

# **Neighbourhood House – Women’s Network Tour to Baucau – Timor-Leste**

Possible Dates: Early May 2019

*Ksolok Bodik Mai – Welcome*

The Tour to Baucau Timor-Leste is intended as an initial exchange with the emerging women’s networks of the city of Baucau and surrounding village in Timor-Leste. The women’s networks are the strongest local groupings of community life and the beginnings of functional community centres in each of the 11 communities of Baucau. Our aim is to learn what is currently happening, share our experience of developing and running community /neighbourhood centres and look for ways to cooperate in the future.

The tour will start and finish in Dili. We will travel up the north-east coast along a very picturesque road to the Baucau Plateau. Staying in Baucau for 5 days we will visit the rural village communities and learn about women’s efforts to draw on their strengths in service of their communities. We will spend a day reflecting on what we have learnt with the women’s leaders and planning what actions we can take in support of each other in the future. We will finish our time in Baucau with a signing of a MOU/Agreement to work together for the development of neighbourhood centres in Baucau.

We will travel to interesting sights around Dili and Baucau and learn about the people and their culture.

## **Total Cost:**

- Return Airfare Melbourne - Dili – approximately \$1200 incl. insurance
- In country costs approximately: \$1600

## **Possible Itinerary:**

### **Day 1                      Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

(for those flying in via Bali – please plan to depart Bali Wednesday 1 May)

Arrive Dili early-morning

See Sights of Dili – Christo Rei, Dare Memorial Museum, Chega Prison Exhibition. Sunset drink/meal and briefing about Timor-Leste today

## **Day 2**                      **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

Dili – Tour and meet key personnel associated with Women’s empowerment programs: Meet with National Women’s Network; Alola Foundation, Caritas International, COMAK (Aust Aid) Program staff

## **Day 3**                      **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

Travel to Baucau  
Stopping for sightseeing, snacks and snorkel/swim (if you choose)  
Briefing with Women’s Network Coordinators and Friendship Committee

## **Day 4**                      **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Visit Women’s activities in communities of Triloka, Samalari, Tirilolo and Garewai, Buibau. Evening visit to the Beach.

## **Day 5**                      **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

Visit local Baucau based NGO’s working with Women  
Uma Pas, CFHD, Women’s Forum, Alola Foundation etc.

## **Day 6**                      **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Complete village visits and rest in afternoon

## **Day 7**                      **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Forum and Exchange with Women’s Networks connecting Women Leaders, Village leaders and local Government.

## **Day 8**                      **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Signing of MOU/Agreement. Future Planning for collaboration and exchange with Women's Networks and Community Centres in Baucau and Darebin/Yarra  
Return to Dili

## **Day 9                      Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Dili and surrounds – meet with Embassy and senior government representatives

## **Day 10                     Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Morning flight to Darwin and on to Melbourne or stay overnight in Darwin.

## **Alternate Itinerary:**

The only days when there are connecting flights from Melbourne to Dili via Darwin are on Sunday and Monday. If we decide to depart Melbourne on Monday morning to arrive in Dili on Monday evening, the schedule will look like this:

## **Day 1                      Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

(for those flying in via Bali – please plan to depart Bali Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April)

Arrive Dili early-morning

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Morning free or short excursion – afternoon flight to Darwin with possible stay  
over in Darwin.

**Day 11**

**Friday 10th May**

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