



Full Day MAUBISSE Tour

7:30am: Pick up from the hotel and drive south into the mountains stopping at the Dare Memorial, built by the Australian Forces. Continue the drive through coffee plantations to Alieu, the main township of Alieu District formerly known as Vila General Carmona during Portuguese times.

Next stop is Maubisse, beautifully situated in the mountains 1400m above sea level. Maubisse is a small town with an impressive Catholic Church, cafes and a large market place that attracts people from surrounding villages to buy and sell produce and local crafts. Many of the villagers ride on horseback to the market. Of interest in this region is the traditional house called Umalulik (cone shaped) built of bamboo and mud.

LUNCH on this tour will be at Poussada de Maubisse (own cost).



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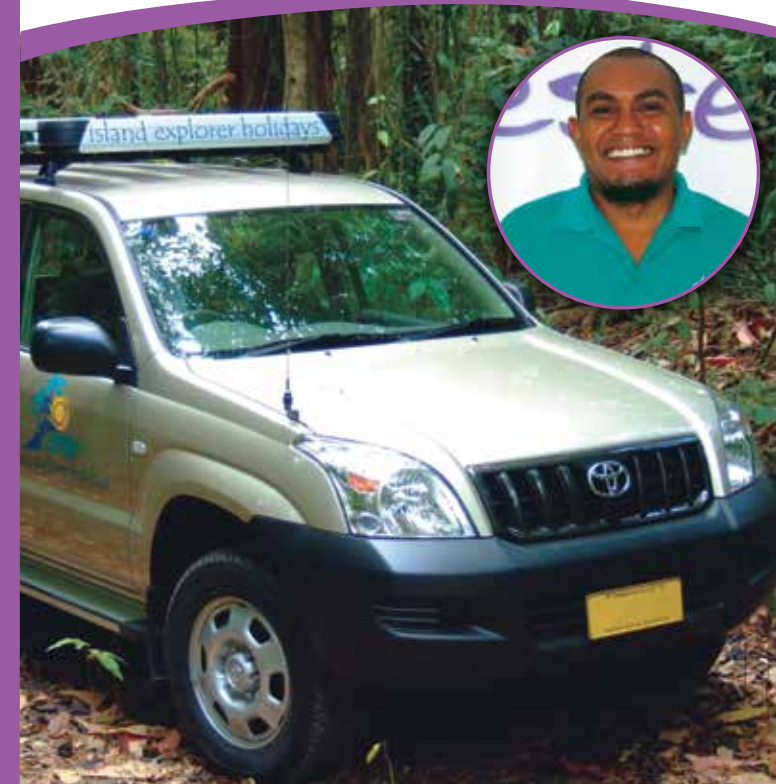
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Full Day BAUCAU Tour

7:30am: Pick up from hotel for trip to Baucau Timor-Leste's second largest city, just a 3hour drive from Dili.

The drive offers spectacular views along the coastline and rugged cliffs. The cool pleasant climate and outstanding beaches will greet you.

The city has many old Portuguese buildings, wonderful colourful markets and unspoiled beaches.

LUNCH at Pousada de Baucau (Own cost).

Visit the Japanese bomb shelter tunnel from WWII about 8km from Venilale, after the Escola, see the spectacular Vaicana Hot Springs before heading back to Dili.

Full Day WEST COAST TOUR

7:30am: Pick up from hotel and travel along the north coastline going west all the way to Liquica through Taci Tolo (famous for its 3 small lakes) and Tibar. We will stop at the ruins of Aipelo, a former Portuguese Prison, before arriving at the fishing village of Liquica.

Drive to Maubara to visit the Fort of Maubara, built by the Dutch in the 1850's, a building that generated many disputes between the Dutch and Portuguese during that time.

LUNCH at Gloria Restaurant or Fort of Maubara (Own cost).

Then continue to drive from Carimbala to Loes with a stop at The Bemalae Lagoon before arriving at the Batugade, on the border of Timor-Leste and Indonesia. Visit an ancient Portuguese garrison before heading south to the mountain range of Balibo, where a group of Australian journalist were murdered by Indonesian troops in October 1975.

Full Day COFFEE TOUR (June to November)

7:30am: Pick up from hotel and drive along the north coast, we first stop by the memorial of Pope John Paul II in Taci-Tolo, near the airport. We then continue westwards along the coast to Tibar and then southwards to Railaco and Gleno, the capital of Ermera district at the core of coffee region; we'll travel under magnificent and huge Madre-del-cacao trees which provides shade and protection for the coffee plants.

After Gleno we take the road to Seloi lagoon on our way to Aileu, a lovely village with a lot of history and old monuments; we will tour the village and have lunch in a local restaurant (own cost). If time permits, we'll make a short visit to a coffee plantation before heading to Becilau and Dare, on the outskirts of Dili.

Half Day MORNING CITY TOUR (4 hours)

8:00am: Pick up from hotel and drive around the bay to start your morning with up to the Christ the King statue or locally known as **Cristo Rei of Dili** or Christ the King of Dili is a 88.6 foot (27m) tall statue of Jesus located atop a globe in Dili, East Timor. This statue was designed by Mochamad Syailillah, who is usually called Bolil. The statue was officially unveiled by Suharto in 1996 as a gift from the Indonesian government to the East Timorese people. The statue has been one of the main tourist sites in East Timor.

The statue, and the globe on which it rests, are situated at the end of Fatucama peninsula facing out to the ocean and can be reached by climbing some 500 steps.

Stop for photos at **Areia Branca** - the best beach in Dili. Make a short detour to drive by Jose Ramos Horta's house on the way to the **Tais Market** where you can browse and buy traditional tais and handicrafts.

Proceed on tour to the **Dare Memorial** up the hills about 5 km south of Dili (25mins by car) there is a private memorial to the people of East Timor, built by the Australian Forces that fought in Timor during WWII.

On the way back down to Dili visit the **Chega Exhibition** where you will learn about the struggles of the Timor-Leste people during the many years of foreign occupation.

Last stop is the **Santa Cruz Cemetery**, also known as the Dili massacre, where at least 250 East Timorese were killed in a shooting while chanting pro-independence slogans on 12 November 1991, during the Indonesian occupation of East Timor.

Half Day AFTERNOON CITY TOUR (4 hours)

1:00pm: Pick up from hotel and start your afternoon with a visit to the Tibar Salt farm along the coast west of Dili. You will see ancient techniques used by local villagers to produce salt.

Budu Tasi (Seaweed) – visit the kelp beds and see how the Timorese process in to food.

Walk up the path up to the mountain to see villagers produce hats made from Palma sheet, before continuing the journey to see bamboo furniture being made by local villagers.

Visit **Aipelo Prison** a magnificent Portuguese colonial architecture built in 1889. The Prison was once used to imprison rebellious Timorese Tribal Kings.

Visit **Tasitolu Peace Park** where the three salt lakes are being established as a Park Reserve.

Proceed to **Pope John Paul II** monument. Since its inauguration on 15 June 2008, a statue of Pope John Paul II west of Dili mirrors the Cristo Rei statue on the other side. It represents a homage to the pope who visited the occupied country in November 1989 and thereby gave new hope to the struggle for freedom. The statue overlooks the plain where the pope celebrated an open-air mass.

Casa Europa - a rudimentary fortress dated from 1769 and was built in the 19th C during Portuguese colonial times as the Barracks of the Portuguese Battalion. In 1895 the building became the Barracks of the infantry.

Alola Foundation where you can buy traditional tais and handicrafts.