

ROUTE: SOUTH OMO AND RIFT VALLEY LAKES 2

DURATION: 8 DAYS

COSTS:

ITINERARY:

Day 1

Addis Ababa to Gesuba. On the way we see the Tiya Stone UNESCO world heritage site. These 2 metre high stelae are over 700 years old and represent grave markers. We continue for lunch to the Wolaita people and reach after short drive Gesuba. Here we visit a local pottery and the big market. Overnight stay: Africa Hotel.

Day 2

Gesuba to Arba Minch. In the morning we drive down to the Rift Valley Lakes and visit the Dorze tribe, which is famous for its weaving. We watch the men weave, while the women spin fantastic fabric. In the afternoon we take a boat-ride on Lake Chamo, during which we shall see hippos, crocodiles, as well as lots of different species of birds. On the other side of the lake we take a hike to see zebras and gazelles. Overnight stay: Ezana Hotel.

Day 3

Arba Minch to Jinka. We start the day with a visit in a Konso village and in the Konso museum. We also meet the Chief of the Konso tribe. We drive to the villages of two more tribes on this day: the Banna and the Ari. Overnight stay: Jinka Eyob Pension.

Day 4

Jinka to Turmi. We drive through the Mago National Park and visit the Mursi tribe which is famous for the women's lip plates. If we are lucky to be in Dimeka on a Saturday we will visit the colourful Hamer market. Overnight stay: Tourist Hotel.

Day 5

The Dassenech tribe and the Omo River are today's destinations on our trip to Omorate and back to Turmi. Overnight stay: Tourist Hotel.

Day 6

On our way back to Arba Minch we try our very best to find out if a bull jumping ceremony takes place near the road. If we are lucky we might witness a boy becoming a man in the Hamer tribe.

Day 7

From Arba Minch we drive back to Addis following the Rift Valley.