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Kalimantan – Sulawesi – Molukkas 23 days / 21 nights



Day 01: Amsterdam Departure

Travel from Amsterdam to Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia. Upon arrival the next day, transfer to Balikpapan at east Kalimantan.



Day 02: Balikpapan Arrival

Upon arrival at Balikpapan Airport, transfer to your hotel. A five minutes away drive. Tonight your TL will brief you about your journey trough Kalimantan – Sulawesi – The Moluccas.

Overnight at a comfortable 4 stars Hotel Grand Tjokro Balikpapan.



Day 03: Samboja Lestari (B,L,D)

An early breakfast then transfer to Samboja Lestari Orangutan rehabilitation center, about 80 kms away. This place is one of the biggest location for rehabilitation of Orangutan in Kalimantan. Most of the orangutan in this institution were confiscated from from pet animals, circus, illegal trading. Therefore some of this orangutan had human diseases. And had to be quarantine at a manmade island.

We will stay in the comfortable eco-lodge surrounded by forest, far from the village. Part of the donations that we paid here will finance the running of this project.

Today you have several options to spend your day. You can participate as a volunteer foundation of BOS (Balikpapan Orangutan Survival Foundation). BOS is an Indonesian organization dedicated to the preservation of the Bornean orangutan and its habitat. The BOS Foundation is currently caring for almost 750 orangutans.

Your duty as volunteer is decided by the management, and what kind of extra hand need of that day. Perhaps you will help making supplement food for the Orangutan or perhaps helping to improve the condition of the cage of their Kalimantan honey bear? Together of BOS guide you will go on visiting the Orangutan Island on save perimeter and the guide will explain to you the background charasteristic of the Orangutan that live in the island.

Overnight at Samboja Lestari Lodge



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Day 04: Start Mahakam River Cruise / Day 1 (B,L,D)

Wake up early if you want to do an optional tripsa

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Tour Option:

1. Sungai Wein. You start very early and travel for about one hour to a local pier. You will board local longboat and the main attraction today is proboscis monkeys in the trees along the river bank. Total tour: 3 Hours
2. Sungai hitam. Start from the Hotel around 9 O'clock then you drive for about 1,5 hours. You will do trekking inside primary rain forest for 3 to 4 hours. During rainy season the trekking route can be tough and many leeches/ blood sucker. Total Tour 4 Hours.

After a late breakfast we will drive for about 2,5 hours to Loah Janan where you will board of your house boat. Depends from the size of the group, we can have one or two house boats on those three days, navigating this mighty river up to 330 kms. Three Meals a day will be serve on board by our cook. Our first destination will be Muara Muntai, a village built on stilt in the river mud delta. Today you just relax and enjoy the view surround you while your boat captain and his crew navigating the river.

Overnight onboard of your house boat



Day 05: Mahakam River Cruise / Day 2 (B,L,D)

We will arrive in Muara Muntai in the morning, and after breakfast you will have a chance to explore this unique village which is 100% built from ebony and other strong woods.

Using several local longtails boat we will go on full day exploring Lake Jempang (15,000 hectares) inhabitant and its village. You will pass by a huge village of Jantur, a village built entirely on stilts made from Iron wood or Ebony. Cross the lake further to the Ohong village and enter the creek, which during the rainy season totally flooded. Along the Ohong creek you will see some wildlifes such as long tailed monkey, proboscis monkey and even Phyton snake!

Arrive at Mancong village, local Dayak tribe will perform welcome dance that seems to attend by almost all women and children. You will also have the chance to explore their village which is not so traditional anymore.

Late in the afternoon we will arrive back at our house boat, and while we are having dinner our house boat then we will travel back down stream to Balikpapan.

Overnight onboard of your house boat



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Day 06: End of Mahakam River – Travel to Balikpapan / Mangrove Tour (B,L)

Early morning arrival at Kutai Kartanegara, a famous kingdom from the past and it has good relation with the Queen in the Netherlands. After breakfast, we will visit the museum of Sultan Kutai. Inside the museum you still can see his official daily dress regalia (which is made in The Netherlands), his throne and some past legacies. Also you can see several statues given by the Queen.

Here you will say goodbye to your boatman, then travel back to Balikpapan. Upon arrival in Balikpapan check – in at your hotel. In the afternoon we will visit Margo Mulyo Mangrove forest. This local people initiative city forest run and managed by local people. Upon arrival, you will board a simple open boat and you can relax and enjoy the mangrove forest. There will be a big chance that you will see a colony of proboscis monkey in the trees having afternoon meal. Late in the afternoon return to your Hotel.

Overnight at Hotel Grand Tjokro Balikpapan



Day 07: Balikpapan – Rammang – Rammang Tour – Pare Pare (B)

After breakfast, transfer to Balikpapan Airport for flying to Makassar. Upon arrival at Makassar Airport, we will go on walking at Rammang – Rammang area. This karst mountain with villages are very photogenic. We will make a small trek with local people, visiting pre-historic cave with primitive painting from thousands of years, hidden natural “swimming pool” and having snack at local people house. We will also go on primitive motorised canoe trip in the river to enjoy the karst and mountain around.

In the afternoon, continue your journey to Pare – Pare, a coastal town about 2 hours away.

Overnight at Bukit Kenari Hotel.

Day 08: Pare Pare – Rantepao/ Tana Toraja (B)

Today you will travel to Rantepao in Tana Toraja on about 5 hours journey. You will travel into the central mountain region of Sulawesi. Coffee stop at stops at Buntu Kabobong “The Erotic Mountain”, a beautiful view over mountain range, river & hidden hamlet. If any events, such as Bugis Wedding on the way, it will also be nice to stop. Upon arrival in Toraja,

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check in at your Hotel.

