

Timor-Leste

Information for applicants

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Timor-Leste is a young country, both in terms of its independence (2002) and its population structure. The small island state is roughly 500 km off the coast of Australia on the island of Timor, which is divided into East Timor and West Timor (Indonesia). The official national languages are Tetum and Portuguese. English and Indonesian are recognised working languages and are widely spoken, especially in the capital. There are daily flights from Dili to Bali and Darwin, as well as a weekly connection to Singapore.

Medical care

Medical services in Dili have improved steadily in recent years. In spite of this, they still have not reached European standards. For serious illnesses or injuries, patients are generally flown out to Singapore or Indonesia. At times, there can be shortages of medication.

Living locally, finding accommodation

Dili has a variety of residential complexes that target international tenants. You can also live in detached houses that are guarded. For assistance in finding accommodation, you should consult the GIZ administration in Dili.

Shops and services

Dili has many supermarkets aimed at international customers, where you can find a full range of everyday items. Dili also has a wide variety of restaurants, especially along the beach. The lifestyle in Timor-Leste is simple. Fresh food – fruit and vegetables – can be found at local markets. There are plenty of ATMs in Dili, but you can only pay by debit or credit card to a limited extent in some larger hotels. The national currency is the US dollar. Prices are very high compared to other countries in the region.

Climate

The climate is tropical with temperatures from 20°C-33°C in the dry season (May – November) and 29°C-35°C in the rainy season (December-April).

Accompanying partners

Accompanying partners can sign employment contracts.

Schools

Dili has several Portuguese and international schools, like the Dili International School and the QSI International School of Dili.

Childcare

There are kindergartens; most are affiliated with international schools.

Find out more

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