

TORAJA

After a wondrous journey that moves you through interchanging sights of stunning karst cliffs, lofty mountains and vast sea, you will arrive in Toraja.

The Torajans are an indigenous Austronesian ethnic group located in a mountainous region of Sulawesi Selatan, Indonesia. Alongside their rich culture and traditions, Torajans also treasure the abundant myths about the origin of their name. Learn the history of Toraja, where its people have been shaped by the surrounding landscape and blessed with great longevity.

In this land, well-preserved ancestral traditions are practiced within the peaceful communal society. Recently introduced ideas, such as Christianity, synchronize harmoniously with local customs, making Toraja someplace special. Witness the dramatic ceremonies, family bonds, cuisine and art of the only living megalithic culture in the modern world.

Enveloped by magnificent natural landscapes, Toraja is full of life-changing experiences and is waiting to be explored. Toraja's nature, once it casts its spell, will eternally ensnare you in its net of bewilderment. Let the land embrace you and allow the air to sing you a melody of serenity.

The beliefs that Torajans hold dear to their hearts are reflected in every handcrafted wonder, all conceived by the genuine intention that these products will be beneficial to their community and the world around them. Coffee and hand-woven fabrics are known to bear the signature taste and patterns Toraja is famed for.



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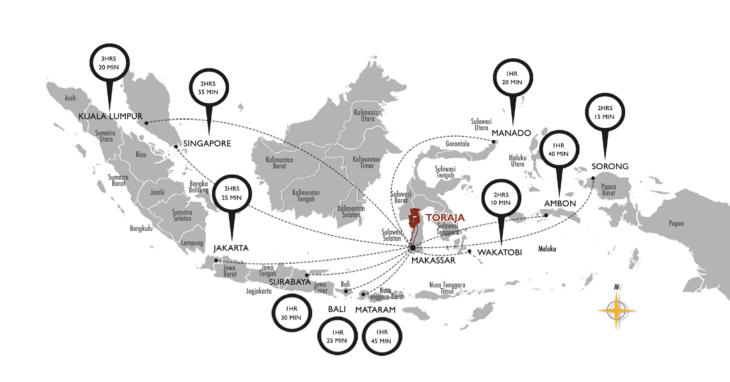


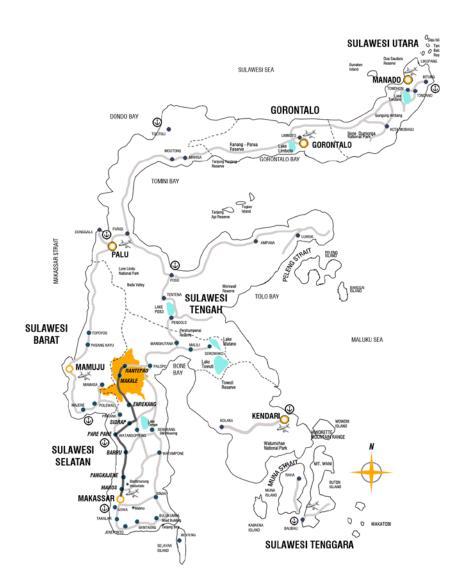


WHERE WE ARE

INDONESIA

An archipelago of amazement is definitely not an overstatement. Indonesia is a celestial haven for your mind to wonder over and your soul to wander through. It is an archipelago comprising of more than 17,000 islands with hundreds of ethnic groups speaking many different languages and is the home of thousands of diverse attractions, each with their own unique values. Indonesia will most likely satisfy your inner desire for an adventure, for leisure or even for a spiritual experience. What you're about to see may be beyond your wildest dreams..





SULAWESI

Formerly known as Celebes, Sulawesi is an island that is part of four Greater Sunda Islands and situated between Borneo and Maluku Islands. This enormous and charismatic island has so much to offer. Meet the people from the highlands, Torajans who live with a culture that has independently evolved through the dramatic geography and topography. This island is abundant with beauty and culture: from Wakatobi's white sand beaches, Togian Islands' fringe coral reefs and variety of fish, to the famous Bugis seafarers who mainly inhabit Sulawesi's coastal regions and are well known as Indonesia's most famous seafarers. Going further into the interior, Sulawesi is shaded by impenetrable mountains jungles filled with wildlife.

TORAJA MAP

KABUPATEN (REGENCY OF) TANA TORAJA

AREA

2,054.30 Km2

CAPITAL CITY

Makale

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AREA

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CAPITAL CITY

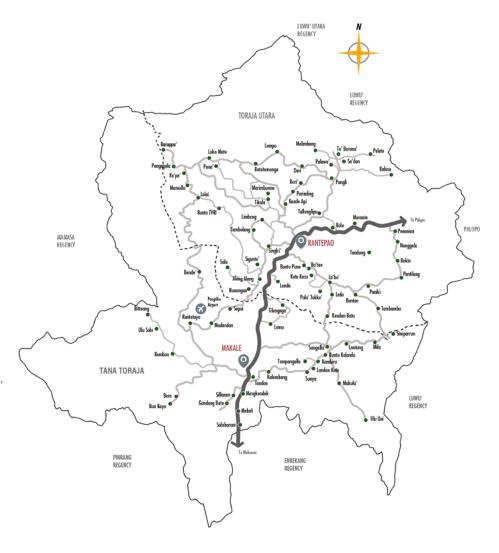
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If you don't have much time to travel, a flight from Sultan Hasanuddin International Airport in Makassar to Lagaligo Bua Airport in Palopo is the fastest way to reach Toraja. From Makassar to Palopo, there are daily flights by Wings Air (a sub-airline company of Lion Air) and a 3-times-a-week flight by Garuda Indonesia (about 50 minutes). From Palopo, you only need to drive 2 hours to arrive in Toraja. Although it is more expensive than the bus, flying saves a lot of travel time.



