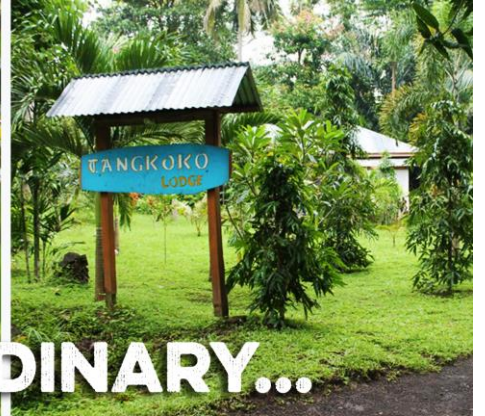
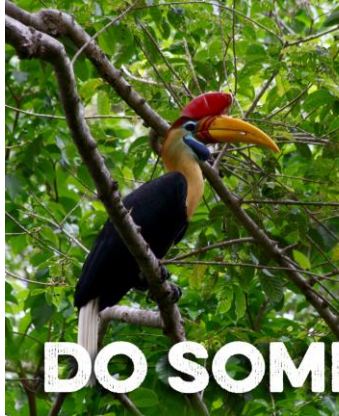




Sulawesi

Birding and Trekking Explorer

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DO SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY...

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23 DAYS • 22 NIGHTS

Sulawesi • Birding and Trekking Discovery

Jakarta – Makassar – Kareenta Forest – Palu – Lore Lindu NP –
Gorontalo – Nantu Nature Reserve – Watumohai NP – Pinembani
Forest – Bogani Nani Wartabone NP – Kotamubagu – Gunung
Ambang – Doloduo Tomohon – Tangkoko Nature Reserve –
Lembeh Island - Jakarta

HIGHLIGHTS

- Birdwatching in Sulawesi's best National Parks including Nantu Nature Reserve, Watumohai National Park, Lore Lindu National Park and Bogani Nani Wartabone National Park
- Escape as you relax on Lembeh Island towards the end of the trip
- View birding species native to Sulawesi as well as other rare breeds like Red-backed Thrush and the Small Sulawesi Hanging Parrot

TOUR ESSENTIALS

Tour Style	Nature and Wildlife
Tour Start	Jakarta/Makassar
Tour End	Jakarta/Manado
Accommodation	Homestay and Camping
Included Meals	15 Breakfasts, 15 Lunches, 15 Dinners
Difficulty Level	Medium

BIRDING AND TREKKING DISCOVERY



Bird watching and trekking adventure discovering the marvelous national parks dotted across the island, full of opportunities to see a number of fascinating birds. Discover this wonderful place along with the array of wildlife you will find on your adventure.



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OVERVIEW

The most famous Indonesian Island of Bali has it all, beaches, volcanoes, terraced rice fields, forests, wildlife, rich culture, resorts and surfing. However, there is so much more to be explored in Indonesia!

Known as the Islands of the Dragons, The Komodo Islands are a mini archipelago consisting of mesmerising ragged volcanic islands. Home of the mighty Komodo Dragons, the islands encompass the Komodo National Park, where these captivating reptiles roam. Clusters of rolling savannah-like russet grass hills and rusty red volcanic peaks, stunningly unspoilt white beaches, reefs appearing through crystal waters; all framed by some unforgettable sunsets.

Lying untouched by tourism, Kalimantan makes up the remote and rustic Indonesian portion of Borneo. The region features legendary dense tropical forests packed with wildlife including many different primate species and the iconic free-roaming endangered orangutan. Routes within Kalimantan are largely made up of steaming rainforest lined winding rivers, best explored by Klotok (Traditional Houseboat) through the likes of the enchanting Tanjung Puting National Park.

Known for its deep Jungles and incredible Coffee; rough and rugged Sumatra is an explorers paradise and is nature galore. This jungle filled Island is one of the last remaining places of earth to witness wild orangutans and is encompassed with sheer natural beauty.

