



Sulawesi

Birding and Trekking Explorer

PIONEER EXPEDITIONS



Itinerary

Sulawesi • Birding and Trekking Extended trip

17 Days • 16 Nights

Jakarta – Lore Lindu – Palu – Parigi – Marisa – Gorontalo –
Molibagu – Doloduo – Kotamobagu – Tomohon – Tangkoko –
Mandado

HIGHLIGHTS

- Expect more than 200 species of Bird with Sulawesi having one of the largest endemic bird populations on earth
- Explore three out of the 4 huge forested national parks to give you the opportunity to view the widest selection of species
- Enjoy the exotic islands of Lembeh or Bunaken
- Discover a range of mammals as well, including the unique Dwarf Buffalo, Sulawesi Bear Cuscus and crested black Macaque.

TOUR ESSENTIALS

Tour Style	Nature and Wildlife
Tour Start	Jakarta
Tour End	Manado
Accommodation	Homestay/Lodge, Camp, Hotel, Resort
Included Meals	13 Breakfasts, 12 Lunches, 14 Dinners
Difficulty Level	Medium

Sulawesi birding package



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.

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 rugged 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: ARRIVAL IN JAKARTA

Arrive at Jakarta International Airport to be greeted and then transferred to your accommodation.



Overnight:
Hotel



Meals:
B



Distance:
NA



Activity:
Travel

DAY 2: PALU – LORE LINDU NATIONAL PARK

Your day will start with a short flight to Palu where you will drive directly to Lore Lindu National Park, giving you the opportunity for bird view along the main road. Here you will check into your overnight accommodation at Mama Sendy Homestay in Wuasa.



Overnight:
Homestay, simple accommodation



Meals:
D



Distance:
Domestic flight and 3 hour drive



Activity:
Travel

DAY 3-4: BIRDING AT LORE LINDU NATIONAL PARK

Two days birding along Anaso track and the lake Kalimpa'a with the possibility to see highland species such as; Malia, Pygmy Cuckoo-Shrike, Great Shortwing, Streak-Headed Dark-Eye, Blue-Fronted Flycatcher, Rufous-Throated Flycatcher, Henna-Tailed Jungle-Flycatcher, Yellow-and-Green Lorikeet, Piping Crow, Sulawesi Thrush, Maroon-Backed Whistler, Yellow-Flanked Whistler, Red-Eared Fruit-Dove, Sulawesi Ground Dove, Sombre Pigeon, Grey-Headed Imperia Pigeon, Purple-Bearded Bee-Eater, Satanic (diabolical) Nightjar, Barred Honey-Buzzard, Dark-Eared Myza, Black-Ringed White-Eye, and with the highlight species of this park, Geomalia.

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:
Homestay, simple accommodation



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
Varies



Activity:
Birding

Overnight at Homestay

DAY 5: LORE LINDU NATIONAL PARK – PALU



An early start as you continue birding in the Park to find species that we have missed. Then return to your accommodation to pack stuff and have lunch. The trip continues driving down to Palu - Birding on rice fields at Oloboju Pale-headed Munia, Blue-tailed Bee-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.



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Overnight:
Hotel



Meals:
B, PL, D



Distance:
Approx. 3 hour drive



Activity:
Birding

DAY 6: PALU – PARIGI

After breakfast, transfer to Parigi, birding on the way. Lunch and dinner will be at a local restaurant in Parigi.



Overnight:
Hotel



Meals:
B, PL, D



Distance:
Approx. a 5-6hour drive



Activity:
Birding and Travel

DAY 7: PARIGI – MARISA

After breakfast, drive to Marisa. Lunch will be eaten on-route. Dinner and overnight at Irene Hotel Marisa



Overnight:
Hotel



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
Approx. a 4-5 hour drive



Activity:
Birding

DAY 8: MARISE – GORONTALO

Breakfast box, check out at 5.00 then drive for about 2 hours to Randangan Panua Nature Reserve for more birding. Continue to Gorontalo for dinner and overnight at Grand Q Gorontalo



Overnight:
Hotel



Meals:
B, PL, D



Distance:
Approx. a 2-3 hour drive



Activity:
Birding

DAY 9: GORONTALO – NEAR MOLIBAGU



After breakfast, journey via South Route visit Bogani Nani Wartabone National Park (formerly known Dumoga Bone)