BY BUS

After you arrive in Makassar, buses are the most common and reliable means of transportation to traverse the 300 kilometers from Makassar to Toraja. There are many bus operators from Makassar to Toraja, both for daytime and nighttime trips. With a comfortable reclining seat and full AC, you will be ready to explore Toraja the next day. Remember to prepare yourself before the trip because it will take about 8 hours.



CHARTERED VEHICLES

If travelling in a large group, a chartered car or bus can be the best way to visit Toraja from Makassar, the city being an international gateway for South Sulawesi. You can also visit some beautiful destinations along the way from Makassar to Toraja, stopping in several towns to enjoy local cuisine or to buy crafts and souvenirs from the locals.



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DAY 01

Makassar - Toraja

Arrive at Sultan Hasanuddin International Airport Makassar and then drive up to Toraja. Some stops can be made for photo taking during the trip and lunch will be served at a local restaurant in Pare-Pare. Enjoy afternoon coffee or tea with a spectacular view of Bambapuang Mountain before you arrive in Toraja. Dinner and overnight at a hotel in Rantepao, Toraja Utara.

DAY 02

Toraja: Papa' Batu - Natsir's Organic Farm - Tampang Allo - Kambira - Suaya

After breakfast, depart for Rembon to visit Papa' Batu, the 700 year old traditional house with a stone roof. Then continue to Natsir's Organic Farm, where you can learn to make traditional Torajan chocolate in bamboo from scratch. From there, drive to Sangalla' to see the baby grave tree in Kambira, the cliff burial site used by the Sangalla' royal bloodline in Suaya, and the suspended coffins and graves carved into the cave walls in Tampang Allo. After that, head back to Rantepao and stay overnight at the hotel.

DAY 03

Toraja: Pasar Bolu - Bori' Kalimbuang - Palawa - Sa'dan To' Barana'

After breakfast, make your way to Pasar Bolu to see the biggest buffalo market in the world and learn more about what buffaloes mean to Torajans. After that, drive to Bori' Kalimbuang, a megalithic stone site symbolizing the great funeral ceremonies held in the past. Then continue to Palawa where you can see the traditional Torajan house (Tongkonan) that is one of the nominees for UNESCO World Heritage in Toraja. Then continue to Sa'dan To'Barana' to visit the weaving village. There you can watch women weaving local traditional Tenun textiles and perhaps even buy some. Then, drive back to Rantepao and stay overnight at the hotel.

DAY 04

Toraja - Palopo - Makassar

After breakfast, drive to Palopo for a flight to Makassar. Enjoy free time in Makassar until departure to your next destination.

PLACES TO GO



PAPA BATU

Stone Roof Tongkonan

The house was founded around 700 years ago and the roof is made of andesite and padas stones. Papa' Batu Tongkonan is considered to be the last Tongkonan house with a roof of stone and it's considered sacred by the people of the region. You must knock three times on the doorframe with your head before entering the house.



PASAR BOLU

Livestock Market

Held every Tuesday Saturday, Bolu Market (Pasar Bolu) is a traditional livestock market in Toraja. Dominated by hundreds of buffaloes up for sale, Bolu Market is the biggest buffalo market in the world. You may find various types of buffalo that are used by Torajans in several ceremonies, including even the most expensive buffalo if you're lucky.



NATSIR'S ORGANIC FARM

Traditional Chocolate Making

At Natsir's Organic Farm, you are able to tour Pak Natsir's organic farm and then make your own chocolate from organic ingredients grown onsite. Learn to make delicious Toraja chocolate in bamboo tubes from scratch and you can take it all home or eat it right away. You can also try tropical fruits taken straight from the vast garden.



BORI' KALIMBUANG

Megalithic Stone Complex

Bori' is a megalithic area with numerous big stone monuments or menhirs used in traditional ceremonies. Each stone represents a feat of merit performed in the past by a person of high status. Bori' has been nominated as a UNESCO World Heritage site and from the moment you step up to the stones, you will feel like you have travelled back to an ancient world."



KAMBIRA

Baby Graves

Trees in Kambira were used as living graves for babies who died before getting their first teeth. This is because, according to the ancestral belief of Aluk Todolo, these babies are considered to still be pure and therefore cannot be buried in the ground or interred in a cliff. The trees used as graves (tarra' and sipate) emit a white sap that represents a mother's milk.



