



## Light up Baguia

## Timor Leste

- ❖ Explore a new destination
- ❖ Get to know a community
- ❖ Do something practical and sustainable
- ❖ Have a great holiday

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**11 days, 11 nights**

**\$2,974, includes \$800 tax deductible donation to Alternative Technology Association**

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### Light up Timor Leste

Timor Leste is only one hour by plane from Darwin. It has just celebrated 10 years as a new nation and is busy building everything from a police force to an education system. Much progress has been made with help from many countries including Australia but there is still a long way to go.



For many years now the Alternative Technology Association (ATA) has been working in Timor Leste to provide small scale solar power installations in remote villages. In 2013 ATA in collaboration with Timor Adventures is offering *Light up Timor Leste* tours so that others can become involved in this wonderful project whilst also having a really good holiday.

### Baguia

The Sub-district of Baguia comprises of 10 sub-villages and is located on the eastern side of Mt Matebian: the second highest mountain in Timor Leste. Mt Matebian's rocky terrain provided good cover for the Falintil Guerrillas in their fight against the Indonesians and was a key stronghold.

The population of the Baguia Sub-district is around 10,000. Most people's homes are of simple construction from bamboo with a thatched roof. Rice is grown in the lower areas using terracing; while higher up the mountain the terraces grow corn and beans. Water buffalo are used to till the land. Transport around Baguia Sub-district is problematic as most villages have no passable roads and so can only be reached by walking. People in this remote area can't afford to own vehicles, so getting to school or the twice weekly market at Baguia town is always on foot. However, a daily bus or truck enables people to

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travel from Baguia town and a few of the villages to the city of Baucau in about 4 hours. Sometimes a bus also runs to Dili but this takes over 7 hours.

Communication is very limited as there is no postal service at all. The Sub-district has no electricity, except in Baguia town.

Despite these difficulties, the people of Baguia are a very proud people and have a strong sense of both local and Timorese identity. (*Friends of Baguia*)



### Alternative Technology Australia (ATA)



The ATA (Alternative Technology Association) is an Australia not-for-profit organisation promoting sustainable technology and practice. The ATA provides services to members who are actively using good building design, conserving water and renewable energy.

Since 2001, the Alternative Technology Association has installed solar lighting and power systems in over 1000 homes, community centres, schools, hospitals and training centres in remote villages in Timor Leste

### Timor Adventures

Timor Adventures is run by Shirley and Dave Carlos who have a lifelong commitment to community work and passion for adventure travel. Their aim is to create economic development in the districts by sharing this beautiful country with other likeminded visitors. Shirley and David have strong personal ties to East Timor and have toured extensively throughout the country over the past five years.



Timor Adventures is an Australian company and is also registered and licenced by the Timorese government to conduct tours in Timor Leste.

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	Date	Accommodation	Notes
1.	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Dili	Arrive in Dili in time for a briefing and welcome dinner
2	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Dili	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Spend the morning exploring the sites of the capital city from the waterfront to Christo Rae, the Santa Cruz cemetery and the Resistance Museum.</li> <li>▪ Spend the afternoon learning about sustainability in Timor Leste and the work of ATA.</li> <li>▪ Dinner at a water front restaurant.</li> </ul>
3	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Baucau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Call in at Dollar Beach for a swim</li> <li>▪ Enjoy a relaxed lunch at Manatuto</li> <li>▪ Arrive in time to stroll around Baucau before dinner at the Pousada</li> </ul>
4	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Baguia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Travel through amazing coastal and mountainous scenery, stopping for a picnic Lunch</li> <li>▪ Arrive in Baguia in the afternoon and meet our hosts</li> </ul>
5	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Baguia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Spend the day installing the solar units and engaging in community activities</li> </ul>
6	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Baguia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Spend the day installing the solar units and engaging in community activities</li> </ul>
7	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Baguia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Optional Trek Mt Matebian Or</li> <li>▪ Assist in the community centre or at the local school</li> </ul>
8	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Arrive in Com in time to take a stroll on the beach with the local kids and meet Rosa and the women's weaving group</li> <li>▪ Sleep in beach side bungalows</li> </ul>
9	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Tutuala beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ View traditional sacred (Lulik) houses and gravesites</li> <li>▪ Optional short boat trip to Jaco Island</li> </ul>
10	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Baucau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Visit the pristine beach at Baucau and optional dip with the kids in the spring fed pool.</li> <li>▪ Enjoy a cultural presentation by students of the Cannossian Training Centre</li> </ul>
11	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	Dili	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Travel back to Dili</li> <li>▪ Share a farewell dinner together</li> </ul>
<b>Price includes:</b>			<b>Price excludes</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$ 800 tax deductible donation to ATA</li> <li>• Timor Adventures tour leader</li> <li>• Local Timorese drivers and guides</li> <li>• All land transport</li> <li>• All accommodation (Twin share with single supplement available)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3 nights in the capital city Dili at a guest house</li> <li>○ 4 nights in village guest house in Baguia</li> <li>○ 4 nights in guest houses and beach bungalows while touring</li> </ul> </li> <li>• All meals including a farewell dinner at a waterfront restaurant in Dili</li> <li>• Complimentary mobile phone and phrase book for use during length of the tour</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flights to and from Dili</li> <li>• Travel insurance</li> <li>• Visa \$30 USD</li> <li>• Cost of optional activities approximately \$30 USD</li> <li>• Departure tax \$10 USD</li> <li>• Personal spending</li> </ul>

