

Other activities

For information and to sign up please call the Front Desk.

Explore Tomia on Scooter

Price **Rp 950,000**

This tour is designed to be flexible. You are provided with a guide and have the opportunity to explore Tomia on scooter. A short taxi boat ride to Waitii (where our car drivers dropped you off on arrival day) and then your adventure begins. Explore the villages and interact with the locals. There is a network of roads around the island and your guide will suggest sights and places of interest.

This is an informal tour that will give you a peek at the daily lives of the inhabitants of Tomia. You also have the option of driving your own scooter or you can ride behind your guide.

Ride up to the top of the hill and see the panoramas of the surrounding islands and atolls. Stop in a village and watch the ladies preparing cassava flour or weaving fish traps and bamboo baskets. Or perhaps drop in on a school to see the children at study or play.

We provide snacks, soft drinks and plenty of water. Make sure to wear plenty of sunscreen. It is recommended to wear walking shoes. A helmet will be provided.

All prices are in Rupiah, and are subject to 11% tax.

Tomia Timur market & panorama tour

Time of departure: **Wed, Fri or Sun early mornings**

Duration: approximately **3-4 hours**

Price **Rp 800,000**

This early bird tour departs on Friday, Sunday and Wednesday mornings. These are the only days that the main market at the village of Usuku is open. The market opens early, so to ensure we catch the hustle and bustle, the tour departs the resort at 7.20am. The tour starts with a short speedboat ride of about 10mins to the dock of Waitii village. From there we transfer to an air-conditioned car for the ride to the village of Usuku itself.

In Usuku you will have the opportunity to stroll through the market to view the local products and appreciate the authentic village market scene. After the market, we head up into the hills by car, stopping at lookouts that provide panoramic views of the surrounding islands and reef systems. These spots provide great photographic opportunities. While in the hills we will visit two villages, Lagole and Kahianga. Here you will have the opportunity to interact with the local villagers as they go about their day to day activities. We then return to Waitii by car and the tour is concluded with the short speedboat cruise back to the resort.

We provide snacks, soft drinks and plenty of water.

This tour requires a minimum of 2 persons.

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Tomia Induk tour

Time of departure:2.30pm

Duration: approximately 4 hours

Price Rp 800,000

This tour departs the resort at 2.40pm, any day of the week. After a short speedboat ride of about 10mins to the dock of Waitii village, we transfer to an air-conditioned car for the ride to the village of Waha. In Waha you will have the opportunity to observe local boatbuilding techniques and hand weaving of traditional sarongs. After this we leave Waha and head to Patua, where there is a fort built by the Sultanate of Buton in the sixteenth century. This fort has at various times has been occupied by the Portuguese, Dutch and local Indonesians. An old cast iron cannon can still be viewed at one of the fort's battlements. The area offers panoramic photo opportunities of the island of Kaledupa and the west side of Tomia Island. The fort is rather overgrown which provides the chance to view birdlife and butterflies of the region. From the fort we take a 5min ride to the village of Wakomba where, just off the road, is a bamboo grove. Here we can watch hundreds of fruit bats in the bamboo and surrounding trees; as dusk settles the bats become more active, starting to fly off in search of food. After viewing the bats, we return to Waitii by car and the tour is concluded with the short speedboat cruise back to the resort.

We provide snacks, soft drinks and plenty of water.

This tour requires a minimum of 2 persons.

Sturdy walking shoes are required for those wishing to visit the fort. Some hill climbing is also required.

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Lintea mangrove & stilt house tour

Time of departure: **Tide dependent**

Duration: **Between 2 and 4 hours depending on the tides**

Price **Rp 800,000**

To successfully navigate the mangrove areas of Lintea Island we require a high tide, therefore the timing of this tour is tide dependent. To begin the tour, we will travel by speedboat to the south west side of Lintea to the mangroves. There is the option of stopping on the beach to transfer to kayaks, where you will be able to get up close and personal with the mangroves. Observe mudskippers and a variety of seashore birds as you leisurely paddle through the mangroves. Upon transferring back to the speedboat, we will head out to the traditional stilt houses located in the open water off the island. These traditionally constructed houses are used as temporary housing for the Tomian people when they are fishing on the reefs or tending their agar-agar farms (agar is gelatin substitute made from seaweed). If time permits there is the opportunity to walk some of the trails on Lintea Island and possibly see more of the local birdlife. Cuckoo drongos, wood pigeons and a grey parrot are among the birds you may encounter.

We provide snacks, soft drinks and plenty of water. We also provide life jackets for the kayak option.

This tour requires a minimum of 2 persons.

If you wish to explore the island sturdy shoes are required.

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Lamanggau village tour

Time of departure:2.30pm

Duration:approximately 2 hours

On the last afternoon of your trip here we invite you to take a guided tour to the village of Lamanggau which is situated on the northern side of the resort island. Given the close proximity, Wakatobi Dive Resort has a very close working relationship with this community; many of the staff are from this village and the resort subsidizes the households for their electricity needs.

During the tour you will have an opportunity to see the 'Sea Gypsy' village, which is built over the water as the people believe that harmful spirits live on land. The tour winds through the village ending at the school and football field. Here you will have the opportunity to buy locally made hand woven sarongs from the village women. These cost about 150,000Rp to 400,000Rp. The only currency accepted in the village is rupiah, however, any purchases made can be charged to your account. The guide will help you with any purchases.

If you wish to do this tour on your own time, there are different alternative options:

You can take a speedboat and a local guide to the village (tide permitting)..... Rp 450,000

You can walk to the village (approximately 2km/1.6miles) with a local guide.....Rp 150,000

It is also safe to walk to the village on your own. To be shown the way and given directions please ask at the front desk.

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