PALAWA

Traditional Tongkonan

Adorned with ornaments of sun circles and rooster carvings, Palawa' Tongkonan complex is a breathtaking sight. Fix your eyes on historical remnants of the ancestral war of the 11th century, with all the majestic buffalo horns proclaiming regality with every inch.



TAMPANG ALLO

Cave Burial Site

After going down a fairly hidden track towards the mountains and crossing a narrow river, one enters the burial site with suspended coffins and graves carved into the cliff face in Sangalla' called Tampang Allo. A well-known romantic love story is buried inside and beautiful sceneries of rice fields, karst hills and other natural caves surround this cultural site.



SA'DAN TO'BARANA'

Weaving Village

Every weave and profound stitching can be felt by everyone touching the handmade marvels of Torajan fabric. Displayed proudly in amalgamation with beautiful rice fields surrounding the premise, ththe textiles are essentially pieces of souls of the ancestral spirits that still exist until today.



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DAY 02

Trekking Tour: Sa'pak Bayo-Bayo - Tumbang Datu Village - Ke'te' Kesu'

After breakfast, drive Sangalla' and get dropped off at Sapak Bayo-Bayo. Explore and see the effects of acculturation between ancestral Torajan beliefs and a modern religion. Continue trekking to Tumbang Datu village, where the villagers are still practicing rituals and beliefs called Aluk Ta'. See rows of ancient houses and meet famous Torajan house craftsmen. You can learn to paint the motifs on a traditional house or plant rice. Afterwards, trek down to Ke'te' Kesu', one of the most popular destinations in Toraja. Nominated as one of the UNESCO World Heritage, here you can see Tongkonan and learn more about the function of each house. Then return to Rantepao and stay overnight at a hotel.

DAY 03

White Water Rafting: Maulu River

After breakfast, a car will pick you up at the hotel and transport you to the starting point. Then start to walk through the breathtaking scenery of Dende Village for 30 minutes (you probably need to add an extra 15 minutes for selfies). The boat will be waiting at the riverside to welcome you. Enjoy rafting for around 3 hours and have lunch at the side of the river with a beautiful waterfall in front of you. Then, it's back to the city and make your way to Batutumonga. Enjoy afternoon coffee or tea with beautiful view from above the city. Stay overnight at one of the homestays in Batutumonga.

DAY 04

Cycling: Batutumonga -Lempo - Rantepao

Wake up early to catch the sunrise with a magical view of white clouds. After breakfast, prepare yourself and pedal your bike down to Lempo. Enjoy the ride with amazing scenery of rice fields and Tongkonan. Continue to Rantepao and visit one of the Toraja coffee shops and roasteries in town. Don't forget to grab some souvenirs for your family and friends back home. Stay overnight at a hotel.

DAY 05

Toraja - Palopo - Makassar

After breakfast, drive to Palopo to catch a flight to Makassar. Spend free time in Makassar until departure for your next destination.

PLACES TO GO



SA'PAK BAYO-BAYO

Religious Site

Claimed to be the first pilgrim place of the Nasareth Holy Family in the world, Sa'pak Bayo-Bayo shows a mixture of Torajan ancestral beliefs and Catholicism. Designed to blend with the surrounding nature and local culture, this magnificent area will make you feel transported into a different world.



BATUTUMONGA

Nature and Village Life

Located at the slope of Sesean Mountain, the highest mountain in Toraja, Batutumonga is one of the places in Toraja to enjoy the "Land Above The Clouds," including the panorama of Rantepao City. Beautiful homestays in Sesean Suloara' Tourism Village are ready to welcome those who want to experience living with locals and spending the night amongst the sounds of nature.



TUMBANG DATU VILLAGE

Tourism Village

Located near Sangalla, Tumbang Datu is known for its rows of traditional houses and rice barns (lumbung) with bamboo roofs. The villagers still largely follow Aluk Todolo, the ancestral religion of Torajan, and in this village you can find traditional ceremonies that you may not find anywhere else in Toraja.



TREKKING

Outdoor Adventure

Explore the wondrous landscapes of Toraja on foot to more intimately experience the culture and meet the friendly people of this astounding region. Our professional trekking and hiking tour guides will lead you on an adventurous journey through a string of calm villages, past karst cliffs and hillsides, and up close and personal with animals and insects of varying sizes and colors.



KE'TE' KESU'

Traditional Tongkonan

In this popular traditional village, you will see the impressive rows of great traditional houses and rice barns, proudly showing off the buffalo horns of past sacrifices. Nominated as a UNESCO World Heritage site, Ke'te' Kesu' will capture your attention with every glance.



COFFEE SHOP & ROASTERY

Restaurant & Cafe

Known as "Black Gold," Toraja coffee beans have become a favorite choice for coffee lovers around the world. Experience the pleasure a cup Toraja coffee can bring at the local coffee shops in town roasted and brewed especially for you.



RAFTING

Outdoor Adventure

Bathe in the rays of the tropical sun while the rush and spray of the rapids below keep you refreshed. Toraja offers memorable rafting experiences on two most famous rivers in the region, Sa'dan and Mai'ting Rivers. From Grade II to Grade V levels of difficulty, Toraja offers 1-day and 2-day rafting packages for you to choose from.



