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TOUR CODE: OTE-5001
DURATION: 11Days 10Nights
TOUR TITLE: Exploring the SURMA

DAY 1.ARRIVAL

Arrive in Addis Ababa Bole International Airport and be transferred to your hotel.
Overnight Hotel

DAY 2. ADDIS ABABA – WLISSO

Morning start your half day city tour of the capital city with the National Museum (A house of an oldest hominid fossil named “LUCY/DINKINESH”), continue with the Trinity Cathedral Church (The final resting place of Haile Silasie I) & wind up with Mount Entoto (For its panoramic view of the capital city “Addis Ababa”). After lunch, drive about 116kms to the city of Wolisso. Overnight Lodge

DAY 3. WOLISSO – WONCHI – AMBO

In the morning drive about **68kms** via the very beautiful, interesting & breathtaking Crater Lake “**WONCHI**” through the magnificent landscapes of south western shoa high lands. Visit the lake with activities such as walking, horse riding & boat trip. Late in the afternoon drive to the city of Ambo. Overnight in Hotel

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DAY 4. AMBO – NEKEMT

After breakfast, drive to Nekemt and enroute sightseeing tour the beautiful scenery of the Shoa, rural villages found along the way and Guder Falls. Overnight local hotel

DAY 5. NEKEMT - METU

After breakfast, drive for Metu about **255kms**. After crossing Dedesa River, you will stop at the town of Bedele for lunch. Then drive through the indigenous natural forests of Western Ethiopia and experience the life of local people residing in the region. Overnight at local hotel

DAY 6. METU – MIZAN TEFERI

Drive from Gambella to Mizan Teferi through Bebek coffee plantation, Ethiopia's largest old coffee plantation. On the way visit the Menit, Yem and the Dizi tribes. Overnight Local Hotel

DAY 7. MIZAN TEFERI - KIBISH

Continue driving further to the west from Mizan Teferi to Kibish through an altitude of **1745m** above sea level via Bebek coffee plantation, Ethiopia's largest old coffee plantation. After crossing the Akobo River, you will experience the African Savanna grass land and stop at the little town of Dimma for lunch. Continue driving further west to Kibish which is a small town of the Surma tribe. Significant number of Surma people lives in Kibish town. The rest of the day, you walk around your campsite admiring the surrounding areas and enjoy organic coffee and tea which is typical product of the area. Overnight camping at Kibish

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DAY 8. KIBISH

On this day, if there is Donga (Stick fighting of the Surma people) you will attend the ceremony, otherwise make trek around the old kibish village (14-20kms round trip) to visit more Surma villages and appreciate very attractive culture of Surma tribe. They are renowned for the strange custom followed by their women who, on reaching maturity, have their lower lips slit and inserted circular or rectangular clay discs. The Surma men are well known for their stick fighting, which is called Donga. Players are usually unmarried men. The winner is carried on a platform of poles to a group of girls waiting at the side of the arena to decide which of them will ask for his hand in marriage. Taking part in a stick fight is considered to be more important than winning it. The men paint their bodies with a mixture of chalk and water before the fight. Overnight camping at KIBISH

DAY 9. KIBISH - MIZAN TEFERI

Early in the morning drive back to the city of Mizan through the Bench Maji village and if the day is Saturday, visit the MAJI local market then, continue driving back to the city of MIZAN TEFERI. Overnight Local Hotel

DAY 10. MIZAN TEFERI – JIMMA

Drive from Mizan Teferi to Jimma, about **240kms**, through the Ethiopia's indigenous dense forest. The people living in this area are from Keficho, Yem and Bench ethnic groups. This place is famous for its coffee, tea and spice plantation . Overnight in Hotel

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DAY 11. JIMMA – ADDIS ABABA & Departure

After breakfast drive back to Addis Ababa, about **346kms**, en route visit one of the Gurage Village. Evening, you will have a fare well dinner in one of the Ethiopian restaurants for cultural dinner and dances from the different ethnic groups. After transfer to the airport, fly back home

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