



## Leswa Ethiopia Tour

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## **SHE CONNECTS ETHIOPIA:**

**A GLOBAL SISTERHOOD JOURNEY IN THE SOUTHERN OMO**

10 Days | 9 Nights

**August 10 - August 19, 2026**

Trip Designed By Women, For Women

# EXPERIENCE ETHIOPIA AUTHENTICALLY WITH **LESWA ETHIOPIA TOUR**

Leswa Tour is a women-led, locally owned tour operating company based in Ethiopia, founded by two women with 20 years of combined experience in the tourism industry.

**The name Leswa (ለእሷ), meaning “For Her” in Amharic, reflects our purpose to create a space in tourism that uplifts women and creates a global network of women travelers and professionals.**

Our focus is dedicated to creating authentic, and culturally immersive travel experiences through meaningful journeys that go beyond sightseeing and actually build real connections with local women in the communities.

Our journeys are led by experienced local expert guides who bring Ethiopia’s stories to life with knowledge and heart.



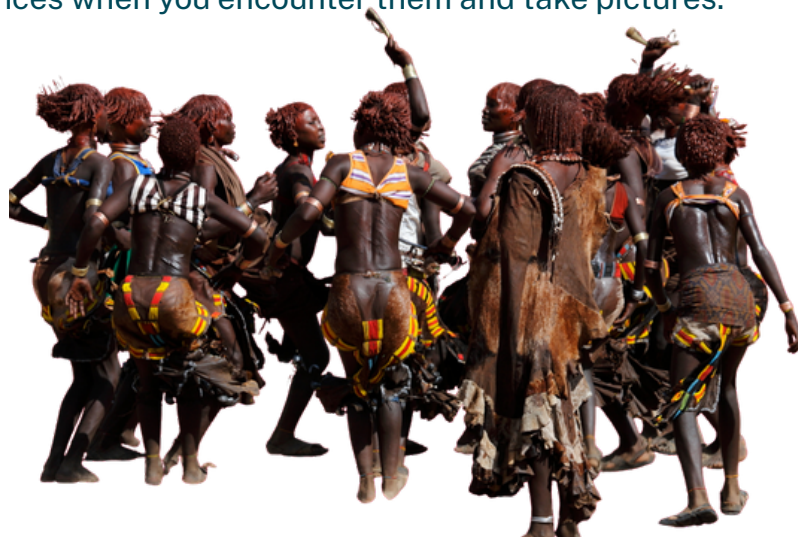


## Trip Overview

***Ethiopia is a destination of remarkable depth and beauty. Its cultural diversity, ancient history, and dramatic landscapes combine to create one of the most compelling travel experiences.***

Day	Description	Accommodation
Day 1	Arrival	Jupiter International - Kasanchise
Day 2	Explore Addis Ababa	Jupiter International - Kasanchise
Day 3	Fly Addis - Jinka	Eco-Omo Lodge - Jinka
Day 4	Drive Jinka To Turmi /Key Afer Market	Pardise Lodge - Turmi
Day 5	Turmi Culture Immersion	Pardise Lodge - Turmi
Day 6	Turmi Culture Immersion	Pardise Lodge - Turmi
Day 7	Drive Turmi to Arba Minch/visit Konso en-route	Haile Resort - Arba Minch
Day 8	Dorze Culture Immersion	Haile Resort - Arba Minch
Day 9	Nature Cruise / Fly to Addis	Jupiter International - Kasanchise
Day 10	Departure – Farewell Ethiopia	

Your experience during an Ethiopian cultural tour in the Omo Valley will be influenced by various factors, but most importantly, by the company you keep. Having respectful drivers, guides, and tour operators, along with considerate guests, is crucial when capturing photographs of the local people. This is particularly significant on Omo Valley tours, as you are entering their homes. It is essential to be mindful of the tribes and their experiences when you encounter them and take pictures.