CYCLING

Outdoor Adventure

Hopping onto a bicycle and riding around Toraja allows vou another means to both get around and enjoy Toraja's intriguing landscapes and attractions. cultural With experienced guides and mechanics, cycle along downhill and uphill trails, ranging from dirt roads along rice fields to fun city tours of varying levels of difficulty.





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DAY 01 Toraja Beyond: Makassar, Maros, and Pare-Pare

Arrive at Sultan Hasanuddin International Airport Makassar. Afterwards, drive approximately 30 minutes to Rammang-Rammang in the Maros Regency. Take a boat and explore the magnificent views of the 3rd largest karst forest in the world. Continue your trip to the north with a lunch break scheduled in Pare Pare. Get your coffee or tea fix at Bambapuang to see the erotic mountain. In the late afternoon, arrive in Toraja. Have dinner and stay overnight at a hotel.

DAY 02 Toraja: Lemo, Londa, Ke'te' Kesu', and Karassik Hills

After breakfast, spend a full day tour exploring Toraja. First, visit Lemo, where the burial site comprises of a commanding karst cliff that blends beautifully with the surrounding vegetation and rice fields. From there, drive to Londa to see an ancient grave where the deceased are entombed in a cave. After lunch, continue to Ke'te' Kesu' to see and explore Toraja traditional houses, called Tongkonan. Then visit Karassik Hills to learn about Toraja Batik and make one to take home. Enjoy a wonderful dinner in one of the restaurants in Rantepao. Stay overnight at a hotel.

DAY 03

Toraja: Sesean Suloara' Village, Lo'ko' Mata, Sanggar Tari Pana', Lempo

After breakfast, we set out on a trip to Sesean Suloara' Village in Sesean, First, visit Lo'ko' Mata, with its burial chambers cut out of a giant boulder. Then, watch Toraja traditional dances at Sanggar Tari Pana'. Don't hesitate to try one of the dances, like Pa'gellu or Manganda dance. After lunch, enjoy a soft trek through beautiful rice fields in Lempo. Make sure to enjoy the view of buffaloes, birds and the swaying of the rice stalks in the fields around you. Return to the hotel before you enjoy dinner in the city and stay overnight.

DAY 04 Toraia: Land Above The Clouds, Burake, Coffee Roastery, Shops in Rantepao

Wake up early to catch the sunrise with beautiful, white clouds in Lolai. Capture the moment in Tongkonan Lempe and have a breakfast at Café Lolai. Don't forget to walk through the pine forest of Tirotiku and stop by at To'tombi to enjoy the bird's eye view of the city. After lunch, head to Burake, where you can see the highest Jesus statue in the world from up close. Then, continue the journey to one of the coffee roasteries in town. Try the local taste of Toraja Arabica coffee and then explore the town and its shops on foot. Stay overnight at a hotel.

DAY 05

Beyond Toraja: Sengkang, Watampone, and Bira

After breakfast, drive to After breakfast, drive to Makassar through Sengkang, which is located in the center of the Bugis Kingdom. You can sail through Tempe Lake to visit the floating houses in the middle (note: Tempe Lake might be shallow in dry season due to lack of rainfall. If the lake is too shallow. vou will not be able to cross the lake). Lunch can be served in a house in the middle of the lake if ordered ahead. Continue to Watampone to visit the Museum of Andi Mappasisi to see the collections of the former Bugis royalty, with one of their most famous kings being Arung Pallakka, Arrive in Bira in the late afternoon. Have dinner and stay overnight at a hotel.

DAY 06 Beyond Toraja: Bira

Have breakfast at the hotel and then enjoy free time. You can enjoy water activities such as a banana boat, snorkelling, or renting a boat to visit Liukang Island located across from the main island. Liukang Island is also known as the breeding place for the green turtle and if you're lucky, you can swim together

with these turtles. Have dinner and stay overnight at a hotel. Note: there is an additional fee for lunch.

DAY 07

Beyond Toraja: Bira, Tana Beru, Bantaeng, and Makassar

After breakfast, drive to Makassar for approximately 6 hours. Stop at Tana Beru to see the famous Bugis-Makassar Pinisi Ship builders. Lunch will be served at a seafood restaurant with a beautiful view to the sea. Continue to Bisappu waterfall in the Bantaeng Regency and, while passing through Jeneponto Regency, keep an eye out for the salt farms. Enter Makassar in the late afternoon and enjoy dinner at vour favorite restaurant in town.

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Bevond Toraia: Fort Rotterdam, and Makassar Airport

After breakfast, if time allows, go for a short city tour to visit Fort Rotterdam, the old Dutch fortress located right in front of Losari Beach. Then, head directly to Sultan Hasanuddin International Airport to catch a flight to your next destination.

PLACES TO GO



LEMO

Cliff Burial Site

A burial site comprised of a commanding karst cliff that blends beautifully with the surrounding vegetation and rice fields. This burial site is estimated to date back to the 16th century and you will see several Tau Tau (wooden statues) craftsmen who have sold these figurines at this site for generations.



LONDA

Cave & Cliff Burial Site

Londa is a sight to see, with its panorama of a rice field at the foot of a large cliff face dotted with graves, coffins, and large hanging vines. Explore the beauty of the natural cave walls with an interesting love story waiting to be told.



