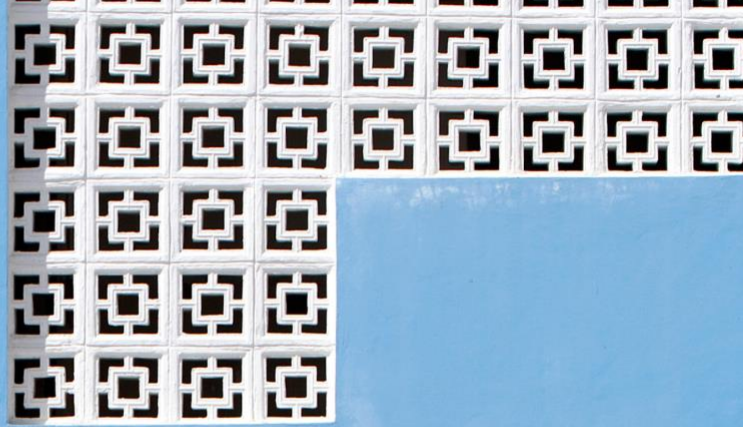




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# 2018 Timor-Leste Study Tour

October 10 – 20



Timor-Leste has undergone remarkable transformations since its independence in 2002.

The Timorese experience is an example of a developing country making the right decisions, although there is always room for improvement in areas such as health and education.

Join Peter McMullin SC for a unique tour of Timor-Leste encompassing the young nation's political, economic, cultural and natural landscapes. You will meet with political leaders, not-for-profit organisations, Australian consular representatives and other prominent locals – each providing insights into Timor-Leste's past, present and future.

## About the Tour leader

Peter McMullin first visited Timor-Leste in May 2002 for the country's independence celebrations and has remained actively involved ever since. He has travelled to the country over thirty times and ran the Institute's 2014 Study Tour.

Peter mentored the establishment of Timor-Leste's first Chamber of Commerce and was Senior International Business Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Jose Luis Guterres. He is also involved with Timor-Leste focused NGO's such as the East Timor Hearts Fund, which is dedicated to providing life-saving heart surgery in Australia for young people from Timor-Leste

Peter is Chairman and Director of the McMullin Group, Special Counsel at Cornwall Stoddart, Board Member at Worksafe Victoria, and Vice-President of the Confederation of Asia-Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry. In February 2018 he was appointed as Georgia's Honorary Consul in Melbourne.



Peter with former Timor-Leste President, Jose Ramos Horta



## Ksolok Bodik Mai!

## Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in our 2018 Study Tour to Timor-Leste.

Starting and finishing in Dili, we will travel to Com, Baucau, Tutuala/Jaco Island, Viqueque, Maubisse, Letefoho, Balibo and Atauro. (This itinerary is preliminary and subject to modification once the finalised group of participants have met and discussed their interests/suggestions)

The study tour has been designed to engage participants in a comprehensive programme of activities ensuring first hand, in depth insights into Timor-Leste's political history, culture and economy. Briefings will include meetings with the nation's leaders and representatives of many not-for-profit organisations that have contributed to the nation's development.

The tour is limited to 15 participants, each of whom must be members of one of the branches of the Australian Institute of International Affairs (membership applications can be completed online from the AIIAV website).

If you have a particular person with whom you would like to share a room, please indicate their name on the Booking Form ("any other information"). We will attempt to meet your request although we cannot guarantee success.

We will be working with Timor Adventures, based in Dili, as our travel agents for the tour.

**To secure your place** on the tour, complete the booking form and return by email to [admin.vic@internationalaffairs.org.au](mailto:admin.vic@internationalaffairs.org.au) **by 12 July, along with a \$500 AUD deposit** (payment instructions on booking form). Full balance is due by 1 September.

**Tour Cost:** \$5,000 - \$6,000 AUD per person (to be finalised)

### What is Included:

- Return flights between Darwin and Dili
- 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 and drinking water
- Schedule of activities
- A copy of *Crossing the Line* by Kim McGrath

### What is not Included:

- Domestic Australian flights to and from Darwin
- Travel Insurance
- Visa (\$30 USD)
- Airport departure tax (\$10 USD)
- Personal items and spending, i.e. alcoholic beverages
- Boat ride to Jaco Island (\$10 USD)

## **Day One – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Dili:**

Early morning flight into Dili and tour briefing over breakfast

See: Cristo Rei, Dare Memorial Museum, Chega prison exhibition

*Overnight at Hotel Timor*

## **Day Two – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Dili:**

Meetings in Dili with senior political leadership and Australian Embassy representatives

See: Xanana Gusmao Reading Room, Resistance Museum

*Overnight at Hotel Timor*

## **Day Three – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Baucau:**

Panoramic view of the ocean *en route* to Baucau

Dollar beach for morning tea and a swim

See: visit Australian not-for-profit organisations and projects in Baucau

*Overnight at Pousada Inn*



## **Day Four – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Com:**

Travel through traditional villages to Lautem, then to Timor's most easterly point

*Overnight at beachside guesthouse*

## **Day Five – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Jaco Island:**

Lunch at the Tutuala Pousada, then a short optional afternoon boat ride with fishermen over to the sacred island of Jaco with snorkelling in pristine water, or a short hike to caves

Enjoy freshly caught fish for dinner on the beach

*Overnight at beachside guesthouse*

## **Day Six – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Lospalos and Viqueque:**

See: visit the cultural arts centre in Lospalos

*Overnight at local guesthouse in either Lospalos or Viqueque*



## **Day Seven – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Maubisse:**

Head into the hills of Timor-Leste toward Maubisse

See: visit local markets and witness traditional Timorese village life

*Overnight at the Pausada*

## **Day Eight – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Bakhita and Letefoho:**

Visit the East Timor Hearts Fund at Letefoho

Meetings with local leaders

*Overnight at local guesthouse*

## **Day Nine – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Balibo:**

Visit the Victorian Government community centre, the Balibo Dental Clinic, and other not-for-profit ventures and organisations

*Overnight at the Fort Hotel*



## **Day Ten – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Tibar:**

Visit the Tibar Training Centre, which has a long history of training in construction, hospitality and manufacturing skills

Meetings with government and NGO leaders

## **Day Eleven – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Dili:**

Catch the afternoon flight back to Darwin

\* This itinerary is preliminary and subject to change depending on the particular interests of participants – this will be discussed in our participant meeting in July or August (date to be confirmed). For example, we could skip Bakhita and Letefoho and instead spend a night on Atauro Island to finish the tour.





## Participant Checklist

- Complete and return booking form (attachment in email)
- Pay AUD\$500 deposit to secure place on tour
- Ensure your passport will have at least 6 months validity from November 2018
- Purchase travel insurance
- Organise your way to and from Darwin
- Get excited!