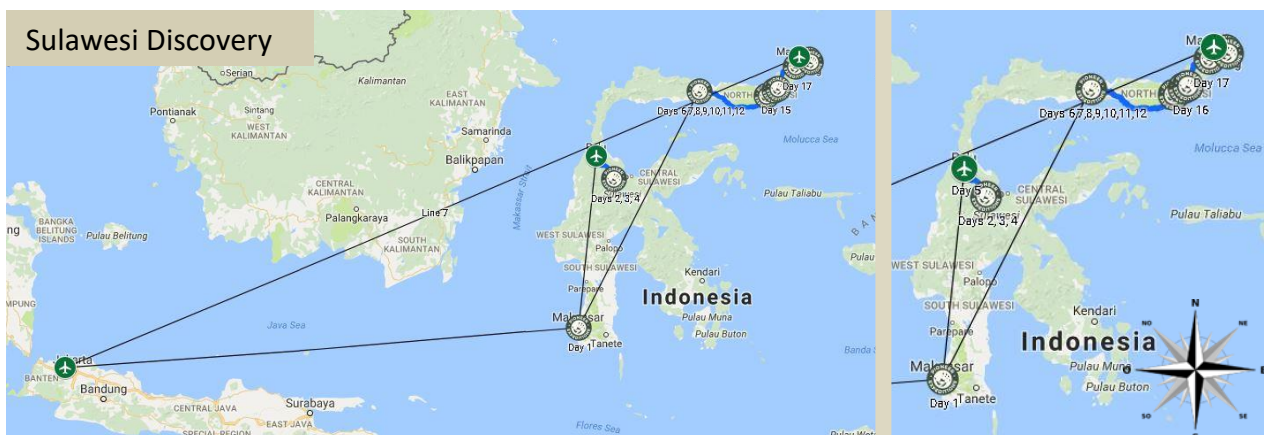
WHY PIONEER EXPEDITIONS?

Pioneer Expeditions are one of the few specialists that really *do* off the beaten track and unique adventures. The team have a real passion for wildlife and adventure travel which we love to share with our clients. We delight in searching the world for new destinations, new experiences and creating the most incredible adventures.

We like to introduce our clients to unique, the different, and the incredible. Whether it is through wildlife tracking, sea kayaking, snorkelling, trekking, rafting, cycling or observing wildlife in its natural environment, we want to give you the real Pioneer experience.

From the moment you choose to travel with Pioneer Expeditions until you return back home, you are supported by our dedicated team. We listen to what you want and can create an itinerary around your specific needs, working with your budget and with a commitment to responsible travel.

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DAY 1: INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL IN JAKARTA

Arrival at Soekarno Hatta International Airport in Jakarta where our guide will be waiting to catch another flight to Makassar. Transfer to your hotel for rest.



Overnight:
Hotel



Meals:
D



Distance:
Short Flight



Activity:
In transit

Overnight at Hotel Makassar

DAY 2: KAREENTA FOREST – PALU – LORE LINDU NATIONAL PARK

You will begin the day birding early morning in Karaenta forest to find the key species of the park; Black-ringed White-eye Sulawesi Streaked Flycatcher and while-vented Myna. After this, you will drive to the airport for a short flight to Palu. The trip continues with a minibus ride which will take 3-4 hours to get to Lore Lindu National Park. Birding along the way.

Lore Lindu National Park (2290 square kilometers) has the majority of (80%) of Sulawesi's endemic birds. The park has an altitude of 2,350 meters above sea level and includes spectacular mountain rainforest around Mount Rorekatimbu. The lowland forest in the park is in poor condition and therefore the higher-altitude areas are best for birding. Some of the key birds to look out for are the Fiery-browed Starling and the unparalleled Purple-bearded Bee Eater, the Sulawesi Woodcock, Geomalia, Great Shortwing, and Crimson-crowned Flowerpecker. The Giant Civet with its huge paws, that enables it to climb trees and seek out the Sulawesi hornbills, is also found here.



Overnight:
Hotel



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
Short flight and 3-4hr drive