KARASSIK HILLS

Batik & Jewelry Making

Learn how to make beautiful Toraja batik in the village of Karassik Hills, only 10 minutes from Rantepao. By using traditional Indonesian methods and ingredients to outline and color traditional Torajan motifs, you can make Torajan batik and bring one home with you. Also try making beaded Torajan necklaces, bracelets, and earrings, perfect as souvenirs.



SESEAN SULOARA'

Tourism Village

The cultural village of Sesean Suloara' provides several activities including soft trekking through bamboo forests, hiking up Mount Sesean, visiting Lo'ko' Mata (burial site in a large boulder). miniature-Torajahouse making workshop, and enjoy a performance of traditional Torajan dances or even jump in on a rehearsal at Sanggar Tari Pana' Suloara'.



ΙΟΙΔΙ

Nature Site

Popularly known as the Land Above the Clouds. With views over an expanse of clouds like white cotton, you will get a sensation of being above the clouds. While waiting for the sunrise, white clouds gather close to your feet, creating an irreplaceable experience. You also can taste Torajan coffee while enjoying a panoramic view of the sunrise.



BURAKE

Religious & Nature Site

The Burake Jesus Statue stands 40 meters high (131 feet) and is claimed to be a statue of Jesus located at the highest elevation in the world. From this large statue, you can overlook the city of Makale and enjoy the breeze. Additionally, you can explore the majestic karst clusters surrounding the statue.



RAMMANG-RAMMANG

Nature Site

Rammang-Rammang boasts unique and otherworldly karst stones that jut out of the ground in varying symmetrical and asymmetrical shapes. Board one of the colourful boats to navigate through the mangrove forest to reach the karst outcrops. This limestone forest is the third largest karst forest in the world, the largest in Indonesia, and is only a 45-minute drive from Makassar.



LAKE TEMPE

Nature Site

One of the biggest freshwater fishing areas in the world, Lake Tempe is a tectonic lake inhabited predominantly by Bugis people. Reach the floating houses in the middle of the lake using brightly colored traditional boats. Mark your calendar for August to enjoy the Maccera Tappareng Festival, a ritual to purify the lake.



BIRA

Beach

Enjoy the white-sand beach and clear, light blue water of Bira Beach, one of the best beaches in Bulukumba, South Sulawesi. Here you may find a lot of beautiful placse to stay, from homestay and colorful guesthouses to luxurious resorts. Bira also serves as the docking point for boats headed towards Liukang and Kambing islands.



FORT ROTTERDAM

Historical Site

Built in 1545 by the ninth king of Gowa, this fort (formerly called Fort Ujung Pandang) has been a center for South Sulawesi culture and a base for cultural and educational tourism facilities since the 1980s. Inside this fort, you also can learn about the world's longest epic manuscript, the La Galigo manuscript.





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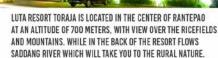
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ETHNIC TORAJANS





GRANDIOSE PARTING, CEREMONY OF DEATH

There is nowhere else on earth where the words death and lavish can be paired in a sentence as in Toraja. In this ethereally charming land, death has never borne sadness. On the contrary, it is the ultimate goal of life, longing to be celebrated by both the departed and the family members left behind. Cheers that echo through hilltops, a big feast for all guests, and traditional dances redefine what human perceive as morbid into something beautiful. The death ceremonies of Toraja, named Rambu Solo, is the apotheosis of Torajan festival because of the sheer magnitude and cultural significance that follows.

TRANSCENDENT SACRIFICE

Rambu Solo' is a ceremony of the departed, where buffaloes are highly revered as a sacrificial entity playing an irreplaceable role in Torajan traditions. The more a Torajan individual is respected, the more buffaloes sacrifice. Some bear staggering numbers of hundreds, with a belief that with each buffaloes sacrificed, the departed will enter the afterlife (Puya) more easily. The meat of the sacrificed buffaloes are then shared with the guests attending as part of the revelry. It is a very extravagant and paramount celebration dating back to ancestral times, where buffaloes carefully and lovingly cared for give their meat back to the community that cherished them. These ceremonies are events highly anticipated by locals and travelers alike, as they show the true hues of Torajan culture in its essence. Grand is not even a word fitting enough to describe the excitement

and festivities going on as the Torajans always celebrate the parting in an extravagant feast. Then comes the burial. Contrary to traditional norms, here, burial should not be hidden from the public eyes. Tombs are laid down through a specific construct: the higher the location, the nobler it is for family members. In each ceremony, children and descendants pay respect to their elderly departed.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Like yin and yang, beside a Rambu Solo, the death ceremony, is Rambu Tuka', the life ceremony in Toraja. The word Rambu Tuka' can literally be translated as 'smoke ascending.' These celebrations are always associated with life. There are certain rites that accompany a Rambu Tuka'. For example, a Rambu Tuka' is always held in the morning to

the east of the main Tongkonan. Rambu Tuka' celebrates life and encompasses events such as the blessing of a new Tongkonan (Mangrara Banua) to weddings (Rampanan Kapa'). Other Rambu Tuka' ceremonies include Ma'bugi, a thanks giving ritual held after harvest and Sisemba', a celebration of the harvest which includes a kicking fight. During these life-related ceremonies, make sure to wear bright colored clothing and avoid black, as black is worn to death ceremonies.

