



# MAGICAL MAKASSAR

A stunningly picturesque city, Makassar offers something for every visitor

A harbour city steeped in history, visitors can expect to be enchanted by Makassar's glorious past and brilliant present from the moment they step into the city. One of the largest cities in Indonesia, Makassar is a stunningly picturesque place where every corner offers visitors something to see and do.

The heart of Makassar has changed dramatically since the Portuguese settled there 500 years ago, yet the city's rich cultural heritage is still reflected in its art and architecture. Historically, the city was the main harbour and trade centre in pre-colonial Indonesia, and today, it is fast rising to be the gateway to East Indonesia for the world. Makassar is currently an important business destination and airlines such as national carrier Garuda Indonesia have also launched daily international flights into the city, making it a strategic point in

the eastern regions of the archipelago.

Makassar is home to several prominent Indonesian landmarks including the 16th century Fort Rotterdam, a historical artefact that represents the greatness of the past Gowa Kingdom. Immerse in Makassar's history by visiting the old tombs and graveyards of kings of the past, and set some time aside to tour the Al Markas Al Islami, one the most luxurious Mosque in South Sulawesi.

Families and theme park lovers will be thrilled by Trans Studio Makassar, Asia's largest indoor theme park. Spanning 2.7 hectares, the Trans Studio Makassar is divided into four zones and holds 22 attractions.

Shopaholics can also enjoy a world class shopping experience at Trans Studio Mall, the largest shopping centre in Eastern Indonesia. You'll be spoilt for choice by the array of world-renowned brands

available from Mango and Armani Jeans to Tods and Hugo Boss. Walking down the streets, your attention will be drawn towards the myriads of colourful jewellery, handicrafts and souvenirs like songket and silk materials.

The magic of Makassar doesn't just end in the city. Enjoy the sights of brightly-coloured flowers and panoramic views from the hills of the magnificent Bantimurung waterfalls, located about 40km away. The nature haven is also a reservation for rare butterflies, which often appear when the sun comes out after a rain shower. Enjoy a stroll along the waterfront of the Losari beach to soak in the spectacular sunset and a romantic view of the city lights across the bay. After the walk, sate your tastebuds with succulent prawns and fresh fish at the scattering of seafood restaurants near the beach.

A trip to Makassar would not

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be complete without experiencing the taste of the local food. Local eateries in this harbour city tend to specialise in seafood, with the ikan bakar (grilled fish) being a perennial favourite. Aside from seafood, there is also something to please every palate, from the classic Coto Makassar beef stew to the simple bakso meatball soup. Chinese restaurants serving oriental classics also dominate the dining scene in Makassar's Chinese Quarter. Be sure to try the refreshing Markissa (passion fruit) juice before you leave.

