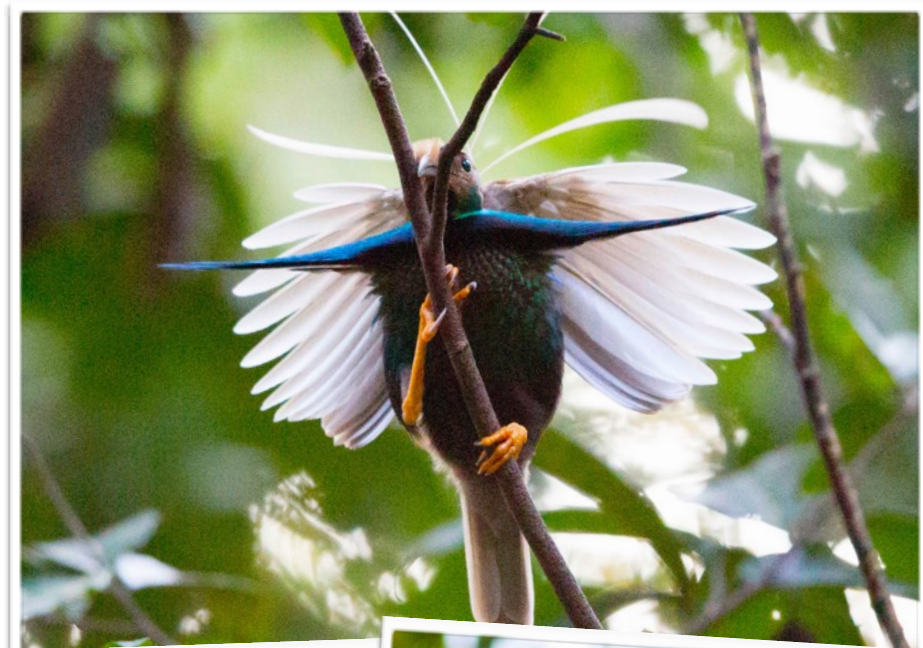


Indonesia Endemic Bird Photography Tour 2017

Ultimate Indonesia Endemic Bird Photography Tour

Sulawesi - Halmahara

August 23 - September 2 2017



Indonesia - Land of Endemics

Indonesia , spread over 17508 islands , has got a list of 1600 birds species on her credit . Out of these, 400 of them are endemics. Most of the bio-diversity hotspots of Wallace , Sulawesi and Halmahera Islands are the seldom visited parts of Indonesian archipelago by Birders and Bird photographers .

This carefully crafted 11 days long bird photography tour will take you to the remote locations in Sulawesi and Halmahera to see and photograph species such as the outrageous Standard wings Bird of Paradise , collection of Parrots , Pittas, Hornbills, Fruit doves , Kingfishers, highly sought after Hylocetria and Maleo etc



WELCOME TO THE NEXT LEVEL OF BIRDING !!

Tour Itinerary

Aug 23-Sept 2nd 2017 (11 Days)

Day1 (Aug 23): Arrive in Manado –Road side Birding– Tangkoko

Arrive Manado from Singapore and drive to Tangkoko National Park . If time permits, bird on the way and photograph Sulawesi Hanging Parrot , Javan Myna, Black -headed Munia, Grosbeak Myna, Sulawesi blacked Pigeon, Green Imperial Pigeon , White Imperial Pigeon , Sulawesi Dwarf Hornbill , Yellow-sided flower pecker etc.

~Stay in Tangkoko Lodge during birding in Tangkoko

~meal : D

Day2 (Aug 24) Birding in Tangkoko (Full Day)

On the 2 days we will reach the forest before dawn and try to photograph the Green-backed Kingfisher, Lilac-cheeked Kingfisher, Sulawesi-dwarf Kingfisher, Ruddy Kingfisher, Sulawesi Babbler, Pale-blue Monarch, knobbed Hornbill, Purple-winged Roller, Blue-backed Parrot, Yellow-breasted Racket-tail, Ornate Lorikeet, Ochre-bellied Boobook, Sulawesi Scops-owl, Black-naped Oriole,

Black-naped Fruit-dove, White-necked Myna, Sulawesi-crested Myna, Sulawesi Hawk Eagle, Spot-tailed Goshawk, Sulawesi Pitta, Red-backed Thrush, Hair-crested Drongo, Sooty-headed Bulbul, White-breasted Wood swallow, Slender-billed Crow, Grey-cheeked Green-pigeon, Ashy Woodpecker, Philippine Scrubfowl, Rusty-breasted Cuckoo, Bay Coucal, Oriental Cuckoo, Golden-headed Cisticola, Black-billed Koel, White-bellied Sea-eagle, Osprey, Great-billed Heron, Common Sandpiper, Common Kingfisher, Pink-necked Green-pigeon, Brahminy Kite, Pacific Swallow, little Heron, Black-billed Kingfisher etc .

~Meals : B – L – D

Day3 (Aug 25) Tangkoko - Manado Airport – Luwuk - Taima

Today we will have an early breakfast before driving to the Manado airport to take a flight to Luwuk , in Central Sulawesi. We arrive about 11:55 am then drive to Taima. roadside birding along the route and shall try to photograph Sulawesi Triller, Sulawesi-serpent eagle, Ashy-woodpecker, Black-naped Oriole, White Imperial Pigeon, Black Sunbird etc .