EVENTS & FESTIVALS

Rambu Solo' (death ceremonies) and Rambu Tuka' (life ceremonies) are family events that are held almost all year round, but mostly between the months of June-August and December-January. The dates for the ceremony/traditional events are always based on consensus among the family members. To get the exact date, please check www.visittoraja.com, follow our social media (@VisitToraja) or ask at the local TIC/tourism offices in the destination.







MAY

TORAJA MOUNTAIN BIKE FESTIVAL

If you love an adventure, make sure to join the Toraja Mountain Bike Festival. During this festival, you can explore Toraja's winding roads from atop a bike, hurtling past mountain villages and ending up in a bustling town surrounded by other cycling enthusiasts.

JUNE - JULY

TORAJA INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL (TIF). TORAJA COFFEE FESTIVAL. RAMBU SOLO' CEREMONY, RAMBU TUKA' CEREMONY

The Toraja International Festival aims to celebrate the Torajan art world as well as showcasing dances, music, and visual art from countries around the

world. The Toraja Coffee Festival is just like it sounds. Come join the festival and have a taste of the unique and delicious Torajan coffee. A visit to Toraja is incomplete if you have not attended a Rambu Solo' or Rambu Tuka' ceremony. A Rambu Solo' ceremony is a death ceremony, where family members and neighbors gather together to celebrate and commemorate the deceased. A Rambu Tuka' ceremony celebrates life and encompasses events such as the blessing of a new Tongkonan to weddings.

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER MA'NENE CEREMONY, TORAJA FILM FESTIVAL (TFF)

Death is a very important part of Torajan life and culture. Come

see a Ma'nene ceremony, which may occur annually after the harvest or every three years, depending on the region. In the north, Ma'nene ceremonies occur every three years and may include the re-wrapping of deceased family members' cloth bindings. In the south, Ma'nene may include offerings of food to the ancestors or the re-dressing of Tau Tau. To help celebrate local talent, come and enjoy films created by Torajans concerning Torajan life and culture at the Toraja Film Festival.

OCTOBER

TORAJA MARATHON, TORAJA WEAV-ING FESTIVAL

Join one of the biggest marathon events in Indonesia at the Toraja Marathon. Also, if you are addicted to traditional textile and weaving, keep an eye out for the Toraja Weaving Festival.

DECEMBER – JANUARY

LOVELY DECEMBER TORAJA, RAMBU SOLO' CEREMONY, RAMBU TUKA' CEREMONY

When entering the last month of the year, you will be greeted with the biggest event in Toraja, Lovely December. There are lots of events that you can enjoy for almost the entire month, including an Art & Culture Festival, Food & Culinary Festival, Motor Trail Adventure, and much more, Rambu Solo' and Rambu Tuka' ceremonies occur around Toraja from December to January.

LOCAL MARVELS



TORAJA COFFEE

Like any other valuable treasure, Torajan coffee has sparked up feuds between noblemen in the past. The "Coffee War" was an epic battle that started when the Buginese tried to conquer Toraja in the 1890s, solely triggered by the highly valued coffee trade.

A taste that [nourished] the hearts of Torajan ancestors will definitely inspire everyone with every sip. Indulge yourself in the quintessential taste of Toraja Arabica coffee. Sip it while fixing your sights on the breathtaking views of Torajan nature, existing at the perfect elevation for the cultivation of this delicious coffee. With all its astounding qualities, no wonder Toraja coffee has the "Black Gold" stamped on its back.

The exceptional taste of Toraja coffee has been exalted by Dutch noblemen as well as modern day coffee enthusiasts. What makes the taste so invigorating are the complex algorithms embedded within the atmosphere of Toraja as a geographical standpoint, creating an environment that produces the perfect Arabica coffee.

These facts have helped Toraja coffee gain Geographical Indication Protection (GI) for its flavors so distinct that none other is equal to it.

TORAJA HANDWOVEN **TEXTILES**

Every weave and profound stitching can be felt by anyone touching the handmade marvels that are Torajan Tenun textiles. Displayed proudly in amalgamation with beautiful fields surrounding the premise, the cloths are essentially remnants of Torajan ancestors that still exist to this today.

ARTISTRY

The artistic side of Toraja never ceases to amaze. The magnificent carvings shall leave you fascinated, as the beauty and the philosophies collaborate

aesthetically, forming sublime unity imprinted onto the valuable Tongkonan. The base pattern of Toraja is called Garonto' Passura' and diverges into four patterns. The sun, or Pa' Barre Allo, symbolizes that life is bestowed by the divine. The rooster, or Pa' Manuk Londong, emphasizes Torajan norms, laws, and leadership concept. The buffalo motif, or Pa'tedong, characterizes prosperity in life, while the Pa' Sussu pattern portrays democracy and wisdom as the foundations of society. Together they give structure to the exalted concept of an ideal life according to Torajans.

