

# Discover



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## Timor-Leste

### 6 DAY SCENIC DRIVE

You will discover the north coast of Timor-Leste all the way to the east coast of the country, passing through magnificent mountain ranges and historical remains, some of which include Aipelo (former Portuguese Prison), Balibo, and more. The winding roads offer the most spectacular scenery you will ever find in the country. The trip includes an overnight at the beautiful little village of Maubisse which offer views of the fertile fields and valleys.

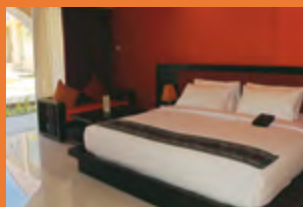
**6 Day Scenic Drive Package starts from US \$1,328pp twin sharing**



Hotel Timor Plaza



Hotel California



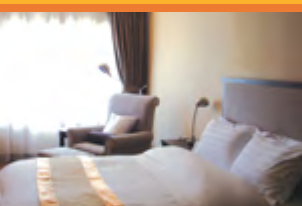
Novo Turismo



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, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Tours as per itinerary
- Transportation and English speaking guide

DAY 1, Singapore – Dili – Maubara (D)

14.15hrs Upon arrival at Nicolau Lobato International Airport, be met by our Island Explorer staff and transfer to hotel.

Enroute to the hotel, the drive will take you from the north coast to the west heading to Liquica via Tasitolu (famous for its 3 small lakes), a stop at Pope John Paul II monument then continuing the drive through Tibar. We will stop at the ruins of Aipelo; a former Portuguese Prison, before arriving at the fishing village of Liquica. From here the drive will continue to Maubara to visit the old garrison.

OVERNIGHT Laloran Maubara.

DAY 2,  
Maubara – Maliana - Bobonaro  
(B/snack/D)

07.00hrs Breakfast at the hotel.

10.00hrs Drive downhill of Carimbala to Loes with a stop at the Bemalae Lagoon before arriving at Batugade, the border between Timor-Leste and Indonesia. Visit the ancient Portuguese garrison before heading south to the mountain ranges of Balibo, where a group of Australian's journalist were murdered by Indonesian troops in October 1975. Drive through constant winding road to Maliana with few stops at a few scenic spots, one being the hidden lake just off the side of the road. If you are lucky you may spot pelican and Timor's almost extinct pigeon.

Next stop is the Marobo hot spring, built by the Japanese during the WWII.

OVERNIGHT Hotel Funan Buras.

DAY 3,  
Bobonaro – Atsabae – Gleno - Maubisse (B/L)

07.00hrs Breakfast at the hotel.

08.00hrs The journey begins as we head to Atsabae, famous for its distinguish Tais, driving pass the well known waterfall, Bandeira, through coffee plantations at Gleno. The drive is rough as it goes through the Mt Kablak and Mt Ramelau areas to Maubisse. The traditional cone shaped houses built with bamboo or mud can be spotted throughout the drive. We will stop at Poussada de Maubesse, a former Portuguese house to rest. The view from here is spectacular of fertile fields and valleys. Take a walk to this beautiful little village, visit the Maubisse Church which has 3 pointed wooden totem at the entrance, the evidence of traditional animism intertwined with devout Catholicism.

OVERNIGHT Poussada Maubisse.

DAY 4, Maubisse - Aileu – Dare – Dili (B/L)

10:00hrs Depart to Dili and pass the historical town of Aileu, the centre of for Fretilin activity after Indonesian occupation. Here we will visit the large monument commemorating a massacre of local Portuguese citizens by the Japanese in 1942. After lunch, continue the journey with a stop at Dare War Memorial built originally by Sparrow Force the Australian guerrilla unit, which held out against the Japanese in 1942-1943.

Depart to Dili, lunch enroute (own cost).

18.00hrs Expected time to arrive at the Hotel.

OVERNIGHT Hotel in Dili.

DAY 5, Dili (B)

07:00hrs Breakfast at hotel.

08:00hrs Morning Dili City Tour.  
The tour begins with a stop at the Jesus Statue (Cristorae) located atop Cape Fatucama on the eastern tip of Dili. Stop at Areia Branca, known as the best beach in Dili. A short detour will take you to see the residents of former President Dr. Jose Ramos Horta. Then drive pass the Palacio de Gobierno, Casa Europa, Motael Church, the Farol Lighthouse, and the Presidential Palace. The next stop is at the Aloia Foundation, take the opportunity to purchase traditional handwoven material, Tais and other handicrafts. Visit Chegai Exhibition to learn about the struggle of the Timorese then a visit to Santa Cruz cemetery, the site of one the worst outrages of the Indonesian occupation.

12:00hrs Transfer to hotel.  
Afternoon free at leisure.

OVERNIGHT Hotel in Dili.

DAY 6, Dili to Singapore (B)

07:00hrs Breakfast at the hotel.

12.30hrs Transfer to airport for your departure to Singapore.

18.00hrs 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.