Mt Ramelau, the highest mountain in Timor-Leste, summits at 2963 meters above sea level and offers views of the north and south coast on a bright clear day. On a typical day its peak floats above the clouds providing the most spectacular sunset and sunrises for trekkers while overnight temperature drops to freezing cold all year round. Trekking to the summit takes approximately 3 hours from the highland village of Hato Builiko.

Atauro Island is a 90 minute boat ride from Dili. Depending on the weather, the boat trip can sometimes be challenging but well worth the trip as often a pod of dolphins trail the boat. The island’s untouched environment is dominated by Mt. Manucoco where the peak’s lower slopes and hills form a patchwork of farms where the residents are clustered. The Island offers a taste of old Timor and totally relaxed atmosphere. The island offers a relaxing atmosphere and a taste of old Timor.

6 Day Mountain & Sea Package starts from US $1,335pp twin sharing

Package inclusive of
- Return airfare Singapore/Dili/Singapore on Air Timor inclusive taxes
- Accommodation at the hotel and eco lodge
- Daily breakfast, 3 lunches & 3 dinners
- Tours as per itinerary
- Transportation and English speaking guide
Day 1, Singapore - Dili

14.15hrs  Upon arrival at Nicolau Lobato International Airport, be met by our Island Explorer staff and proceed with a brief Dili City Tour.

The tour begins with a stop at Tasitolu Peace Park, where the three salt lakes are being established as a park and reserve, continuing to Pope John Paul II monument sitting remarkably high offering a peaceful view of the area. This statue commemorates his visit to Timor-Leste in October 1984. Then drive pass the Palacio de Governo, Casa Europa, Motael Church, the Farol Lighthouse, the Presidential Palace, Dili Cathedral and a short stop at the Ta’is market.

overnight Hotel in Dili.

Day 2, Dili – Mt Ramelau (B/L/D)

07.00hrs  Breakfast at the hotel.
08.00hrs  Travel south through a continuously winding road until you reach Dare to see the war memorial, this place also offers magnificent views of Dili. Drive through the coffee plantation to Becilau before descending to the historical town of Aileu, in the central ranges, for a short coffee break.

Continue the journey through picturesque countryside to the next main town, Maubessi. The traditional house, called Umalulik (cone shaped built with bamboo or mud) can be spotted throughout the drive. We will stop at Poussada de Maubesse, a former Portuguese rest house for lunch.

As we drive up the mountain ranges to Hatobuiliko, the landscape changes dramatically and temperature drops to very cold.

In the afternoon, take a walk around the village, see GrutuAsqnesa (grotto) dedicated to the virgin Mary, the old cemetery, the Community Centre, and walk within the gardens of the old Pousada Ramelau (the old Portuguese Guesthouse).

19.00hrs  Dinner at the Guesthouse.

overnight Hatobuiliko Guesthouse.

Day 3, Mt. Ramelau – Dili (B/L)

03.00hrs  Start early to trek to the summit, see the Statue of Virgin Mary standing at 2,963m above sea level and marvel at the beautiful sunrise.
Return to the guest house for breakfast and continue the same route back to Dili with a stop at Aleu for lunch.

19.00hrs  Expected to arrive at the hotel.

overnight Hotel in Dili.

Day 4, Dili – Atauro Island (B/L/D)

07.00hrs  Breakfast at the hotel
07.15hrs  Transfer to Casa Europe 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. This option is endless.

overnight Barry’s Place or similar.

Day 5, Atauro Island – Dili (B)

08.00hrs  Traditional Timorese breakfast.
09.30hrs  Depart to Dili.

The rest of the day is at leisure, giving you an opportunity to explore Dili.

overnight Hotel in Dili.

Day 6, Dili to 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 climb up to Ramelau is quite difficult, with the slippery rocks and through landslide areas. The Guest house is a very simple guest house, electricity will only be available from 7pm to 12midnight.

Packing List

- Proper Trekking shoes
- Fibre pile type jacket, long trousers
- Thick resilient socks
- Torch light, sunglasses, headgear
- Sleeping bag
- Own food supply
- Toilet paper
- Wet tissue
- Water bottle

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.