DAY 1- DRIVE ADDIS ABABA -ARIBAMINCH ON THE WAY TIYA UNESCO SITE ON THE VISIT THE DORZE TRIBE

Morning after breakfast meet with our staffs (driver and guide) at your preferred departure point and time, then start drive down to south, drive to southward to the rift valley regions passing creator lakes and rift valley lakes on the way visit the Tiya steal field a UNESCO registered site in Ethiopia. Then drive will take you along the scenic farmlands of Gurage People. We will also drive through the Wolayta farmlands, with views of the lush green hills and valleys, on the way visit the Dorze tribe and their village, famed for their bee hive shaped houses and their weaving skills. Weaving is a primary profession for many Dorze. They are also farmers, who prevent soil erosion by ingenious terracing of the mountainsides. Around their huts they have their own little garden with vegetables, spices; tobacco and Enset (false-banana or Ensete). You arrive late in the afternoon at Arbaminch - meaning 'Forty Springs' in Amharic. Arbminch takes its name from the bubbling streams that cover the groundwater forest occupying the flats of the town.

- **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- **Transportation:** Land Cruiser 4X4
- **Accommodation:** Paradise Lodge or Haile Resort /Boutique Standard/
  Mora Heght Lodge /Mid-Range/
  Kaleb Hotel /Budget/

CONSULTANT NOTE

- You will cover approximately 470km and 8 hours' drive
- Game drive varies the time

DAY 2-DRIVE ARBAMINCH- TURMI ON THE WAY BOAT TRIP & KONSO TRIBE

Early in the morning drive to the Lake shore to have a boat trip on Lake Chamo, Boat trip on Lake Chamo is along the best anywhere in Ethiopia. One can spot many Hippos and the world's most spectacular concentrations of Giant Nile Crocodiles which measure about 6 meter with the water birds are great the scenery is truly unforgettable. Continue your drive Konso. You will stop to visit the Konso tribe with their king- UNESCO registered site for their extensive terracing and practice of

making a wooden grave mark for their hero and kings. This day you will have a brief opportunity to visit a local village and the cultural museum displaying many "Wagas" statues. This is the famous 'wagas' - a funerary tradition where magnificent carved wooden sculptures were created in honor of Konso warrior heroes who have killed an enemy or animal, and often grouped to represent the man, his wives and his adversaries. The Konso people, who are known for their totems erected in honor of the dead and their intricate agricultural terracing techniques. You will visit the Konso people who have an ancient, complex, and fascinating culture of their own. Here are found human fossils dating from between 1.3 and 1.9 million years. Witness the spectacle of 'Konso's New York' an extraordinary landscape of sand pinnacles formed by wind and rain. Continue driving and late afternoon and arrive to Turmi.

- **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- **Transportation:** Land Cruiser 4X4
- **Accommodation:** Turmi Lodge or Emerald Lodge /Boutique Standard/
  Evangadi lodge /Mid-Range/
  Green Hotel /Budget/ You will make also comping

CONSULTANT NOTE

- You will cover approximately 270km and 6 hours' drive
- Game drive varies the time

REMARK: - if there is any ceremonial activity like traditional dance, Bull jumping ceremony you will be informed by your guide.

DAY 3 – DRIVE TO DASSENECH - TURMI – DRIVE MURULLE VISIT KARO TRIBE.

These day early in the morning after breakfast drive 73 km west to visit the Dassench /Geleb/ people; who inhabited in the bank of Omo River and we cross the Omo River by locally made boat to see the village these tribes are semi nomadic with very little agriculture on the bank of the Omo River. You will drive back to Turmi for lunch. After lunch you will drive for excursion to Murulle to see the Karo tribe, famous for their body panting (they prepare the ink for the painting from locally available material like flower, soil and animal blood) we will also admire the scenery view of the Omo river from the edge of the village, then drive to Dimeka Market to

attend the weekly colorful market of the HAMER tribe then drive back to Turmi. Around

- **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- **Transportation:** Land Cruiser 4X4
- **Accommodation:** Turmi Lodge or Emerald Lodge /Boutique Standard/
  Evangadi lodge /Mid-Range/
  Green Hotel /Budget/ You will make also comping

CONSULTANT NOTE

- You will cover approximately 290 km and 6 hours' drive
- Game drive varies the time

REMARK: - If there is any ceremonial activity like traditional dance, Bull jumping ceremony you will be informed by your guide.

