

Manado Tua Island



The volcanic ash cone of ± 750 meter high Manado Tuais a heaven for photographers. Hike up the natural track through the rainforest to the peak to enjoy superb sunrises and sunsets and views stretching unimpeded for miles over the Sulawesi sea. Camp on the peak and along the black sand beaches or try some fishing. Stroll the 12 km of paths around the ± 745 hectare island to meet the Villagers. You may sight the dolphins that frequent the waters off the eastern and northern ends of the island.



Accessing Manado Tua

Manado Tua Island lies about 20 nautical miles from Manado, the capital of the North Sulawesi Province, Indonesia.

Byboat: from the main marina harbour in Manado, it is about a 1-2 hourboat ride to the dock on Manado Tua. Jetties for disembarkation at high tide, otherwise wading ashore at low tide

By private boat (RP. 850.000)

<http://www.nusaland.com/travel/map/61553.php>

By public transport: (RP. 15.000/person)

It is also possible to take a boat from Bunaken Island.

Activities to enhance your visit to the site

- Photograph the lush flora and beautiful sunsets
- Trek up the mountain path to enjoy the panoramic view from the peak.
- Watch the dolphins from the western and eastern parts of the island.
- Walk around the island on the 2m wide paths, covering about 12km in total.
- Fish along the beach or with a small boat – available for rent from the villagers
- Swim and relax on the black sand beaches
- Camp (at the beach or on the mountain).
- Watch the villagers building a traditional boat.

How you can help us preserve this site and the surrounding community

- Stay on the paths and avoid damaging the local flora and fauna.
- Remove all of your garbage.
- Construction of a channel for boats to take visitors to the jetties at low tide
- Development of a diving/snorkeling trail to protect the coral reefs
- Improvement of the pathways connecting Villages and linking to the trekking route
- Construction of public toilets on the beach, proper signs with rules, garbage receptacles, and solar lighting along the paths.
- Help to install solar electric power which could be used by the local community for lighting.
- Provide training in handicraft production to local community members.
- Consider one of the investment opportunities in the area.

Places to stay

These hotels allow for the easiest access to the marina harbour in Manado

- Hotel Quality Manado: Tel 0431 – 8883888 www.qualitymanadohotel.com
- Aston Hotel : Tel (62-361) 758-699
www.astoninternational.com/ourhotels_overview.php?id=MzQ=
- Swiss-Bel hotel Maleosan: Tel (62-431) 861 000
www.swiss-belhotel.com/Indonesia/Manado/manado#hotel+information
- Also see: <http://www.asiarooms.com/id/indonesia/manado.html>

You can also camp on the island. First ask for permission from the Village leader.

Places to eat

Bring your own food from Manado. All of the hotels above provide food services.

Safety and Tips

- Use caution around the edge of the volcano.

- Wear long sleeves /long pants to protect your skin when trekking
- Wear a sun hat
- Provide your own drinking water.
- Bring your camera and your binoculars (to see the dolphins)
- Bring your own camping gear (if you plan to stay in the island)

To learn more, contact:

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Investment opportunities:

The Government of Sulawesi Utara will facilitate and approve the private development of:

- *A small restaurant and souvenir shop at the site that offers fresh meals unique to the area, and that are made from fish, chicken and vegetables grown by local farmers. The building should be a design that complements and protects the natural environment, and uses local materials and labor. Souvenirs that are sold should be made locally.*
- *Organized day-trips from Manado, including dolphin watching*
- *Diving and snorkeling*
- *Bio trek guide service that provides knowledgeable information about local plants and fish*
- *Eco-lodge on Manado Tua*
- *Solar power generation*

More facts Manado Tua

Manado Tua is a volcanic cone with a sheer rise of 750 metres out of the ocean. Its upper slopes are clad in thick rainforest. There are three small picturesque fishing villages situated on the island's main black sand beaches. The residents' main livelihood is fishing, which they sell in Manado. They also maintain coconut plantations, chickens, and small fruit and vegetable gardens on the fertile lower slopes.

Although Manado Tua is located less than ten nautical miles from the high-density resort island of Bunaken and the Bunaken Marine Park headquarters, there is little tourism activity. Neither the National Park nor the resorts organize day trips or other activities for Manado Tua. However its waters appear to be as rich in coral, fish and other species such as dolphins as the marine park itself.

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