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Day 09: Tana Toraja Tour (B)



After breakfast, you will go on full day excursion in Tana 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 stop at a local restaurant in Rantepao.

Overnight at Hotel Toraja Prince Rantepao



Day 10: Tana Toraja Trekking (B)

Today you will go on full day walking, mostly in the villages that you hardly reach by car. You will visit several traditional villages with its unique typical torajan houses. You will also see terraced ricefield, mountain views and daily life of local people.

Late in the the afternoon return to your accommodation.

Overnight at Hotel Toraja Prince Rantepao



Day 11: Tana Toraja – Sengkang (B)

Today you will travel to Sengkang via the eastern coast of south Sulawesi. In Palopo, you will stop to visit market and cofee break. Drive further to Sengkang and visit silk weaving village where local women weaving silk sarongs with Bugis motif.

After check – in at BBC Hotel Sengkang, we will be heading to Lake Tempe. Using motorize canoe, we will explore the lake and its inhabitants. You will visit floating fishermen village and having tea or coffee with one family. On the way back to Sengkang, enjoy sunset from your motorize canoe.

Overnight at BBC Hotel Sengkang

Day 12: Sengkang – Bira Beach

After breakfast you will travel further south, to Bira beach. In Watampone, you will stop at a private museum belong to a local noble where you could see Bugis tribe regalia on display. Travel further to the area of Kajang tribe where you

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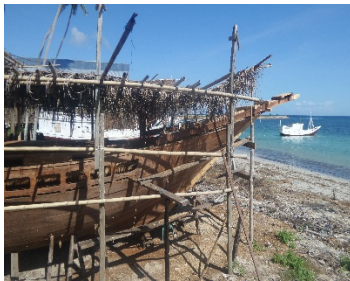


will see a long the way typical black houses belong to this tribe. You will also pass rubber plantation. Arrive in Bira in the afternoon, check in at your accommodation. *Overnight at Anda Bungallows.*



Day 13: Bira Beach – Free on your own program (B)

Today you are free on your own to enjoy Bira beach. Swimming, sun bathing, snorkeling just by the beach or hiring fisherman boat and visit Liukang Island where local women still making sarong in traditional way. *Overnight at Anda Bungallows.*



Day 14: Bira – Makassar (B)

After breakfast proceed to Makassar, the capital of South Sulawesi province. Your first stop will be at a village famous for traditional boat building. In the past, people in this village make Bugis sailing boat for fishermen and traders. Nowadays, people from all over the world come to this village to ask local people build it up boat of their dreams. Travel further then you will see seaweeds farming along the coast. You can stop and observe them doing seaweeds harvesting. In Bantaeng District you will visit a waterfall and perhaps cooling off a bit? Arrive at your hotel late in the afternoon. *Overnight at Hotel Arthamas Makassar.*



Day 15: Makassar – Free Program (B)

Today you are free on your own program. You can explore this city by walking along Losari promenade until old dutch fort of Fort Rotterdam. Visit the major office, first protestant & Catholic church & local library (all within walking distance from your hotel). They are some remaining of colonial building of Makassar. Other option is hire local speedboat and visit Samalona Island, small island with white sandy beach 7 sea miles from Makassar. There you can swim & beach activities. *Overnight at Hotel Arthamas Makassar*

Day 16: Makassar A – Ambon (B)

Travel to Ambon, the capital of The Moluccas Island. Moluccas has reputation as the source of spices in the past. It is also a province known as "province with thousand islands".

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Upon arrival transfer to your hotel in the center of Ambon.
Overnight at City Hotel Ambon



Day 17: Ambon - Free Program (B)

Today you are free to explore this amazing city. People are super friendly and some of them will speak Dutch (Especially the older generations). Visit the local market, explore the beach in Lei Timur, visit the misterious village Soya atas or enjoy spectacular sunset at Jembatan Merah putih.

Overnight at City Hotel Ambon



Day 18: Ambon – Saparua

Travel to Saparua at 09:00 AM fastboat from Tulehu harbor. Upon arrival, transfer to your Hotel. Today you will visit Fort Belgica, a Dutch fort that has play an important role in the past. You can also swim at the see at the little village behind the Fort.

Overnight at Hotel Perdana.



DAY 19: SAPARUA TOUR PROGRAM (B)

Full day tour visiting all important object of Saparua, such as Booi Village, Haria, Ouw (pottery village). In the afternoon, visit a village where a local woman made traditional cookies from Sago and palm sugar, later you will go to a beach and enjoy your swimming there.

Overnight at Hotel Perdana

Day 20: MOULANA ISLAND (B, L)

After breakfast you will proceed to Moulana Island, a small island about 30 minutes by local motorized boat from the harbor of Saparua. This island has several simple cottages, but no food or fresh water. Molana has an amazing white sandy beach, an ideal place for sun bathing, island walking, and swimming. Picnic lunch will be provided in the shadow of the trees.

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In the afternoon you will return to your hotel for your overnight.
Overnight at Hotel Perdana



DAY 21: SAPARUA ISLAND – AMBON (B)

After breakfast transfer to Huria harbor and depart with local fast boat back to Ambon island. Upon arrival, transfer to your accommodation and free on your own the rest of the afternoon. Tonight you will stay at the best hotel in Ambon.
Overnight at The Natsepa Resort Ambon.



Day 22: Depart Ambon – Amsterdam via Jakarta (B)

Free half day Ambon. Mid – day transfer to the airport for flight to Jakarta & Amsterdam. End of the tour program

Day 23: Arrival Amsterdam

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