**Villa Marasai - Ternate, North Maluku (<h1>)**

This is a magnificent villa, far more than a hotel, located in the far north of Indonesia on a small island called Ternate. It is located out of town on the side of the island's enormous volcano. All the rooms have wonderful views. The breakfasts are delicious, and dinners can be arranged. The owner Pak Hasrun, a true gentleman, speaks English and can organise just about anything.

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Guests typically rave about this hotel, and nearly all give it a 5-star rating:

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There are eleven rooms, all with air-con, luxuriously appointed and immaculately clean. All rooms feature Western-style toilets and showers. Downstairs are a number of huge open rooms which contain artefacts from around Indonesia. It feels like you are living in a museum in paradise.

Some of the rooms look out onto the sea and the big volcanoes on the nearby islands of Maitara and Tidore. This scene is so beautiful that it once featured on the Rp 1000 Indonesian bank note. Other rooms look out onto the wonderful lush tropical gardens. The rooms are all quality rooms.

**Where is Ternate? (<h2>)**

Ternate and nearby Tidore were known as the Spice Islands, and were settled hundreds of years ago by the Portuguese and then the Dutch. You can still see some of the old forts around Ternate. These islands were and still are the home of cloves, nutmeg and mace, not to mention palm trees and tropical flowers.

Ternate is the regional capital of the regional capital of North Maluku province. It is easy to reach by plane from the Indonesian capital Jakarta. However very few tourists ever venture this far north. It might perhaps be difficult at times if you do not speak any Indonesian, but it could be a real adventure too.

The city of Ternate is surprisingly developed with a modern airport just north of the city. The city features a modern shopping centre, a night market and a magnificent mosque. Tourists will have no problems finding an ATM.

Ternate is the gateway for travel to other exotic destinations, such as the nearby smaller volcanic islands, all worth visiting, and the larger islands of North Maluku such as Halmahera and Morotai. Just head down to one of the local ports.

**Around Ternate (<h2>)**

Hasrun can organise sightseeing tours to attractions around the island and to nearby islands such as Maitara and Tidore. Hasrun can book you a car with a driver for the day or for shorter trips.

On Ternate itself there are some beautiful, near-deserted tropical beaches, especially in the west and north. The swimming is great, and the local kids clearly are incredibly friendly. You can eat at any of the local warungs or food stalls.

There are a couple of spectacular volcanic lakes, one in the south, and another on the northwest of the island. It is possible to climb the island's volcano Gamalama, but it is quite an expedition and you will need to hire a guide. It has erupted several times in recent years.

You can also travel right around the island by local transport either by bemo (mini-van) or by ojek (motorbike taxi). You can rent motorbikes, but you should take care, as some of the roads are steep.

**YouTube video here: (URL to be advised next week.)**

**Bookings & Contact Details (<h2>)**

For bookings or enquiries (including airport pickups) phone or SMS Hasrun on +62 821 3733 7395 (from Australia) or 0821 3733 7395 (when in Indonesia).

Prices start at about Rp 400,000, which is really incredible value for accommodation of this standard.

For further details check out the Website: [www.vilamarasai.com](http://www.vilamarasai.com)

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