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STUDY TRIP IN CLOUDS

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TORAJA (4d/3n) : Study Trip in Clouds

Day 1 Makassar - Toraja (-/L/D)

You will get pick up in Makassar Airport or Hotel and we will start our journey to Toraja. Along the way we will visit Rammang – Rammang, where we will ride small boat on the Pute River. Here you can see amazing view of Karst stone that split by the river. We will walk around the paddy fields and visit the local village that hidden inside the karst stones area that hold stories from the prehistoric time. Lunch will be served in Pare – Pare, a small harbor town with warm atmosphere and great view. In the afternoon short break at Bambapuang Mountain for coffee/tea break. Later arrive in the evening in Toraja, check in to the hotel and dinner at the hotel. Then free program.

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Day 2 Cycling Trip - Cooking Class - Weaving Class - Bori Village (B/L/D)

After breakfast at around 8.30am depart to visit Bolu traditional market where here you can see the famous Toraja Buffalo that can cost up to Rp 3.000.000.000 per one buffalo. Then later meeting with cycling guide where we will do cycling activity passing local village, bamboo forest and rice field to reach Battutumonga . There trip will takes around 1.5 hours on a light cycling trek and on arrival at a local village we will learn the local produces from Toraja that will be used for the cooking activity. Lunch will be served here while enjoying breathing view of mountains. Next, we will learn how to make Toraja lkat or Garment in the weaving class that will be taught by locals women from this village. We will learn the history, philosophy and current trend of traditional garment in fashion. Later visit to Bori village to see one of Toraja most famous burial site where you can learn the history of Megalithic culture. Later in the afternoon, visit to Toraja Coffee House to enjoy authentic Toraja Coffee in a vibrant café comfort. Next drop back to hotel at around 4.30pm, dinner in hotel then free program.

Day 3 Lolai - Kete Kesu - Londa - Music Bamboo Class - Kote Village (B/L/D)

Early start at 4.30am where we will visit the famous Lolai, land above the clouds. The best time to visit is early dawn just before sunrise. The myth of this place that if you are greet by thick layer of clouds that look alike cottoncandy thus you have a pure and clean heart but if there was not any cloud it means the otherwise. At around 6.30pm return back to hotel for breakfast and refreshing then later meet at 9.30am we will depart to Kete Kesu village. The local people here are very good in making wood carving using traditional tools. This knowledge and skill was pass by the generations above and still practice to this day by the younger generation. Next visit to natural cave where the local use as burial site known as Londa. We can get in to the cave and learn the practice and belief of Torajan performing this burial ritual. Later lunch at local restaurant located in the middle of rice field serving delicious food.









After lunch we will visit a local orphanage where the children here are part of traditional music bamboo group. We will learn how to play the instrument as well as sharing the experience and making new friends. Before going back the children will perform couple of song and dance that you can join. Later in the afternoon drop back to hotel at around 4.00pm. Later dinner will be at local restaurant in town then free program.

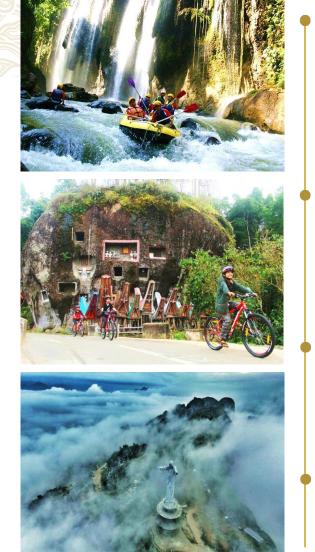
Day 4 Toraja - Makassar (B/L/-)

We will depart in the morning at around 9:00am for Makassar. Along the way we will stop in Bambapuang for coffee/tea break while enjoying the breathtaking view of mountains. Next we will have lunch in Pare-Pare. Small harbour city famous for grilled seafood. After lunch we will visit traditional fisherman port where you can see how the locals process their catch that was catch using Phinisi boats. Later we will visit Buginese houses in Pangkep. In the evening drop to Airport to catch your outbound flight.

Day 4 Toraja - Palopo Airport - Makassar (B/-/-)

We will depart in the morning at around 6:30am for Palopo. The trip will takes around 2.5 hours where we can see spectacular mountains view and the shift of culture between Toraja and Palopo. Further the road to Palopo hid numbers of historical stories of Torajan struggle and heroic moments during world war two period. Arrive in Lagaligo airport in Palopo to catch a 50 minutes flight to Makassar. Arrive at mid-day in Makassar to continue to next destination or Makassar day tour then drop to hotel in Makassar.





Optional Activities

White River Rafting (-/L/-)

At 08.00am meeting with rafting instructor where we will head to Maiting River to start the excursion. To reach the riverbank we need to walk for around 30 minutes passing through traditional village, bamboo forest and rice fields. Along the river we can see animals such as Iguanas, White Birds and many more. Lunch will be in a box at a waterfall. Later drop back to hotel at around 16.00pm.

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* (The one day rafting program is not a fun activity and suitable for family and children above 12 years old)

Cycling The Heritage Track (-/L/-)

At 08.00am meeting with instructor where we will start the excursion to visit traditional villages and beautiful scenery that hidden from the main roads. With the clean and refreshing air of Toraja we will have the chance to experience and embrace the culture and way of living of the locals. We will have lunch at a traditional village overlooking amazing rice field. There are many short stops along track. Return back to hotel at around 16.30 pm.

Burake Jesus Blessing Statue Morning (-/L/-)

Depart at 6.00 to the bottom of the hill where we will go up to the foot of the tallest Jesus Statue in the world. From here we can also enjoy the magnificent view of Makale Town, surrounding mountains and amazing scenery. Next we can return back to hotel or continue tour in South of Toraja. Meals will be served en route

Burake Jesus Blessing Statue Afternoon (-/-/D)

Depart at 14.00 to the bottom of the hill where we will go up to the foot of the tallest Jesus Statue in the world. From here we can also enjoy the magnificent view of Makale Town, surrounding mountains and amazing scenery. Next we can return back to hotel or continue tour in South of Toraja. Meals will be served en route



Optional Activities

Lolai Land Above The Clouds (-/-/-)

Depart at 04.00 am from hotel to see the sunrise and layers of white clouds. The trip to reach the top of the mountain is around 45 minutes car ride. You do not have to walk more than 1 minute to enjoy the beautiful surrounding and fresh air. The myth in this village is that if a visitor has a pure heart he/ she will see the layers of white cloud. Afterwards return back to hotel.

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Organic Chocolate Making Class (-/L/-)

With 4 hours duration participants will meet driver to drop to Natsir Eco Farm where you will start by picking the cocoa fruit directly from the garden. Then you will cut down a bamboo to pieces as the outer packaging. Mr Natsir as the hotel will direct the steps from beggining until the product is ready for consumption. We will have a meal or snacks here all from the organic garden while waiting for the chocolate to finish. At the end you will receive a certificate and the chocolates you made. Drop back to town or hotel.

Toraja Batik Class (-/-/-)

With 2 hours duration participants will meet driver then depart to the studio. Here you will choose the pattern that authentic to Toraja culture where each pattern have its own meaning. You will be guide from the drawing to coloring process. While waiting for the paint to dry we will enjoy refreshment and local snacks. Later you can bring home you own batik and then drop back to town or hotel.