Bogani Nani Wartabone National Park comprises 3000 square kilometers of protected tropical jungle from sea level to a height of 1920 meters. The park has a large proportion of the wildlife that is found at low 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-Winged Roller and the

Golden-Mantled and Yellow-Breasted Racquet-Tails



Overnight:
Homestay



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
6-7 hour drive



Activity:
Birding

DAY 10-11: MOLIBAGU – DOLODUO

In the morning explore more of Bogani Nani Wartabone National Park from the East side. Then an afternoon drive to Doloduo., about a 1 hour drive away.

2 days birding around the park:

Early morning at Tambun where you will get the chance to see the Maleo and its nesting ground. Other endemic species; Sulawesi Black Pigeon, White-Necked, Finch-Billed Myna, Myna, Sulawesi Hawk-Cuckoo, Black-Billed Koel, Ivory-Backed Woodswallow, Sulawesi Cicadabird, Sulawesi Babbler

The second morning you will drive to Toraut via a bamboo raft. Toraut is the headquarters of the park. Here is one of the best, sites for birding. They have a huge range of birds here including, raptors, pied cuckoo-shrike, yellow-breasted



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racquet-tail, golden mantled racquet-tail, ornate lorikeet, and speckled boobook. Return to the accommodation for overnight.

Please note: that this itinerary is subject to change depending on the Maleo session.



Overnight:
Homestay



Meals:
B, PL, D



Distance:
Approx. 1 hour drive



Activity:
Birding

DAY 12: DOLODUO – AMBANG – KOTAMOBAGU

Early morning drive to Ambang (approx. 3 hours). Here you will be able to do more birding and be able to hear the morning calls of Matinan Flycatcher, Drab Whistler, Caerulean Cuckoo-Shrike, Sulawesi Serpent Eagle, Sulphur-Bellied Whistler, Sulawesi Leaf Warbler, Super Fruit-Dove, Fiery-Browed Myna, Sulawesi Drongo, Purple-Bearded Bee-Eater, and with luck, Scaly-Breasted Kingfisher. Trip continues on driving through the western part of the park. Spend the afternoon birding along Molibagu road. Check-in and overnight Hotel Senator Kotamobagu.



Overnight:
Hotel



Meals:
B, PL, D



Distance:
Approx. 1-2 hours' drive



Activity:
Birding

DAY 13: KOTAMOBAGU – TOMOHON

After breakfast we will bird around the park, before returning to accommodation to pack up your stuff, and drive ahead to Minahasa highland. Check-in and overnight at Tomohon



Overnight:
Hotel



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
Approx. a 4 hour drive



Activity:
Birding and Travel

DAY 14: TOMOHON – TANGKOKO

After breakfast at the hotel, we will drive to the starting point of the trek to Mt. Mahawu but on the way, we stop at a local market in Tomohon which sells dogs, rats, bats and snakes. Then start the 50-minute trekking up Mt Mahawu, take in the huge crater when you reach the top, as well as beautiful panoramic views and surroundings. When you have finished taking in the view you will descend back to the bottom via Tondano Lake, the biggest lake in the province.

An afternoon drive will take you to Tangkoko where you will check into Tangkoko Lodge near the park. Spend the late afternoon at the park observing a nocturnal primate (*Tarsius spectrum*), and Black monkey of Sulawesi (*Macacanigra*).



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:
Lodge



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
Approx. a 2-3 hour drive



Activity:
Birding

DAY 15: BIRDING AT TANGKOKO

Birding at Tangkoko for target species of Sulawesi such as; Green-backed Kingfisher, Lilac-cheeked Kingfisher, Dwarf Kingfisher, Red-backed Thrush, Knobbed Hornbill, Spot-tailed Goshawk, Sulawesi Goshawk, Small Sparrow-hawks, Sulawesi Hawk-eagle, Purple-winged Roller, Sulawesi Triller, Ochre-bellied Boobook, Bay Coucal, Yellow-billed Malkoha, White-bellied Imperial Pigeon, Silver-tipped Imperial Pigeon, Isabelline Bush-hen, Sulawesi Scops-owl, Small and Large Hanging Parrot, Sulawesi Nightjar, Ashy Woodpecker, Sulawesi Pygmy Woodpecker, and Dwarf Hornbill. Other common



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birds that should be seen namely; Stephan Dove, Rusty-Breasted Cuckoo, Blue-backed Parrot, Black-naped Fruit-dove, Grey-cheeked Green Pigeon, Black-naped Monarch, Great Eared Nightjar, Ruddy Kingfisher, ect.



