

Trek & immersion among the Toraja



Days:	10
Price:	1175 EUR International flight not included
Comfort:	★★★★☆
Difficult:	★★★★☆
📍 Trekking 📍 Ethnic minority	
📍 Off the beaten track	

This trekking variant of the **"Discover the Toraja culture"** tour offers you total immersion in this region, where ancestral rites and variegated nature blend together to offer travellers a particularly picturesque flavour.

Over the course of a **4-day trek** in the western and northern parts of the Toraja country, you will pass through numerous authentic high-altitude villages and breathtaking landscapes. In this abundant nature, with its many endemic orchid species and friendly local people, you'll be exploring a region and a people unlike any you've experienced before.

In the area around Rantepao, you'll also discover the **impressive funeral ceremonies** for which the Toraja culture is famous, as well as the distinctive architecture of the buildings.

In short, this unique tour is a must for anyone wishing to truly immerse themselves in a Toraja culture deeply rooted in the animist traditions of yesteryear.

Day 1. Welcome to Sulawesi



Makassar airport 📍
🚗 20km - ⌚ 40m
Makassar 📍

- Welcome at Makassar airport and transfer to hotel. Makassar is the capital of the province of South Sulawesi, situated on the Makassar Strait. Rest of the day at leisure. In the early afternoon, visit the fish market, an essential meeting place, as fish is an important part of Indonesian culinary culture. Transfer to the port of Paotere to admire the magnificent wooden schooners. The tour ends with a visit to Fort Rotterdam, built in 1545 by Raja Tunipalangga: originally it consisted of an earthen rampart called a "makassar". It was not until 1634 that these were reinforced with stone walls, at the request of Sultan Alaudin. The fort was later (in 1667) conquered by the Dutch and renamed "Rotterdam" (the birthplace of Speelman). Today, the fort has been fully restored and even houses a small museum recounting its history.

🏠 Accommodation

Dalton Hotel or Harper Hotel

Day 2. To Toraja Country



Makassar 📍
🚗 320km - ⌚ 8h
Rantepao 📍

- Morning transfer to the Maros region (once discovered by Alfred Wallace), renowned for its rice fields and karst peaks. Take a short stroll in the surrounding area and explore a cave that is almost 39,000 years old and contains numerous cave paintings. Your guide will also take you on a pirogue ride on a river near which many species of birds live. Meet the local people, who live in houses built on stilts. At the end of the morning, transfer to the seaside town of Pare Pare, then head up the Sa'Dan river towards the mountains, through some magnificent scenery. The flat landscape is quickly replaced by thick coconut forest. Stop en route at Bambapuang, where you will have a view of a so-called "erotic" mountain. Arrive in Rantepao (the capital of Toraja country) in the early evening. Check-in at your hotel.

☕ Breakfast

Dalton Hotel or Harper Hotel

🏠 Accommodation

Toraja Misiliana Hotel

Day 3. Start of the Trek

Rantepao 📍
🚗 - ⌚ 1h
Sangkurapi 📍
- ⌚ 6h
Karonanga 📍

- Morning transfer to Sangkurapi, the starting point of your 5-day trek through Toraja country. Rice fields, forests, rivers and authentic villages will be your daily routine. Arrive in Karonanga in the afternoon. Free time until dinner, which you will share with the locals, who use bamboo in surprising ways in their cooking.

☕ Breakfast	Toraja Misiliana Hotel
🍴 Lunch	Included
🍷 Dinner	Included
🏠 Accommodation	Toraja Misiliana Hotel

Day 4. Green Ocean

Karonanga 📍
- ⌚ 7h
Sapan 📍

- Second day of trekking to Sapan, through terraced rice fields, villages and bamboo forests. Overnight in a typical Toraja house.

☕ Breakfast	Toraja Misiliana Hotel
🍴 Lunch	Included
🍷 Dinner	Included
🏠 Accommodation	Homestay

Day 5. To Baruppu

Sapan 📍
- ⌚ 7h
Baruppu 📍

- You continue your trek towards Baruppu, largely through the forest.

☕ Breakfast	Included
🍴 Lunch	Included
🍷 Dinner	Included
🏠 Accommodation	Homestay

Day 6. To Melosya

Baruppu 📍
- ⌚ 6h
Melosya 📍

- Today's route takes you through some splendid scenery towards Melosya.

☕ Breakfast	Included
🍴 Lunch	Included
🍷 Dinner	Included
🏠 Accommodation	Homestay

Day 7. Last Day of Trek



Melosya
- ⌚ 7h
Rantepao

- Last day of walking, bringing you closer to Rantepao. Transfer to the Toraja capital mid-afternoon.

Breakfast	Included
Lunch	Included
Dinner	Included
Accommodation	Homestay

Day 8. Funerary Art



Rantepao
🚗 - ⌚ 40m
Lemo
🚗 - ⌚ 40m
Kete Kesu
Rantepao

- Your first stop today is the Lemo burial site. This is a rock face into which balconies have been carved, housing numerous figurines known as Tau Tau. We then transfer to the royal tombs of Suaya and continue on foot to another interesting site: Tampangg'alo. In the afternoon, visit the Londa caves, at the foot of a large cliff, which contain coffins and scattered bones. Easy walk to Kete Kusu village (famous for its wood carvings and rice granaries), through rice fields, villages and bamboo forest. You'll also discover troglodytic tombs and older suspended tombs.

