



## South Omo Tour

**Duration:** 8 days/7 nights

**Means of transportation:** Surface

<u>Day</u>	<u>Itinerary</u>
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<b>01</b>	<b>Drive to Arbaminch via Hossana and Tiya (465km)</b>
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Depart for a scenic drive to Arbaminch. Along the way you will see different tribes including the Oromo, Gurage, HadiyaWelayta and Gamo people with their unique houses. You will also visit the stele field at Tiya from the 12<sup>th</sup> C. Arrive in Arbaminch late in the afternoon and check in at the comfortable hotel perched on the edge of an escarpment offering great views of Lakes Chamo and Abaya- two Rift Valley lakes with NechSar Park between them. Dinner and overnight stay at Paradise Lodge or similar.

<b>02</b>	<b>NetchSar National Park and Boat trip on Lake Chamo</b>
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Morning visit the NetchSar Park (if not raining) with its spectacular views over the lakes and different mammals, as the endemic Swaynes Hartebeest, Zebras, lesser kudu, and others. The Mount drive up the hill offers a very unique view crossing over the 'bridge of God' bisecting the two lakes distinguished with their colors. Afternoon make a boat trip on Chamo. Admire crocodiles and hippos various birds like African fish Eagle, Goliath egret (here the Nile crocodiles are some of the longest in Africa, with length of 6m and above). Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

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## 03 Drive to Jinka via Key Afer Market (260Km)

Proceed through the amazing terraced hills of Konso people recognized by UNESCO as a world heritage site. The Konso are famous also for their very colorful hairstyles, way of dressing and living. Also pass through Woito the low land just 625asl dominated by Tsemay tribe living on nomadic and agriculturalist style. Stop at Key Afer to visit the vibrant and dazzling Thursday market (if you happen to be there on Thursday indeed) where Tsemay, Benna, Ari, etc people gathering and exchanging goods. Dinner and overnight stay at Jinka Eco Omo Lodge.

## 04 Jinka- Mursi-Jinka (80km)

Drive early in the morning to the Mago National Park to heart land of the Mursi people famous for their decorated lip plates. Afternoon return to the town of Jinka and admire more villages in outskirts of town for the well designed craft producer or Aari village. They are famous for their terra cotta and black smith producing plowing machine, knives, spears and axes. Or as an alternative visit the local museum that houses some of the 46 ethnic groups that live in the south part of the country, dressing, circumcision & excision culture, fortune reading, and social hierarchy. Dinner and overnight at your lodge.

## 05 Jinka –Dimeka- Turmi (128km)

Start an early drive of 128km to Turmi, the central heartland of the Hammer people. On the way visit the famous Saturday market at Dimeka( if you happen to be there on Saturday) where various tribes, like Hamar, Benna, Karo, Bashada, meet for exchange of goods items and news from their tribes. After exploring the commodity exchange, beauty shops, (curling of hair with red clay and butter for girls and braids for boys) continue to Turmi the center of Hammer people. Check in at Buska Lodge or similar. If you are in good shape for a walk you will visit one of the nearby villages for a unique living style in the society. Dinner and overnight at your lodge.

## 06 **Turmi –Karo Village (124km)**

Start an early journey of 51km with some rough road to the Omo lowland area exploring the vast endless Hamar territory to the village of the neighboring Karo tribe famous for their pierced lower chin stuffed with nail and other sharp metal. Have a picnic lunch under the shadow campsite or under the Acacia tree found aligning the tribal villages and back to Turmi. Afternoon, if available, you will see weddings (with men slashing women to show their appreciation and encouragement for the boy to jump over the bull as a rite of passage and pass the age limit to get married) to be arranged and Hamar night dance (Evangadi) along with the famed bull jumping ceremony. But the village and the tukul village is a must and you will see how the Hamar live with their cattle (Hamar have three name, cow name, goat name, human name) and extra ordinary body decoration. Dinner and overnight stay at the lodge.

## 07 **Drive from Turmi -Erbore- Konso to Arbaminch (289km)**

Drive to Konso and on the way visit the villages of the Erbore people similar with the corresponding Borena Oromo for silver and aluminum jewelry ornamentation. Take some pictures and roll around the unique huts in the village. After passing on the lowland of Weito (625m) and small break for relaxation continue driving to Konso very famous for their terracing and hierarchical way of life. The chief or 'king' with his compound and the thatched villages is worth an hour or so to spend. It is quite a jungle with Royal Grave Yard or Waka with sculpted erection to remember the dying. The 48 or so villages around the town are marvelous and it is also recommended to go through the many children crowded villages and capture memorable photos. After this drive back to Arbaminch for an overnight stay at Paradise Lodge or similar.

## 08 **Arbaminch- Dorze Village and back to Addis Ababa**

Today you climb more than 300meters above sea level to visit the Dorze people at the town of Chench. They are famous for their bee hive look alike house styles and staple dining on a plant called 'False Banana' or Enset. Explore the harvest, fermentation and preparation of this cassava like plant and perhaps you might want to have a bite of this bread. While descending stop for a marvelous view of the twin lakes separated by the bridge of God and distinguished with their colors. Reddish is Lake Abaya, Greenish is Chamo lake. Drive to Addis via Shashemene. Have lunch at one of the hotels by Lake Langano. Continue driving via the crater lakes town of Debrezeit. Arrive in Addis and transfer to your hotel or place of stay.

**End of service.**

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## **Prices for the above program:**

No. of Persons	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Price (in USD)per person	1,876	1,493	1,306	1,508	1,380	1,286	1,426	1,343	1,282

## **SRS (Single room supplement): USD160**

- Children 0-2 years old free of charge
- Children 3 to 12 years old 85% of the adult rate
- Children over 12 same price as adults

## **The price for the above program includes:**

- Ground transportation (air conditioned 4WD Toyota Land cruiser with fuel, driver's allowance and insurance coverage)
- Accommodation in twin/double rooms. For single room users, there will be an additional payment of USD160.
- All regular meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- Non-alcoholic drinks with meals
- Professional English speaking guide
- Boat hire on Lake Chamo
- All entrance fees as per the program
- Village entrance fees as per the program
- Local guides
- Local helpers such as village elders
- Scout service in the National Parks and villages
- 15% VAT.

## **The price does not include:**

- Alcoholic drinks
- Tips
- Personal expenses such as telephone calls, laundry, etc.
- Video and photographic camera fees
- Other services not mentioned under the "price includes"