

EAST INDONESIA TOURS & TRAVEL

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SULAWESI – MOLUCCAS BEST COMBINATION 31 Days / 30 nights



Lake Linow, Manado



Halmahera



Tobelo, Halmahera



Morotai Island



Morotai Island

DAY 01: AMSTERDAM – SINGAPORE – MANADO

Depart Amsterdam's schipol with Singapore Airlines for Singapore. You will arrive the next day. Change your plane into silk Air and flight to Manado, the Capital of North Sulawesi Province, Indonesia.

DAY 02: MANADO

Welcome to Manado! We will meet you at the airport Sam Ratulangi of Manado and after the costumes formalities, you will be transfer into your Hotel. The rest of the day free on your own.

DAY 02: MANADO HIGHLAND TOUR

After breakfast we will go on tour of the highland of North Sulawesi, We will visit the market of Tomohon where you can see all kinds of live stocks (including flying bath, rats, snake, wild boards, etc.) are for sale. Those are local delicacies. We will also visit village of Woloan, where local people makes knock downs wooden houses and sell ait to all ever the country. Lake linow is a green turquoise lake with bubling mud from the active volcanoe near by. Drive along lake Tondano to the village of Pulutan and observe local people making beautiful potteries.

DAY 03: MANADO – TERNATE

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and fly by morning Garuda flight to Makassar. At Makassar airport you will meet Budin, and he will accompany you on the whole length of the tour program. We will board another plane to Ternate, the capital of North Moluccas Provice. Upon arrival in Ternate, transfer to your Hotel.

DAY 04 / 5: TERNATE ISLAND TOUR

In these two days in Ternate, we will visit the whole important sight of Ternate such as Fort Oranje (built by the Dutch in 1607), The Portuguese fort of Kayumerah (1510), The Kedaton Museum, etc. We will also make a round the island trip visiting Fort Toloko in Dufa – Dufa village, Lake Toliro Besar and Fort Kastela (16th century).

DAY 06: TRANSFER TERNATE – LEI LEI ISLAND

After breakfast we will proceed to the harbour and board public local speedboat to Lei – Lei Island, about 3 hours away. Around Lei – Lei, there are several beautiful islands with its pristine beach and beautiful coral reefs. Government of Ternate make this are as a pilot project for ecotourism.

DAY 07 /08: LEI LEI & GURAI CI ISLAND

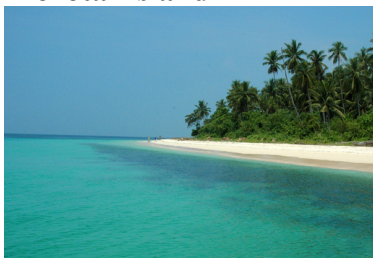
In this two days, will charter local boat from the people and we will explore several islands for its white sandy beach, coconut tree shades and best snorkeling places. Guraici Island said to be the best one with its intact coral reefs and beautiful collection of exotic fishes.

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DAY 09: TRANSFER LEI LEI ISLAND – TERNATE

Transfer to Ternate from Lei – Lei island using public local speedboat. Upon arrival at Ternate pier transfer to Ternate city hotel.

DAY 10: TERNATE ISLAND

Today you actually free on your own but we will visit several places that we, probably, miss on the previous 2 days tours in Ternate. We can also visit clove plantation with it gigantic clove trees aged about 350 years.

DAY 11: TRANSFER TERNATE – TOBELO

After breakfast we proceed to bastion harbour of Ternate, where we will board a local public speedboat to Sindangoli, the main harbour in Halmahera island. The journey will takes about 1 hour and 30 minutes and upon arrival there, we will board our chartered transport to Tobelo, the capital of North Halmahera district. The 4 hours land journey will takes you trough bays, coconut shade beach and several long shore. Near the village of Kao, if time permit, we will stop for snorkeling at a beach where Japanese shipwreck *Dai Nippon* lie about a mile from the shore. Continue our journey to Tobelo, The capital of North Halmahera region.

DAY 12 / 13: TOBELO & GALELA TOUR

In this two days in the North of Halmahera island we will visit some interesting spot in and around Tobelo and Galela. During the “Moslem – Christian war” several years ago, this two places (outside Ambon) has the worst fight. Tobelo (predominantly Christian) and Galela (predominantly Moslem) both lost a lot of casualties and in several villages you still can see mass graves from the tragedy. Now they learn to live together in harmony again, and maybe we will become the first tourists to visit the area. Tourists are a very rare ethnic there ☺

Of course, we will visit several interesting beach and places such as: Tagalaya beach, Dorume beach, Talaga Biru (blue Lagoon), Kupa – Kupa beach, Kumo beach, Meriam Pune, and Luari Beach.

DAY 14: TRANSFER TOBELO – MOROTAI ISLAND

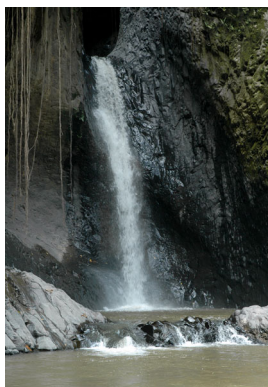
Today we will depart to Morotai Island using local public speedboat. The journey to Daruba (about 9000 inhabitant, biggest town in the island), the capital of Morotai, will take about 2,5 hours. Departure time will be depends from the weather condition. Living in Daruba is till very simple with only several hours of electricity, but however, this is the most important town in Morotai.

