



Southern Ethiopia – Mago, Omo and Bale Mountains National Parks

16 Days/ 15 Nights

**Day 1:** Arrive at Bole International Airport (Addis Ababa) and transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Addis Ababa.

**Day 2:** Drive from Addis Ababa south via Butajira. Visit the archeological sites of Tiya and Adadi Maryam. Overnight in Awasa.



**Day 3:** Take a boat trip on Lake Awasa to visit the fish market and admire the amazing bird life in the area. Then drive to Dorze, visit with the Dorze people, known for their tall beehive-like huts and quality woven cotton fabrics. If it is a market day you'll sure to see that. Overnight in Dorze village.

**Day 4:** After a visit to the Dorze market continue to Arba Minch for a boat trip on Lake Chamo to visit the hippos and the famous crocodile market. Overnight in Arba Minch.

**Day 5:** Continue driving to Jinka for overnight stay, stopping in Key Afar and/or Konso for a visit if it is a market day. Overnight in Jinka.

**Day 6:** Drive to Mago National Park to visit the Mursi tribes, known for their lower lip and earlobe plates. Overnight in Jinka.

**Day 7:** Drive to Turmi, via Dimeka. If market day in Dimeka, you'll see one of the most colorful markets in the South Omo. Overnight in Turmi, camping or hotel.

**Day 8:** Drive to Omorate where we cross the Omo River by boat to visit the Dassenech people. Afterwards, we continue back to Turmi. If there is Jumping of the Bulls traditional wedding ceremony, that will be visited. At night, visit the traditional Hamer night dancing, known as Evangadi. Overnight camping or hotel in Turmi.

**Day 9:** Drive to Kolcho and Dus to visit the Karo tribe. Overnight in Karo village.

**Day 10:** After visiting with the Karo tribes, drive back to Turmi. Overnight camping in Turmi.



**Day 11:** Continue through the Weyto Valley to Konso, via Erbore. Erbore market days is Friday and Konso market days are Monday and Thursday. Overnight in Konso.



**Day 12:** The Konso people are known for the wooden totems they erect in honor of dead warriors and their intricate agricultural terracing techniques. Visit with the Konso people as well as the natural "New York" village. Afterwards, continue to Yabello for a visit to the Yabello Wildlife Sanctuary. Overnight in Yabello.

**Day 13:** Drive to El Sod to visit the House of Salt - a very large crater lake from which salt is extracted. Afterwards, we continue to Dinsho for overnight.

**Day 14:** Today you will be hiking in the Bale Mountains. For the best viewing of Ethiopian endemic species, such as the rare Ethiopian wolf. Overnight camping or in lodge.

**Day 15:** After a morning hike in the Bale Mountains, we continue to Lake Langano for overnight, camping on the lakeshore or lodge.

**Day 16:** Head back to Addis Ababa through Abijatta-Shalla Lakes National Park and stop at Lake Ziway to see the local bird life. We will have rooms at a hotel in Addis to repack before we have our traditional last night meal at one of the finest restaurants in Addis and later transfer to the airport in time for flight back home.

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**Price Includes:**

- All transfers and ground transport: Minivan for 1-6 pax, & Coaster bus for 7 pax and above.
- Accommodation on F/B basis (bed, breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- All entrance fees as per the program
- English speaking guide and helpers
- Government tax and service charge
- Day use room on the last date of the tour

**Price Excludes:**

- International flights
- Domestic Flights
- Alcoholic drinks
- Photographic or video camera fees, if any
- Expenses of personal nature such as telephone calls, laundry service, internet, souvenirs, tips to hotel staff and other service providers

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