



## Tico Tours

### Sulawesi, Indonesia: Wallacea Birding

#### Duration- 14 Days

Expect 250+ species

#### Day 1: Arrival in Makassar

Arrive in Makassar South Sulawesi at the Hasanudin airport from Jakarta or other international port entry in Indonesia. If time is permitted then we can go birding at nearby fishponds to see *Woolly-necked Stork*, *White-shouldered Triller*, and other shore birds.

Overnight in a hotel near Hasanudin airport. (D)

#### Day 2: Makassar-Palu

We will arise early morning and drive into Karaenta National Park for seeing *Sulawesi Dwarf Hornbill*, *Black-ringed White-eye*, *Piping Crow*, and the yet to be described *Muscicapa Flycatcher*. Stop on the way to Bantimurung National Park, where we can see breeding cage of butterflies. Transfer to the airport for our flight to Palu (the capital city of Central Sulawesi), onwards driving to Rama Garden hotel for overnight. Afternoon birding around Palu valley.

#### Day 3: Palu-Lore Lindu National Park

After breakfast we will bird early morning around Palu valley, stop at Pakuli and Bora. We will continue slowly birding along the main road to Lore Lindu National Park. We use transport, 4 Wheel Drive/Jeep during birding in Lore Lindu NP.

Overnight at Sendy Homestay near the park

#### Day 4: Lore Lindu National Park

Full day of birding in the park. Lore Lindu National Park (2290 square kilometers) is home to almost 80% of Sulawesi's endemic birds. The park is elevated to an altitude of 2,350 meters and includes spectacular montane rainforest around Mount Rorekatimbu. The lowland forest in the park has become badly degraded, so it is the higher-altitude endemic birds that we will

concentrate on here. Among the most spectacular of these are the *Fiery-browed Starling* and the unequalled *Purple-bearded Bee Eater*. Others include the *Sulawesi Woodcock*, *Great Shortwing*, and *Crimson-crowned Flowerpecker*, and *Satanic Nightjar*. Also found here is the Giant Civet, whose huge paws enable it to climb trees and predate *Sulawesi Hornbills*!

Overnight at the homestay

#### **Day 5: Lore Lindu National Park**

Full day of birding in the park. Birds we hope to find along Anaso track are enigmatic *Geomalia*, *Sombre Pigeon*, *Red-eared Fruit Dove*, *Golden-mantled Racquet Tail*, *Golden-mantled Racquet Tail*, *Sulawesi Serpent Eagle*, *Pygmy Cuckoo-shrike*, *Grey-headed Imperial Pigeon*, *Sulawesi Ground Dove*, *Maroon-backed Whistler*, *Olive-flanked Whistler*, and *Greater Honey-eater*..

Salibu forest, the lake Tambing and Padaeha roadside are other best places for endemic species. We will search for *Sulawesi Cicadabird*, *Piping Crow*, *Knobbed Hornbill*, *Rufous-throated Flycatcher*, *Blue-fronted Flycatcher*, *Sulawesi Thrush*, *Crimson-crowned Flycatcher*, *Cerulean Cuckoo-shrike*, *Malia*, *Sulawesi Babbler*, *Lesser Honey-eater*, *Small Sparrow-hawk*, *White-bellied Imperial Pigeon*, *Ivory-backed Wood-swallow*, *Sulawesi Goshawk*, *White-necked Myna*, *Fiery-browed Myna*, *Yellow-billed Malkoha*, *Speckled Boobook*, *Cinnabar Boobook*, and *Streak-headed Dark-eye*.

Overnight at the homestay

#### **Day 6: Lore Lindu National Park-Palu**

Morning birding in the park, then driving slowly back to Palu birding along the way.

Overnight at Rama Garden or Swiss Bel Hotel

#### **Day 7: Palu-Manado(Via Makassar)-Tangkoko Nature Reserve**

We will travel by Air to Manado via Makassar, onwards driving to Tangkoko Nature reserve. 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*. 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.

Overnight at Mama Roos homestay near park

**Day 8: Tangkoko Nature Reserve**

Full day of birding in the park. 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*, *Red-backed Thrush*, *Grey-sided Flowerpecker*, and *Yellow-sided Flowerpecker*.

Overnight at the homestay

**Day 9: Tangkoko Nature Reserve**

Full day of birding in the park. We should connect with *Sulawesi Scops-owl* and *Yellow-breasted Racquet-tail*. In the afternoon, we use a boat for birding on 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.

Overnight at the homestay

**Day 10: Tangkoko NR-Kotamobagu(Bogani Nani Wartabone NP**

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*.

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*.

Overnight at Patra Jasa or Senator Hotel

**Day 11: Kotamobagu-Bogani Nani Wartabone National Park**

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*, *Isabelline Bush-hen*, *Black-billed Koel*, *Wandering Whistling-Duck*, *Bay Coucal* and *Black-naped Monarch*.

Afternoon birding at Tapakolintang and Toraut for seeing *Maroon-chinned Fruit-dove*, *Isabelline Bush-hen*, *Ochre-bellied Boobook*, *Speckled Boobook*, and *Sulawesi Black Pigeon* (all endemic species).

Overnight at hotel near park

### **Day 12: Bogani Nani Wartabone NP-Minahasa Highland**

This morning we will again visit Gunung Ambang for chance to hear the morning calls of *Matinan Flycatcher*, and with luck, *Scaly-breasted Kingfisher*.

We will return to the hotel, pack our stuff, then the journey continues to Tomohon with stop at Woloan village, where we can see traditional wooden houses designed with Minahasan motif called modular home.

Overnight Onong's Palace in the Minahasa Highlands. Here we will have time for shopping, emails, and phone calls.

### **Day 13: Minahasa Highland-Manado-Bunaken Island**

We will bird early morning at Gunung Mahawu, a volcanic mountain for seeing several endemic birds of Sulawesi ; *Rufous-throated Flycatcher*, *Bay Coucal*, *Grey Flowerpecker*, *Yellow-sides Flowerpecker*, *Yellow-flanked Whistler*. Other common species we will find include *Superb Fruit Dove*, *Rusty-breasted Cuckoo*, *Blue-breasted Button-quail*, *Yellow Wagtail*, *Barred Rail*, *Buff-banded Rail*, *Citrine Canary Flycatcher*, *Blue-faced Parrot-finch*, and *Scarlet Honeyeater*. Lunch will be served at floating restaurant on Lake Tondano. The trip will then continue, driving down to Manado and onwards via a speedboat to Bunaken Island.

Overnight at the New Daniel Bungalow on a white sandy beach. Snorkeling or diving are options here

### **Day 14: Bunaken Island-Manado**

Relaxing day -Snorkeling or diving as your optional interests. Boat trip for seeing dolphin if desired. Enjoy fabulous sunset before going on to Manado.

Overnight at Gran Central Hotel

### **Day 15: Manado-Airport**

Transfer to the airport for flights back to Jakarta or somewhere else for your next destination.

***Price (based on 4 people) \$2,587.50 USD***

***Includes:***

-Transportation, Accommodation, 3 Meals per day (food, mineral water), English speaking guide, entry permits and conservation fee for the parks, airfare/ domestic airlines ticket as on itinerary (including flight to Makassar from Jakarta, Bali, etc)

***Does not include:***

-Extra beverages in the hotel, soft drinks, alcoholic drinks, laundry, phone calls, Personal insurance, diving fees/dive equipment if you intend on diving in Bukanen Island, all other personal expenses, any kind of expenditures incurred due to flight cancellation/delays or due to other causes beyond our control.