



KULARTS PHILIPPINE TRIBAL TOUR 2011 Tribes of Mindanao January 18-30, 2011

Since 2002, Kularts has conducted its one-of-a-kind **Tribal Tour**, a hands-on field study, custom-designed for participants to explore, discover, and draw empowerment from indigenous Pilipino cultures of Mindanao. During the 12-day trip, participants will engage in meaningful interactions with T'boli, B'laan, Maguindanaon and Manobo tribal leaders, shamans & healers, and masters artists in their ancestral homes in Davao del Sur, Sanggani, South Cotabato, and Maguindanao.

- Bask in lush natural environments: enjoy Maitum's turtle sanctuary, Lake Sebu's meditative energies, the Pulangi River's sacred power, and more!
- Immerse yourself in the beauty of the Southern Philippines' myths, cosmology, and ancient ways of knowing.
- Empower your 'babaylan' self by participating in traditional rituals led by tribal shamans and ritualists
- Learn the meaning of sacred and secular dances and music: epic chants to award-winning street dancing.
- Observe craft-making by master artisans: learn about natural dyes and the "dream weaving" of the exquisite t'nalak fabric, "lost wax" gong-making techniques, and more.
- Inform your cultural consciousness with lectures on current indigenous social and political struggles.
- Savor the flavors of delicious Mindanao cuisine – a departure from your lola's traditional lumpia and pancit!

The cost of the 2011 tour is \$1,300 per person plus a \$50 non-refundable application fee.

This price covers land only.

Cost does not cover international or domestic airfare to/within the Philippines.

This price includes:

- Philippine land transportation
- Two daily meals
- Housing (both home stays and 3 star hotels)
- Coordination and translation costs
- Fees for all cultural activities, performances and workshops

Schedule of Payments - Cash, checks and credit cards accepted.

Payments for the Tribal Tour may be made in full, or you may choose to follow the payment plan below:

- September 15, 2010 Application, including \$50 non-refundable application fee
- October 1, 2010 \$300 1st payment due
- November 1, 2010 \$500 2nd payment due
- December 1, 2010 \$500 3rd payment due

Application Eligibility Requirement

Please note that there is an application and interview process for each prospective tour member. Eligibility for participation in this tour requires contacting Kularts for an application and meeting the Participant Qualifications.

The application deadline w/ \$50 non-refundable fee is September 15, 2010

In order to be eligible for selection, you must meet the following Participant Qualifications:

- Must hold a current U.S. Passport (if a U.S. Citizen) or a legal VISA (if not a U.S. Citizen)
- Must be 21 years of age or older
- Ability to participate in walking tours and moderate physical activity
- Ability to embrace local traditions and rustic living conditions
- Interest in actively participating in a cultural exchange with indigenous people
- Ability to contribute positively to a group dynamic
- Ability to live communally and acclimate to rustic, non-western conditions of the tribal communities
- Completion of required health form, listing any health problems, special dietary needs, and physical conditions.

IF YOU ARE SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FIELD STUDY

** **fees are non-refundable after October 1, 2010**

** you **must** sign a liability agreement stating that unless the tour is canceled, **fees are non-refundable after October 1, 2010**. We recommend the purchase of travel insurance in case of personal emergency or tour cancellation.