

*A lifetime adventure in a land of untouched culture!!*

## **Timkat Festival & Omo Valley Tour in Ethiopia January 17-27, 2011**

Timkat or Epiphany is a very important festival in Ethiopian Orthodox Church. It is the most colorful and greatest celebration of the year. The festival is a three day affair, beginning on the eve of Timkat (18 January) with dramatic processions (*Ketera*), when the priests remove the *tabots* (replicas of the tablets which were written by finger of God and given to Moses) from each church and bless the water of the pool or river where the next day's celebration will take place.



The following morning (19 January), the great day itself, Christ's baptism in the River Jordan by John is commemorated. The third day is devoted to the archangel St. Michael, one of Ethiopia's most popular saints.

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We organized this trip together with the Omo Valley ethnic tours. You'll spend the first three days in Addis Ababa for the Timkat festivity and then continue to the Omo Valley where you will meet unique and fascinating culture of the different ethnic people such as the Hamar, Bena, Tsemai, Mursi, Konso, Ari, Dorze, Dasenech, Erbore, and others.

You can subscribe for this trip now and join our group. To contact us, please

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Please find the itinerary and prices of this trip below.*

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## Hamer Tribes at Turmi Village



## Itinerary

### **January 17/Day 1 Addis Ababa**

Arrival in Addis Ababa and welcomed by our representative; then be transferred to your hotel.

Overnight hotel (3 nights)

Meals: No meal provided

### **January 18/Day 2 Addis Ababa**

In the morning, have a city tour of Addis Ababa to the national museum and trinity cathedral.

Attend the procession in the afternoon. Overnight hotel

Meals: Breakfast

### **January 19/Day 3 Addis Ababa**

Early in the morning we will go to *Janmeda* where we attend the actual Timkat celebration where the people are blessed by the high priests, sprinkling the holy water. In the afternoon, visit Merkato, the largest open air market in East Africa and be at leisure the rest of the day.

Meals: Breakfast

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**January 20/Day 4 Addis Ababa – Arba Minch**

Drive to Arba Minch passing through the rift valley lakes region and visit the Dorze village at Chencha. You can have a panoramic view of Arba Minch from here. Overnight hotel in Arba Minch

Meals: B, L, D



**January 21/Day 5 Arba Minch - Turmi**

Drive to Turmi where you'll meet the Hamar tribes. On your way, you will have a stop at Konso, Woito and Erbore villages and meet the Konso, Bena, Tsemai and Erbore tribes. Overnight camping (2 nights)

Meals: B,L,D





**Erbore Tribes,  
Omo Valley**

**January 22/Day 6 Turmi – Omorate – Dimeka - Turmi**

Early in the morning we'll drive to Omorate to meet the Dasenech people by crossing the Omo River by wooden boat. Lunch at Turmi and then drive to Dimeka to see the colorful market. Note that market days are very important in the Omo Valley. Then drive back to Turmi. Overnight camping

Meals: B,L,D



**January 23/Day 7 Turmi - Jinka**

Drive to Jinka passing through Key Afer. Overnight hotel (2 nights)

Meals: B, L, D

**January 24/Day 8 Jinka – Mago NP - Jinka**

Drive to Mago National Park to meet the Mursi tribes who are famous in putting lip plates. Then drive back to Jinka and visit the Jinka museum or Ari village. Overnight hotel

Meals: B, L, D





**Mursi Woman**

**January 25/Day 9 Jinka – Arba Minch**


Drive to Arba Minch via Tsemai village and meet the people there. Overnight hotel  
Meals: B, L, D

**January 26/Day 10 Arba Minch – Awassa – Wondo Genet**

Drive to Wondo Genet with a stop at Lake Awassa where you can visit the fish market and birds. Then continue to Wondo Genet where you can enjoy the natural hot spring water and many birds in the forest. Overnight hotel

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Meals: B, L, D

**January 27/Day 11 Wondo Genet – Addis Ababa - Departure**

Drive back to Addis Ababa. Farewell folkloric dinner with dances and music in one of the best traditional restaurants in Addis Ababa. Be transferred to the airport for final departure.

Price per person is \$1765USD

Single room supplement is \$289USD

*Note: Minimum 3 and Maximum 10 people*

**Price Includes:**

- ✓ All surface transportation from arrival to departure (Mini Van in Addis Ababa and 4x4 Toyota Land Cruiser to Omo Valley)
- ✓ Transfer ins and outs
- ✓ Hotel Accommodation on sharing basis (4 star hotels in Addis Ababa and the best available hotels outside)
- ✓ All camping facilities while camping
- ✓ All meals except lunch and dinner in Addis Ababa
- ✓ Breakfast in Addis Ababa
- ✓ Mineral water each day
- ✓ English speaking guide
- ✓ Local guides when compulsory
- ✓ Scout in the National Parks
- ✓ All entrance and village fees
- ✓ All government taxes

**Price Excludes**

- ✓ International flights (Note: we can assist you on this)
- ✓ All alcoholic drinks
- ✓ Any personal expenses that are not mentioned above.