

# Puntland Itinerary – 7 days

Date: TBC

Start Point :Bosaso End Point :Bosaso Number of people: See below

#### Day 1 - Arrive in Bosaso

Drive to Hotel for lunch and a briefing. Afternoon tour around Bosaso. Overnight in Bosaso.

## Day 2 - Bosaso - Bargil

A 12 hour drive on increasingly rough roads from Bosaso to Bargil on the Indian Ocean coast. The drive takes you from one of Puntland major cities to one of it's more remote villages. Overnight in Bargil

## Day 3 - Bargil - Tooxin

A four hour boat ride from Bargil to the tiny fishing village of Tooxin. The boat ride will pass under some imposing cliffs. Once in Tooxin you will get a flavour of life in one of the most remote parts of Puntland. Villages on this coastline often have better links with Yemen than with other parts of Somalia. Overnight in Tooxin.

#### Day 4 – Tooxin – Cape Guardafui - Bargil

Get up before dawn for a hike along the coast to the very tip of the Horn of Africa. This 10 km hike might take 3-4 hours. We will reach the point where the Indian Ocean meets the Red Sea and spend some time at the Italian colonial lighthouse that marks the tip of the horn. From there we will meet our boats and return to Bargil. A long day. Overnight in Bargil.

## Day 5 - Bargil - Bosaso

A 12 hour drive back from Bargil to Bosaso. Overnight in Bosaso

#### Day 6 - Bosaso

A day in Bosaso. We can visit the markets including the animal market, Frankincense market and Khat market. We can also visit the hospital, university and port area. Overnight in Bosaso

#### Day 7 – Bosaso - Airport drop

Your security escort will drop you at the airport to catch your flight. No sightseeing on the final day.

You will be accompanied by an experienced English speaking Somali guide/translator and a minimum of a four man security detail for the entire trip.

#### The trip includes: All accommodation All meals

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Airport pick up and drop off Local fixer/translator Four man security detail with two vehicles Boat hire Visa

## The trip *does not* include:

Insurance Flights to Puntland Tips Arrival tax (US\$30) Departure tax (US\$30)

## Cost:

US\$15000 per person based on one person travelling US\$7950 per person based on two people travelling US\$7250 per person based on three people travelling US\$5700 per person based on four people travelling

## Flights and Visas:

We will arrange visa on arrival for you at Bosaso. Note that there is an arrival tax and a departure tax of US\$30 per person (US\$60 total).

## Food:

All meals are included.

## Accommodation:

The accommodation is in guest houses Bosaso. You will have a private room with Wi-Fi. Note that the rooms will have AC but there is no running hot water in the places we will visit.

In Bargil and Tooxin the accommodation will be in a local community homestays. This will consist of mattresses on the floor in very basic rooms and shared squat toilets.

# **Guides:**

When outside of the guest house you will be accompanied by a security detail with two vehicles complete with local fixer/translator. This is to ensure your security and to enable you to safely visit the areas you wish with informed and detailed information on what you are seeing.

## Security:

Puntland is a barely functioning state. Outside of Bosaso the rule of law is minimal. We have good contacts and friends with people in all the areas we will travel and have made this trip in the past.

Trips to Puntland do create dangers all of their own and whilst we want you to have as much freedom as possible we must state that the security team have the final word with regards to changes in the itinerary for safety reasons. Whilst security is good in the areas you plan to visit the country is unstable and deterioration to security could result in the cancellation of all or parts of the trip at short notice.

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