## DAY 1 | ARRIVAL

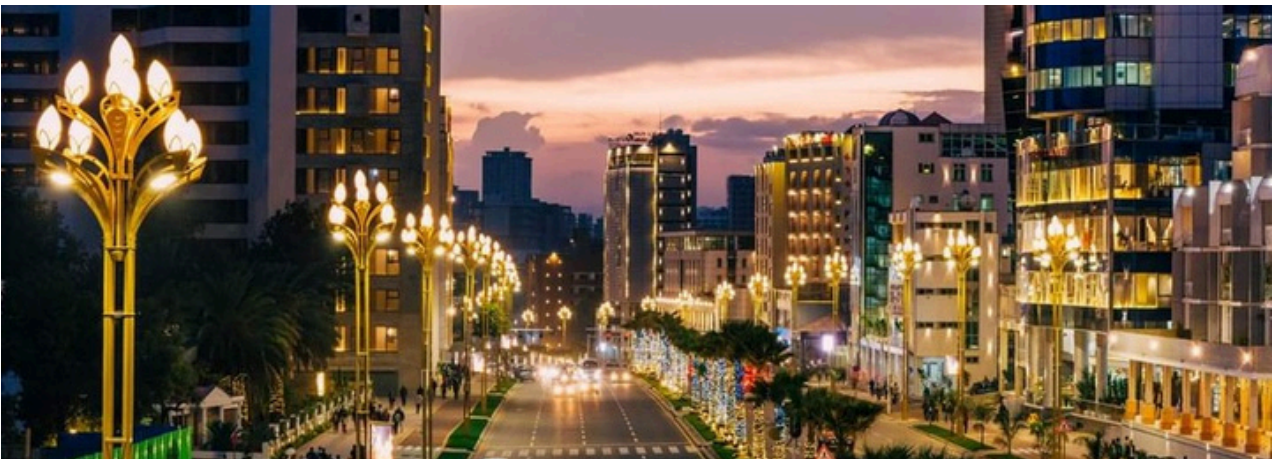
***Welcome to Addis Ababa, the world's fourth-highest capital city, whose name beautifully translates to "New Flower."***



On arrival, you will be received with warm Ethiopian hospitality by our VIP meet-and-greet team. After assistance through immigration, you will be escorted to the terminal parking area where your driver awaits for a comfortable transfer to your hotel. Following check-in, the remainder of the day is at leisure, an opportunity to relax, settle in, and gently acclimate to the pace and atmosphere of Ethiopia.



***Addis Ababa is a dynamic metropolis city deeply rooted in its unique cultural identity, unmistakably Ethiopian at heart.***



<b>Destination</b>	Addis Ababa
<b>← Accommodation:</b>	Jupiter International - Kasanchise
<b>Room Type:</b>	Twin/Double Room
<b>Meal</b>	
<b>Driving Time:</b>	20 min airport transfer
<b>Climate:</b>	Cool in Addis 18–23°C



## DAY 2 | EXPLORE ADDIS

### *Addis Ababa, the hub of Africa*



Sit on a chair above a small fire of twigs made from traditional beauty remedies.



Today, we will head up to Entoto Mountain Park where we'll have a unique panoramic view point of the city. In the park, we'll find Kategna Restaurant where we'll have an authentic Ethiopian lunch paired with a delightful injera baking experience, allowing us to create our own injera while hearing stories and understanding the culture behind the Ethiopian cuisine.

Then, let us continue the refreshing treatment at Weyba Tis Spa, a special tradition of ancestral healing where the name "Weyba Tis" translates to Sacred Water. Weyba Tis Spa is an Ethiopian traditional steam ritual infused with aromatic herbs, followed by rejuvenating treatments that harmonize the body, and relaxes muscle tension.



Addis is lit with the beautiful night lights across the city, and this evening we will have a lively welcome dinner at an elegant venue with our professional guide, celebrating the beginning of an immersive and meaningful adventure with Leswa Ethiopia Tour.

***Weyba Tis is a sauna-like traditional Ethiopian beauty therapy.***

<b>Destination</b>	Addis Ababa
<b>Accommodation:</b>	<b>Jupiter International - Kasanchise</b>
<b>Room Type:</b>	<b>Twin/Double Room</b>
<b>Meal</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Welcome Dinner
<b>Driving Time:</b>	~1.5 hrs
<b>Climate:</b>	Cool in Addis 18–23°C



## DAY 3: FLY ADDIS TO JINKA

*Nothing prepares you for the extraordinary cultural integrity of the South Omo inhabitants.*



We fly south this morning into the administrative capital of South Omo Zone, Jinka, and drive overland to settle into our nature-inspired lodge. We will start our activity with an afternoon visit of South Omo Research Center built on a hill overlooking the north end of the town center. The museum provides a useful insight of 16 different cultural groups associated with the South Omo region. Afterwards, we will have a gentle evening of cultural storytelling shared with local women; a beautiful exchange of voices and experiences.

The Ari Tribe in Jinka are one of the most numerous ethnolinguistic group of South Omo and are well known for producing excellent honey and agriculture.

