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SULAWESI – FLORES BEST COMBINATION

23 DAYS / 20 NIGHTS

HIGHLIGHT OF THIS TRIP:

- A unique combination between Flores Island & Sulawesi
- Both island famous for its beautiful nature and strong cultural background.
- Visit Makassar, the most vibrant city in the east of Indonesia
- Travel to the highland of the Toraja tribe in Sulawesi
- A big chance to see local funeral ceremonies in Toraja
- Trekking 3 days 2 nights in the remote area of Sulawesi
- Travel extensively in Flores Island
- Visiting colorful lake Kelimutu
- Snorkeling at Pulau 17 Riung & in Komodo Nature park
- Trekking and stay at local people house in Bajawa.
- Visit Komodo National park with your private boat

DAY 01: DEPARTURE FROM YOUR COUNTRY

DAY 02: ARRIVAL MAKASSAR

Upon arrival at Jakarta International airport, transfer to the domestic gate for your flight to Makassar.

Arrival in Makassar, transfer and check in at your Hotel

Overnight at Hotel Best Western Plus Makassar.

DAY 03: MAKASSAR - FREE PROGRAM (B)

Today you are free on your own program to Explore Makassar, the most vibrant city of east Indonesia. You could hire a local becak and explore the city, visiting the old Fort Rotterdam and Paotere anchorage. Other option is going for a snorkel trip at Kapoposang Island then relax at samalona Island.

Overnight at Hotel Best Western Makassar

DAY 04: MAKASSAR – TORAJA (B)

After breakfast, you will travel to Torajaland in the heart of South Sulawesi. Your 8 hours journey using comfortable AC Bus, will pass several districts. You will make some stops for pictures, lunch break in Pare Pare, and coffee break at the “Erotic Mountain” of Bambapuang.

Upon arrival in Toraja, check in at Hotel Toraja Prince for your accomodation.

DAY 05: TORAJA – FULL DAY TOUR (B)

After breakfast, you will go on full day trip around Toraja land. In the morning you will start your tour by visiting KeteKesu village (A living museum with hanging grave in the back), Londa (Natural cave grave) then you will visit Lemo (rockcliff grave with effugies in the balcony) then continue in the afternoon by visiting The royal grave of Sangalla.

Overnight at Hotel Toraja Prince

DAY 06 / 07: TORAJA Trekking Day 1 & Day 2 (B,L,D)

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 these two nights you will stay at people home in the village with basic facilities.

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DAY 08: TORAJA TREKKING – BACK TO RANTEPAO (B)

Breakfast at your local guesthouse in the village in the remote area of Toraja. You will walk and pass by many panoramic rice fields and traditional villages. You will meet your transport around mid- day, having lunch at local restaurant then transfer back to your Hotel in Rantepao.

Overnight at Hotel Toraja Prince rantepao.

DAY 09: TORAJA – MAKASSAR AIRPORT – BALI (B)

After breakfast you will proceed to Makassar via central mountain. You will have a coffee stop at a small warung with big view over Mount Kabobong “The Erotic Mountain”. Lunch stop in Pare” and several photo stops available on the way. Upon arrival in Makassar airport check – in for your flight to Bali, a transit point for travelling to Flores.

Overnight at the Hotel near the airport.

DAY 10: BALI – MAUMERE (B)

Transfer to the airport for a flight to Maumere in Flores. Upon arrival Wai Oti airport, transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon you will visit the fisherman village of Wuring (wooden houses in the stilt) and Maumere local market.

Overnight at Hotel Sunbudi Resort

DAY 11: MAUMERE - FREE PROGRAM (B)

Free on your own program. One of popular activity is snorkelling at the coral reef in front of your hotel, or also you can relax by the swimmingpool or explore Maumere city on your own.

Overnight at Hotel Sunbudi Resort

DAY 12: MAUMERE – MONI (B)

After breakfast, we will Drive-up to Moni for 4 hours. We will stop at several interesting point on the way, such as: Ledalero - a major Catholic Seminary - to visit the museum with its various collection of local royal families' old portraits, antique hand woven clothes, stagedeon fossils, next visit is visiting old Portuguese church dating back in 1899 at the village of Sikka. Here also your can see the process of traditional ikat weaving.

Proceed to Paga beach for lunch at local restaurant.

Perhaps arrange local dance at one of the community house in Moni late in the afternoon?

Overnight at Kelimutu Lodge.

DAY 13: MONI – KELIMUTU – RIUNG (B)

It's worth to experience the sun rise a Proceed at Kelimutu three colored crater lakes. You will begin your day early in the morning (start abt 0.4.00 o'clock). Once you arrive in Kelimutu volcano you will find yourself something like nowhere – incomparable with known told stories – photos or even moving pictures you have seen before. After admiring the nature wonder drive to Bajawa.

On the way you will experience the dramatic change in both nature pattern and ethnicity. Immerse your self with the Lio ethnic's environment – pay a call to their villages Koanara village and try to comprehend the locals daily life or just having closer look into their work of architectures.

Stop for Lunch at a local restaurant in Ende. Continue drive to Bajawa with Stop at Penggajawa BLUE stone beach, here you could see local women collect stones for your beautiful garden at home. *Overnight at PONDOK SVD RIUNG*

DAY 14: RIUNG – BAJAWA (B,L)

After breakfast take a boat trip to explore the spectacular sea garden of seventeen islands. The reef of “Seventeen Islands” is spectacular – with a variety of hard and soft corals and lots of colorful fish. There are

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17 islands in total, with plenty of idyllic white sand beaches for swimming and a multitude of coral species and sea creatures to discover.