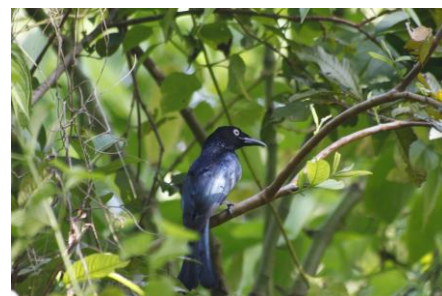


Activity:
Birding and travel

Overnight in Guest House or camp site

DAY 3-4: BIRDING AT LORE LINDU NATIONAL PARK

Two days birding along Anaso track and the lake Tambing to see montane species such as Geomalia, Great Shortwing, Purple-Bearded Bee-Eater, Diabolical Nightjar, Grey-headed Imperial Pigeon, Rufous-throated Flycatcher, Blue-fronted Flycatcher, Maroon-backed Whistler, Malia, Olive-flanked Whistler, Sulphur-bellied Whistler, Streak-headed Dark-eye, Sulawesi Thrush, Small Sparrow-hawk, Red-eared Fruit-dove, Chestnut-backed Bush-warbler, Sulawesi Lesser Honey-eater, Rusty-bellied Fantail, Greater Honey-eater, Mountain Serin and Cinnabar Boobook. We will spend part of the day birding along Padaeha roadside and Salibu forest for a good view of Yellow-and-Green Lorikeet, Ornate Lorikeet, Sulawesi Goshawk and Sulawesi Blue Flycatcher.



Overnight:
Hotel



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
Varies



Activity:
Birding

Overnight at a Guest House or campsite

DAY 5: LORE LINDU NATIONAL PARK – PALU

Continue birding in the Park to find species that we have missed. Return to your accommodation to pack stuff. The trip continues driving down to Palu- Birding on rice fields at Oloboju Pale- headed Munia, Blue-tailed bee-



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eater, White-shouldered Triller and Savana Nightjar. If there is enough time, we will take time to discover more birds on salt ponds- seeing shore birds



Overnight:
Hotel



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
3-4 hr drive



Activity:
Birding

Overnight- Palu Golden Hotel

DAY 6: PALU- GORONTALO

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Gorontalo via Makassar. You will be given the opportunity to spend a few days discovering mammals in Nantu Nature reserve, Pinembani Forest and Watumohai National Park.



Overnight:
Guest house



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:



Activity:
Birding

Overnight at a guest house or campsite

DAY 7-12: NANTU NATURE RESERVE – WATUMOHAI NATIONAL PARK – PINEMBANI FOREST

After breakfast, we drive around 5-6 hours to the park for view a range of mammals to Nantu Nature reserve. Babirusa (Pig-deers) and Anoe (Dwarf Buffalo) are two examples of the endangered animals that can be seen in the park. Other places we can discover that you will have the chance to see endangered mammals including Rawaopa at Watumohai National Park in South-East Sulawesi and Pinembani forest on Gawalise Mountain, Central Sulawesi.



Overnight:
Guest house



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:



Activity:
Birding

Overnight at guest house or nearby campsite

DAY 13-14: BOGANI NANI WARTABONE NATIONAL PARK

Drive to Bogani Nani Wartabone National Park for two days of exploring endemic species formerly known as Dumoga Bone. Continue to Tambun where you will have the chance to see Maelo and its nesting grounds, We will continue birding along Molibagu roadside. After lunch, we will continue birding on Toraut Forest and here we will find speckled Boobook and there will be a good opportunity to see Raptors, Hornbills and Racquet-tails.

Bogani Nani Wartabone National Park comprises 3000 square kilometres of protected tropical jungle from sea level to middle altitudes within Sulawesi. A must see species here is the Maleo- a ground dweller that is famous for laying its eggs volcanically heated soil to incubate its eggs. Other must see birds of this national park are the Sulawesi Serpent Eagle, Sulawesi Hawk Eagle, Knobbed and Sulawesi Hornbills and Purple-winded Roller and the Golden-mantled and Yellow-breasted Racquet-Tails.



Overnight:
Guest house



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
Approx. 7-8 hour drive



Activity:
Birding

Overnight in guest house or campsite near the park



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DAY 15: BOGANI NANI WARTABONE NATIONAL PARK – KOTAMUBAGU

After breakfast, we will pack up our stuff and the trip continues, driving to Kotamubagu. Birding along the way. Tonight we will see if we can see the Sulawesi Masked Owl roosting over Durian trees.



Overnight:
Guest house



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
Approx. 1-2 hour drive



Activity:
Birding

Overnight in guest house or nearby campsite

DAY 16: KOTAMUBAGU – GUNUNG AMBANG

Wake up early in the morning then driver to Sinsingon village, which is a gateway to Gunung Ambang. Birding along the trail, this section is a bit muddy and there might be heavy rain. Today we aim to discover target species such as the Scaly-breasted Kingfisher and Matinan Flycatcher. We then return to the hotel to have lunch and continue driving for to Doloduo.