CULINARY HERITAGE



PA'PIONG

Pa'piong, as the highlight of Torajan cuisine, is not only rated daily but also used in many ceremonies as gifts. This traditional dish usually uses pork, chicken, fish, or buffalo meat grilled inside a bamboo tube. The meat is cooked with a mixture of spices such as grated coconut, scallions, lemon grass, pepper, garlic, and leaves of Miana. All the ingredients are then mixed and wrapped in Miana leaves, put into a bamboo rod, and then cooked barbecue style on an open fire for an hour and a half, until the surface of the bamboo blackens or is charred. A bamboo ranging to 10cm in length is enough for 8-10 servings of Pa'piong.

BALLO'

A glass of Ballo' can warm you up. Ballo' is a local beverage in a form of palm wine usually served in a bamboo tube. This home-made beverage contains a small amount of alcohol and is made from freshly tapped palm tree. Usually served in ceremonial event where all the family members are gathering. You can order Ballo' in local restaurant or try to find the Ballo' seller at the corner of Lapangan Bhakti at Rantepao. Although this traditional drink is natural with small amount of alcohol, the strength may differ from one to another. It is thus advisable to take the right amount and not to over consume.





COMMUNITY-BASED TOURISM (CBT)



Sesean Suloara' is located in Toraja Utara about an hour drive from Rantepao upwards of Batutumonga. It is a CBT village where you can enjoy while visiting Toraja. The Manganda dancer dressing up in classical Toraja costume will welcome you in enchanting moves. Watch also the other traditional art performances in Sanggar Tari Pana' Suloara' while you're there. Walking to Pana' and Lo'ko Mata, you'll find the oldest gravesite in Toraja Utara with many large rocks and picturesque rice terraces. Take your time to learn more about the culture of Torajan you can experience in this CBT.

Enjoy Toraja by standing at its highest peak in Mount Sesean. Visitors can hike up to reach the top at about 2,100 meters above sea level. Trek with a local guide or by yourself. Hiking treks are available and take about 4-5 hours to reach the stunning view of the Toraja waiting to reward you. The local community members

of Sesean Suloara' are now introducing the initiative of Bring Back Your Waste as a way to keep the environment clean. At the gate, you will need to pay entrance fee to Sesean Peak in return of a recycle bag for you to bring your waste back to the entrance gate. A small action to support a sustainable tourism.





THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO TRAVEL **TIPS**

VISA REQUIREMENT

The visa requirement depends on the length of your stay and on your home country's regulations. Indonesian visa provision is prone to change. Before starting your journey, it is important check the respective requirements at the Indonesian Embassy or Consulate Office in your home country.

MEANS OF TRADE

In Toraja, only Indonesian Rupiah (IDR) is accepted for cash payments. In general, transactions in Toraja are cashbased. Credit cards are not commonly used for payment, unless if you see Master or Visa logo on the cashier of hotels or restaurants. There are banks and ATMs in Makale and Rantepao where you can change your foreign currency into Rupiah or get your cash.

PACK LIGHT

Bring wash-and wear light cotton clothes, a light rain jacket with a hood, and a good sweater. Tennis shoes are fine for basic footwear, but if you plan to do outdoor activities (trekking or hiking) you will need sturdy shoes or boots. Bring one of your favorite hats to keep the sun off during long walks. Bring along some pre-packaged towelettes. These are handy for disinfecting your hands before

eating or after a trip to the kamar kecil (lavatory).

GET READY FOR SPICE

Indonesians love adding spice to their food. The word "Pedas" (spice) must be one of the first things you learn to say in Indonesian as part of your culinary adventures. Depending on the region you are in, the spice might already be added to the food and in places like Sulawesi it is placed onto the side of the plate. If you can't handle spice make sure to learn to say " Tidak pedas "before ordering your food.

FRIENDLY LOCALS

Once you stay outside of the big cities in Indonesia, many locals may have never seen a foreigner before, so get ready for the stares. This is rarely intended in a malicious way, once you make eye contact with an Indonesian and smile they will often return the grin. Calls of "Hello sir or miss" are normal and many people are just trying to practice their English with you. Indonesians are so friendly and welcoming, if a little shy to start with, but if you need help with anything on your travels there will always be a crowd of people offering to help. Make sure you always use your right hand when greeting people, paying and eating.



THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

WHEN TO GO



THE PERFECT TIMING

The peak of the tourist season in Toraja is June to August. Prepare your reservations well in advance if you plan to visit during this time. To avoid the crowd, visiting off-season is always an option worth considering. The best time in terms of tourist traffic and

weather happens between April - June and September - October.

