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SULAWESI TOUR 26 Days

DAY 01: AMSTERDAM – KUALA LUMPUR

DAY 02: KUALA LUMPUR – MAKASSAR WITH AIR ASIA

Arrive at Makassar International Airport in the evening, and after immigration procedure, meeting service then direct transfer to Hotel The Banua Makassar.

DAY 03: MAKASSAR, BECAK TOUR (B)

After breakfast and group briefings, we will go on becak tour around Makassar. We will visit Fort Rotterdam and Paotere traditional harbour for the sailing vessel. In the afternoon, we will walk along the Boulevard of Makassar and enjoy sunset by the promonde.

DAY 04: MAKASSAR – BANTIMURUNG – SENGKANG / TOUR SENGKANG (B)

After breakfast we will proceed to Sengkang deep in the heart of the Bugis region. On the way, we will stop by at Bantimurung waterfall, famous as the place for butterfly breeding. After check – in at Pondok Eka we will be heading to Lake Tempe. Using motorize canoe, we will explore the lake and its inhabitants. You will visit floating fisherman village and having tea or coffee with one family. On the way back to Sengkang, enjoy sunset from your motorize canoe.

DAY 05: SENGKANG – TORAJA (B)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and depart to Rantepao in the heart of the Toraja Land. The journey will be about 6 to 7 hours. On the way you will stop at a village where women making silk sarong as home industry. You will see the process of silk from its raw material. You will also stop for coffee break at Bambapuang erotic mountain. Arrive at Hotel Toraja prince by lunch time, then the rest of the afternoon free on your own.

DAY 06: TORAJA TOUR (B)

After breakfast we will be take you on a full day excursion in Toraja, in the morning We will visit Lemo, where we will find rows of tau-tau and the hanging graves. Londa has ancient natural grave where the deceased are entombed with big ceremonies. Kate Kesu is traditional Torajan village, where we can see the Tongkonan and the old rice-barns and it is famous for its woodcarving. Lunch in served in Rantepao. Overnight at Hotel Toraja Prince Rantepao

DAY 07 / 08 / 09: TORAJA TREKKING (B)

After breakfast, we will explore the natural beauty of Toraja. We will go on 3 days and two nights trekking, visiting the remote area. We will visit many traditional villages, perhaps attending funeral ceremonies in one village, overnight at the Tongkonan, the traditional house of the Torajan tribe, enjoy dine and (local wine) local style provide by our cook and a lot of hidden beauty that you can only witness in this part of the world. In the afternoon of Day 09 you will be back to Hotel Toraja

DAY 10: TORAJA - PENDOLO (B)

After breakfast we will proceed to Central Sulawesi region. From Toraja we will drive down the plain to the east. In the border of South and Central Sulawesi we will make a break to enjoy the waterfall and rain forest. Arrive at the southern side of Lake Poso and directly check in at Hotel Mulia Lake Poso. The rest of the afternoon, enjoy swimming at the lake.

DAY 11: PENDOLO – TENTENA BY LAKE BOAT (B)

Breakfast earlier and by 08:00 AM depart with public lake boat to Tentena. It takes 3 hours scenic journey to reach Tentena. Check in at the Hotel and in the afternoon we will go swimming at Saluopa terrace waterfall, in the outskirts of Tentena, hidden in the forest. Overnight at Hotel Tando Bone

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DAY 12: TENTENA – AMPANA (B)

After breakfast proceed to Ampana, the starting point of visiting Togian island. Ampana is a sleepy small town in the Togian bay. The trip will be about 5 hours along the coast with beautiful sea views and fisherman villages. In the afternoon you can visit the local market or just take a rest. Overnight at Hotel Oasis Ampana.

DAY 13: AMPANA – TOGIAN BY PUBLIC BOAT (B)

In the morning, we will check out from our hotel and walk to the local harbor and depart with local ferry (about 5 hours) to Wakai, and from there with speedboat to our spot, Kadidiri beach. Overnight at Kadidiri Paradise Resort.

