

# Explore



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## Timor-Leste

### 8 DAY BEACH TO BEACH

You will have the opportunity to explore the best beaches of Timor-Leste and the journey of discovery takes you through breath taking scenery and coastal areas that are second to none. Discover the white sandy beach of Jaco Island, snorkel in crystal clear waters or just simply soak up the sun. If you are lucky, a pod of dolphins counting over 50 usually follow as you cross over to explore Atauro Island. Here you will discover so much more on land and on the shores.

**8 Day Beach to Beach Package starts from US \$1,599pp twin sharing**



Hotel Timor Plaza



Hotel California



Novo Turismo



Discovery Inn



Palm Beach



Plaza Hotel



Ramelau Hotel

#### Package inclusive of

- Return airfare Singapore/Dili/Singapore on Air Timor inclusive taxes
- Accommodation at the hotel and eco lodge
- Daily breakfast, 4 dinners
- Tours as per itinerary
- Transportation and English speaking guide

### DAY 1 Singapore – Dili – Baucau (D)

15.30hrs Upon arrival at Nicolau Lobato International Airport, be met by our Island Explorer staff and proceed to Baucau, Timor-Leste's second largest city. The 3 hour drive offers spectacular views of the coastline and rugged cliffs. The city has many old Portuguese buildings, traditional markets and unspoilt beaches. The climate is cool and pleasant.

OVERNIGHT Baucau Beach guesthouse or similar.

### DAY 2 Baucau – Com (B)

07.00hrs Breakfast at the hotel.

08.00hrs Start the morning with a brief Baucau introductory tour before continuing with a drive to the east via Lautem to Com Village. Wander around the village to see local weavers in their stalls selling colourful Tais the traditional hand woven cloths.

OVERNIGHT Com Beach Resort.

### DAY 3 Com – Tutuala Beach – Jaco (B/D)

07.00hrs Breakfast at the hotel.

08.00hrs After breakfast depart to Tutuala passing through several large villages and numerous tombs line the roadside, identified with sacrificial totems of buffalo horns.

Catch a glimpse of the local spirit house where the community gathers. Stop at the Portuguese Poussada before a short trek to the famous rock paintings - Ilikere-kere dating back 3,500 years (25min trek).

The journey continues to Tutuala's beach and check in at the Eco Lodge. Lunch provided at the Eco Lodge.

After lunch venture on an outrigger to beautiful and pristine Jaco Island, and return to Tutuala Beach in the late afternoon.

OVERNIGHT Eco Lodge.  
(lunch and dinner available at the lodge at extra cost of USD 6.00 – USD 10.00 per person depending on your budget)

### DAY 4 Tutuala – Jaco (B)

07.00hrs Breakfast at the lodge.

Day at leisure. Suggested itineraries include swimming, snorkelling or fishing. You can opt to re-visit Jaco Island for snorkelling at an extra cost of USD 6.00 per person payable direct to the local villagers.

OVERNIGHT Eco Lodge.

### DAY 5 Tutuala – Dili (B)

08.00hrs Depart to Dili with lunch at Baucau.

16.00hrs Expected to arrive in Dili with a stop at the Cristorae and St. John Paul statue before checking in at the hotel.

OVERNIGHT Hotel in Dili.

### DAY 6 Dili – Atauro (B/L/D)

07.00hrs Breakfast at the hotel.

07.15hrs Transfer to Casa Europa Jetty.

07.30hrs Depart to Atauro Island.

A 90 minutes boat ride to the island crossing the 3 areas of Weter Strait known for dolphin and whale activities, you will then disembark at Barry's Place, an eco lodge just 50 meters walk from the beach. Unwind, then enjoy a drive around the village on a local island transportation Tiga Roda, including visits to Boneca de Atauro.

12.00hrs Traditional buffet lunch.

The rest of the day is yours at leisure. Suggested activities include swimming, snorkelling or if you are not a diver and want to explore the underwater Discover Scuba is the perfect activity for you. Alternatively try hiking, fishing, beachcombing or simply relaxing. The option is endless.

OVERNIGHT Barry's Place or similar.

### DAY 7 Atauro – Dili (B)

08.00hrs Traditional Timorese breakfast.

09.30hrs Depart to Dili and transfer to your hotel by Fly Bus. The rest of the day is at leisure, giving you an opportunity to explore Dili.

OVERNIGHT Hotel in Dili.

### DAY 8 Dili – Singapore (B)

12.30hrs Transfer to Airport.

18.10hrs Home sweet home.

#### NOTE TO TRAVELLER:

It is most important to be flexible, stay positive and willing to accept all challenges that arise. In developing countries remote area, please do not compare with the standards you are used to back home. The trek to the rock painting - Ilikere-kere although short it's quite challenging as it's very steep. Ensure proper comfortable shoes and bring plenty of drinking water.

The Eco Lodge is a simple hut, electricity will only be available from 7pm to midnight, fresh water shower is considered a luxury and it's only available at Lakomore Eco Lodge.

Prepare yourself to experience the very basic things of life!!

#### Meals:

Typically each meal will cost around USD 6.00 per person. In this package we provide daily breakfast, 1 lunch and 3 dinners.

#### Description of the accommodation in Atauro:

Barry's Place is a solar powered simple hut which provides food, water and wifi facilities. It is advisable to let them know what meals you would like to have in advance. There are 2 traditional shared toilets in Barry's Place.

You may want to bring your own snacks or fresh fruits from the mainland.

If you want to taste woodfire-pizza, hop on the local transportation, tiga roda to bring you to Manucoco, an Italian restaurant located at Villa town. It offers very delicious homemade pizza and gnocchi that you can't find elsewhere. Please order in advance and let Barry's know if you plan to skip dinner at the lodge.

Boneca de Atauro is a women's cooperative that produces Timorese dolls, animals, woven bags, hats and embroidery. The funds raised by the cooperative will be shared equally between the members.