



SOUTH SUDAN

THE LAND OF THE CATTLE HERDERS

January 23 - January 30, 2025
Led by Local Guide

Can be combined with Horn of Africa tour (Jan 05 - Jan 22, 2025) **OR** Ghana, Togo & Benin tour (Jan 08 - Jan 22, 2025) **AND** Burundi tour (Jan 30 - Feb 04, 2025)

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. In addition, 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.

Ihab Zaki
Managing Director

Thursday, January 23

Arrive in Juba (SOUTH SUDAN)



Upon arrival in **Juba**, the Capital town of South Sudan, meet and transfer to *Imperial Plaza Hotel* or similar for check-in, free rest of the day at leisure and overnight.

Friday, January 24

Juba - Torit (Lotuko Villages) (3 hrs.)



Enjoy breakfast, then head in the early morning to the village of **Torit**. This is where we will find the **Lotuko Tribe**, one of the indigenous tribes of South Sudan, Known for their distinct culture, language, and way of life, the Lotuko have a strong sense of community and place importance on familial ties and social cohesion. The Lotuko traditionally **practiced a form of animism**, believing in the presence of spirits in nature and ancestral worship. After a visit with the tribe, transfer to *Torit Hotel* or similar for check-in, dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Saturday, January 25

Torit (Boya Village) - Kapoeta Town (2 hrs.)



After breakfast, begin the day with a visit to the nearby **Boya Villages** to visit the Laarim. Also known as the Boya or Narim, the Laarim are a *Nilotic people* living in the Boya Hills. We will pay our respect to the elders and then introduce ourselves to the rest of the tribe, then spend the whole day visiting nearby **villages** and learning more about their culture. This will be an excellent opportunity to interact with the Boya people and see them in their settlement. Like many neighboring ethnic groups, the Larim engage in pastoralism and subsistence farming. Their religion is also based on ancestor worship. We could even see some rituals and ceremonies. Also, have the opportunity to take some photos and then visit some of the surrounding villages before we drive to Kapoeta.

Upon arrival, transfer to *Kuleu Hotel* or similar in for check-in, dinner and overnight **(B,L,D)**

Sunday, January 26

Kapoeta Town (Taposa Villages)



Enjoy breakfast, then head out exploring **Kapoeta**, the largest settlement in the heartland of the **Taposa people**. Head to the **Taposa village**, where 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*. Get the opportunity to understand the compound culture of these isolated and highly misunderstood people, which since the mid-80s, have been at the center of tribal conflicts and full-scale wars. Also, get the chance to **interact with the people**, dress in their local attire, and help the host in their daily activities. Drive back to **Kapoeta** and return to the *Hotel* for dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Monday, January 27

Kapoeta - Torit



After breakfast, spend more time uncovering the **Taposa Tribe** and their fascinating culture. After Lunch, head back to Torit and transfer to *Torit Hotel* or similar for check-in, dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Tuesday, January 28

Torit - Juba (Mundari Tribe) (3 hrs.)



Enjoy breakfast, and then depart in the early morning for the drive back to **Juba**. Upon arrival head to the **Mundari Cattle camp** in the town of **Tere-keka**. It is a semi-nomadic cattle herder that, despite the proximity to Juba and the collateral effect of the *South Sudanese Civil War*, has managed to keep its tribal way of life almost intact. The tribe is known for *their facial scarring* and traditional

rituals. We will pay our respect to the **Mundari** elders and then introduce ourselves to the rest of the tribe. The day will have 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. Also, get a chance to feed the animals, take some photos, and then visit the villages nearby. Transfer to *Imperial Plaza Hotel* or similar for check-in, and overnight. **(B,L)**

Wednesday, January 29

Juba City Tour



Enjoy breakfast, and then begin the day with visits to the **Jubek Mausoleum** named after Jubek who was born in the last years of the 19th century the founding father of the city, **Juba Maasai Market**, an open market where you will enjoy shopping for jewelry, hats, bags, shoes, fabrics, paintings, place mats, coasters, soap stone carvings, and wooden statues. also visit the **Baobab House/Gallery** is named after the Baobab Tree which is generally referred to as the "Tree of Life", Juba Freedom Bridge, built in 1972 and was inaugurated by president Salva Kiir on 19 May 2022. Head to the **DaVinci Hotel** to view the River Nile rapids and then head to **All-Saints Cathedral** for a visit. It is built in 1959, and holds daily services in Arabic, English, and Zande. Return to the *Hotel* for overnight. **(B,L)**



Thursday, January 30

Juba - USA



After breakfast, make the drive back to Juba and transfer to the airport for your flight back to the US. **(B)**

"We reserve the right to change the order of activities/visits or sites due to unexpected events such as flight cancellations or changes of schedule, or any other reasons beyond our control. We will do our best to ensure that any necessary changes when/if needed to meet the needs of our clients".



Tour Cost (Land Only):

2 - 5 travelers \$4,995.00

6 - 10 travelers \$4,495.00

Per person sharing in double occupancy

Single Supplement: \$395.00

Price based on group size minimum of 2 participants and maximum of 10 participants

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



Tour Includes:

- Airport / Hotel / Airport transfers.
- Accommodation at mentioned Hotels or similar.
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch and D: Dinner).
- 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.
- Gratuities to guide, drivers, and porters (provided minimum number of travelers is reached).

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)



Tour does not include:

- International airfare in and out of Juba.
- South Sudan Visa (obtainable online - <https://www.onlinevisa.com/south-sudan-visa/> **Your passport must not include Israeli stamps.**)
- **Alien certificate** done within 72 hours of arrival in South Sudan (\$65.00 - to be paid in cash).
- Beverages or drinks with or without meals and lunches & dinners while in Juba.
- Any PCR tests required pre arrival or pre departure.
- Items of a personal nature (camera fees, laundry, excess luggage, etc.).
- Transfers if not arriving/departing on tour dates.
- Dayroom/overnights necessitated by changes in air-line schedules or misconnections.
- Trip surcharge to operate below required minimum participants.
- Travel protection Insurance (HIGHLY recommended).

