



Tico Tours **Sulawesi- North Sulawesi Birding**

Duration- 6 Days

Expect more than 150 species of birds

Day 1: Arrival in Manado – Tangkoko Nature Reserve

Arrive in Mando and transfer to Tangkoko Nature Reserve. In the afternoon, we use a boat for birding in Mangrove forest along Lembeh Strait looking for *Sulawesi Masked Owl*, roosting on a cliff, *Grey Heron*, *Pied Imperial Pigeon*, *Blue Rock Thrush*, *Little Tern*, and with luck, *Great-billed Kingfisher*. We will also observe night birds including *Sulawesi Nightjar* and *Sulawesi Scopsowl* as well as tarantulas.

Night at Mama Roos homestay near park

Day 2 and 3: - Tangkoko Nature Reserve

Full day of birding in the park. Despite the small size of Tangkoko Nature Reserve, it is home to 9 Kingfisher species!! It is also the place where you have the best chance of seeing the elusive *Red-Backed Thrush* and the *Small Sulawesi Hanging Parrot*. We will start birding in the early morning and will spend the day looking for *Green-backed Kingfisher*, *Lilac-cheeked Kingfisher*, *Ruddy Kingfisher*, *Dwarf Kingfisher*, *Red-bellied Pitta*, *Hooded Pitta*, *Spotted-tailed Goshawk*, *Blue-backed Parrot*, *Philippine/Tabon Scrubfowl*, *Bay Coucal*, *Stephan's Dove*, *Emerald Dove*, *Grey-sided Flowerpecker*, and *Yellow-sided Flowerpecker*.

Our trips here include spotlighting at night, which provides the opportunity to see one of Sulawesi's most curious animals and the smallest mammal on earth - the Spectral Tarsier. We may also encounter Black Macaque monkeys.

Night at the homestay

Day 4: Tangkoko - Kotamobagu/Gunung Ambang

After breakfast, we will bird along the roadside of Temboan Hill, then head for Kotamobagu, a town near Bogani Nani Wartabone National Park. The trip will take around 5 hours. Afternoon birding at Gunung Ambang for highland species including the rare *Matinan Flycatcher* and *Cinnabar Boobook*, the boobook was described only as recently as 1999 and its calls only described in 2005. This bird has still been seen by just a handful of birders! We may also look for the rare and endemic *Scaly-breasted Kingfisher*.

Night at Patra Jasa or Senator Hotel near the town

Day 5: Kotamobagu - Bogani Nani Wartabone National Park

Full day of birding in the park. Bogani Nani Wartabone National Park (formerly known as "Dumoga-Bone") comprises 3000 square kilometers of protected tropical jungle and ranges from sea level to 1920 meters. It supports a large proportion of the wildlife that is found at low to middle altitudes on Sulawesi. Birds here include the equally spectacular *Sulawesi Serpent Eagle* and *Sulawesi Hawk Eagle*, *Golden-mantled* and *Yellow-breasted Racquet-tails*, *Knobbed* and *Sulawesi Hornbills* and *Purple-winged Roller*. We should also see *Maroon-chinned Fruit-Dove*, *Isabelline Bush-hen*, *Ochre-bellied Boobook* etc.

Night at Patra Jasa or Senator Hotel

Day 6: Bogani Nani Wartabone - Manado

We will arise early in the morning and drive to Tambun where we should see the endemic *Maleo* on its nesting ground. We also should see *Red-bellied Pitta*, *Sulawesi Goshawk*, *Black-billed Koel*, *Wandering Whistling-Duck*, *Bay Coucal* and *Black-naped Monarch*. The trip continues driving back to Manado birding on the way.

Check-in and overnight at hotel near the airport

Day 7: Manado - Airport

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your destination flight. (Breakfast included).

Price (based on 4 persons) \$1075 USD per person

Due to currency fluctuations and fuel cost we reserve the right to adjust any pricing prior to departure if necessary.

Bookings require a 50% deposit, balance due one month prior to tour departure.

Included:

Transportation, Accommodation (Based on a shared room), 3 Meals per day (Food/Mineral Water + Snack), English speaking Guide, entry permit to the parks, airfare (Domestic Airlines RT ticket as on itinerary Manado - Makassar - Palu).

Excluded:

Extra beverages in the hotel, Soft drinks/ Alcoholic drinks, laundry, phone calls, donation, personal insurance. All personal expenses that are not mentioned on items above. Any kind of expenditures incurred due to flight cancellation/delays or due other causes beyond our control.