



The People of the Southern Territory, markets, colors and unspoiled nature...

Duration

14 days

Description

the South of Ethiopia is famous for its wildlife resources and the natural beauty of the territory: splendid landscapes, protected endemic species, a kaleidoscope of ethnic groups speaking over 45 languages who are deeply imbued in tradition. The National Park is home to an amazing range of wildlife: Oryx, Antelopes, Zebras, Gazelles, Buffalo and elephants. Along the rivers it is very easy to see enormous Nile crocodiles and hippopotamus.

Must see

The National Parks - Abjiata-Shalla, Nechisar, Mago, Omo - In Omo Valley: Mursi, Hamar, Karo Galeb, Bume and Borana tribes.

When to go

The best period to visit the Southern part of Ethiopia is from August to April/May. The rainy season starts in April/May and sometimes roads are flooded and impassable even for 4WD.

Means of transport

Minibus (coaster) / 4WD.

Hotels


I migliori possibili lungo la rotta, pernottamenti in campeggio dove sono allestite dallo staff tende a 1/2/3/4 posti con materassini forniti dalla Compagnia. Il sacco a pelo e il cuscino sono personali.

Notes

3*/4* hotels. Tents 1-4 man erected by our staff. Only tents and mattresses are provided by our Agency not personal sleeping bags and pillows

Notes: breakfast and dinner are prepared by a cook and most of the time a packed lunch. Adaptability is important because of the nature of this wild area.




Day by day
01 

Arrival in Addis Abeba, transfer and hotel accommodation. Lunch and city tour: we visit the National Museum, interesting for Sabei finds and Lucy's remains, an Australopithecus Afarensis who lived in the Awash valley 3 million and half years ago; the Ethnological Museum, the Entoto Hill, the most panoramic city place and the open market, one of the largest in Africa. Dinner and overnight at Ghion hotel.

02 

Early morning departure to Arba Minch. Stop at Abjiata and Shalla National Parks, whose lakes are home to pelicans and flamingoes. Lunch along the way. Travellers can enjoy a landscape rich in vegetation and villages. Before arriving to Arba minch visit Chenca, a tribal village home to the Dorze, who are known for their rich embroideries and houses covered with banana leaves. Late afternoon arrival in Arba Minch. Accommodation and overnight at Swaynes Hotel with an amazing panoramic view of Chamo and Abaya Lakes.

03 

After breakfast photo safari to Nechisar Park situated between Chamo and Abaya Lakes. Travellers can see several animals like: Swayne's hartebeest, zebras, Greater and Lesser kudu and different kinds of gazelles and birds. Lunch. In the afternoon boat trip on Chamo Lake: to see crocodiles and hippopotamus. Dinner and overnight at Swayne hotel.

04 

Early departure to Jinka. Along the way a visit to Tsemay, Ari and Benna tribes. Overnight camping in the Mago National Park.

05 

After breakfast drive to Mursi's villages inside the National Park. The visit to this tribe is one of the best experiences of the tour. Mursi wear clay labial plates for decoration. Scars on the men's skin represent the number of wild animals or enemies killed in battle. Dinner and overnight camping.

06 

We continue to Karo's village, whose Nilotic inhabitants have a majestic and athletic body. Men and women take great care of their hairstyles. This tour offers an opportunity to the travellers to enjoy traditional costumes and life style. Dinner and overnight camping at Murulle.

07 

Drive to Turmi. At the marketplace it is possible to meet a big variety of ethnic

groups. The market place is a meeting point for the exchange of goods and ideas. Turmi is the most important city of Hamer tribe and their villages are situated about 30 minutes walk far from the market. The famous bull jumping ceremony of Hamer and Benna tribes, which takes place from July to September and the first 2 weeks of Decembers, must be seen. It celebrates a boy's passage from puberty to adolescence. Dinner and overnight camping.

08 

A visit to the region of Galeb and Desanech tribes who live near Turkana Lake. They are warriors and wear a special hat similar to the lion's mane during the traditional dances. Visit to Arbore village. The women wear handmade aluminum and seed pearls ornaments. Travellers passing through Weyto can visit Tsemay village and see shepherds and farmers who live in this region. Afterwards we move to Konso. Dinner and overnight camping.

09 

Drive to Konso's tribe territory. They are farmers and are famous for soil terracing. In the neighborhood of Konso we can visit Gesergio, known as "New York". According to the tradition some holy drums were stolen a long time ago in a village nearby and buried at Gesergio. The owners of these drums asked God for help and God came to the Earth and dug them out on his own. Because of the excavation the soil pinnacles look like New York's skyscrapers. If it is market day, visit to the Konso open market. Dinner and overnight camping.

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After breakfast drive to the Yabello fauna reserve, in Borana's territory. If travellers arrive on Saturday it is worth visiting the market and then the reserve which is home to 194 birds species and a large variety of mammals like the Grant gazelle and the Generuk. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

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Very early departure to Dublock, a village situated in the south of Yabello. This site is famous for "ela" or "singing wells"; these lakes' water is used for animals and salt extraction. The most well known salty lake is inside El Sod Vulcano, called Salt house. From the edge of the volcano this lake looks like a black oil spot. People have been mining a special salty mud for ages. The mining procedure is very primitive and hard because of the weather conditions. The workers line up in order to create a human chain and sing while passing the salt containers. This is surely one of the best experience during the journey.

After lunch travelers can enjoy watching the animals drink. Dinner and overnight at the Yabello hotel.

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Departure to Dilla. Visit Tatu Fella and Tutiti archeological sites where we can see carved pillars showing ancient tombs. Drive to Yirgalem forest where travellers can enjoy dinner and overnight at Aregash Lodge. If the tour arrives at the lodge early afternoon, it is possible to trek to Hassani forest among coffee and banana plantations home to a big variety of birds.

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After breakfast drive to Wondo Gennet, a thermal hot springs site and well arranged resort, situated at the edge of the Rift Valley. It has thermal showers and swimming pools and a wonderful garden full of flowers and luxuriant plants, home to the Colobus monkeys. Lunch and transfer to Addis Abeba. Late afternoon arrival in the capital. Hotel accommodation. Dinner in a typical local restaurant with traditional songs and dancing.

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Departure.