Overnight:
Guest house



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
Approx. 1 hour drive



Activity:
Birding

Overnight in guest house or nearby campsite

DAY 17: GUNUNG AMBANG – DOLODUO – TOMOHON (MINAHASA HIGHLAND)

We continue birding in the park, then our journey continues driving 4-6 hours to Tomohon. Afternoon birding in Mahawu forest to see the Scaly-breasted Kingfisher as we might have missed it at Gunung Ambang. The Diabolical Nightjar should be seen within this forest.



Overnight:
Guest house



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
Approx. a 4-6 hour drive



Activity:
Birding

Overnight in guest house or nearby campsite

DAY 18: TOMOHON – TANGKOKO NATURE RESERVE

After breakfast we pack our stuff. The trip continues, driving to Tangkoko Nature Reserve in Bitung, Manado. Birding along the way (if possible)

The Tangkoko Nature Reserve is home to 9 kingfisher species and home to the rare Red-backed Thrush and the Small Sulawesi Hanging Parrot as well as the opportunity to see one of Sulawesi's most curious mammals- the Spectral Tarsier.



Overnight:
Guest house



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
2-3 hour drive



Activity:
Birding

Overnight in guest house or nearby campsite



DAY 19-20: TANGKOKO NATURE RESERVE



Two days of birding in the park to look for targets species such as Red-backed Thrush, Lilac-cheeked Kingfisher, Green-backed Kingfisher, Rubby Kingfisher, Knobbed Hornbill, Red-bellied Pitta, Spot-tailed Goshawk Purple-winged Roller, Sulawesi Babbler, Blue-backed Parrot, Yellow-breasted Racquet-tail, Isabelline Bush-hen, Sulawesi Nightjar, Tabon Scrubfowl, Large Hanging Parrot and Pygmy Hanging Parrot, Sulawesi Dwarf Kingfisher, Ochre-bellied Boobook, Pied Cuckoo-shrike, Sulawesi Triller, White-bellied Imperial Pigeon, Silver-tipped Imperial Pigeon Sulawesi Cicadabird, Sulawesi Hawk-eagle, Sulawesi Serpent Eagle and Sulawesi Short Crested Myna. We will spend part

of the day on an outrigger boat trip across mangrove forest to see Black-billed Kingfisher, White-rumped Cuckoo-shrike and shore birds. In the evening you'll be introduced for nocturnal primate or Tarsier called *Tarsius spectrum* that can be found only in the North Sulawesi only.



Overnight:
Guest house



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
Varies



Activity:
Birding

Overnight in guest house or nearby campsite

DAY 21-22: TANGKOKO NATURE RESERVE – LEMBEH ISLAND

Birding early in the morning in the park to look for target species that might have still been missed. Back to the accommodation to pack stuff, then the trip continues driving 15 minutes to Bitung city. Cross to Lembeh Island for some relaxing before the flight back home



Overnight:
Guest house



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
15 min drive



Activity:
Birding

Overnight at Bastianos Resort Lembeh

DAY 23: LEMBEHA – JAKARTA AIRPORT AND DEPARTURE

After breakfast, cross back to the Main Island and transfer to the Airport of Manado for fly Jakarta for you International Departure back home.



Overnight:
NA



Meals:
B



Distance:
NA



Activity:
Travel



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

INCLUDED

- All meals as described (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Accommodation as described
- English speaking guide
- Domestic flights from and returning to Denpasar/Jakarta-Makassar & including domestic airport tax
- Boat as itinerary
- All transfers
- All National Park entrance fees & donations

NOT INCLUDED

- Meals other than mentioned
- International flights
- Tips
- Personal expenses
- Alcoholic drinks and drinks in restaurants
- Personal expenses

WHAT TO BRING

- Sweater/jacket
- Sun screen, insect repellent
- Tracking shoes
- Hat
- Mask and fins for snorkeling
- Towel and swimming suite

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ACTIVITY DURATION	2-5 hours per day
SEASON	April – October
BEST TIME TO GO	April – October
GROUP SIZE	The price is per person & based on a private trip based on 2 people travelling
EXPEDITION SCHEDULE	This is run as a private trip, so we are able to tailor it to suit your dates and requirements completely.
DIFFICULTY LEVEL	Our grades have been designated based on our perception of the degree of physical activity you are likely to require to enjoy the adventure. These are only a guideline. This itinerary has a 'Medium' level (2-5 hours per day). This means that you will need an average level of fitness.