Overnight:
Lodge



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
Varies



Activity:
Birding

DAY 16: TANGKOKO – MANADO

Early morning walk looking for tarsiers and birding this morning. Then back to the hotel for lunch and check out. You will then be transferred to Manado where you will have a short city tour and that will visit the Ban Hinkiong Temple, the Samratulangi Monument and the Tunan Waterfall. Dinner and an overnight stay will be at Cocotinos.



Overnight:
Lodge



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
Approx. a 2 hour drive



Activity:
Culture

DAY 17: MANADO – AIRPORT

Breakfast at the hotel, and then you will be driven to the Manado Airport to be transferred back to Jakarta airport where you can catch a flight to your next destination.



Overnight:
NA



Meals:
B



Distance:
Approx. 1 hour drive to airport



Activity:
Travel



Important Information

INCLUDED

- ☒ All meals as described (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- ☒ Accommodation as described
- ☒ English speaking guide
- ☒ Domestic flights from Jakarta- Palu and Manado-Jakarta including domestic airport tax
- ☒ All transfers
- ☒ All National Park entrance fees & donations
- ☒ Mineral water, daily, (2 600ml bottles per person per day)

WHAT TO BRING

- ☒ Sweater/jacket
- ☒ Sun screen, insect repellent
- ☒ Tracking shoes
- ☒ Hat

NOT INCLUDED

- Meals other than mentioned
- International flights
- Tips
- Personal expenses
- Alcoholic drinks and drinks in restaurants
- Personal expenses
- Any kind of expenditures incurred due to flight cancellation/delays or due to other causes beyond our control.

Accommodation *an overview*

	Location	Accommodation	Example
Night 1	Jakarta	Hotel	Hotel FM7
Night 2,3,4	Lore Lindu NP	Homestay	Mama Sindy Homestay
Night 5	Palu	Hotel	Mercure Palu
Night 6	Parigi	Hotel	Parimo Hotel
Night 7	Marisa	Hotel	Irene Hotel Marisa
Night 8	Gorontalo	Hotel	Grand Q Gorontalo
Night 9	Near Molibagu	Homestay	Bogani homestay
Night 10,11	Doloduo	Homestay	Tantemin Homestay
Night 12	Kotamobague	Hotel	Senator Kotamobagu
Night 13	Tomohon	Resort	Tomohon Highland Resort
Night 14, 15	Tangkoko	Lodge	Tangkoko Lodge
Night 16	Manado	Lodge	Cocotinos



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Additional Information

ACTIVITY DURATION	2-5 hours per day
SEASON	Any
BEST TIME TO GO	July - September
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.

The Pioneer Booking Process

Where do you go from here? Well, you can feel free to email us at info@pioneerexpeditions.com if you're interested in this trip, or any of our other expeditions from around the world. Visit our website www.pioneerexpeditions.com to unearth all of our other equally amazing trips and destinations.

1. Contact us -

We will be happy to answer any questions or enquiries you may have. From here we will begin to plan and put together your dream adventure holiday! Alternatively, on our website you will find our booking and enquiry forms; once filled in, we will be notified of your enquiry and will get back to you ASAP.

2. Leave everything to us -

Everything will be arranged and booked by us, but we will make sure to keep you updated every step of the way. In addition, we can arrange your international flights if needed, as we have access to competitive airfares. We can also arrange any additional tours or additional night's accommodation.

3. Wait for your adventure to begin -

Sit back and count down the days until your trip of a lifetime with Pioneer Expeditions. We'll handle all of the last minute preparations and provide you with everything you need. All practical information will be sent out to you, prior to your trip.

If you feel like altering this itinerary to suit your personal preferences, we can arrange all of that and more – just get in contact with us and let us know your requirements and wishes. From here, we can simply tailor-make your dream holiday.

