

# 10 TOP EXPERIENCES



## Diving & Snorkelling

**1** Sitting at the southwest corner of the Coral Triangle, the north coast of Timor-Leste and Atauro Island have some of the best diving in the world. The reefs are pristine and the sea life is as plentiful as it is diverse, from nudibranchs to turtles to schooling trevally. The other good news is that most of it can be seen on shore dives. For those that don't dive, the snorkelling is also some of the best on the planet. See p20.



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## Dili Marathon

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**2** Join over 1000 runners from around the world in the Dili 'City of Peace' Marathon (p27). The course of this well-organised event showcases the best of the city – runners particularly enjoy the waterfront sections. Thousands of cheering Timorese keep the athletes going as they pass through the hot but flat course. If you are not up for the full 42km main event, there is also a half-marathon and a 7km fun run.



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## Tour de Timor

**3** Welcome to the world's toughest bike race (p23). Six days, six stages, over 420km, more than 350 riders and US\$100,000 up for grabs. Leave the road bike at home – this is a mountain-bike-only affair, which is not surprising since the stages traverse some of the most rugged and spectacular parts of the country. You will speed through some remote areas, but with Timorese spectators lining the route and cheering you on, you won't be alone.