NORTH SUMATRA
Orangutan, Elephant, Lake Toba

The diversity of arts and cultures literally make North Sumatra a Garden of Eden for social scientists and culture seekers. It is a treasure chest of culture and tradition waiting to be explored, with ancient graves of Batak kings, unique dances and ceremonies, and beautiful arts and crafts.

The Province proudly boasts of its Orangutan Rehabilitation Center in the Gunung Leuser National Park which is bordered by the fast flowing Bohorok River and some delightful countryside and of course Lake Toba.

The Rehabilitation Centre was set up to help orphaned orangutans that had been displaced because of land clearing or rescued from captivity, and teaching them the necessary skills to be able to survive in the wild. Visitors have an opportunity to view the apes twice daily when they come swinging through the trees to collect the bananas and milk left on feeding platforms in the forest, providing visitors with one of the more memorable experiences in Indonesia.

TANGKAHAN
Tangkahan, covers 100 km2 area, is a part of the Gunung Leuser National Park, one of the largest National Parks in the World that presenting an incredibly diverse ecosystem. The National Park protects more than 120 different species of mammals and also home to nearly 400 different species of bird.

BRASTAGI
Brastagi, a tourist town is another lovely town located in the Karo highlands. The town is known for its plantations and various kinds of flower, vegetables and fruit, most famous of which is the “Margiss” passion fruit. It’s 66 km southwest of Medan and is 4,594 feet above sea level.

PARAPAT - LAKE TOBA
Parapat is a small town on the edge of Lake Toba. In Parapat live Batak Toba and Batak Simalungun tribes. They are known for their lively and sentimental love songs. Recreational sports in Parapat are among others swimming, Water skiing, motor boating, canoeing, fishing. The climate in Parapat is cool, and dry, making Parapat an ideal palace to relax.

ITINERARY
DAY 01 : MEDAN - TANGKAHAN
From Medan airport, drive about 4 – 5 hours to Tangkahan. After check in at local lodge, you will trek through the patrolling zone of the park or just enjoy the crystal clear water and waterfall. Observe the nature wealth of this place. Back to the lodge in the afternoon.
DAY 02: TANGKAHAN - ELEPHANT SAFARI
Experience riding Sumatra Elephant for about one hour, pass the river and jungle (except on Monday & Thursday, as they are used for patrolling. Then, tubing down the river, walk through palm oil plantation and local village to get the ride by motor cycle or car. You will get young coconut fruits before transferring to your local lodge.

DAY 03: TANGKAHAN - BUKIT LAWANG BY JEEP
Leave Tangkahan for Bukit Lawang by Jeep passing plantation and jungle road, enjoy the panorama and witness the activities of the local people.

DAY 04: BUKIT LAWANG EASY TREKKING - MEDAN - BRASTAGI
Walking through the bank of the river, crossing the river by traditional canoe then walking up the jungle to see the Orangutans. After feeding the Orangutan, trekking through the Leuser National Park. We will pass through dense jungle, ravines, and river. If we are lucky, we will encounter the park faunas such as the gibbon and the wild orangutan as well as wild orchid. The trekking today will be about 4 hrs. Back to the lodge, then drive back for another 4 hours to Brastagi, a midsize and cool town on the highland of Karo. This town is surrounded by towering mountains, and small Karonese village where the local grows fruits and vegetables. Before we arrive at Brastagi, Stop at Peceren village to observe the traditional Karo Batak houses, visiting local market at Brastagi where locals sell and buy fruits, flowers, and vegetables which are plenty on the vicinity of the town.

DAY 05: BERASTAGI - PARAPAT - TOBA LAKE
Heading to Parapat, about 6 hours drive, stopping by at Tongging to see Sipiso-piso waterfall (360 feet height). Another stop at Rumah Bolen of Simalungun Batak. Arriving Parapat early in the afternoon, then cross to Samosir island in the middle of Lake Toba for half an hour by boat.

DAY 06: SAMOSIR ISLAND TOUR
Have an excursion on Lake Toba by car or ferry boat and visiting several Batak Toba traditional villages: Tomok (to see the old tomb of Sidabutar Kings), Ambarita (the stone chair and table the excution place of Siallagan Kings), Simanindo (Batak Toba traditional dance named "Tor-Tor" and museum.

DAY 07: SAMOSIR - MEDAN AIRPORT
Cruising back to Parapat and directly drive to Medan Airport.