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**DFD-06-2011: Grand Tribal Culture Expedition****Duration= 16 days/15nights****Route = Omo valley- Surma, Mursi, Hamar, Karo, Dasenech, Konso, Agnuak, Nuer, etc tribes****Transportation:- 4x4 vehicles**

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<b>Month</b>	<b>Tour Dates</b>	<b>4-10pax</b>	<b>2-3pax</b>	<b>Single room supplement</b>
<b>Jan</b>	Jan 08- Jan 23, 2011	USD 3,895	USD 4,468	USD 363
<b>Aug</b>	Aug 09 – Aug 24, 2011	USD 3,645	USD 4,182	USD 340
<b>Dec</b>	Dec 13 – Dec 28, 2011	USD 3,791	USD 4,349	USD 353

**Domestic airfare (subject to change)****USD 110 per person if flying with Ethiopian airlines in the International flight****USD 160 per person if flying with other carrier in the International flight**

<b>Itinerary</b>
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**Day 1 – Tue - Arrival + Addis**

Be welcomed by your guide on arrival at Addis Ababa Bole International Air Port, and transfer-in to hotel.

O/N – 4\* Hotel

**Day 2 – Wed - Addis – Gambella**

Fly west to Gambella, in the morning, and after lunch visit the cultural market of Gambella, and have an interesting walk by the Baro River, which joins the White Nile in Sudan, enjoying bird watching and the sunset. O/N – Ethiopia Hotel

**Day 3 – Thu - Gambella**

In the morning, drive 48 km to Itang to visit the Nuer people who are cattle keepers and fishermen, and in the afternoon, visit the Agnuak people on the outskirts of the town of Gambella. O/N – Ethiopia Hotel

**Day 4 – Fri – Gambella – Bebeke**

Drive to Bebeke, where the largest coffee plantation is found at, visiting the people of Maji people, and the Tepi Tea Plantation on the way. O/N – Bebeke Guest House

**Day 5 – Sat – Bebeke – Tulgit – Kibish**

With a short visit of the Rubber Plantation around Bebeke, proceed driving farther south to Kibish, via Tulgit – the other settlement of the Surma people, and crossing the Akobo River, which flows, to Baro River. O/N – Camping at Kibish

### **Day 6 – Sun – Kibish**

Full day with the Surma people who share the practice of the women's inserting of clay discs in their lower lips, and the men's 'Stick Fighting' – with the Mursi people who live on the other side of the Omo River. O/N – Camping at Kibish

### **Day 7 – Mon – Kibish – Mizan Teferi**

Drive Mizan Teferi via Bebeke where you will visit the coffee exporting processes from nursery to packing and transporting. O/N – Eden Hotel

### **Day 8 – Tue - Mizan Teferi – Jimma**

Visiting the Chat or mild Stimulant cultivation, and the Muslim Oromo people on the way, drive to Jimma – which was the regional capital of Ethiopia in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century. O/N – Central Jimma Hotel

### **Day 9 – Wed – Jimma – Sodo – Arba Minch**

With a stop at Gojeb River where you may spot hippos, drive 360 km to Arba Minch. On your way visit the people of Wolita who are known for their cultivation of Enset or False Banana. O/N – Paradise Lodge

### **Day 10 – Thu – Arba Minch – Key Afer – Jinka**

Visiting the most colorful multicultural market in the Lower Omo Valley at Key Afer – which is attended by the tribal groups of Ari, Benna, and Tsemai, drive 275 km to Jinka. O/N – Jinka Resort Hotel

### **Day 11 – Fri – Jinka – Mago NP – Jinka**

Today, you will have an excursion to the Mago National Park and visit the people of Mursi who are typically known for the clay lip plates of the women. Then, drive back to Jinka and visit the Cultural Museum of the People of the Lower Omo Valley. O/N – Jinka Resort Hotel

### **Day 12 – Sat – Jinka – Dimeka – Turmi**

Drive to Turmi – the settlement of Hamar people. Stop off at Dimeka to visit the other interesting weekly cultural market of the Hamar and the Benna people. After dinner at your hotel, you will be driven to the nearby village of the Hamar people to see the traditional dances of the Hamar people – the Evangadi Dance. O/N – Buska Lodge

### **Day 13 – Sun – Turmi**

In the morning, you will have an excursion to Omo Rate to visit the Dasenech people who are the southernmost people of the country and are known for their scarifications. After a picnic lunch at Murulle, proceed driving to Korcho to visit the Karo people. And, finally drive back to Turmi. O/N – Buska Lodge

### **Day 14 – Mon – Turmi – Arba Minch**

With an early start, drive north to Arba Minch with a stop at Lake Chamo to have a remarkable boat trip to visit the 'Crocodile Market' where you can visit display of big African Crocodiles, hippos, and various low land water birds. O/N – Paradise Lodge

### Day 15 – Tue – Arba Minch – Langano

Drive north to the Rift Valley Lake of Langano visiting the people of Dorze who are known for their huge bamboo huts, and colorful cotton clothes. You will also visit the chains of Rift Valley Lakes on your way. O/N – Sabana Beach Resort

### Day 16 – Wed – Langano – Addis + departure

Drive back to Addis, in the morning, and after lunch at Addis have a short city tour of Addis to visit the National Archeological Museum of Addis Ababa, and Merkato – the largest open air market in Africa. In the evening, before departure, you will be guest of Dinknesh Ethiopia Tour at one of the best traditional restaurants to taste the variety of Ethiopian meals and to see their folkloric dances. Then, be transferred to the airport for your departure.

### The price is inclusive of: -

- Accommodation on a double bed room-sharing basis
- Three meals a day out of Addis, and only breakfast in Addis
- All entrance fees
- Transfer ins and outs
- Comfortable and air-conditioned 4X4 Toyota Land Cruiser with fuel, insurance and driver's allowance
- Professional English Speaking guide with all his expenses
- Professional Cook for the camping days
- Boat Rent at Lake Chamo
- Bottled water in the vehicle
- Portage fees
- All local guides
- Scouts at the parks

### Price exclusive of:-

- Lunch and dinner in Addis
- Any alcoholic drinks
- Personal expense like souvenirs, laundry, etc
- Tips
- Any expense which is not stated in the 'Included List' above