Most Ari people in Jinka now wear western clothes, but rural area still wear a dress made with leave (Enset and Koicha) and decorate with arm and waist beads.



<b>Destination</b>	Fly Addis → Jinka
<b>Altitude:</b>	1,490 m
<b>Accommodation:</b>	Eco-Omo Lodge Jinka
<b>Room Type:</b>	Twin/Double Room
<b>Meals:</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Driving Time:</b>	1 hour touring + 20 min airport transfer
<b>Flight Time:</b>	1 hr 20 min (Addis Ababa to Jinka)
<b>Activity Level:</b>	Easy
<b>Climate:</b>	Warm (26–30°C)



## DAY 4 | DRIVE JINKA TO TURMI AND VISIT KEY AFER MARKET AND MURSI TRIBE



After spending the night in Jinka, we will start our journey to Turmi.

Key Afer is an important stop on the way to Turmi and is known for its vibrant weekly market, which brings together several ethnic groups from the surrounding Omo Valley region. In recent years, some members of the Mursi Tribe—who traditionally lived deeper inside Mago National Park near Jinka—have relocated closer to the Key Afer area. Because of this, visitors can now meet and interact with Mursi people around Key Afer without traveling far into the park. This offers guests the opportunity to learn about the Mursi culture, including their distinctive traditions such as the clay lip plates worn by women.



Continue the journey toward Turmi.



### MARKET: THURSDAYS - KEY AFER VILLAGE

<b>Destination:</b>	Turmi (via Konso)
<b>Altitude:</b>	<b>Konso:</b> 1,650 m <b>Turmi:</b> 925 m
<b>Accommodation:</b>	Paradise Lodge Turmi
<b>Room Type:</b>	Twin/Double Room
<b>Meals:</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Driving Time:</b>	4–5 hrs
<b>Flight Time:</b>	-
<b>Activity Level:</b>	Moderate
<b>Climate:</b>	Warm (26–30°C)



## DAY 5 | HAMMER & KARO

*South Omo can feel like a journey through time, arriving at something as close as there is to an Africa untouched by outside influence.*



This morning, we will drive up to visit the Karo tribe within Kolcho settlement in Murulle. It's a compact village set on a magnificent sand cliff overlooking the Omo River. The Karo are best known for their elaborate body painting, and you can take part in the activity.



Later in the afternoon we will visit the most identifiable group of the South Omo People with elaborate costumes of beads, thick copper necklaces and high cheekbones. The Hammer women are particularly striking, with thick plaits of ochre-colored hair hanging down in a heavy fringe and thick goat skin attire that hang as an apron-like form from the neck down. In the community, we will attend the Evangadi dance ceremony and learn the symbolism behind their art. Afterwards, we will return back to our lodge, and spend the evening bonding over the experience.



<b>Destination</b>	Turmi
<b>Altitude:</b>	Turmi: 925 m
<b>Accommodation:</b>	Paradise Lodge Turmi
<b>Room Type:</b>	Twin/Double Room
<b>Meals:</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Driving Time:</b>	4-5 hrs
<b>Flight Time:</b>	-
<b>Activity Level:</b>	Moderate
<b>Climate:</b>	Warm (26-30°C)



## DAY 6 | DASSANECH TRIBE/DIMEKA MARKET

*South Omo can feel like a journey through time, arriving at something as close as there is to an Africa untouched by outside influence.*



Today, continue the cultural exploration of the Omo Valley with a visit to the Dassanech Tribe, who live along the banks of the Omo River near Omorate. To reach the village, visitors usually cross the river by a traditional wooden canoe, offering a unique experience and an opportunity to observe the daily life of the Dassanech people, who are known for their distinctive hairstyles, body ornaments, and pastoral lifestyle.



