

# THREADS OF LIFE

Special Edition  
2012 Tours

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**Dear William,**

In this special edition of our newsletter we bring you more details of the 3 tours being offered later this year. In September there is a 2-week in-depth textile tour to meet weavers in Bali and Flores. At the start of October, there are 5 days of Balinese textile culture based at the Alila Manggis in east Bali, directly after the Ubud Readers and Writers Festival. And in mid-October there is a week in the spectacular countryside of Sulawesi, hiking through Tana Toraja.



## **Textile Tour to Bali and Flores**

with Threads of Life and Jalan Jalan Asia  
16 - 28 September 2012

During 5 nights in Ubud, Bali's cultural center, talks introducing Indonesia's textile and natural dye arts will be given at Threads of Life and the YPBB Foundation. We will meet local weavers and explore Bali's rich culture and countryside. With 4 nights in Flores, we will spend 2 days with the Bliran Sina Cultural Arts Cooperative in Watublapi engaging with weavers during their daily activities - dye plant harvesting, natural-dye preparation, ikat work, or weaving - as an opportunity for personal interaction and meaningful exchange. The community also has a world-class musicians group that will perform for us. Returning to east Bali for 3 nights, we visit Tenganan and meet its double-ikat weavers, and visit one of Threads of Life's weavers' cooperatives on Bali's east coast. The tour price is USD 3,795 (not including international airfares).

*Left to right: A ceremony in Toraja, Sulawesi; Men Sarim, poleng textile weaver, east Bali; Morinda red dye process, Bliran Sina Cooperative, Flores*

## **In This Issue: 2012 Tours**

**Bali & Flores, 16-28 Sep**

**Bali Textiles, 8-12 Oct**

**Toraja Hiking, 15-22 Oct**



## **About Threads of Life**

Threads of Life is a fair trade business that uses culture and conservation to alleviate poverty in rural Indonesia. The heirloom-quality textiles and baskets we commission are made with local materials and natural dyes. With the proceeds from the [Threads of Life gallery](#), we help weavers to form independent cooperatives and to manage their resources sustainably.



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Sign up soon as space is limited.



## The Weaving Traditions of Bali

with Threads of Life at the Alila Manggis  
8-12 October 2012

Following directly after the [Ubud Writers and Readers Festival](#), this 5-day textile tour is based at the [Alila Manggis](#) in east Bali. We will meet weavers in their homes, their studios, and cooperatives in the villages of Seraya on Bali's dry east coast, amongst the lush rice fields of Sidemen, and in the ancient and storied community of Tenganan Pegeringsingan. Experiencing the weavers' lives through these visits, and seeing their textiles, will be the highlights of a tour that offers unique insights into the forces at play in Bali's contemporary textile traditions. Being based at the Alila Manggis we enjoy the resort's quiet luxury, the culinary excellence of the Seasalt restaurant, and the highly-regarded cooking school. Tour price is USD 1580 per person.

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## The Beauty of Tana Toraja

Luxury Trekking with Threads of Life and Kerbau Tours  
15-22 October 2012

In Tana Toraja, discover one of Indonesia's most vibrant traditional cultures, surrounded by Indonesia's most beautiful landscapes. Tana Toraja is a world of stilt-legged traditional houses, with intricately carved and painted walls, and bamboo roofs that sweep upwards like the horns of a buffalo. It is also a world of spectacular mountain peaks and gorges, and endless rice field terraces scattered with giant boulders. Trekking through jungles and rice fields we will visit sacred sites and tiny mountain villages, sampling the cuisine and seeing traditional ceremonies. Staying at the regions best hotel, we will stay in comfort while savoring the tranquility of Toraja's incredible

## Donate to our Partner: YPBB Foundation

Threads of Life's nonprofit partner, the [YPBB Foundation](#), works with the same communities as Threads of Life to support cooperative development and environmental sustainability. YPBB trains weavers in the establishment and maintaining of credit unions, and the sustainable cultivation, harvesting and use of dye plants. Its groundbreaking dye plant and dye recipe identification and documentation is the backbone of ongoing work to safeguard endangered indigenous weaving traditions, and the livelihoods they represent, from extinction.

YPBB's quarterly Indonesian language magazine to its network of weavers' groups across Indonesia is called Suara Budaya, or The Voice of Tradition. With circulation of 1500 copies, it ties the loose association of cooperatives we work with into a functioning network. For just USD 3.50 we can print and mail four editions of Suara Budaya for a small weavers' group. With distribution to over fifty such groups, Suara Budaya is just one of the cost-effective ways YPBB multiplies the impact of its work. To support the publication of Suara Budaya, please donate at [www.y PBB.org](http://www.y PBB.org) via Give2Asia, PayPal, or bank transfer.

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common while savoring the tranquility of Toraja's incredible natural beauty. Tour price is USD 1865 per person including Bali-Sulawesi airfares.

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Best wishes,



from William, Jean, Pung and everyone at Threads of Life and the YPBB Foundation

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