~Meals : B – L – D

Day4 (Aug 26) Taima - Luwuk

Early in the morning we will use hide to photograph the mascot bird of Sulawesi, the Maleo Bird at the nesting area . Being the nesting time , the chances of getting good action photos are excellent. After photographing this avian wonder , we will continue our pursuit for other local species such as Black-billed Kingfisher, Sulawesi Triller, Yellow-billed Malkoha, Philippine Scrub fowl etc . Afternoon we will try again for the Maleo if required before driving back to Luwuk.

~Meal : B – L – D



Day5 (Aug 27) Luwuk – Palu – Lore Lindu

Today we will have early breakfast before proceeding to the airport to fly out to Palu. We arrive Palu by 11 am . We will pack some food for lunch before driving to Lore Lindu. Birding on the way for Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Bronze Cuckoo, Collared Dove, Savana Nightjar, White-shouldered Triller, Common Kingfisher, Pale-headed Munia etc .

~Stay at Mama Sandy Home Stay

~Meal : B – L – D

Day6 (Aug 28) Lore Lindu (Mt.Anaso)

We will pack our breakfast and head to the mountain top early in the morning ,to



photograph the Purple Bearded Bee-eater, Geomalia, Satanic nightjar,c Aureorean cuckoo shrike, Pygmy cuckoo shrike, much sought after Hylocitrea, Yellow vented whistler, Great shortwing, Mountain Serin, Streak headed dark eye, Crimson crowned flowerpecker,Piping crow, Sulawesi hawk cuckoo, Small sparrow hawk, Sulawesi warbler, Fiery browed myna, Cinnabon Boobook etc .

Afternoon Lore Lindu (Tambing Lake)

After lunch we set out to Tambing Lake to photograph Sulawesi thrush, Red eared fruit dove, Grey headed imperial pigeon, Sombre pigeon,

Sulawesi ground dove, Cerulean cuckoo shrike, Maroon back whistler, Hylocitrea, Yellow vented whistler, Great shortwing, Mountain serin. Streak headed dark eye, crimson crowned flowerpecker, Sulawesi streaked flycatcher, Malia, Piping crow, Sulawesi hawk cuckoo, Small sparrow hawk, Sulawesi warbler, Sulawesi blue flycather, Blue fronted flycather, Rufous throated flycatcher etc . Drive back to Palu for dinner and night stay.

~Meal : B – L – D

Day7 (Aug 29) Palu - Manado- - Ternate

We will have a busy day today. In the Morning we will go the Mindanao airport to fly to Ternate . We will bird on the way for local specialities

~Stay at Weda Resort

~Meal : B – L – D

Day8-9 (Aug 30- 31) Birding at Weda

Weda will offer us totally different bird species to we encountered in Sulawesi. Cockatoes, Eclectus parrots, Rechecked parrots, Dusky scrubfowl, Hornbills, Paradise crows, Goliath Coucals, Sombre kingfishers, Halmahera cuckooshrikes, Moluccan cuckooshrikes, Blue Capped Fruitdoves, Halmahera Flycatchers and Rufous Bellied Trillers,Ivory Breasted Pitta, Invisible Rail and Wallaca's Standard Wing Bird of Paradise and many more. Prime birding will be around Weda resort

~stay at Weda Resort

~Meal : B – L – D

Day10 (Sept 1)Ternate-Manado-Tomohon

After breakfast we will leave Weda Resort for airport to catch our flight to Manado. On they we will bird for Beach Kingfisher, White-bellied Sea-eagle and few other local specialties . From Manado airport we proceed straight to our last destination , the Amazing Tomohon. Evening birding near Tomohon

~stay at Mountain View Resort

~Meal : B – L – D

Day11 (Sept 2nd) Tomohon - Airport

After early breakfast we will visit Mahawu and try to photograph highly sought after Scaly-breasted Kingfisher, Mountain White Eye, Black-fronted White-eye, Sulawesi-blue Flycatcher, Verditer Flycatcher, Sulawesi-pygmy Woodpecker, Citrine Flycatcher, Sulawesi Myzomela etc . We leave the resort by 10 am for the airport.



Mammals : Tarsus Tarsier, Sulawesi bear Kus Kus, Sulawesi crested Macaque , Moor Macaque

Number of Participants : 6

TOUR COST : USD 1980 on twin-share basis

Single Supplement : USD 200 per person

Included :

Transportation # Fuel and driver # 12 nights accommodation # Meals (as per the meal plan) # Entrance fee # bird Guide fee

Excluded :

Air tickets (Both International and domestic) .

Domestic sectors are : 1. Manado-Luwuk, ETD 10.35 am Wing air 2. Luwuk- Palu ETD 9.50 am Wing Air 3. Palu-Makassar -Manado-Ternate ETD 6.00 AM 4. Ternate-Manado ETD 14.30 Garuda

Extra menu # porter services # Souvenirs # Extra program # Drinks # Tips etc

Tour difficulty	: Moderate
Tour Phase	: Moderate
Food	: Local Indonesian + continental mix
Accommodation	: Very basic to Luxurious
Photo Opportunities	: Excellent
Porter Service	: Subject to availability , extra charges apply
Single supplement	: if no suitable room-mate available , single supplement rate apply

Payment :

USD 1200 (plus 50% of Single supplement cost , if applicable) at the time of booking and balance on the day of arrival

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