

EXPLORING SULAWESI'S HIDDEN GEMS

9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS



I. HIGHLIGHTS

- Delve into the rich cultural tapestry of Toraja, where cliffside burial sites, traditional villages, and ancient megaliths offer glimpses into centuries-old traditions and rituals.
- Discover traditional wooden boat-building techniques at Tana Beru, witness local craftsmanship, and engage with friendly villagers, gaining a deeper understanding of their way of life and traditions.
- Embark on an eight-hour scenic drive from Makassar to Toraja, passing through picturesque Bugis villages and stopping at various points of interest, including traditional Bugis houses built on stilts.
- Explore the serene beauty of Lake Tempe with a relaxing boat ride, immersing yourself in the daily lives of locals living in floating villages.
- Indulge in a gastronomic journey throughout the tour, savoring sumptuous seafood cuisine with breathtaking sea views in Pare-pare.

II. ITINERARY

DAY 1

From Makassar to Toraja

Embark on a captivating journey from Hasanudin International Airport to the enchanting land of Toraja. Traverse through Buginese villages adorned with traditional houses, capturing picturesque moments along the way. Pause at Puncak Lakawan to soak in the breathtaking panorama before arriving in Rantepao by late afternoon. Relax and unwind at your hotel for the night.

DAY 2

Exploring Toraja's Rich Heritage

After a hearty breakfast, immerse yourself in the cultural tapestry of Tana Toraja. Begin with a visit to Lemo, where rows of Tau Tau statues and hanging graves await. Explore the secrets of baby trees in Nonongan and delve into the ancient tombs of Londa. Journey to Kete Kesu, one of Toraja's oldest villages, marveling at the traditional Tongkonan houses and vibrant rice barns. Return to your hotel for a restful night's sleep.

DAY 3

Batu Tumonga Trek and Cultural Discoveries

Start your day with breakfast before embarking on an adventure to Timonbayo for sweeping views of megalith stones amidst lush rice fields. Explore the burial cave of Lokomata and trek through Batutumonga, experiencing the unique Torajan lifestyle. Discover the weaving traditions of Pallawa & Sa'dan Tubaranna before returning to your hotel for the evening.

DAY 4

Trekking in Kepe Village and Traditional Hospitality

Enjoy breakfast before beginning a trekking expedition in Kepe Village, witnessing the daily rhythm of local life amidst rice fields and plantations. Traverse bamboo bridges and observe traditional rice processing in Parinding Village. Arrive in Limbong Village, where you'll be welcomed with a traditional Toraja dinner and accommodated in a Tongkonan house for an authentic cultural experience.

DAY 5

Rafting Adventure and Return to Rantepao

Embark on a scenic walk to the Maulu riverside, passing through spectacular rice terraces. Experience the thrill of rafting for three hours, with a refreshing lunch break along the riverbanks. Return to Rantepao by car in the afternoon and settle in for the night at your hotel.

DAY 6

Journey to Sengkang

After breakfast and checkout, embark on a scenic journey to Sengkang Regent, renowned for its Tempe Lake. Cruise across the lake to visit floating houses inhabited by fishermen, accompanied by the serene beauty of the sunset. Return to your hotel in Sengkang for dinner and relaxation.

DAY 7

From Sengkang to Bira

Depart from Sengkang after breakfast, heading towards Bira, famous for its pristine white sand beaches and water activities. En route, visit Tana Beru to witness traditional silk weaving and Buginese boat construction. Arrive at Bara Beach Bungalow for a tranquil evening by the sea.

DAY 8

Return to Makassar with Cultural Stops

Enjoy breakfast before departing for Makassar, with stops at Bisappu Waterfall, Salt Works in Jeneponto, and the Balla Lompoa Museum in Gowa. Indulge in dinner at a local restaurant before retiring at Aston Makassar for the night.

DAY 9

Departure Makassar

After breakfast, check out from your hotel and transfer to Makassar Airport for your onward journey, bidding farewell to the captivating wonders of Sulawesi.

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Tour extensions: pre-tour or post-tour extensions are available, which would include accommodation and private transfers, please speak to Focus Asia travel consultant for further details.