Breakfast	Included
Accommodation	Toraja Misiliana Hotel

Day 9. To Bugis Country



Rantepao
🚗 210km - ⌚ 5h
Sengkang

- We head for the shores of Lake Tempe and board motorised canoes for an extraordinary discovery of this marshy lake, home to numerous species of birds and an astonishing lakeside village. This is your chance to immerse yourself in the habits and customs of the villagers, for whom time seems to have no hold. In the morning, we travel to the charming little town of Sengkang, which stretches along the banks of the Walanae River. In the afternoon, visit the traditional silk weaving workshops.

Breakfast	Toraja Misiliana Hotel
Accommodation	BBC Hotel

Day 10. See You Soon in Indonesia

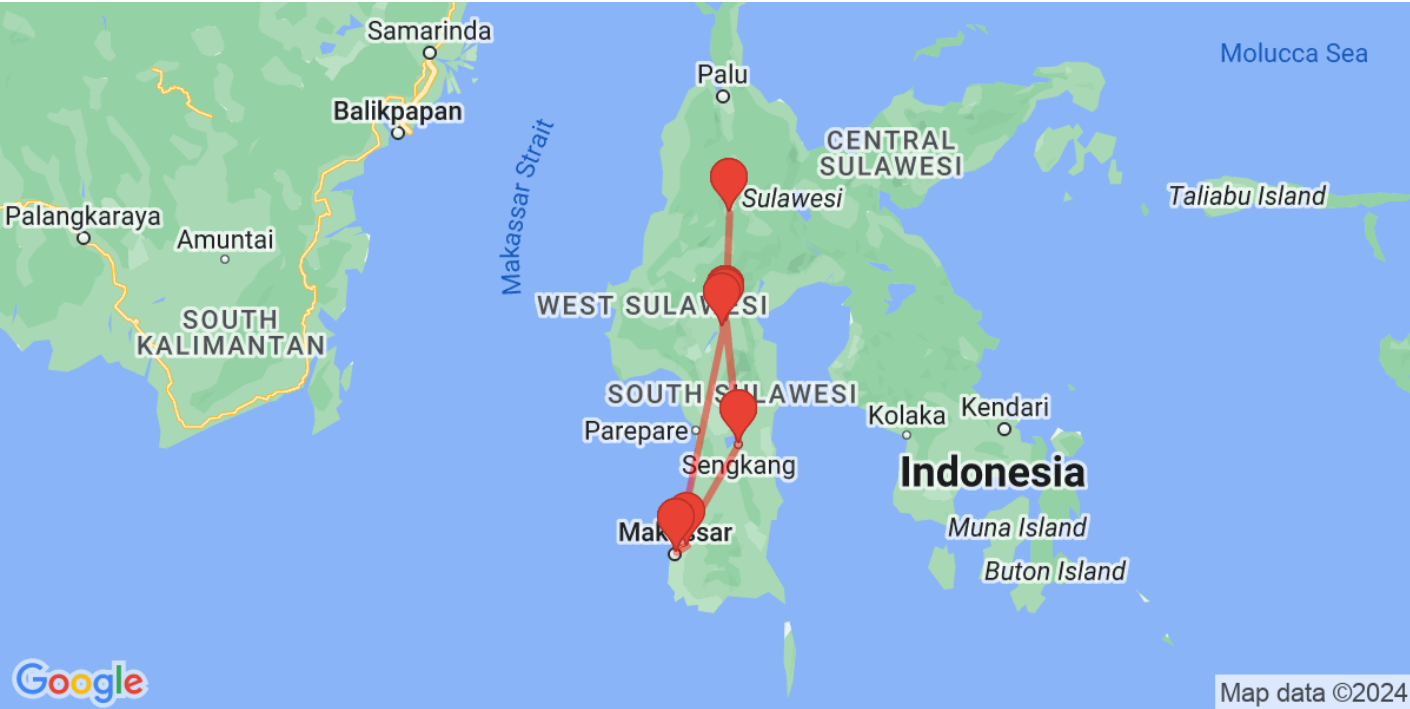


Sengkang
🚗 - ⌚ 5h
Makassar
Departure

- Morning departure for the Bantimurung region, with a visit to the archaeological site of Leang-Leang en route. In the afternoon, you continue your journey to Makassar airport.

Breakfast	BBC Hotel
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Itinerary map



Individual price per person

2-2	3-3	4-5	6-9	10-10	SS
1525 EUR	1350 EUR	1295 EUR	1225 EUR	1175 EUR	225 EUR

Included

- English-speaking guide and team of porters
- Ground transfers in private air-conditioned vehicle
- Lake transfers
- B&B hotel accommodation
- Full-board accommodation with local people
- Entrance to sites & donations
- Mineral water and energy supplements on walking days

Not included

- International flights
- Insurance & assistance, visas & any airport taxes
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary above
- Drinks, personal expenses & tips
- Anything not mentioned in "Inclusions".