



## Danakil Depression and Omo Valley (#6802)

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### Trip Highlights

Addis Ababa - Semera - Ert'ale - Hamed Ella - Dallol - Semera - Awassa - Arbaminch - Jinka- Mursi village - Turmi - Konso- Arbaminch- Addis

### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 01

#### Day 1, Arrival Addis Ababa

Arrival into Bole International Airport, Meet your English-Speaking Guide and transfer to the hotel.

After some rest at the hotel depart on an Addis Ababa City Tour including a drive to Mount Entoto for a panoramic view of the city, National Museum the resting place of Lucy the mother of humanity, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Ethnological Museum, Red Terror Museum, Merkato which is the biggest market.

**Hotel:** Swiss inn Nexus hotel/ Similar (Standard Room)

**Meal:** No Meal



**Day 02****Day 2, Addis Ababa-Semera-Ert'ale**

Breakfast at the hotel

Check out, meet your English-Speaking Driver-Guide and transfer to the Bole International Airport for your flight to Semera City.

Arrival in Semera Airport, travel by road to the foot of the volcano, driving through the Afar region, occasionally coming across nomads with camels.

Enjoy lunch at the Salt Lake, here the concentration of salt is no less than that of Dead Sea.

While lunch is being prepared Take a dip in the lake, and then wash off the salt in a hot spring.

After lunch continue your way to the volcano, the asphalt is replaced by a dirt road, and on the horizon, you will already see the breath of a volcano.

By sunset you will arrive at the camp and begin the ascent. Light trekking for about 40 minutes to reach the crater. Here you will be on the edge of a volcano, above you the starry sky, and under you the lava river splashes and seethes, the is only a few places in the world as such.

Dinner will be at the camp site.

The night will be spent under the starry sky, camping.

**Hotel:** Camping in Ert'ale (Camping)

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 03****Day 3, Ert'ale-Hamed Ella**

At dawn, those who wish, together with a guide, will be able to climb the volcano again and see it in the daylight.

After breakfast, drive through lava fields to the small village of Hamad Ale in the hottest place on Earth.

Enjoy lunch at the campsite, after lunch take a drive to the village, where the hospitable Afar women will treat you to traditional coffee.

Go to Lake Assal, the picture that you will see is impressive imagination, for tens of kilometers, the glass surface of one of the saltiest lakes in the world. You will see local "millionaires" in the extraction of salt. Further, your path will lie in an



unusual place- a city of salt. These are huge salt rocks in the middle of the lake. This place is often used in the filming of episodes of science fiction films.

You have seen salt, the city of salt, and what is under the layer of salt. After 7 meters of salt, an underground lake begins, and you will go to the part where the lake is very close to the surface.

Take a swim in the hot spring, which is located 116 meters below sea level.

End the day in one of the most unusual sunsets of your life.

Return to the camp for dinner.

**Hotel:** Camping in Hamad Ale village

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

#### Day 04

#### Day 4, Hamed Ella-Dallol-Semera

Early breakfast, then depart to one of the most unusual places on the planet – Dallol volcano, which is famous for its alien landscapes.

After visiting the Colourful sulfuric acid, head back to Semera. On the way you will have a stop for lunch.

Arrival into Semera, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure

Dinner at the hotel.

**Hotel:** Kurifetu Hotel Semera (Standard Room)

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

#### Day 05

#### Day 5, Semera-Addis Ababa-Awassa

Breakfast at the hotel

Check out, meet your English-Speaking Guide-Driver and transfer to the Semera Airport for your morning flight to Addis Ababa.

Arrival into Bole International Airport, depart for the South of Ethiopia. The landscapes in this part of the country are different to that in the North, many cosy villages, flower, banana plantations. You will make a stop at a strawberry farm



where you can buy some baskets. On the way to the city of Awassa.

**Hotel:** Haile Resort Awassa (Standard Room)

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 06****Day 6, Awassa-Arbaminch**

After breakfast we will visit the fish market near lake Awassa and then we head further south to the town of Arba Minch. Here we will get acquainted with the representatives of the first tribe Dorze (Dorze) Dorze lives in South Ethiopia and occupies a rather respected position among other tribes. Representatives of the tribe live quite high in the mountains, enjoying breathtaking views of the valley, belong to the Ethiopian Orthodox Church (which is very rare, most of the tribes who converted to Christianity in South Ethiopia are Protestants), Dorze also weave cotton of incredible quality and beauty, bake delicious cakes (Kocho), collect honey and drink excellent local vodka.