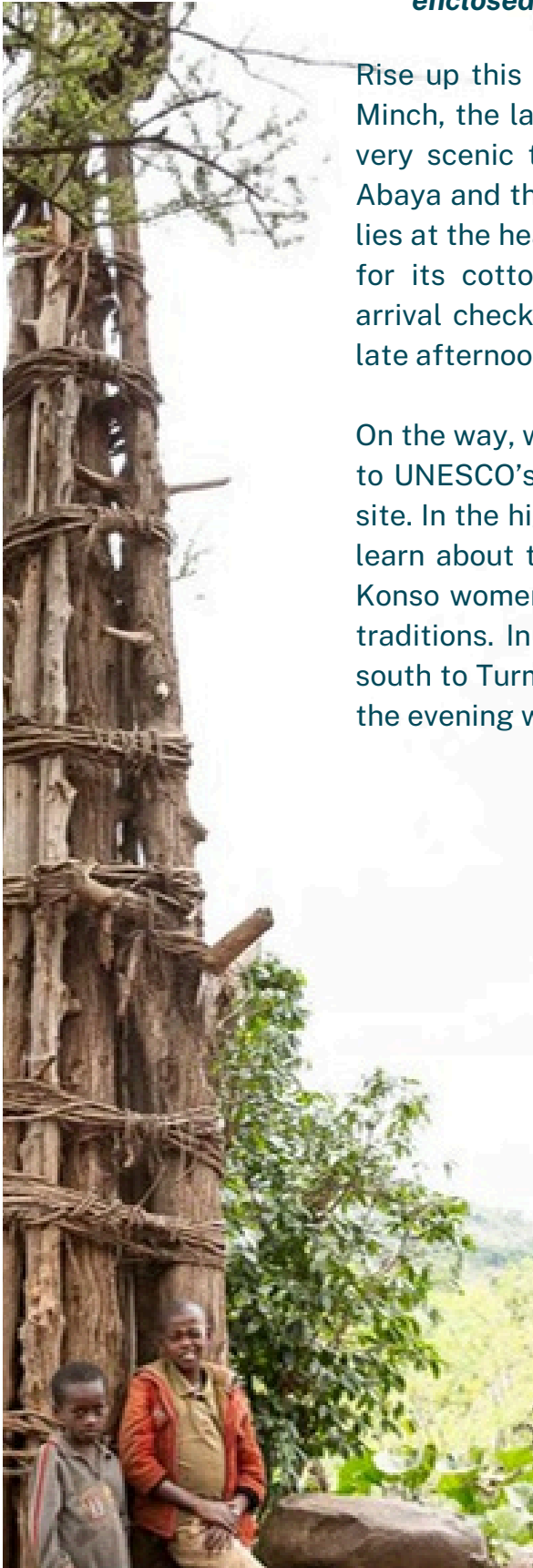
After the village visit, the journey continues back toward Turmi to attend the lively Dimeka Market. This market, typically held on Saturdays, is one of the most important gathering places for the Hamar Tribe and neighboring communities. It is a vibrant cultural scene where locals trade livestock, grains, honey, and handmade items, making it an excellent opportunity for travelers to witness the rich traditions and social interactions of the Omo Valley communities.

<b>Destination:</b>	Turmi
<b>Altitude:</b>	Turmi: 925 m
<b>Accommodation:</b>	Paradise Lodge Turmi
<b>Room Type:</b>	Twin/Double Room
<b>Meals:</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Driving Time:</b>	4-5 hrs
<b>Flight Time:</b>	-
<b>Activity Level:</b>	Moderate
<b>Climate:</b>	Warm (26-30°C)



## DAY 7 | DRIVE TO ARBA MINCH

*The most outwardly distinctive feature of Konso is its aesthetically pleasing village enclosed by stone walls.*



Rise up this morning and we will travel north to Arba Minch, the largest town in Ethiopia's deep south. It's a very scenic town offering views of lakes Chamo and Abaya and the lush ground water forest. The town also lies at the heart of a bountiful agricultural area, farmed for its cotton, fruit and vegetable production. Upon arrival check into your hotel and enjoy the rest of the late afternoon relaxing by pool and the lakeside breeze.

On the way, we will visit the traditional villages integral to UNESCO's Konso cultural landscape world heritage site. In the highlands we will go into individual villages, learn about the Konso society structure and meet the Konso women artisans known for their cotton weaving traditions. In the late afternoon we'll continue driving south to Turmi, and we will check-in to our lodge. Enjoy the evening with sunset drinks and nature's peace.



