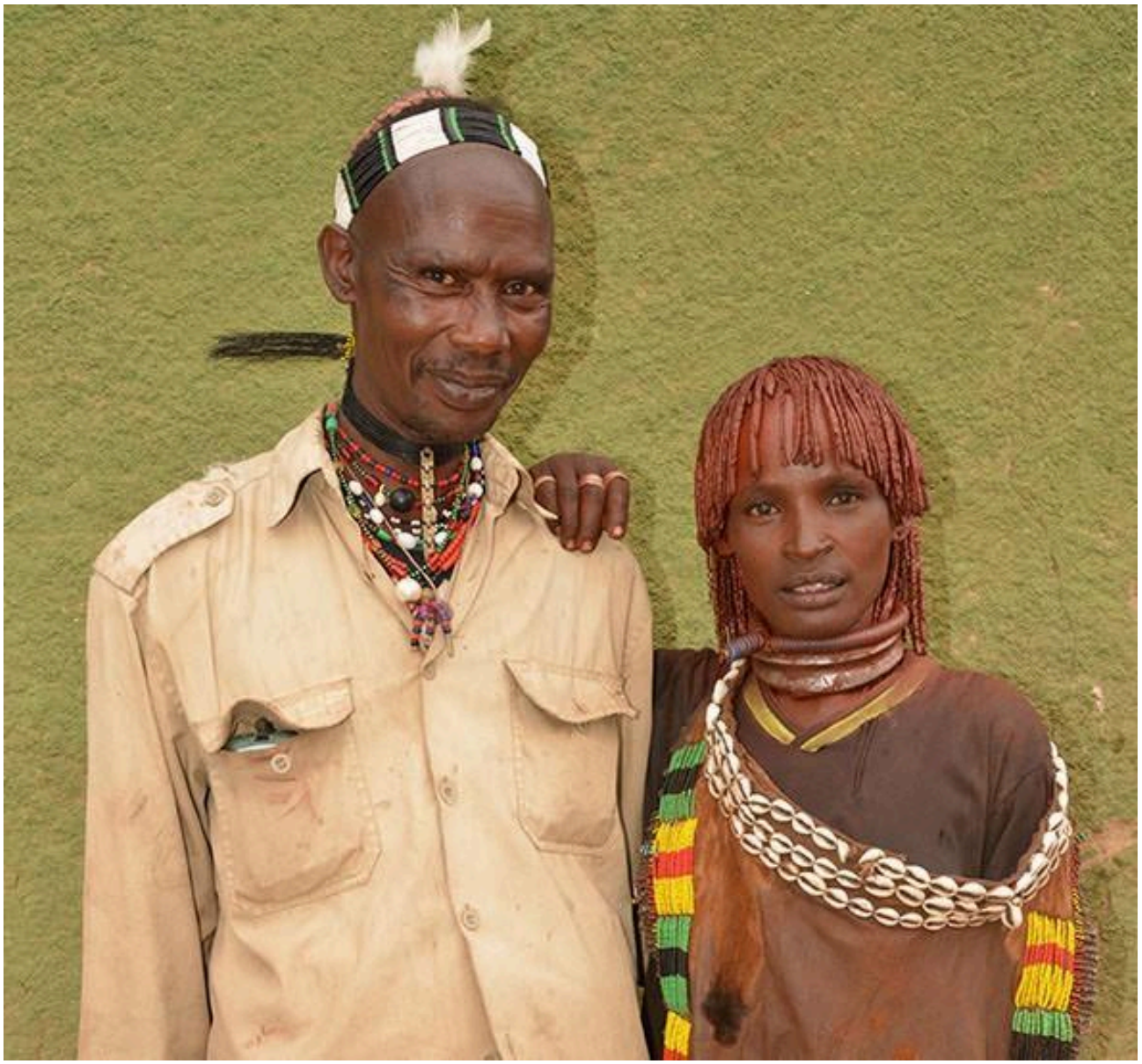
DAY 04: VISIT THE MURSI TRIBES IN MAGO PARK AND DRIVE TO TURMI



