



TRANSULAWESI

16 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS

The rough island of Sulawesi offers the traveller surprising landscapes, mountains about 3.000 metres high, deep canyons and crystalline lakes in the high lands. The vegetation is composed of dense tropical forest in the Central part, savannah in some areas in the South, and regions with idyllic landscapes as Toraja; a land of mountains, rice fields and bamboo forests.

This is a adventure Trip, be ready to stay at simple accommodations and poor conditions roadways but you will enjoy some of the better views of Indonesia.

Arrival flight: Makassar

Departure flight: Makassar

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN MAKASSAR

Welcome to your Toraja culture tour! Your local guide will meet you upon your arrival at Makassar Airport . You'll be transferred by private car to the hotel. . After checking in to your hotel, the rest of your day will be free to spend at your leisure. Overnight in Makassar.

Meals included: ----

DAY 2: MAKASSAR – RAMANG RAMANG – TANA TORAJA

After breakfast we will start the transfer to Tana Toraja. Before we will visit Ramang Ramang, 2nd largest in the world by UNESCO. Located in Maros (1.5 hours). Boat along Pute River that divides between the limestone hills using local wooden boats. Walk about 45 minutes to see the caves decorated with stalactites and stalagmites, and there is some pre-historic paintings.. Back to the pier and transfer to Tana Toraja. During this trip, we will enjoy the astonishing tropical landscape.

Meals Included : Breakfast



DAY 3: TORAJA TOUR

During this days we will visit the region of Tana Toraja, its traditional villages, with their houses in the shape of hulled boat – Kete y Palawa -, the ancient graves on the stone of Lemo, Londa or Kambira. We will also visit the colourful markets and if a traditional ritual is held, we will assist.

Meals Included : Breakfast

DAY 4: CYCLING TORAJA

This cycling tour is perfect who are looking for cultural adventure in a traditional society off the beaten track. We will start this tour from Kepe and we will have the chance to visit the most interesting and less visited villages of the area.

Then we will visit the mountain area of Batutumonga and we can make a moderate trekking if we want. We will bike through the settlements where we can see how the Toraja live in the mountain and we can enjoy the incredible nature of this region.

Meals Included : Breakfast

DAY 5: TREKKING RANTEPAO – LIMBONG

Today we will go to the village of Salu (12 km from Rantepao), the starting point of an unprecedented trekking through the South area of Tana Toraja.

From Salu, we will start the way up to the Valley of the Maiting River. We will walk through paths, rice fields, coffee plantations and small Toraja house settlements. For lunch, a picnic and we will spend the night in a local and typical house in the beautiful village of Limbong. (Approx. 4 hour Trekking, 2h ascent + 2h flat)

Meals Included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.



DAY 6: LIMBONG – RAFTING MAITING

After breakfast, we will walk down to the River Maiting (Approx. 1 hour way down). Once down in the river, we will carry out the rafting (Level 2 .- Easy); we will have a formidable visual experience passing by deep canyons, natural waterfalls and villages where we will see iguanas and tropical birds. Then we will return to our hotel in Rantepao.

Meals Included: Breakfast and lunch.

NOTE ABOUT THE TREKKING: It is a medium level trekking, but because it is a humid and hot area, the trekking can be hard, specially the first day as we will ascend during 2-3 hours. If we are not fit enough, we can start the trekking from others places of Toraja Land in order to avoid the first day ascension. Another choice is to rent a 4 x 4 to go to Limbong, if we do not want to walk. In any case, we must let know it to the Organization two days before the Trekking starts.

The conditions in the local house (Tongkonan) in the village of Toraja are basic; we do sleep in thin mattresses on the wood floor, the toilet is outside and we need a flash-light as there is no electric light.

DAY 7: TORAJA – TENTENA

After breakfast, we will be driven to the forested and isolated central part of the island. At the beginning, we will descend the mountain pass that separates the Toraja ethnic group from the Wajo one. Our descent continues on a steep road, surrounded of small houses, clove plantations, waterfalls and a lush vegetation, that will leave us to the seaside village of Palopo. After lunch, we will ascend again to the Central Plateau, to get the village of Pendolo on the South side of the crystalline Poso Lake. Then will be driven to the village of Tentena. Overnight Tentena.

Meals included: Breakfast

DAY 8: TENTENA

After breakfast we will do a short walk to go to the Saluopa Waterfall, in the middle of the forest, and which was discovered just fifteen years ago. This natural waterfall is wonderful for its size and spectacular shape. Then, we will go to our hotel situated in front of the beach of Poso Lake, in the tropical forest. Accommodation.

Meals included: Breakfast



DAY 9: TENTENA – AMPANA

After breakfast, we will be driven on the North Road, passing by the beautiful coast of Tomini Bay. Around midday, we will get Ampana where we will spend the night in the Hotel Oasis or Marina.

Meals included: Breakfast

DAY 10: AMPANA – TOGGIAN ISLANDS

After breakfast, we will go on the public boat to the Bomba Island, in the Toggian Islands reserve. Hotel Island Retreat or Kadidiri Paradise.

Meals included: Breakfast – lunch - dinner

DAYS 11 – 12 – 13: TOGEAN ISLANDS

During these days, we will enjoy of the Toggian Islands. This natural preserve is one of the most beautiful seas of the Asiatic South-east: an enormous variety of corals, fishes and an important mangrove swamp. Activities as Diving or Snorkelling can be arranged from the same hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast – lunch – dinner

DAY 14: TOGEAN ISLANDS – AMPANA

After breakfast, we will come back - on boat - to the seaside village of Ampana,. Accommodation.

Meals included: Breakfast

DAY 15: AMPANA – PALU – MAKASSAR

Transfer to the airport to take the flight back to Makassa where we will spend the night.

Meals included: Breakfast



DAY 16: MAKASSAR – OUT

Transfer to the airport to take the flight to your onward journey or your return flight.

Meals included: Breakfast

Note: All of our itineraries can be tailored to your requirements, allowing us to create the perfect holiday just for you. Contact us with your holiday ideas and we'll start planning your unique personalized trip!

***End Of Services provided ***

Domestic flights included: Maximun weight allowed 15 kilos + 7 hand luggage.

AMPANA – PALU – MAKASSAR



ACCOMMODATION

STADT	ACCOMMODATION
Makassar	Santika Makassar 4* Superior Room
Rantepao	Misiliana Toraja 3* Superior Room
Tentena	Nebulla Cottages
Ampana	Hotel Marina Cottages
Togean	Island Retreat Beach Bungalow

Accommodation in hotels is subject to availability. If the listed hotel is fully booked, alternate accommodation will be booked within the same hotel category without surcharge/reduction. If no hotel in same category available, we preserve the right to forward surcharge for any higher category respectively reduction for any lower category. In case you request the quotation with specific hotels, rate may change. All hotel ratings are according to the local accreditation authority.

Cost includes:

- English speaking guide
- All the transfers.
- All the trips mentioned in the program..
- Private transportation, cars with AC.
- Accommodation and breakfast.
- Domestic flight

Cost excludes:

- Visas
- Personal expenses
- Travel Insurance in all kinds
- Additional meals not mentioned
- Single room surcharges
- Airport Tax
- Tip, drinks, personal expenses and others not stated
- International flights

Compulsory surcharges and meal options apply during peak holiday period such as Christmas, New Years and Lunar New Years. These will be advised at the time of booking or at any time should the hotel apply on an ad hoc basis. Some hotels have specific compulsory meal options for groups. These will be advised at the time of quoting.