

OMO VALLEY & LALIBELA CULTURAL DISCOVERY

7 Days / 6 Nights

Southern Ethiopia Tribal Experience & Lalibela Rock-Hewn Churches

Tour Overview

Experience the very best of Ethiopia on this unforgettable **7-Day / 6-Night Cultural Discovery Tour**, combining the vibrant indigenous cultures of the Omo Valley with the breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage churches of Lalibela.

This carefully designed itinerary offers authentic encounters with Ethiopia's most fascinating tribal communities—including the **Hamar, Karo, Arbore, and Mursi** peoples—before flying north to explore the magnificent rock-hewn churches of Lalibela, often referred to as the **"Eighth Wonder of the World."**

With professional local guides, comfortable accommodations, private 4WD transportation, and expertly planned logistics, this journey is ideal for photographers, cultural travelers, educational groups, NGOs, and private travelers seeking an immersive Ethiopian experience.

Duration: 7 Days / 6 Nights

Tour Starts: Addis Ababa

Tour Ends: Addis Ababa

Tour Style: Private Cultural Tour

Transportation: Domestic Flights + Private 4WD Toyota Land Cruiser

Accommodation: Mid-range Lodges & Hotels

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 – Arrival in Addis Ababa

Welcome to Ethiopia.

Upon arrival at Addis Ababa Bole International Airport, you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel.

Meet your professional tour guide for a detailed tour briefing and preparation for your adventure.

Accommodation: Hotel – Addis Ababa

Day 2 – Fly Addis Ababa – Jinka – Drive to Turmi

After breakfast, take a morning flight to Jinka.

Upon arrival, travel by private 4WD through the beautiful landscapes of the Lower Omo Valley to Turmi.

In the afternoon, visit a traditional **Hamar** village.

Learn about the unique customs of the Hamar people, famous for:

- Traditional hairstyles
- Body adornments
- Bull Jumping Ceremony (subject to availability)
- Evening cultural activities

Accommodation: Paradise Lodge – Turmi

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 3 – Karo & Arbore Tribes

After breakfast, drive to the Omo River to visit the **Karo Tribe**, internationally renowned for their extraordinary body and face painting traditions.

Spend time photographing and interacting with community members before returning for lunch.

In the afternoon, continue to visit the **Arbore Tribe**, well known for colorful beadwork, cattle culture, and traditional pastoral lifestyles.

Return to Turmi.

Accommodation: Paradise Lodge – Turmi

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 4 – Turmi – Jinka – Mursi Village

Drive north toward Jinka.

In the afternoon, continue through **Mago National Park** to visit the remarkable **Mursi Tribe**, famous for the women's decorative lip plates and rich cultural traditions.

Enjoy time interacting respectfully with the community before returning to Jinka.

Accommodation: Lodge – Jinka

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 5 – Fly Jinka – Addis Ababa – Lalibela

After breakfast, transfer to Jinka Airport for your domestic flight via Addis Ababa to Lalibela.

Upon arrival, begin exploring the first group of Lalibela's extraordinary rock-hewn churches, including:

- Bete Medhane Alem
- Bete Mariam
- Bete Meskel
- Bete Golgotha
- Bete Debre Sina

These remarkable churches, carved entirely from solid rock during the 12th century, are recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Accommodation: Hotel – Lalibela

Meals: Breakfast

Day 6 – Full Day Lalibela

Spend the day exploring Lalibela's remarkable churches and surrounding countryside.

Visit:

- Asheten Mariam Monastery (optional mule ride available)
- Bete Gabriel-Rufael
- Bete Emmanuel
- Bete Merkorios
- Bete Abba Libanos
- Bete Giyorgis (Church of St. George)

Enjoy outstanding opportunities for photography and discover why Lalibela is regarded as one of Christianity's greatest pilgrimage destinations.

Accommodation: Hotel – Lalibela

Meals: Breakfast

Day 7 – Fly Lalibela – Addis Ababa

After breakfast, transfer to Lalibela Airport for your return flight to Addis Ababa.

Depending on your international departure schedule, optional sightseeing or souvenir shopping can be arranged before your transfer to Bole International Airport.

End of Tour

Tour Includes

- Private 4WD Toyota Land Cruiser
- Professional English-speaking guide
- Experienced driver
- Fuel and all transport expenses
- Airport transfers
- All accommodation (6 nights)
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner during the Omo Valley portion
- Breakfast in Lalibela
- Bottled drinking water throughout the tour
- Local village guides and translators
- Community elders and local scouts
- All entrance fees

- Mago National Park entrance
 - Lalibela church entrance fees
 - Government taxes and local community contributions
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Tour Excludes

- International airfare
 - Domestic flights (Addis Ababa – Jinka / Jinka – Addis Ababa – Lalibela / Lalibela – Addis Ababa)
 - Ethiopian Visa
 - Travel and medical insurance
 - Laundry services
 - Telephone and internet charges
 - Alcoholic beverages
 - Premium imported drinks
 - Camera and video fees charged by local communities
 - Optional cultural ceremonies
 - Personal expenses
 - Tips and gratuities
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Tour Prices (USD)

Package	Price Per Person
Solo Traveler	US\$2,950
2 Travelers	US\$2,450
3–5 Travelers	US\$2,150
6–10 Travelers	US\$1,950
11+ Travelers	Contact Us for Special Group Rates

Prices are per person based on mid-range accommodation and exclusive private transportation. Domestic flights are not included.

Booking Options

Individual Private Tour

- 1–2 Travelers
- Private vehicle
- Professional guide
- Flexible departure dates
- Personalized itinerary

Family & Friends

- 3–6 Travelers
- Private Land Cruiser
- Flexible departures
- Shared tour costs

Small Group Tours

- 7–12 Travelers
- Scheduled departures
- Excellent value
- Shared cultural experiences

Corporate & Educational Tours

Ideal for:

- Corporate Incentive Travel
- Universities
- NGOs
- Photography Clubs
- Documentary Production Teams
- Cultural Institutions

Customized itineraries and logistics are available upon request.

Group Booking Discounts

Group Size	Discount
4–6 Guests	5%
7–10 Guests	10%
11–15 Guests	15%
16+ Guests	Special Corporate Rates

Booking & Payment

We offer secure and flexible payment options.

Accepted Payment Methods

- Visa
- MasterCard
- American Express
- Debit Cards
- Bank Transfer (upon request)

Secure Online Payment

To receive a secure online payment link, simply send us:

- Full Name
- Email Address

Our reservations team will send you a secure payment link so you can safely complete your booking using your preferred credit or debit card.

Booking Policy

A **30% non-refundable deposit** is required to secure your reservation.

The remaining **70% balance** must be paid **at least seven (7) days before the tour departure date**.

Once full payment has been received, we will confirm:

- Hotel reservations
- Ground transportation
- Professional guide services
- Domestic logistics
- Airport transfers

You will then receive:

- Official Booking Confirmation
- Payment Receipt
- Final Tour Itinerary

- [Pre-Departure Information](#)
 - [Travel Preparation Guide](#)
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Why Choose Ethii Tours?

- Over 10 years of experience operating cultural and photography tours in Ethiopia
 - Professional English-speaking guides with in-depth local knowledge
 - Comfortable private 4WD vehicles
 - Authentic, responsible, and community-based tourism
 - Flexible private departures and customized itineraries
 - Reliable logistics and personalized service from arrival to departure
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Reserve Your Ethiopia Cultural Adventure

Discover the living traditions of the Omo Valley and the timeless rock-hewn churches of Lalibela on one unforgettable journey through Ethiopia's extraordinary cultural heritage.

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