The tribe is famous for its unique houses that look like elephant heads, bee hives, or maybe inverted baskets. In any case, the lifespan of such a house is 100 years. Let's take a closer look at their way of life. Find out what can be made from the leaves of the "false banana", and why they deliberately make their houses so tall.

**Hotel:** Haile Resort Arba (Standard Room)

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 07****Day 7, Arbaminch-Jinka**

After breakfast at the resort, depart for Jinka, the only settlement in the region that can be called a city.

You will get acquainted with the fashionable tribe Bena. The men of this tribe make headdresses from clay and decorate with feathers

Get to learn about the wild traditions that they still have.

Some of the members of the tribe do not like to walk on the ground, they use stilts.

**Hotel:** Eco omo Resort (Standard Room)

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner



**Day 08****Day 8, Jinka- Mursi village- Turmi**

Today you will go the Mursi tribe, the most famous tribe of the Omo River Valley. On the way, you will drive through the Mago National Park, where, in addition to the mountainous green Ethiopian landscapes, the guide will try to have you see animals. Mursi is the most recognizable and photographed tribe in the south of Ethiopia. The women of the tribe wear huge plates in their lower lip, and they live in small, thatched huts.

After lunch you will visit the Hamar tribe. The women of the tribe wear heavy rings around their necks, confirming their status as a wife, and their hair is braided in clay dreadlocks. The tribesmen adorn their bodies with scars and wear many ornaments made of multicolored beads. If lucky you will get to the Bull Jumping ceremony. This is a traditional Hamar rite that every boy goes through to becoming a man. He will only become a man only after running naked on the backs of the bulls lined up in a row.

Visit the local market, where you can see representatives of several tribes

Head to the lodge, dinner will be at the lodge.

**Hotel:** Buska lodge or Similar (Standard Room)

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 09****Day 9, Turmi**

Breakfast at the lodge

Today you will visit the gallery, the gallery of body painting. Patterns, ornaments and even scars on the body of the Karo tribe can be viewed endlessly. And Kalashnikov assault rifles, with which they protect their property from other tribes, give the tribe a "wild, but not primitive look". They are the most artistic tribe in the Omo valley.

Afternoon if the day is Monday or Tuesday, you will enjoy the market.

**Hotel:** Buska lodge or Similar (Standard Room)

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 10****Day 10, Turmi – Omorate- Turmi- Konso**

Breakfast at the lodge

In the morning visit the village of Omorate on the banks of the Omo River. Take a wooden boat and cross over to the other side of the Omo. Meet with the Dassanech tribe.

**Hotel:** Korebta Konso Lodge (Standard Room)

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 11

### Day 11, Konso- Arbaminch- Addis

After breakfast we visit the Konso tribe.

Konso is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This is not surprising, since the Konso are considered one of the first African tribes to master agriculture. And Konso make amazing sculptures and masks from wood.

Depart to Arbaminch to catch your flight to Addis Ababa.

Arrival into Addis Ababa visit the Ethnological Museum, enjoy lunch and souvenir shopping, evening farewell dinner at one of the city's best traditional restaurants enjoying a variety of Ethiopian cuisines and watch traditional dancing transfer.

Transfer to the Bole International Airport for your night flight onwards

End of services.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

## Inclusions

Accommodation as specified in itinerary

Meals as specified in itinerary

Transfers as specified in itinerary

English Speaking Driver as specified in itinerary

English Speaking Guide as specified in itinerary

Services of an experienced English-speaking driver-guide

All entrance fees and guided excursions as described in itinerary

All park fees

Bottled water on all excursions and transfers



## Exclusions

International Flights and Airport Taxes

Visa Fees (if applicable)

Medical & Travel Insurance

Incidental tips to hotel/lodge staff

Gratuity to tour driver/guide

All expenses of personal nature

Any entrance fees and guided excursions not included in the above itinerary

Early Check In & Late Check Out

Internal & Domestic Flights (priced separately)

## Note

Hotels Used or Similar

Addis Ababa - Swiss Inn Nexus Hotel or Similar (Standard Room)

Ert'ale - Camping in Ert'ale

Hamed Ella - Camping in Hamad Ale village

Semera - Kurifetu Hotel Semera

Awassa - Haile Resort Awassa

Arbaminch - Haile Resort Arbaminch

Jinka - Eco omo Resort

Turmi - Buska lodge or Similar

Konso - Korebta Konso Lodge

Domestic flight cost: The sector Addis- Semera- Addis- // Arbaminch- Addis is AUD 2844/person.

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## Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

## Departure Period

12 Feb, 2025 to 31 Dec, 2025

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AUD 7,552 P P single

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