<b>Destination</b>	Drive Turmi - Arba Minch
<b>Altitude:</b>	<b>Arba Minch: 1,300 m</b>
<b>Accommodation:</b>	Haile Resort Arba Minch
<b>Room Type:</b>	Twin/Double Room
<b>Meals:</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Driving Time:</b>	5-6 hrs
<b>Flight Time:</b>	-
<b>Activity Level:</b>	Easy
<b>Climate:</b>	Warm lake breeze (23-28°C)

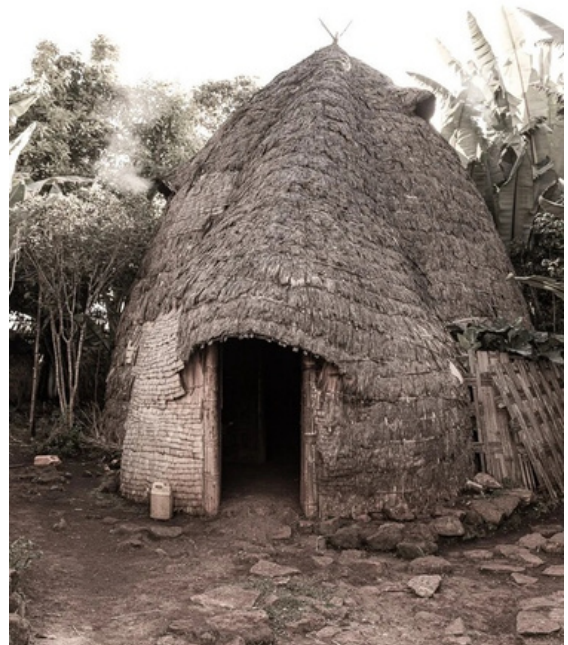


## DAY 8 | DORZE VILLAGE EXPERIENCE

*Dorze celebrations are very colorful.*

Today, you will enjoy a scenic boat trip on Lake Chamo, which is well known for its rich wildlife and stunning landscapes. During the boat excursion, visitors often see large groups of hippos, Nile crocodiles, and a variety of water birds along the shoreline. One of the highlights is the famous “Crocodile Market,” where many crocodiles gather on the banks of the lake. After the boat trip, travelers visit the Forty Springs (locally known as Arba Minch Springs), a lush groundwater forest area that gives the town its name, meaning “forty springs.” Walking through this green forest offers a refreshing experience and the chance to see monkeys and various bird species while learning about the natural springs that flow from the nearby highlands.

In the afternoon, we will visit the colorful Dorze highlands who are known for their towering beehive-shaped homestead and cotton weaving skills. Upon arrival we are guided by talented women into the villages where we will share a traditional Dorze meal and learn about their lifestyle. There will be a traditional Dorze dance and we are invited to join them, making it a fully interactive and unforgettable cultural experience.



<b>Destination</b>	Dorze → Arba Minch
<b>Altitude:</b>	Dorze Highlands: 2,400 m Arba Minch: 1,300 m
<b>← Accommodation:</b>	Haile Resort Arba Minch
<b>Room Type:</b>	Twin/Double Room
<b>Meals:</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Driving Time:</b>	1.5 hrs
<b>Flight Time:</b>	-
<b>Activity Level:</b>	Moderate
<b>Climate:</b>	Warm lake breeze (23–28°C)



## DAY 9 | NATURE CRUISE & RETURN TO ADDIS

*A culturally immersive experience exploring the living traditions of Ethiopia's Southern Omo Valley.*

The following morning is at leisure at your lodge in Arba Minch, allowing time to relax, reflect, and share memories of the remarkable experiences throughout the Omo Valley. Guests can enjoy the peaceful surroundings of the lodge while remembering the diverse cultures, vibrant markets, and unique tribal encounters visited during the journey.

Fly back to Addis on a commercial flight and transfer to your hotel to refresh. Your final evening is spent at a local Traditional Restaurant, where traditional dishes, live performances, and warm hospitality create a memorable farewell celebration of Ethiopia's culture and spirit.



<b>Destination</b>	Fly Arba Minch - Addis Ababa
<b>Altitude:</b>	<b>Arba Minch: 1,300m Addis Ababa: 2,355m</b>
<b>Accommodation:</b>	<b>Jupiter International - Kasanchise</b>
<b>Room Type:</b>	Twin/Double Room
<b>Meals:</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Driving Time:</b>	1 hr touring + 20 min airport transfer
<b>Flight Time:</b>	1 hr 10 min
<b>Activity Level:</b>	Easy
<b>Climate:</b>	Warm in Arba Minch, cool in Addis



## DAY 10 | FAREWELL

After a final breakfast together, the group is transferred to the airport. Farewells are warm and full of love as each woman leaves with strengthened bonds, renewed spirit, and unforgettable Ethiopian memories.



