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Tour Code:	OTE-9005
Tour Title:	Ethiopian Rift Valley Nature, people and Culture
Duration:	6days 5night or 6days 7nights
Tour Title:	(Package Five) Adventure Tour to Omo Valley Ethiopia
Transportation:	Surface driving or Surface and Air combination

The well known historian Conti-Rossini called Ethiopia as "**a country of mosaic of cultures.**" For the basic reason that, in the country, 83 languages and 200 dialects are spoken and You find these people in harmony with diversity – all having their own costumes, religions, festivals, hair styles, songs, dances and arts - all unique in their own way.

The following 6full days Cultural tours to the Omo Valley, will make you to understand the harmony and diversity better. It also enables you to explore the truly exotic, untouched and authentic life style.

ITINERARY

DAY1. ADDIS ABABA – ARBAMINCH

After breakfast in the hotel leave Addis Ababa and drive about 455kms to Arbaminch. On the way visit the 12th century rock hewn church of Adadi Mariam & the monolithic stelae site of Tiya. Overnight PARADISE Lodge/Ezana Hotel Arbaminch.

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DAY2. ARBAMINCH

In the morning, take a boat trip on Lake Chamo to see hippos, large size crocodiles and birds. In the afternoon ascend to Guge Mountain, to visit the Dorze tribe and their magnificent beehive shaped hut, false banana cultivations and weaving culture. Overnight PARADISE Lodge/ Ezana Hotel, Arbaminch.

DAY3. ARBAMINCH – JINKA

After breakfast in the hotel leave Arbaminch and drive about 250kms to Jinka via Konso, visit the Derashe people and their village en route continue driving to Jinka exploring Tsemai and Benna tribal village, and if the day is **Thursday** there is a chance to attend the colorful Keyafer Market which is attended by the **BENNA, TSEMAI and ARI** tribal groups. Overnight EKO-OMO/Jinka Resort, Jinka

DAY4. JINKA – MURSI – JINKA - TURMI

In the Morning, drive about 70kms to Mago National park & make an excursion tour to see and appreciate the very attractive culture of Mursi tribe. They are renowned for the **strange custom pursued by their women**, who on reaching maturity, have their lower lips pierced and pop in a “terra cotta” (circular clay disc). In the afternoon, drive about 130kms to Turmi, settlement of the Hamer tribe via Dimeka and Key Afer exploring the Hamer and Benna tribal village and if the day is **Saturday** there is a chance to attend the colorful Dimeka market and encounter three different tribal group like the **HAMMER, KARO and BENNA**. Overnight BUSKA /Turmi Lodge

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DAY5. TURMI – KARO – TURMI – OMORATE - TURMI

Drive about 65kms for a full day excursion to Murelle. Here one can visit the Karo ethnic groups, experts in body painting. After lunch break in the lodge, drive about 75kms for an excursion to **DASENECH** people; who inhabited in the bank of Omo River and cross the Omo River by locally made boat to see the village. Overnight BUSKA / Turmi Lodge

DAY6. TURMI – ERBORE - ARBAMINCH

Early morning, leave Turmi and drive about 285kms to Arbaminch, on the way visit the Erbore tribal village. After lunch break in ARBAMINCH, proceed to the Airport to check in for your flight back to ADDIS ABABA. Or this day alternatively visit the remaining tourist attractions around Arbaminch and take leisure time in the afternoon. Overnight PARADISE Lodge/ Ezana Hotel, Arbaminch

DAY7. ARBAMINCH-ADDIS ABABA

Early drive back to Addis Ababa via Sodo and Shashemene exploring the twin Lakes and Abijata -Shala Lakes National park which is inhabited by many species of birds, wild animal and plant life, stop for lunch break at Ziway and enroute visit the crater lakes around Bishoftu. Then slow drive to Addis Ababa and end of the tour.

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