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Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

AAT-1121

WESTERN ETHIOPIA TRIBES, SURMA & GAMBELA

Duration: 11 Days / 10 Nights






Tour Highlights:

- Explore the fascinating and strange cultures of the indigenous tribes of Western Ethiopia in a modern 4WD
- Visit the Shoera, the Wolega Oromo, the Nuer, the Anuak, the Menit, the Yem, the Dizi and the Oromo in their villages
- Explore the rich culture of the Surma people which are well known for their stick fighting events
- Get to know the traditional lifestyle, colorful dresses and strange rituals, amazing hair-styles, body-painting or scarring
- Enjoy indigenous forest, savannah as well as tea, coffee and spice plantations
- Shop the stalls of Merkato, the largest open-air market in Africa
- Traditional Ethiopian farewell dinner with “coffee ceremony” and traditional dances of different ethnic groups.

Travel date:

Every day departure with a minimum of two participants.

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<p>Day 1: Arrival in Addis Ababa On arrival our representative will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hote. An overview of the program will be given. The rest of the day visit historical sites in Addis Ababa, including the National Archeological Museum, where the 3.6 million year old remains of Lucy rest, whose skeletal remains were discovered in 1974. You will also visit the Ethnological Museum, the Holy Trinity Cathedral and Mount Entoto which rises up to an altitude of 3200meters and offers a panoramic view of the metropolis. Overnight 4-star hotel</p>		
<p>Day 2: Addis Abeba - Nekemt After breakfast drive west to Nekemt through beautiful scenery and visit the Shoea and Wolega Oromo tribes and their villages.</p>		
<p>Day 3: Nekemt - Metu After breakfast drive to Metu. After crossing the Didasa River we will stop at the town of Bedele for lunch. You drive through indigenous natural forests of Western Ethiopia and it is a good opportunity to see the life of the local people residing in the region.</p>		
<p>Day 4: Metu - Gambella Continue driving to Gambella via Gore, through the indigenous natural forest of western Ethiopia. The area is famous for tea plantations. En route you will visit the Gumero tea field.</p>		
	<p>Day 5: In Gambella The major two tribes living in Gambella town are the Nuer and Anuak people, who we visit during the day.</p>	
	<p>Day 6: Gambela - Mizan Teferi Drive to Mizan Teferi through the Bebek coffee plantation - Ethiopia's largest and oldest coffee plantation. On the way visit the Menit, the Yem and the Dizi tribes.</p>	
<p>Day 7: Kibish Continue driving further to the West from Bebek to Kibish. After crossing the Akobo River you experience an African savannah grass land. You stop at the little town of Dimma for lunch. Continue driving further west to Tulgit and then to Kibish, which are small towns of the Surma people. The rest of the day walk around your campsite to visit the Surma people. Overnight camping at Kibish</p>		
<p>Day 8: Around Kibish In the morning, if there is any Donga (Stick fighting of the Surma people) you will attend it. Otherwise you walk around the old Kibish village and visit more Surma villages (14 km round trip). The Surma people are renowned for the strange custom followed by their women who, on reaching maturity, have their lower lips slit and circular clay discs inserted. The Surma men are well known for their stick fighting. Players are usually un-married men. The winner is carried away on a platform to a group of girls waiting at the side of the arena who decide among themselves which of them will</p>		

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<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 25%;">  </div> <div style="width: 70%;"> <p>ask for his hand in marriage. Taking part in a stick fight is considered to be more important than winning it. Overnight camping at Kibish</p> <hr/> <p>Day 9: Kibish - Bebeka Drive the same way back via Dima town to Bebeka town near the town of Mizan Teferi. Camping in Bebeka</p> <hr/> <p>Day 10: Bebeka - Jimma Drive 240 km from Mizan Teferi to Jimma, through dense, indigenous forest. The Kefecho, Yem and Bench tribes live in this area, which is famous for coffee, tea and spice growing.</p> <hr/> <p>Day 11: Jima – Addis Ababa After breakfast drive back to Addis Ababa. En route visit one of the Oromo villages. In the evening we have a farewell dinner in an Ethiopian restaurant with dances from different ethnic groups. Afterwards transfer to the airport for flight home.</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">  </div> </div>		
<p><u>PRICE</u> Price per person (on the basis of 2 travellers) = US \$ 2,630 Price per person (on the basis of 3 travellers) = US \$ 2,200 Single room supplement = US \$ 200</p>		
<p>Price includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special qualified guide as well as mandatory local guide and scout fees in parks and villages - 4-star hotel in Addis Ababa and the best available accommodation outside of Addis Ababa - All accommodation based on twin room occupancy - All camping gear & cook to prepare the meals while camping - Meals in Addis, on bed and breakfast basis , Meals out of Addis, on full board basis - Farewell dinner in Addis to enjoy traditional Ethiopian food and music - All entrance fees at sites, churches, parks and villages - All transfers and visits in Addis Ababa using mini-bus according to the itinerary - All ground transportation including insurance, fuel and all costs of the driver - A traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony at a convenient time in the program - Government taxes <p>Price doesn't include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International flights - Lunch and Dinner in Addis Ababa and any kind of drinks, alcoholic or non-alcoholic ,Incidental meals, snacks - Video filming and photographing fees - Tips and items of personal nature like laundry, souvenirs, etc . 		