



Touching Ethiopia Tours

Title: *March Special Combination*

Mode of Transportation: *Flight and Drive*

Duration: *14 Days and 13 Nights*

Highlights: *Wondering the huge wildlife migration at Gambella National Park, the most eye-catching Surma tribe and Bale Mountains*

SHORT DESCRIPTION

Besides the best available accommodation options, there will be also a camping at Chebera Chuchura and Surma. Flying from Addis to Jimma, we use 4WDs for the rest of the routes. This pack stretches to the seldom visited Chebera Chuchura National Park and intact tribes of Surma as well as the attractive Bale Mountains.

DETAILED DAILY PROGRAM

Day 1: Arrival in Addis Ababa and connecting for a domestic flight to Jimma the proceed driving to Chebera Churchura National Park

After your arrival at Bole International Airport Terminal 2, you will meet our staff and proceed to the domestic terminal for check in in your internal flight to Jimma where you start driving to the seldom-visited national park, Chebera Churchura.

Overnight stay at a camp

Day 2: Chebera Churchura National Park-Gambella

You will have a half day to explore the gorges, rivers, and wildlife in the park. The park is highly attractive because of its undulating landscape with high hills, rolling plains with incised rivers and perennial streams, valleys, and gorges. The rivers are lined by dense forests, which provide habitat for the Buffaloes, white eared kob, and elephants, as well as forest birds like trogon, shoebill, and turacos.

Afternoon, drive to Gambella for overnight.

Overnight stay at Grand Hotel, Gambella

Day 3-4: Exploring the untouched Gambella National Park

These couple of days are dedicated to explore the majestic Gambella National Park. The wildlife in Gambella Park is so



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varied that we can find more than 60 different animals, including elephants which are on the verge of extinction in the park. With more and more settlements within the stretch of the park are threatening the wildlife in the park. Three rivers interconnect within the park, the biggest being the Baro River rich in its fish resources. Baro is also the only river in Ethiopia which can be used for transportation purposes.

Overnight stay at Grand Hotel, Gambella

Day 5: Drive to Mizan Teppi-On the way stops for visiting coffee farms

More than 280km, today's drive will take us to Teppi. Near the city is the *Tepi Coffee Plantation Project*, which is the second-largest coffee plantation in Ethiopia covering 6,205 hectares. Run by the state, it produces over 2,500 tons of raw arabica beans each year. The surrounding area is very hilly and was densely forested. The area claims to be Ethiopia's center for turmeric, and also exports cardamom, ginger, corn, honey, beeswax, timber, sugar cane, bananas, mangoes, and other fruit.

Day 6: Drive to Tulgit, and leisure afternoon

You may also have a chance to see Donga-stick fighting on this day. The fight is central in Suri culture. In most cases, stick fighting is a way for warriors to find girlfriends; it can also be a way to settle a conflict.

Overnight stay at camp, Tulgit

Day 7: Day Trip to Kibish-Photography

In the morning, there will a drive to a cattle camping place where you will how they decor themselves, the cattle and sip the fresh blood of the cattle.

Late afternoon, drive to the Kibish River to see how a group of women decor themselves and their kids.

Overnight stay at camp, Surma

Day 8: Drive from Kibish to Tutmi via Omo National Park

The drive would be difficult crossing wooden savannas. In addition to visiting the pastoralist tribes inside the park, we will also have the chance to catch some bird species. The park has well over 300 species of birds belonging to the savannah ecosystem as well as riverine birds along the rivers, such as herons and egrets, kingfishers, barbets, chats and thrushes, woodpeckers, pigeons, shrikes, warblers and flycatchers.

Overnight stay at Buska lodge, Turmi



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Day 9: Morning drive to Omorate for visiting the Dassanech tribe-Afternoon,back to Turmi for Hamra people

Omorate is visited almost solely as a morning trip out of the town, Turmi. There, we will visit the Dassanach villages. In the afternoon, drive back to the Hammer people who have a bull jumping ceremony; This ceremony is a transformation for young boys from young to adulthood; during the ceremony, we observe the existent Hamer traditional dance called Evangadi, and also the women from the jumper's family are being beaten by his friends to show their love to the jumper and that he is ready for adulthood.

Overnight stay at Buska lodge,Turmi

Day 10: Drive to Yabello-Stop via Arbore and Konso villages

After a breakfast at the lodge, we will drive Yabello passing through the Arebore and Tsemay villages. The Tsemaye women are well known by having tattoos on their face. Notably, they braid their hair in dissimilar attention-grabbing styles and wear striking beads around the neck.

Overnight in Yabello Motel,Yabello

Day 11: Drive to Negele Borana through rhe mega birding spots of Ethiopia

With an early morning departure from Yabelo, we will drive to Negele Borana via Genale Valley. If lucky, we will catch endemic birds like Prince Ruspoli's turaco(*Tauraco ruspolii*), the Liben Lark (*Heteromirafa sodamoensis*) and the Salavadori's Seedeater (*Serinus xantholaemus*) on the way. Negele's distinctive character and cultural blend are personified in one of the most-lively and absorbing markets in East Africa -- especially on Sundays when the camel market is held.

Overnight in a Mareg Guesthouse,Negele

Day 12: Drive to Bale Goba through the 2nd highest mountain, Tulu Dimtu, in Ethiopia

This day will be wholly dedicated for nature and birding. The drive departs early in the morning. Passing through the majestic Bale Mountains, we will also catch the second highest mountain in Ethiopia, Tulu Dimtu.

Overnight in Bale Lodge,Bale Mountain

Day 13: Proceed to Lke Langano via Dinsho,the HQ of Bale Mountain

In Dinsho, we will have the chance see the Mountain Nyala and Menelik Bushbuck. Late morning, we will drive to Langano. Based on our arrival time, we will enter to the Abijatta Shalla National Parks. Abijatta and Shalla, which form part



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of the 887-sq-km national park. Identical twins these lakes are not: Shalla's 410-sq-km surface sits within a collapsed volcanic caldera and depths exceed 260m in some areas, making it the deepest lake in Ethiopia, while Abijatta highly alkaline waters rest in a shallow pan no more than 14m in depth. And Abijatta is shrinking dramatically as water is diverted to irrigation projects and a soda-ash factory.

Overnight in Sabana Beach Resort, Langano

Day 14: Morning Leisure time at the Lake Langano and afternoon drive to Addis ababa

In the morning, we will have a leisure time at the lake. The water may be unappealing, but it's one of the few Ethiopian lakes to be affirmed bilharzias-free and safe for swimming. And, as with all the Rift Valley lakes, the bird watching is good. Langano is also the obvious base from which to travel around Abiata-Shala Lakes National Park.

In the afternoon, drive back to Addis Ababa with enroute stops at Ziway and Koka lakes. The tour ends with a drop off at the airport after a farewell dinner party at one of the best traditional restaurants in Addis Ababa.

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