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20 Days – 19 Nights Trans Sulawesi Overland Tour

Day 01 : APT Makassar – City Tour

Upon arrival at Sultan Hasanuddin International Airport Makassar, meeting services. Afterwards, we continue for a short city tour in Makassar by visiting Paotere Harbour to see the traditional harbour of Bugis-Makassarese sailors. Lunch will be served in a local restaurant. Then, proceed to Fort Rotterdam, the Old Dutch Fortress. In the late afternoon we will visit “Anjungan Pantai Losari Makassar” the Boulevard and the icon of Makassar where you enjoy the Sunset (if the weather allows). Dinner will be served in a local seafood restaurant. Overnight at hotel.

Day 02: RAMMANG – RAMMANG

Today, full day tour will be started by visiting Rammang-rammang the limestone valley, located in Maros Regency, taking for approximately 90 minutes drive from downtown. The karst mountains are surrounded by beautiful rice fields (the rice fields look nicer from May till August). Afterwards, we will take you to explore the karst mountain formation using small wooden boat at the Pute River. If you are lucky, you could also see the real endemic from the forest such as birds and monkeys. We will also take you for a walk to visit the pre-historic cave, where you can see the pre-historic paintings, then short explore inside the cave to see the stalactite and stalagmite. Break and lunch will be taken at the Kampung Berua, you will have very simple local food, cooked and served by the local people. After lunch, we will have a little walk at the Stone Garden of Rammang-Rammang. Then, drive back to Makassar. Dinner will be served in a local seafood restaurant. Overnight at hotel.

Day 03 : Makassar – Bira

After breakfast, drive to Tanjung Bira for approximately 6 hours. Driving south from Makassar, you will pass the ethnic of Makassar area. While passing Jeneponto Regency, you could see the salt farm along the way. We will stop at Bisappu Waterfall at Bantaeng Regency. Lunch will be served at a simple seafood restaurant with the beautiful view to the sea. After lunch, continue driving, then another stop at Tana Beru to see the famous Bugis-Makassar Phinisi Boat Builders. In the afternoon arrive at Bira, the beautiful white sandy beach, free program until dinner time. Dinner and overnight at Hotel.

Day 04 : Bira – FREE Program

Breakfast at hotel, afterwards free program on your own. You could do water activities such as banana boat, snorkelling, or rent a boat to visit Liukang Island located at the opposite side of the main island. Liukang Island is also known as the breeding place for the green turtle and you can have swim together with the turtles. Dinner and overnight at Hotel.

Day 05 : Bira – Watampone - Sengkang

After breakfast, drive to Sengkang which is located in the centre of the Bugis Kingdom. Stop will be made at Watampone to visit the Museum of Andi Mappasisi to see the collections of the former Bugis Royalties, with one of their most famous Kings “Arung Pallakka”. Lunch will be served in a local restaurant. In the afternoon arrive in Sengkang, then we will cross the Lake Tempe to visit the Floating Village (Note: Tempe Lake might be shallow in dry season due to lack of rainfall. If the lake is too shallow, we will not be able to cross the lake). Dinner and overnight at Hotel.

Day 06 : Sengkang – Enrekang – Toraja

After breakfast, we will visit a traditional Bugis Silk Weaving Centre. Then, continue driving to Toraja via Enrekang. Stop will be made at Puncak Lakawan, which is known also as Erotic Mountain. Lunch will be served in a local restaurant. In the afternoon arrive in Toraja, we will take you directly to visit Lemo to see rows of Tau-Tau and the Hanging Graves. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

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Day 07 : Toraja Tour : Suaya – Londa – Kete Kesu

After breakfast, a full day exploring Toraja. We will visit Suaya to discover the secret of the Baby Tree. Lunch will be served at local restaurant. After lunch, visiting Londa, to see an Ancient Grave where the deceased are entombed. At Kete Kesu one of the oldest Torajan villages, we can see Tongkonan and Old Rice Barns, also famous for its traditional colourful woodcarving. Dinner and overnight at Hotel