<b>Destination</b>	Addis Ababa, 2,355m
<b>Altitude:</b>	
<b>Accommodation:</b>	
<b>Room Type:</b>	
<b>Meals:</b>	Breakfast
<b>Driving Time:</b>	20 min airport transfer
<b>Flight Time:</b>	
<b>Activity Level:</b>	Very Easy
<b>Climate:</b>	cool in Addis



## ACCOMMODATION



Destination: **Addis Ababa**  
Accommodation: **Jupiter International - Kasanchise**  
No of Nights: **3**



Destination: **Jinka**  
Accommodation: **Eco Omo Lodge**  
No of Nights: **1**



Destination: **Turmi**  
Accommodation: **Paradise Lodge**  
No of Nights: **2**



Destination: **Arbaminch**  
Accommodation: **Haile Resort**  
No of Nights: **2**





# PRICE SHEET

**Double occupancy      US\$ 2,396 Per Person      12 Pax**

**Single Supplement      US\$ 364 Per Person**

## DOMESTIC FLIGHT INFORMATION – ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES

TO BE ADDED + TO THE PACKAGE PRICE

**AIRFARE (ADDIS ABABA – JINKA//ARBAMINCH – ADDIS ABABA):**

- **\$350 per person for travelers flying internationally with Ethiopian Airlines**
- **\$510 per person for travelers flying internationally with other carriers**
- All fares are subject to change without notice due to airline policy and seat availability.
- Fares and seats are only guaranteed once tickets are issued; the airline may change flight schedules at any time.
- Full passenger names (first and last) as per passport are required for reservations; no name changes are allowed after ticket issuance.
- Tickets must be issued before the airline's time limit once flights are confirmed.
- Baggage allowance: 20kg per person on Ethiopian Airlines domestic flights.

## PRICE INCLUDES

- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Local experience and community engagement mentioned in the itinerary
- Expertise and services of our professional escort guides
- VIP meet and greet at the airport for the arrival international flight
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts at each accommodation we book
- Ground transportation as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides at each destinations
- Village and other entry fees
- All transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Boat trip as noted in the itinerary
- A thoughtfully selected souvenir gift to remember the journey
- Any government related taxes

## PRICE EXCLUDES

- International and Internal airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages
- Baggage transfers and portorage
- Meals that are not mentioned in the program
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- All Gratuities for professional escort, local guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses
- Early Check-in





# REASONS TO BOOK THIS TRIP WITH LESWA ETHIOPIA TOUR

## **REASON 1: Immersive Cultural Experience**

Our deep local ties in the Omo Valley allow guests to experience authentic traditions while supporting women and communities with dignity. Our itineraries are designed to move beyond sightseeing, immersing guests in authentic Ethiopian culture through local interactions, traditions, cuisine, and community-based experiences.

## **REASON 2: Travel That Empowers Women & Builds the Future**

Every journey with Leswa contributes directly to empowering women in Ethiopia's tourism industry. When travelers book with us, they are not only experiencing the Omo Valley responsibly, but also supporting the vision of women-focused tourism initiatives we are actively building. This contribution helps create professional opportunities, strengthen service standards, and ensure women are equipped with the skills, confidence, and leadership needed to shape the future of tourism in Ethiopia. Your travel becomes a meaningful investment in people, progress, and long-term impact.

## **REASON 3: Expertly Managed Logistics**

We are meticulous in our planning, anticipating challenges before they arise. From reliable 4WD vehicles and experienced drivers to community coordination and daily logistics, we manage the details so you can travel comfortably and confidently.

## **REASON 4: Safety**

Safety with Leswa is the foundation of every Omo Valley journey we design. The region's extraordinary beauty comes with remoteness and complexity, which is why our approach to safety is intentional, proactive, and never compromised.





# WHAT TO EXPECT

ETHIOPIA IS EXTRAORDINARY—UNLIKE ANYWHERE ELSE IN AFRICA.

Its landscapes, history, cultures, and traditions create a journey that is beautiful, fascinating, and full of surprises. Whether your interests lie in geology, ancient heritage, wildlife, local communities, or a mix of everything, Ethiopia offers remarkable depth and discovery.

Travel here is rewarding, but expectations matter. Ethiopia remains an emerging destination, and part of its charm comes from the unpredictability that makes every moment memorable. Being prepared allows you to embrace the adventure with ease and enjoy the journey even more.

**Addis Ababa is modern and well-developed, offering a wide range of accommodations and services. Outside Addis, tourism infrastructure is simpler and less polished than in classic East African safari destinations.**

We take care to design thoughtful, seamless itineraries using trusted local partners, ensuring that the essential arrangements are in place before you arrive—so you can explore confidently and fully enjoy your experience.

