

GATEWAY TO ANOTHER WORLD

South Sulawesi & Tana Toraja

A 6-DAY / 5-NIGHT CULTURAL & HIGHLAND DISCOVERY

Journey beyond the ordinary into the mist-covered highlands of Tana Toraja, where spectacular mountain scenery, remarkable ancestral traditions, dramatic cliffside burial sites, and warm local hospitality combine to create one of Indonesia's most extraordinary cultural experiences.

TOUR OVERVIEW

South Sulawesi is one of Indonesia's most fascinating provinces, where centuries of maritime history, spectacular mountain landscapes and vibrant cultural traditions come together in remarkable harmony.

The journey begins in Makassar, a historic trading port that flourished during the Spice Route era and became one of Southeast Asia's most important gateways between East and West.

Travelling north through the homeland of the Bugis people, the landscape gradually transforms into dramatic mountains before reaching the legendary highlands of Tana Toraja.

Protected by rugged granite peaks, the Torajan people have preserved one of the world's most extraordinary living cultures. Here, death is not viewed as the end of life but as an important spiritual transition. Elaborate funeral ceremonies, cliffside burial sites, magnificent ancestral houses and megalithic monuments continue to define a culture that has fascinated anthropologists, photographers and travellers for generations.

This carefully designed journey combines authentic cultural encounters, breathtaking scenery, fascinating history and comfortable accommodation, offering an unforgettable exploration of one of Indonesia's most rewarding destinations.

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- 5 nights' accommodation in selected 4-star hotels (or similar)
- Daily breakfast
- Lunches and dinners as specified in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned transportation
- Professional English-speaking guide

WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS JOURNEY



SUNRISE ABOVE THE CLOUDS

Watch the sun rise over the spectacular sea of clouds at Lolei, one of Indonesia's most breathtaking mountain viewpoints.



LIVING CULTURAL HERITAGE

Experience traditions that have been carefully preserved for centuries and remain an integral part of daily life.



TONGKONAN ANCESTRAL HOUSES

Discover Toraja's iconic boat-shaped houses decorated with intricate carvings representing family history, spirituality and status.



EXTRAORDINARY BURIAL TRADITIONS

Visit remarkable cliffside tombs, limestone caves and sacred Tau-Tau wooden effigies while learning about Torajan beliefs surrounding life, death and the afterlife.



MEGALITHIC HERITAGE

Explore ancient standing stones and ceremonial sites dating back hundreds of years.



TORAJA ARABICA COFFEE

Taste one of Indonesia's finest coffees, internationally recognised for its rich body, balanced acidity and distinctive earthy character.



COLONIAL MAKASSAR

Explore Fort Rotterdam and discover the city's rich maritime history.



SPECTACULAR KARST LANDSCAPES

Visit Bantimurung National Park, home to waterfalls, limestone caves and one of the world's largest karst formations.

- Airport meet and greet service
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- All sightseeing and excursions as outlined
- Entrance fees to all attractions mentioned
- Mineral water during touring
- Parking fees, toll charges and driver's expenses
- Local taxes and government service charges

PACKAGE EXCLUSIONS

- International and domestic airfares
- Indonesian visa fees (if applicable)
- Comprehensive travel insurance
- Personal expenses (laundry, minibar, etc.)
- Alcoholic beverages
- Optional tours and activities

- Tips and gratuities
- Portage
- Camera fees where applicable
- Expenses arising from flight delays, weather conditions or circumstances beyond the operator's control
- Any services not listed under inclusions

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Itinerary may be adjusted due to weather, road conditions or local events while maintaining the quality of the experience.
- Visits to traditional Rambu Solo' funeral ceremonies depend on the local ceremonial calendar and cannot be guaranteed.
- Respectful attire is recommended when visiting villages and sacred cultural sites.
- Hotel selections are subject to availability. Equivalent alternatives may be provided.



