



SOUTH SUDAN

THE LAND OF THE CATTLE HERDERS

February 08 - February 15, 2023

Led by Local Guide

No doubt, that South Sudan is one of the most challenging destinations for the intrepid traveler like you but this country, which gained its independence in 2011 earning the title of the world newest country has apprehended the attention from all travelers around the world with their prehistoric cultural rituals, a countless colorful local tribes and untouched natural beauty.

Your expedition starts and ends in Juba, the capital of the young nation, where you will wander around the city and overnight to experience what the nightlife has to offer. Our extensive tour allows you to experience the genuine South Sudan by heading out of the very strictly controlled capital and visiting not one but four ethnic communities with the freedom to interact, photograph and learn directly from the locals. This is something that only a very few visitors experience. You will journey with us to the incredible Lotuko people, the main ethnic group living around Torit Town in villages nestled in the hills and hidden among the rocks. Also, the Boya people, called "Larim people", who are centered on a small and rather ramshackle settlement in the shadow of the mountains and gigantic boulders and the Toposa people, known as fierce warriors and cattle stealers. They live in villages made of mud and sticks with thatched roofs often adorned with the skulls of cattle. You will end the tour with a visit to the Mundari tribes - herders who live in the wild in symbiosis with their cattle. They are unmistakable as they cover their whole body in chalk-like makeup, making them appear as ghosts.

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Wednesday, February 08

Arrive in Juba (South Sudan)



Upon your arrival in **Juba**, the Capital town of South Sudan (depending on your arrival time), meet and transfer to the *Hotel* for check-in, enjoy lunch and then head to tour the city where you will enjoy the views of the River Nile then return to the *Hotel* for your overnight.

Thursday, February 09

Juba - Torit Town (2.5 hrs.)



Enjoy breakfast, and then at 7:30AM, we will begin the day with a drive to the **Town of Torit**. Upon arrival, we will head to **Lotuko village** and be able to meet the host of one of the tribes and get the opportunity to interact with them. The main religion of the Lotuko people is based on nature and ancestor worship. Their main occupation is raising livestock, supplemented by subsistence farming. Then we will tour the village and have some photoshoots. We will enjoy dinner and overnight in a comfortable modern *tents* that our guide will set up for you. **(B,L,D)**

Friday, February 10

Torit Town - Boya Village (2 Hrs.)



After breakfast, at 7:30, we will begin the drive passing through more of the Lotuko villages until we reach **Boya Villages**. Also known as the Boya or Narim, the Laarim are a Nilotic people living in the Boya Hills. We will pay our respects to the elders and then introduce ourselves to the rest of the tribe. We will be able to spend the whole day visiting nearby **villages**, and learning more about their culture. This will be a great opportunity to interact with the Boya people and get to see them in their settlement. Like many of the neighboring ethnic groups,

the Larim engage in pastoralism and subsistence farming. Their religion is also based on ancestor worship. We might even get a chance to see some rituals and ceremonies.

We will also have the opportunity to take some photos and then visit some of the surrounding villages before we *camp* for the night. **(B,L,D)**

Saturday, February 11

Boya Village - Toposa Village (2 Hrs.)



After breakfast, at 7:30, we will begin the drive to **Kapoeta**, the largest settlement in the heartland of the **Taposa people**. The day will be fully dedicated to the Taposa people, a **Nilotic**-speaking pastoralist tribe famous for the unique architecture of its traditional fortified villages. We will be able to understand the compound culture of this isolated and highly misunderstood people, which since the mid-80s have been at the center of tribal conflicts and full-scale wars. You will be able to interact with the people, and you can even dress yourself in their local attire and can help the host in their daily activities. Overnight in a comfortable modern *tents* that our guide will set up for you. **(B,L,D)**

Sunday, February 12

Toposa Village - Juba - Mundari Cattle Camp (7 Hrs.)



After breakfast, we will spend the morning with the **Taposa tribe** before driving back to Juba. Upon arrival in Juba, we will head to visit the **Mundari Cattle camp** in the **town of Terekeka**. It is a semi-nomadic cattle herders that despite the relative proximity with Juba and the collateral effect of the South Sudanese Civil War have managed to keep their tribal way of life almost intact.

Overnight in a comfortable modern tents that our guide will set up for you. **(B,L,D)**

Monday, February 13

Mundari Cattle Camp



We will have the whole day to spend with the Mundari tribe, a traditional ethnic group known for their facial scarring and traditional rituals. We will pay our respects to the **Mundari** elders and then introduce ourselves to the rest of the tribe. The day will have a plenty of activities from dressing yourself in the local attire and ash markings to taking photos with the tribe to helping the host with activities. We will also get a chance to feed the animals and take some photos and then we will visit the villages nearby before returning to the *camp* for your overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Tuesday, February 14

Mundari Cattle Camp - Juba (2 hrs.)



We will head to **Juba** and head to the *Hotel* for check-in, have a city tour including visits to the **markets** and the **Art Gallery** of the city then enjoy lunch by the Nile. Free afternoon at leisure and overnight at the *Hotel*. **(B)**

Note: PCR test will be done in the morning.

Wednesday, February 15

Juba - USA



Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the US. **(B)**

"We reserve the right to change the order of activities or places visited due to unforeseen schedule conflicts or in order to make the itinerary run smoothly".



Tour Cost (Land Only): \$4,995.00

Per person sharing in double occupancy

Single Supplement: \$75.00

Price based on group size minimum of 6 participants and maximum of 10 participants

Trip Grade: III Lodging Level: *_***



Tour Includes:

- Airport / Hotel / Airport transfers.
- 1 night accommodation at *Afex Rivercamp Hotel* (Nov 14) on bed and breakfast basis.
- 5 nights camping in modern tents.
- 1 night accommodation at *Pyramid Continental Hotel* (Nov 20) on bed and breakfast basis.
- English-speaking local guide throughout the trip (There is not a real guide in the classical sense there).
- All activities as described in the tour.
- Clearance of the Photographic equipment.
- Approval and permits from the Ministry of Tourism.

Tour does not include:

- International airfare in and out of Juba.
- South Sudan Visa
<https://www.onlinevisa.com/south-sudan-visa/>
Your passport must not include Israeli stamps.
- Any required pre arrival & pre departure PCR tests.
- Any drinks with or without meals and lunches & dinners while in Juba.
- Dayrooms or extra hotel overnights or transfers in Khartoum if necessary.
- Expenses of a personal nature such as beverages with meals, telephone, email, laundry bills, etc.
- Any additional nights due to airline schedule changes.
- Trip surcharge to operate below required minimum participants.
- Travel protection Insurance (HIGHLY recommended).

Trip Grade:

III Challenging - Parts of the trip will be physically challenging, involve hiking on rough terrain or in sand or at high altitudes. There may be very long drives on rough roads; weather conditions with high heat or humidity, and presence of insects. You may have simple picnic lunches, primitive bathroom facilities along the road and remoteness from modern towns or cities.

Lodging Level:

★ Simple - One or more properties on the trip are very basic, rustic, primitive, with shared bathroom facilities (1 or 2 stars)

★★ Delightful: Comfortable yet on the Spartan side, usually small but generally with private facilities. They are suitable for one-night stays even if they lack western style amenities. (2 or 3 stars).

