# **Timor Leste Study Tour** 2014

# Friday 24th October -



# About this study tour

The story of Timor-Leste since independence in 2002 is one of resilience in the face of challenges as the youngest nation in the region. This study tour will equip you with a deep understanding of its political history, it's economy and it's natural beauty. You will meet the nation's leaders, as well as representatives of many NFP organisations, that have all contributed to the nation's development. You will return to Australia impressed by what has been achieved, yet cognisant of the challenges ahead. We hope you will join us on the journey.

#### About the tour leader

Peter McMullin first visited Timor-Leste in May 2002 for the independence celebrations. In recent years, he has visited the country over thirty times, mentoring the establishment of Timor-Leste's first Chamber of Commerce and as Senior International Business Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Jose Luis Guterres. Peter is a Melbourne based lawyer, and a Director of the Australasian Dispute Resolution Centre. He is also Treasurer of the Australian Institute of International Affairs Victoria.



# Itinerary



Costs, Inclusions and Timelines			- D
	Tour dates	Friday 24th October – Tuesday 4th November	C D
	Tour inclusions	* Timor Adventures tour leader Local Timorese drivers and guides * All land transport and airport transfers * Return water taxis to Atauro island. * All accommodation twin share, single supplement available * All meals * Schedule of activities. Drinking Water * For motorcycle riders, a lead rider, 150cc bike & fuel	- T fi: h C D V a C D T ri: F N a
	What's not included	<ul> <li>* Travel insurance</li> <li>* Visa (\$30 USD)</li> <li>* Departure tax (\$10 USD)</li> <li>* Personal items and spending, alcoholic beverages,</li> <li>*\$10 boat ride to Jaco Island</li> </ul>	D C D V ir C D H
	Tour cost	\$3,620 USD pp traveling in Air Conditioned 4WD \$3770 USD pp for experienced/licensed motor cycle riders accompanying the tour Dili flights can be arranged on request	
	Payment Conditions	Booking forms due by 14th September Full payment due by 1st October	R C D S
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#### **Timor Adventures**

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#### DAY 1 Friday 24th October: Dili

Early morning flight to Dili and tour briefing over breakfast Morning meetings and afternoon tour of Dili's historical and cultural sites Happy hour and dinner at the Sky Garden restaurant *Overnight Timor Plaza Hotel* 

#### DAY 2 Saturday 25th October: Dili

Morning Meetings in Dili Afternoon tour of Dili's historical and cultural sites Pre-dinner drinks on the beach, dinner at beachside restaurant *Overnight Timor Plaza Hotel* 

# DAY 3 Sunday 26th October: Baucau

Panoramic view of the ocean on route to Baucau Dollar beach for morning tea and swim Lunch on the balcony at local Timorese restaurant Afternoon short picturesque trip down to Wataboo beach for a swim Dinner in the beautiful Portuguese dining room at the Pousada *Overnight Pousada Baucau* 

# **JAY** <sup>4</sup> Monday 27th October: **Tutuala/Jaco Island**

Travel through traditional villages to Lautem and then to the most easterly point. Lunch at the Tutuala Pousada. A short optional afternoon boat ride with the fishermen over to the sacred island of Jaco and snorkel in pristine water, or short hike to caves. Enjoy fresh fish for dinner.

Overnight at beachside guest house

### DAY 5 Tuesday 28th October: Dili

Visit the new cultural and arts centre and lunch at the nun's restaurant in Lospalos, arrive back in Dili in time for dinner

Overnight Timor Plaza Hotel

### DAY 6 Wednesday 29th October: Maubisse

Travel into the majestic mountains of the West. Call into Dare WW11 War memorial to learn about the close relationship forged between the Australian Special Forces and the Timorese.

Morning tea in Aileu, visit memorial to WWII martyrs. After lunch soak in the view at the Pousada visit the village of Lekitehi and the uma luliks, (sacred houses). Dinner at the Pousada in Maubisse

Overnight Maubisse Pousada

## DAY 7 Thursday 30th October: Dili

Visit the Wild Timor Coffee farm in Aileu for a tour of the farm and lunch/ Or Meetings in Dili

Overnight Timor Plaza Hotel

#### AY 8 Friday 31st October: Balibo

Head out along the beautiful N/W coast passing through fishing villages. Visit the Portuguese prison of Ai Pelo and Dutch fort at Maubara where you can see women's basket weaving.

Pass by the Indonesian border at Batagade and arrive in Balibo in time for a walking tour and learn about the deaths of 5 Australian journalists. Enjoy dinner overlooking the ocean at the Tibar resort restaurant.

Overnight Timor Plaza Hotel

#### **DAY 9** Saturday 1st November: Atauro

Early morning water taxi over to the island Relax on the beach, snorkeling, fishing, walking tours available Overnight Barry's Place

# DAY 10 Sunday 2nd November: Atauro

Spend the morning and early afternoon exploring the island, take a tuk tuk taxi to the town of Vila and visit the Benica doll workshop. *Overnight Barry's Place* 

DAY 11 Monday 3rd November: Dili Return to Dili mid-morning Afternoon meetings Overnight Timor Plaza Hotel

**DAY 12** Tuesday 4th November: **Darwin** Catch the morning flight back to Darwin