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INTERFET 20th Anniversary Motorcycle Tour 23rd Sept – 1st Oct 2019

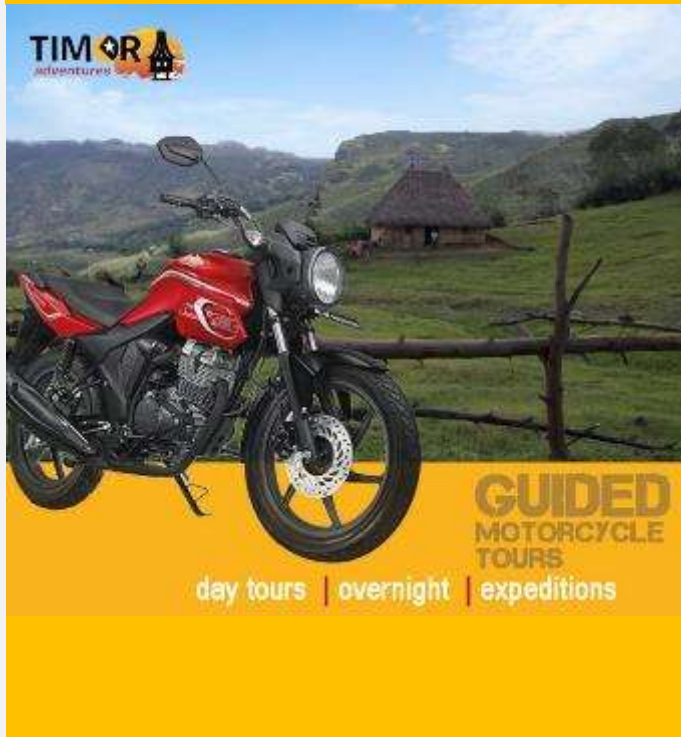


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Pre tour information	Book early, we expect there will be limited hotel rooms available in Dili	We anticipate that there will be a large number of visitors coming to the 20 th anniversary of INTERFET so you need to book hotel rooms early. It is anticipated that there will be events on during the week of the 16 th September culminating in the anniversary on Friday 20 th September. We have started this tour on Monday 23 rd September so you can enjoy the celebrations, continue them on the weekend and then start touring.
Day 1. 23/9 Mon	Baucau: Baucau Pousada (LD)	Orientation ride, Baucau via Manatutu Activities: We meet at the Hotel Esplanada, load up the support vehicle with your luggage (And a whole heap of other stuff like spares and supplies). We will use other vehicles to take you to where we garage our bikes which is not far from the airport (Just West of Dili), do an overview of the bikes and some orientation riding at Tasi Tolu (A big open space). We will make any adjustments you need to mirrors etc and then head off through the Dili traffic and East of Dili. When we get out of Dili the roads are generally quiet but there is currently roadwork between Dili and Baucau. We will stop for lunch along the way, probably a picnic lunch in Laleia. Accommodation: The Baucau Pousada is one of the best hotels in the districts. The new rooms have hot showers, and air-conditioning. The food is really good and there is Timor-Leste's only full size pool just down the hill (It may or may not have water in it....We will explain when we get there!) Places of interest: Lots, there is every day on the trip: Jose Ramos Horta's house, the Hera power station (Yes, it is a big deal, they only got power a few years ago), the cemetery for the resistance fighters at Metinaro, Manatuto, Xanana's birth place at Laleia, Baucau airport (TAA used to fly there between 1969 – 1975) and the historic Portuguese city of Baucau
Day 2. 24/9 Tues	Jaco: Lukamore beach guesthouse (BLD)	Ride to Valu beach (Jaco) via Lospalos Activities: Ride to the Eastern tip of Timor-Leste via Lautem, on to Tutuala and down to Valu beach opposite Jaco island. It is a long ride. Accommodation: Lukamore is a beach guest house made of bamboo and has a grass roof. The mattresses are on the floor, there are fresh water bucket showers and western toilets that you need to flush with a bucket. Electricity is