WEATHER CONDITION

Since Toraja is located in high ground, pleasant climate envelops it all-year around. Daily temperature varies from around 16°C in the evening and early morning to around 28°C during

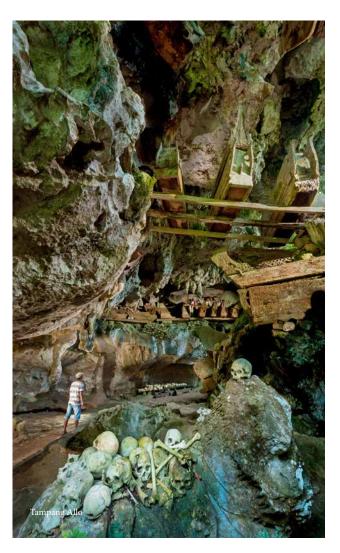
the day. This climate allows most hotels in Toraja to thrive without the use of air conditioners. As the other areas in Indonesia, Toraja too has only two seasons: wet and dry, with June to August as the driest months. The highest rainfall normally happens from September to March.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE

Toraja is in the UTC+8 time zone (known in Indonesia as WITA or Waktu Indonesia Tengah), the same as Western Australia. Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Hong Kong, Bali and one hour ahead of Jakarta.

GETTING AROUND

DON'T WASTE YOUR VISIT, MAKE SURE YOU'RE LOST IN THE **RIGHT PLACES**



HIGHLAND COMPASS

In Toraja, you can always tell where north is by looking at the roof of a Tongkonan. More visitors prefer to travel on foot and it is really recommended. This way, you'll get many more insights about life in Toraja that seem to elude the eyes of those on wheels. Don't hesitate to ask any locals about directions to a site or location of ceremonies. Most of them are able to speak basic English and they're more than willing to help you.

STAYING WITH LOCALS IN VILLAGE

Keep in mind that people in many parts of Toraja may have limited experience with foreigners and are still learning how to share their homes with you. They do not routinely maintain guest rooms. Things like soft beds, cold drink and electricity are luxury items to some. You may even encounter someone who barely speaks anything other than Bahasa Indonesia or the local language. Nonetheless, they will offer you the best they have and you should graciously return that with respectful behaviour.

TOURIST INFORMATION SERVICE

government Tourist Information Office is at Jl. A. Yani, Rantepao, open from 07.00AM - 01.00PM from Monday to Saturday. There are some private tourist information offices in Rantepao as well.

Most can assist you to organize tours, car / motor bike rent and provide information.

TOUR GUIDES

Official licensed guides and freelance guides are available. Other than those provided by an agency, guide rates are usually negotiable. Be clear beforehand about who covers the guide's personal expenses and the cost of his return to home base. In most areas, tourist information services, hotels or accommodation staff can recommend a guide for you.

SHOPPING

Toraja offers many beautiful things for you to bring home: wooden sculptures called tautau, handwoven cloths, wooden carvings with wonderful Torajan symbols, coffee and much more. Be extremely cautious however, when buying antiques or work of arts on display especially in tourist areas. Most are reproductions though they may look incredibly similar. Price in Toraja is a flexible thing. Bargaining is advised.

AT THE FUNERAL **CEREMONY**

Visiting Toraja won't be complete if you haven't attended and observed their unique funeral ceremony. Wearing black clothes is advisable when attending the ceremony, a shirt covering the shoulders, and a lower body garment covering until the knees.



PLASTIC REDUCTION INITIATIVE

This initiative aims to encourage operators in the tourism industry, local residents and tourists to participate in reducing the amount of plastic waste produced in Toraja. One way we will do this is by promoting the use of refillable water bottles and reusable shopping bags.

WHY PLASTIC

Tourism in Toraja is rapidly growing and with it is increasing the amount of plastic waste. It is estimated that every year tourists use more than 2.500.000 plastic water bottles during their stay. As a tourist you can help reduce this plastic waste and protect the beauty of Toraja.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Use Refillable Bottles
 Look for businesses marked with this sticker =
 They have water refill stations
- Use Reusable Shopping Bags

HOW THIS HELPS

- Reduces the amount of plastic waste
- Creates demand for alternatives to plastic





SMALL CHANGES MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

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TORAJA DMO

Toraja DMO (Destination Management Organization); is part of the program initiated by Republic of Indonesia Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy in 2010. As a tourism organization; Toraja DMO were established in 3rd May 2012, with main focuses to actively promote & market the destination; to increase and further enhance capacity building of its tourism industry & local people; and to organize and further enhance its tourist attraction, facilities and accessibility. Toraja DMO would bear its duty as a source of information about Toraja as a destination.







WORDS THAT GET YOU (ALMOST) ANYWHERE IN TORAJA OR INDONESIA

There are so many amazing places to visit in Indonesia, so do not limit yourself from experiencing it. People in Indonesia, especially those who work in travel & tourism industry do speak English. Try to learn some local (Indonesian) language as it will allow you to understand and appreciate cultural references and nuances. By crossing these communication boundaries, you will gain a deeper understanding of the local people and their culture.

FNGLISH

Good morning Good night How are you? Thank you Yes

No

How much? Expensive

Inexpensive / Cheap

Chili

Food (Noun), Meals (Noun), Eat (Verb) Where are you from?

Where are you going to?

Can you?

Is there? Do you have?

INDONESIAN LANGUAE

Selamat pagi Selamat malam

Apa kabar? Terima kasih

Ya Tidak Berapa Mahal

Tidak mahal / Murah

Sambal Makan

Anda dari mana?

Anda mau pergi kemana?

Bisakah anda? Apakah ada?

TORAJA JANGUAF

Salama' melambi' Bongi melo

Apa Kareba

Kurre sumanga'

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Sambala

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