Early morning drive to Mago National Park, from where, you will visit the Mursi highlands where the most illustrious of Ethiopia's unique tribes lives. The Mursi are known all over the world, for their decorative lip plates that adorn the lower lips of the Mursi women. The plates stretch the lower lip and the women's beauty, pride and desirability is determined in direct proportion to the size of the plate. The Mursi men and women may appear gracious but the Mursi warriors. On their arms are deep crescent incisions that represent each enemy they have killed in battle. The men are also famous for their hairstyle. The various cultural aspects of the tribe will be explained and you will be able to take their photographs but not for free.

After visiting Mursi, you will drive back to Jinka for lunch. In the afternoon you will continue driving through the Omo Valley region to Turmi via Dimeka for visiting the Hamer tribes.

The Hamer tribe is one of the largest groups in the Valley. The Hammer cultivates millet, vegetables, tobacco and cotton as well as raising cattle and goats. They are known for the fine pottery they produce as well as their remarkable hairstyling. Most dramatic of all are the clay



hair buns with ostrich feathers that the men don when they have killed a fierce animal. The Hamer women are simply stunning. The women wear beaded necklaces and iron coils around their arms and decorate their skin with cowry shells. These decorations indicate the wealth and prestige of a woman's husband.

Overnight: *Paradise Lodge,Turmi* *www.paradiselodgeturmi.com*
Room Type: *Twin/Double Room* ***Board Type:*** *B,L&D*

Paradise Lodge Turmi *located in Turmi Town, a central market hub for the Omo Valley's indigenous people especially frequented by the Hammer The lodge features an extraordinary traditional hut and safari tents and offer an authentic and inspirational experiences.*



Market day in Turmi, Monday and Thursday

DAY 05: EXCURSION TO OMORATE

In the morning, after breakfast, you will have an excursion south of Turmi to Omorate to visit

another tribe, the Dasenech (formerly known as Geleb), and one of their villages. These people inhabit the areas bordering Kenya, north of Lake Turkana, and they live on the east and west bank of the Omo River. They are agro-pastoralists and they herd cattle and practice flood retreat cultivation on both sides of the river.

The Geleb cover a large territory. The Geleb live along the western banks of the Omo River, having been forced out of the Turkana region by conflict in the 18th century. Originally nomadic pastoralists, the more fertile surroundings of the Omo River has caused them to put down more permanent roots based around fishing and agriculture. The Geleb live in small huts that benefit their nomadic origins, as they could be easily and quickly dismantled. Women wear a pleated cow skin skirt with necklaces and bracelets. Men wear a checkered cloth around their waist only.

Afterwards, you will return to Turmi and visit the Hamar traditional colorful market. Please note the Market day in Hamar on Monday & Thursday.

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DAY 06: TURMI – MURULLE AND DRIVE BACK TO ARBA MINCH

In the morning after breakfast, you will continue through the savannah along tracks that are barely visible, passing through a vast meadowland with shrubs and umbellifers ('umbrella' acacia trees) for an excursion to the Murulle area. When you arrive at Korcho village you will witness the beautiful views over the Omo River to see the Karo ethnic group who are experts in body painting, using clay and locally available vegetable pigments to paint fantastic patterns on each other's faces, chests, arms and legs. These designs have no special symbolic significance, but are created purely for fun and aesthetic effect, each artist vying to out-do their fellow artists. Karo men also sculpt and shave their hair into extravagant shapes, with special ochre "caps" of hair usually containing several ostrich feathers. In the early afternoon, you will start driving to Konso to stay over.