DAY 14 / 15: TOGIAN (B,L,D)

Two full days to enjoy this amazing spot in the middle of nowhere. You can arrange for diving or snorkeling in a different places in the near by island. You can also snorkel in front of the hotel or visiting the stilt village, build in the the coral atoll by Bajo people. Overnight at Hotel Kadidiri Paradise resort.

DAY 16: TOGIAN – MARISA BY CHARTERED BOAT / GORONTALO (B)

Depends from the weather that day and base on the decision of the boat captain, we will depart to Marisa, the nearest inland spot, using chartered boat. This is a wooden boat , big enough for 40 pax or more, has basic safety procedure (life jackets and radio communication). It takes about 5 hours to reach Marisa and from there we will continue to Gorontalo with chartered van. Overnight at Hotel Yulia.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

In case of rough sea, then the program will be switch into the “Rough sea” option below.

DAY 17: GORONTALO (B)

Free on your own program. Option: we could charter local transport and we will visit Fort Otanaha (and old Portuguese fort, date back to several centuries ago) AND Lahilote Beach in the eastern side of the city near the ferry harbour.

DAY 18: GORONTALO – HALF DAY TREKKING (B)

After breakfast, we will do trekking via “the back door” of Nani Wartebone National park at Suwawa area. We will have local people as an escort. We will visit the waterfall and having swim there. After the trek, we will enjoy swimming at Lombonga hot spring. Overnight at Hotel Yulia.

DAY 19: GORONTALO – KOTAMUBAGO (B)

After breakfast we will proceed to Kotamubago, half way between Gorontalo and Manado. There is no really activity planned in this city but to break the long journey.

Overnight at Hotel Patrajasa.

DAY 20: KOTAMUBAGO – MANADO (B)

After breakfast, depart to Manado, the capital of North Sulawesi province. It is another 6 hours journey via a beautiful western coast of north Sulawesi. Upon arrival in manado, check – in at Hotel Minahasa. The rest of the afternoon free on your own.

DAY 21: TANGKOKO NATURAL PARK (B,L,D)

After breakfast we will proceed to Batu Angus village, a settlement at the entrance of Tangkoko Natural Park. On the way we will stop at Waruga Sawangan, a pre-historic sarcophagus burial site. In the afternoon, you will enter the forest with local ranger to certain tree and witness the tarsius, a kind of dwarf monkey, come out from the tree to eat insects. Return to the village and stay at Mama Roos homestay.

DAY 22: TANGKOKO – BUNAKEN (B)

Wake up around 04:00 and start the trek into the forest with the ranger. You will follow the sound of the Maqaqa colonies until you finally see them. Usually it is in group of 70 to 200. Return to your accommodation for break-

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fast then proceed back to Manado harbour. Here you will board our chartered speedboat and cross to Bunaken island. The rest of the afternoon you are free on your own. Overnight at MC Cottages.

DAY 23 / 24: BUNAKEN (B,L,D)

Two days free on your own to do snorkeling and diving. You will visit different snorkeling spots and perhaps do dolphin watching. Just arrange all possibilities with Mr.Jevon, the boatman. Overnight at MC Cottages.

DAY 25: BUNAKEN – SINGAPORE – AMSTERDAM (B)

Free on your own till the time to transfer by boat to Manado pier and from there continue with chartered van to the airport. Upon arrival, check – in at the airlines counter for your next destination. End of the tour program.

DAY 26: ARRIVE IN AMSTERDAM

****OPTION IN CASE OF ROUGH SEA DAY 16 / 17:**

DAY 16: TOGIAN – AMPANA BY PUBLIC BOAT

Transfer with speedboat from Kadidiri beach to Wakai on time to board the public Ferry. The trip back to Ampana will be about 5 Hours and upon arrival, check in at Hotel Oasis Ampana.

DAY 17: AMPANA – PAGIMANA / FERRYBOAT – GORONTALO

Half day free program. After lunch proceed to the Ferry harbour of Pagimana on 5 hours journey using chartered van. Upon arrive, board the Ferry for the night sail to Gorontalo. Arrive in Gorontalo early in the morning of day 18. Overnight on the Ferry.