DAY 15 / 16 / 17: MOROTAI ISLAND

We will spend 3 days in this small Island (1600 sq km only) but full of WWII history. Morotai used to be an important Japanese base. After a long and heavy battle with the allied, Japanese abandoned their base and move to Kao in the mainland of Halmahera. Later General Mac Arthur use Morotai as a base of allied bombers to bomb Japanese position in Philippines where eventually go on into the Japanese Islands it self that result of their surrender. Today, Morotai is just a small island with its many beautiful white beaches, intact coral reefs for snorkel lover and of course small islands with its pristine water. We will all cover this area on our three days stay.

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Halmahera



Paotere Anchorage, Makassar



Karts, South Sulawesi



Karts, South Sulawesi



Karts, Prehistoric painting



Toraja Village

DAY 18: MOROTAI ISLAND – HALMAHERA ISLAND

Since we do not know exactly what time is the local public speedboat will leave from Morotai Island (again, the departure is depends from the weather and sea condition), we need to spare a full day to cross between these two islands. Upon arrival at Tobelo sea port, transfer to Hotel for our accommodation.

DAY 19: TRANSFER TOBELO – TERNATE

After breakfast, we will proceed to Sindangoli, the harbour of Halmahera on 4 hours overland journey using chartered van. Stop will be made at several interesting spots. Upon arrival at the pier, we will cross to Ternate Island by public speedboat. Transfer to Ternate Hotel for your accommodation.

DAY 20: TERNATE – MAKASSAR

After breakfast, transfer to Balikpapan Sepinggang Airport and flight to Makassar, the capital of South – Sulawesi province. Upon arrival in Makassar, transfer to Hotel The Banua. Afternoon city tour around the city visiting Fort Rotterdam, Clara Bund Seashell collection and enjoy magnificent sunset from Paotere anchorage.

DAY 21: MAKASSAR – KARTS – PARE PARE

After breakfast, we will drive to Pute Village in the karts mountain area. We will make 2 hours hike in this beautiful nature, visiting cave with prehistoric paintings (date back to 3000 BC) such as red hand painting and several painting of animals. You can also observe the way the local people life while we stop at their houses for refreshment. Continue to Pare Pare, a small town half way to Toraja Land.

DAY 22: PARE PARE – TORAJA

After Breakfast proceed to Toraja Land, the land that still preserve the old traditions the way hundreds of year ago. We will stop at a coffee shop with a spectacular view over Buntu Kabobong (Erotic Mountain). Lunch at the local restaurant in Toraja then check – in at our Hotel.

DAY 23 / 24 / 25: TORAJA TOUR

During your three days stay in Toraja, we will take you to whatever events available in the region. We will visit Lemo (Grave in the rock cliff), Londa (grave in the cave), Kete Kesu (traditional houses & rice barns with hanging coffin behind the complex) and many other places. Funeral ceremony is also a very interesting event. The Torajan make a big “party” for the beloved one and sacrifices a lot of buffaloes & pigs to accompany the spirit to Puya, the spirit land.

One of the days in Toraja, we will go on a full day hiking to the country side where you will visit several Tongkonan (Traditional Torajan House) in a path that rarely seen by other tourists. We will have lunch at a restaurant up in the mountain with magnificent views down the valley.

DAY 26: TORAJA – SENKGANG

After breakfast, we will proceed to Sengkang, the center of Bugis district. The Journey via the eastern cost of Sulawesi and you could see Gulf of Bone sea sometimes. Lunch at the local Restaurant in Sengkang and then Check – in at Hotel Apada. After rest for a while, we will make small sight seeing tour visiting Lempangan village, the village of silk weaver. In this village all adult women working in a home industry of silk weavings. You can watch how

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Toraja Village



Toraja, a funeral ceremony



Boat, Lake Tempe Sengkang

Bunaken



Bunaken



Hotel in Bunaken

the local woman makes complicated pattern on their weavings. Around 04:00 PM we will proceed into the river bank of Lake Tempe. We will hire local fisherman motorized canoe and we will visit the fisherman floating village in the middle of the lake. You will have coffee or tea with fried banana at one of the floating house while observing the way of life of the villagers. By sunset we will proceed back to Sengkang and on the way you will enjoy spectacular colour of sunset. Lake Tempe is also rich with birds and you can see them well by sunset.

DAY 27: SENGKANG – BANTIMURUNG WATERFALL – MANADO

After breakfast proceed to Airport of Makassar to fly to Manado. You will pass several Bugis villages on the way and one National Park. You will stop at Bantimurung waterfall and you can enjoy swimming or just cooling off by the river of the waterfall. If you are a butterfly lovers, then you will love this area too since it is really rich with butterfly varieties. Proceed to the Airport of Makassar for you afternoon flight to Manado. Upon arrival at Sam Ratulangi airport of Manado, transfer in to Hotel Minahasa.

DAY 28 / 29 / 30: BUNAKEN ISLAND

After breakfast we will proceed to Bunaken Island, an island that perhaps the best protected coral reefs in Indonesia. We will have a private boat that will take us to a different snorkeling spots in this area. Our boat crews know all different snorkeling site and they can take you to see wild Dolphin in a certain area. For the people who want to take PADI dive course, then in these 3 days you can take your lesson in many of the dive school in Bunaken.

DAY 31: BUNAKEN – SINGAPORE – AMSTERDAM

After breakfast, proceed to the pier of Manado with our private boat. Drive to the airport and check – in at Silk Air counter to Singapore. End of the Tour Program