Day 08 : Toraja Tour : Batutumonga – Short Walking - Bori

After breakfast, we set out on a trip to Batutumonga, enjoying superb views over Rantepao and surrounding valleys from the top of Toraja. Lunch will be served in a local restaurant. Then we will do a short walking for approximately 2 hours passing thru the rice field, local village where you can also see the daily life of the people in Toraja. Then, we will continue to visit Bori the Megalith area. This area symbolizes the great funeral ceremonies, which is held in the past. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 09 : Toraja – Pendolo

After breakfast, depart to Pendolo via Palopo. The drive to Palopo takes approximately 2 hours. You could enjoy beautiful panorama along the way. Palopo is a small Muslim port known as the oldest harbour city in Indonesia. You could also find the oldest mosque in Indonesia here. Then, continue driving to Pendolo for another 6 hours passing thru the Palmolive Plantation. Lunch stop enroute. In the late afternoon arrive in Pendolo, a small village on the south shore of Lake Poso. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 10 : Pendolo – Tentena

After breakfast, we will cross the crystal water of Lake Poso to Tentena by local boat (**if available**) for approximately 2 hours. Otherwise, we have to drive for around 4 hours. Once arrived in Tentena, we will take you to visit the Balinese Transmigration Village. Afterwards, we will visit the twelve steps waterfall which is called Sulewana Waterfall. Lunch will be served in a local restaurant. Free program in the afternoon. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 11 : Tentena – Palu

After breakfast, we will drive to Palu, the capital city of Central Sulawesi for around 8 hours. On the way, we will pass Kebun Kopi, the rain forest area. We will also pass Poso, which was famous as the centre of the black ebony wood. Lunch will be served in a local restaurant. In the afternoon arrive in Palu. Diner and overnight at hotel.

Day 12 : Palu - Donggala Tour

After breakfast we will take you for tour to Donggala. We will first stop at Kampong Lere to see the traditional house of Joyo Kodi, the former King of Kaili people. Then, we will stop at the fishing village, where you could take a look at the daily activities of the locals. Lunch will be served in a local restaurant. Free at your own leisure on sandy beach around Donggala. In the afternoon drive back to Palu. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 13 : Donggala – Marisa

After breakfast, depart to Marisa, a small town where good hotel for transit is available along the way to Gorontalo. Lunch is served in a local restaurant. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 14 : Marisa – Gorontalo

After breakfast, a long drive for approx 10 hours via the north coast of the Sulawesi Island, where you can enjoy the beautiful view of the Sulawesi Sea. Lunch will be served in a local restaurant. In the afternoon arrive in Gorontalo, the old colonial city. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 15 : Gorontalo – Tomohon

After breakfast, depart to Tomohon, a small town situated between two active volcanoes, with nice chill mountainous atmosphere. Lunch will be served in a local restaurant. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

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Day 16 : Tomohon

After breakfast, we will take you to take around the city. Tomohon is also known as the city of flowers. Lunch will be served in a local restaurant. Tomohon is also famous of its unique local market that sells exotic meats such as dog, rat, bat, and snake. In the afternoon free at your own leisure at the hotel. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 17 : Tomohon – Manado

After breakfast depart to Manado, on the way we will visit Lake Linow, which is the changing colour lake in Lahendong Village. We will also visit Lake Tondano, which is the biggest lake in province. Lunch will be served in a local restaurant beside the lake. After lunch, continue driving to Manado, the capital city of North Sulawesi Province. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 18 : Manado : Bunaken Tour

After breakfast, we will take you to Manado Harbour to depart for Bunaken Island. Bunaken National Marine Park is famous of its colourful coral reefs and fishes. Free program on your own. You could do water activities on the island such as snorkelling, swimming, and diving. Lunch will be served in a local restaurant on the island. In the afternoon back to Manado. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 19 : Manado : City Tour - Free program

After breakfast, we will take you for a short city tour in Manado. First, we will visit the Jesus Blessing Statue and Hill Top restaurant to see the view of Manado from the top. Lunch will be served in a local restaurant. In the afternoon free program. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 20 : Hotel – Manado APT

After breakfast, transfer to Sam Ratulangi International Airport Manado, to catch your flight to the next destination.