Konso Houses. UNESCO World Heritage

Overnight: *Kanta Lodge, Konso*

Room Type: *Twin/Double Room* ***Hotel Board Type:*** *B,L&D*

Kanta Lodge *is a very attractive and comfortable eco-lodge, standing on a peak overlooking the terraced slopes of Konso and the lake below. Rooms are traditional round tukuls with en-suite bathrooms. Interiors have been finished well,*

DAY 07: KONSO – ARBA MINCH

In the Morning after breakfast, drive for 70km to north towards Arba Minch and drive through Nechisar National Park then will embark on a private boat trip on Lake Chamo for about an hour to explore the wildlife, to see big African Crocodiles, families of hippos, and a number of lowland water birds. Lake Chamo is known primarily for its large population of Nile crocodiles, many of which also allegedly reach sizes there larger than in other areas.

The area of the lake known as the "crocodile market", where significant numbers of crocodiles were sunning themselves on the banks adjacent to shore and cruising around in the nearby waters, then the car picked you and transferred to Paradise Lodge to stay over.

Overnight: *Haile Resort, Arbaminch* *http://www.hailehotelsandresorts.com/arbaminch-resort*

Room Type: *Twin /Double Room* ***Board Type:*** *B,L&D*

Haile Resort, Arbaminch *owned by famous Long distance runner, Athlete Haile Gabre-Sillasie. The resort is located at a grand view overlooking the twin lakes of Abaya and Chamo along the beautiful evergreen vegetation and chain of mountains that form the most beautiful pattern.*

DAY 08: FLY BACK TO ADDIS ABABA

Morning you will have a relaxed breakfast and leisure morning in the resort, then transfer to Arba Minch Airport to fly back to Addis Ababa. When you arrive in Addis Ababa in late afternoon you will meet your driver and you might be interested in the last minute souvenir shopping at the markets.

In the evening, we will go out to one of the best cultural restaurants for the Farewell Dinner at a traditional restaurant with a live traditional dance program. Then, transfer to the airport for your departure to Home.



--End of Tour-



THE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- *Full board Hotel accommodation at best available Hotels on Single/Double room basis*
- *All transfer in and transfer out services from Airports with Meet & Greet services.*
- *All ground transportation with New Brand Land cruiser and Minibus for Addis Ababa.*
- *Experienced **English Speaking Escort Guide** to accompany the client for the entire tour.*
- *Domestic flight for escort Guide from Addis Ababa to Arbaminch and from Arbaminch to Addis Ababa.*
- *A private Small Boat trip on Lake Chamo , Arba Minch.*
- *Experienced driver & driver allowance.*

- *All fuel expenses and lubricants expense*
- *Local guide's fee and Scout fee where needed.*
- *Community & village Visit fee*
- *All entrance fees.*
- *15 % Government tax*

ALL PRICE EXCLUDES:

- *International, Domestic flights and Visa fee*
- *Any alcoholic drinks*
- *Any video or camera fee*
- *Porter fees at airport*
- *Laundry service Tips and any expense of Personal items like, internet, fax, telephone*

New Brand Safari vehicles





General Notes and Conditions

GUIDE

The Southern Ethiopia tour program is designed based on experienced, professional and knowledgeable Escort Guide to accompany the client for the entire tour form Addis Ababa including the guide's per dime and domestic flights cost as well.

CARS

Ethiopian Adventures is the only incoming tour operator to own purpose built safari car in Ethiopia. Every client gets an individual reclining seat with electrical charging points for recharging cameras and phones. Vision is also improved by a larger windscreen giving better forward visibility and larger side windows for photography. A fridge is a nice touch for cool drinks. The Car seat capacity is for a maximum four clients, each gets individual seats at the back and two front seating spaces next to the driver for guide and Scout.

The tour programmed is designed based on the new safari Cars but ***an advance booking*** *is requires to secure the cars for the program since we have three cars.*

In case the car is not available we will assigned other new brand standard LX Land cruisers for maximum seat capacity 03 Clients to guarantee window seat for each client with one Guide seats. If the client's number is four there we assign two cars with additional costs.

Meals:

The package price is designed with full board Meal options Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner (B, L& D) on the tour itinerary. Please be informed if you have any special dietary requirements or restrictions when booking the tour.

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