AT A GLANCE



DURATION
6 Days / 5 Nights



DESTINATIONS
Makassar • Parepare • Rantepao
• Tana Toraja • Maros



TRAVEL STYLE
Culture • Heritage • Nature •
Scenic Landscapes • Soft Adventure



ACCOMMODATION
Carefully selected 4-star
hotels (or similar)



GROUP SIZE
Exclusive private departures
for 4-14 guests



RECOMMENDED AGE
Approximately 30-75 years



PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
Easy to Moderate
Suitable for travellers comfortable with:
• Walking on uneven village paths
• Moderate stair climbing
• Early morning excursions
• Scenic overland journeys



TRANSPORT
• Private air-conditioned vehicle
• Professional English-speaking guide
• Airport transfers included



BEST TIME TO TRAVEL
Year-round.
The dry season (April-October) generally
offers the most comfortable weather,
although Tana Toraja is equally
rewarding throughout the year.



CLIMATE
• Makassar: Tropical coastal
climate (28-34°C)
• Tana Toraja Highlands: Cool
mountain climate (18-27°C)



DETAILED ITINERARY



DAY 1 MAKASSAR • PAREPARE • TANA TORAJA

Upon arrival at Sultan Hasanuddin International Airport, you will be warmly welcomed by your professional English-speaking guide before beginning the scenic drive into the highlands. Travel through the traditional homeland of the Bugis people, passing rice fields, fishing villages and elegant wooden stilt houses. Lunch in Parepare before continuing through the dramatic Bantimurung Pass, considered the symbolic gateway into Toraja. Arrive in Rantepao for dinner and overnight.

MEALS:
Lunch, Dinner



DAY 2 LAND ABOVE THE CLOUDS • LEMO • LONDA • KETE KESU

Depart before sunrise for Lolei, the "Land Above the Clouds". Witness one of Indonesia's most spectacular sunrise panoramas as mist fills the valleys below. After breakfast, visit the sacred Baby Tree at Kambira, the cliffside tombs of Lemo, the ancient burial caves of Londa and the traditional village of Kete Kesu, famous for its Tongkonan houses and rice barns.

MEALS:
Breakfast,
Lunch, Dinner



DAY 3 BOLU MARKET • BORI KALIMBUANG • PALAWA

Begin the day at Bolu Market, where magnificent Torajan water buffalo are traded. Continue to He' Gendeng Museum before visiting the megalithic standing stones of Bori Kalimbuang. Explore the authentic village of Palawa and conclude the afternoon at a traditional weaving workshop, where local artisans continue centuries-old textile traditions. Return to Rantepao for dinner.

MEALS:
Breakfast,
Lunch, Dinner



DAY 4 TANA TORAJA • MAKASSAR

After breakfast, leave the cool mountain landscapes behind as you return south towards Makassar, stopping in Parepare for lunch. Arrive in Makassar during the late afternoon. The evening is free for relaxation or independent exploration.

MEALS:
Breakfast,
Lunch



DAY 5 FORT ROTTERDAM • BANTIMURUNG NATIONAL PARK • LOSARI WATERFRONT

Explore the historic Fort Rotterdam. Continue to Bantimurung National Park, renowned for its waterfalls, caves and spectacular limestone karst scenery. The park was famously described by Alfred Russel Wallace as the "Kingdom of Butterflies". In the evening, enjoy sunset at Losari Waterfront while sampling Makassar's celebrated local cuisine.

MEALS:
Breakfast,
Lunch, Dinner



DAY 6 DEPARTURE

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before free time for shopping or relaxation. At the appropriate time, transfer to Sultan Hasanuddin International Airport for your onward flight. Your journey concludes with unforgettable memories of South Sulawesi and Tana Toraja.

MEALS:
Breakfast



ACCOMMODATION

Guests will stay in carefully selected 4-star hotels (or similar), chosen for their comfort, location and quality of service.

RANTEPAO

- Toraja Heritage Hotel
- Santai Toraja Hotel
- Misiliana Hotel



MAKASSAR

- Aston Makassar Hotel
- Melia Makassar
- The Rinra Makassar



Alternative hotels of a similar standard may be provided subject to availability.



BEST TIME TO EXPERIENCE

Year-round, with April to October offering the driest conditions and the most comfortable weather.



TOUR PRICES - 2027

Prices are available on request.
Our Travel Specialists will be delighted to prepare a personalised quotation based on your preferred travel dates, hotel category and any special requirements.
Please contact us for your customised proposal and the best available rates.