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		<p>off and on, when they use a generator it does not run at night so it is good to have a torch.</p> <p>Places of interest: When we ride out of Baucau and drop down to the coast the views of the Mt Matebian mountain range are spectacular. There are memorials to the resistance times, rice farms and villages.</p>
Day 3. 25/9 Wed	Com: <i>Kati beach bungalows</i> (BLD)	<p>Take a boat trip to Jaco and after lunch ride to Com</p> <p>Riding: Breakfast and then a morning boat ride to Jaco island with the local fisherman. We have some snorkelling gear and there are plenty of fish to see. After lunch at the guesthouse we head across the mountains and down into the fishing village of Com.</p> <p>Accommodation: Kati is right on the beach; they are simple bamboo huts with a bed. The food (Generally fresh fish) is great. The bathrooms are basic and there is a shower of sorts.</p> <p>Places of interest: We pass lake Mehera (You can see it from Google earth, it's BIG....sometimes, yes we will explain why). Lautem district is an important farming community and famous for its big buffalo. The fishing village of Com has a large, disused port and there are some fine examples of traditional houses and very old cemeteries.</p>
Day 4. 26/9 Thurs	Ossu: <i>Hotel Wailakurini</i> (BLD)	<p>Ride to Ossu via Baucau, General Falur's Guest house</p> <p>Riding: We ride back to Baucau via the coast to Lautem, have some lunch in Baucau before heading South to Ossu. The first half of the road from Baucau to Ossu is a great motorcycle road. The 2nd half is a bit bumpy. We climb up into the mountains and eventually get a view of the South coast.</p> <p>Accommodation: The Hotel Wailakurini has good rooms, good beds, western style toilets but cold showers (The water can be COLD). The food is standard Timorese fare.</p> <p>Places of interest: There are some great views of the mountains, rice fields, and Japanese WW2 caves. The place we stay is owned by one of the key resistance fighters and the hotel has rooms like the "Xanana" room...all of them are named after resistance fighters.</p>
Day 5. 27/9 Fri	Same: <i>Uma Liurai GH</i> (BLD)	<p>Ride to Viqueque, Natabora and on to Betano WW 2 site, then Same</p> <p>Riding: We ride to Viqueque and then along the South coast (A lot of the riding is inland), eventually we emerge on the coast and arrive at Betano before heading into the mountains to Same. A picnic lunch today.</p> <p>Accommodation: Uma Liurai, I love this place; a swimming pool, hot showers, great views, air-conditioning and good food.</p> <p>Places of interest: Betano was the site where Australia's 1st commandos, the 2/2nd independent company tried to get back to Australia. An Australian destroyer called the voyager came to pick them up but got stuck in the bay! There is a statue of Dom Boa Ventura, a Timorese king that started a war against the Portuguese 100 years ago.</p>
Day 6. 28/9 Sat	Liquica: <i>Lauhata beach resort</i> (BLD)	<p>Travel via Maubisse and Aileu across the mountains through Seloi and Gelno before arriving at Lauhata beach</p> <p>Riding: We ride up on the central mountain range. Our highest point is about 2,000m and then descends towards Dili. The road between Same and Aileu is very good. We will take the old road from Aileu to Dili, it's a bit longer, a bit bumpy but has a lot less truck and bus traffic.</p> <p>Accommodation: Lauhata beach is right on the beach, hot showers, good beds and a great bar.</p> <p>Places of interest: There were a number of battles between the 2/2nd and 2/4th Independent company and the Japanese in the mountains between Same and the "saddle" of the mountains. The mountain outside Same is the 2nd highest mountain is called Kablaki and there is a great view of this from Same. We pass through the coffee growing region of Maubisse and the town of Aileu where the political parties were formed in 1974-5. We visit an inspirational hospitality training centre Projecto Monthano for our lunch.</p>

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Day 7. 29/9 Sun	Balibo: <i>Balibo Fort Hotel</i> (BLD)	Travel west of Dili through Liquica and on to the border at Batugade before heading to Balibo in the mountains Riding: We then get back on the bikes and head west, up to the border with Indonesia and then take a left into the mountains and on to Balibo. The ride time is 4 hours. Accommodation: Excellent, air-conditioning, hot showers, good food, cooler than the coast. Places of interest: Historic Portuguese buildings, the Indonesian border and Balibo, the site where 5 Australian journalists were killed in 1975 and a place of INTERFET operations.
Day 8. 30/9 Mon	Dili: <i>Hotel Esplanada</i> (BLD)	A quick ride East to Nanura and on to Maliana before making our way back to Balibo and a picnic lunch on the way back to Dili Farewell Dinner in Dili Riding: The road from Balibo to Maliana is very good, new surface and really nice to ride. Accommodation: Back to the hotel Esplanada, hot showers, pool and air-con Places of interest: Maliana is Timor-Leste's 3 rd largest city with stunning mountains in the background
Day 9. 1/10 Tues		Transfer to the airport or maybe stay on and take a trip to Atauro Island for diving, snorkelling or just relaxing.

Costs & Inclusions



Some important things to know

1. **Travel insurance:** Make sure you have travel insurance that covers you while you are riding. We need to know the name of the company, the policy number and emergency contact number
2. **Booking form:** This includes your emergency contact details, passport details and information about your riding experience. You also need to accept our terms and conditions.
3. **Responsibility for damage:** You are responsible for any damage to the bikes while you are on tour. You will need to sign an acceptance of this prior to us handing over the keys.
4. **Motorcycle gear:** Bring what you need, I'll send you a packing list. You can't buy good motorcycle gear here.
5. **Hydrate:** You need to drink plenty of water, it is easy to be come dehydrated. Bring a refillable water bottle, we have a policy of no single use plastic so we carry gallon water, fill up and drink regularly
6. **Photos:** Yes - there is a lot of amazing scenery. We have a child protection policy so no happy snaps of random kids please and always ask before taking pictures of adults.



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