Lunch & BBQ will be provided at the island, then return to Riung and continue driving up to Bajawa. We will stop at Soa – relax for a while at the natural hot spring.

Upon arrival in Bajawa – is a cool and small town as a capital city of Ngada Regency (home of Ngada, Riung and Nagekeo tribes).

Overnight at SANIAN Hotel.

DAY 15: BAJAWA SUNRISE , TREKKING & STAY IN TRADITIONAL VILLAGE(B,L,D)

You will WAKE UP EARLY THEN DRIVE TO THE BASE OF Mt Wawomuda. From the parking lot you will walk up to the crater of this volcano on 1,5 hours. See the magnificent sunrise there. Return your hotel for breakfast and rest a bit.

After your lunch box ready you will travel to Bena. Here you will explore traditional village of Bajawa tribe, with its megalithic culture where people do preserve their ancestral spirits believed and way of life which can be seen in their "Ngadhu" and "Bhaga" - conical thatched roof huts symbolized their Male and Female ancestral spirits.

You will travel further to the slope of Inerie volcano for beautiful picture.

You will walk for two hours to a traditional village, where you will spend your night among local people, and on the way you will spot Water buffaloes and other domestic animals like pigs and goats are on the way, also vanilla, candle nut, cacao, white pepper, coffee and other various kinds of plantations.

This evening you will stay at typical traditional village who had been under supervision by NGO Indecon as part as ecotourism village destination.

DAY 16: TREKKING – HOTSPRING – BAJAWA (B)

After breakfast you will say good bye to your host and continue walking & visiting several villages with traditional strong influence.

In Malanage village, you will relax on the hot spring before you return to your accommodation in Bajawa.

Overnight at Sanian Hotel in Bajawa.

DAY 17: BAJAWA – RUTENG (B)

Today you will travel to Ruteng, a small regency town in Manggarai, about 800 meters above sea level. On the way you will stop at Aimere and see the process of distillation of local "Arak" wine from palm tree's juice. You will also stop at Ranamese lake and Mano terrace rice field.

Upon arrival in Ruteng, check-in at Santa Maria BMBC, an originally Catholic sister training, and you will have the chance to meet and speak with those amazing ladies who will soon become Nun.

In the afternoon, you will visit "Liang Bua", a famous archeological site which is home of The Homo Florensis, the original human of Flores.

Overnight at Kloster Santa Maria BMBC

DAY 18: RUTENG – LABUAN BAJO (B)

After breakfast, travel to Labuan Bajo at the eastern end of Flores Island. On the way stops will be made at Lembor or Cancar area to see the unexposed world wonder "Lingko" – The spider web shape rice fields. It's probably the only such a rice field ever exist on earth. We will also stop if any happening at the village that we will pass by.

Overnight at LAPRIMA HOTEL Labuan Bajo.

DAY 19: LABUAN BAJO – RINCA – KOMODO (B,L,D)

After breakfast, you will be transferred to your private boat. You will stay on board for two days one night while exploring Rinca Island, Komodo Island, Pink beach, manta point and several more interesting points.

First you will sail to Rinca Island, about 2,5 hours away. Here you will go on trekking through typical dry

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forest. On this Island you will not only find Komodo dragons but also many varieties of wild animals such as: deers, wild buffaloes, long-tailed macaques, wild boars and numerous of birds. Keep your eyes look up as sometime you will find the young Komodo dragons on the trees. Return to boat and proceed to Kalong Island in Komodo Island to see the fling foxes set out from the mangrove tree at 06 - 07 pm . Lunch, Dinner and overnight on board.

DAY 20: KOMODO – SNORKELING – MANTA POINT - LABUAN BAJO (B,L,D)

After breakfast we will sail forward to Lohliang and anchorrd at the pier by the Komodo Ranger station. Start your trekking on Komodo Island, walking through typical dry forest of the Island. Here you will see mainly Komodo dragon, but there is a chance that you will also find other animals such as; deer , wild pigs and numerous of birds such as lesser-sulphur-crested-cockatoo, collared king fisher, etc. You will be accompanied by local ranger(s) in this trekking.

Return to your boat and proceed to Pink beach for swimming and snorkeling . Later you will sail toward MANTA POINT , a spot where you can see manta fishes, if you are lucky, by just snorkeling around your boat. Lunch will be served on board and in the afternoon you will return to Labuan Bajo pier. Transfer to your accomodation.

Overnight at LAPRIMA HOTEL Labuan Bajo.

DAY 21: LABUAN BAJO – FREE PROGRAM (B)

Today you are free to explore Labuan Bajo. Perhaps visit local massage center and enjoy their tender care? Other alternative is renting bicycle and explore the town on Bike.

Overnight at La Prima Hotel Labuan Bajo.

DAY 22: LABUAN BAJO – BALI – JAKARTA – AMSTERDAM (b)

Depart labuan bajo with first Garuda flight to Bali, where you will change plane to Jakarta then flight onward to Amsterdam.

End of the tour program

DAY 23: ARRIVAL IN YOUR COUNTRY