DAY 4- Visit Hamar Village DRIVE TURMI- JINKA ON

In the morning you will drive in one of the nearest village of hammar tribes and visit. The Hamar is one of the most well-known tribes in Southern Ethiopia. They inhabit the territory east of the Omo River and have villages in both Turmi and Dimeka. They are especially well known for their unique rituals, including a cattle-leaping ceremony that the young men have to undergo in order to reach adulthood and to marry. They are a highly 'superstitious' people, and to this day they consider twins to be babies born outside of wedlock, while children whose upper milk teeth develop before their lower teeth are deemed to be 'evil' or 'unclean'. As mentioned, the young Hamar men are famous for their "Evangadi dance" and "Bull jumping" ceremony (it is as part of this ceremony that the aforementioned whipping occurs). This ritual entails young men who wish to marry jumping over a line of bulls, thereby proving their worth to their intended bride's family. It also signifies their advent into adulthood. This is a rarely seen event however, with luck, we may hear of one on our Omo valley tribe photography tour, and even be invited to attend this landmark event. After lunch you will drive to Jinka for overnight.

- **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- **Transportation:** Land Cruiser 4X4
- **Accommodation:** Eco Omo Lodge /Boutique Standard/

Jinka Resort or Orit Hotel /Budget/

CONSULTANT NOTE

- You will cover approximately 270km and 6 hours' drive
- Game drive varies the time

DAY 5- DRIVE MAGO - VISIT MURSI - ARBAMINCH ON THE WAY KEY AFER MARKET (THURSDAY)

After breakfast early in the morning leave Jinka and drive to Mursi village to visit and appreciate the very attractive culture of Mursi tribe. They are renowned for the strange custom followed by their women who, on reaching maturity, have their lower lips slit and circular clay discs inserted, then drive to KEY AFER- Tribal Market one of the best market in the OMO VALLEY since at list four different tribes are coming to attend this weekly market arrival to the small town and escort a local guide walking around the market and explore different section of the market including animal, vegetable, cereals and much more. Then continue drive back to Arbaminch.

- **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- **Transportation:** Land Cruiser 4X4
- **Accommodation:** Paradise Lodge or Haile Resort /Boutique Standard/
  Mora Heght Lodge /Mid-Range/
  Kaleb Hotel /Budget/

CONSULTANT NOTE

- You will cover approximately 260 km and 6 hours' drive
- Game drive varies the time

DAY 6- DRIVE - ADDIS ABABA VIA LANGANO

Morning After relaxed breakfast in the lodge drive from Arbaminch to Addis Ababa via Lake Langano. You will pass through the fertile land of Wolayta with their fascinating culture and the false Banana preparation and coffee plantations and Alaba regions. You will pass through land which produces the best banana, papaya, apple and mango in Ethiopia for the world market. The Alaba people are very famous for their beautiful home painting style. You will stop for lunch at Sabana Beach Resort enjoy your lunch by the lake side views. You will continue drive to addis ababa and enjoying drive back to Addis Ababa through the Great Rift Valley on the way

coffee and tea stop at the town of Debrezeyet in one of the creator lake arrival at Addis, shopping and coffee break and finally in the evening traditional farewell dinner in cultural restaurant with live tribal music.

End of Tour!!!

- **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- **Transportation:** Land Cruiser 4X4
- **Accommodation:** Golden Tulip Hotel or Similar /Boutique Standard/
  Monarch Addis Hotel or Similar/Mid-Range/
  Wabi Shbele Hotel or Similar /Budget/

CONSULTANT NOTE

- You will cover approximately 370km and 8 hours' drive
- Game drive varies the time

NB: The tour program can be modified differently, rearranged, combined with other itinerary and shorten or extended to suit your interest, time and budget. Up on request we can arrange various tour programs based on your interest.