Timor-Leste

Latest update

This Advice was last issued on Tuesday, 10 December 2013. It contains new information in the Summary and under Safety and security: Civil unrest/political tension (peaceful protests were held across the road from the Australian Embassy in Dili on 5, 6 and 9 December and may continue). We continue to advise Australians to exercise a high degree of caution in Timor-Leste because of the uncertain security situation and the possibility of civil unrest.

- Exercise normal safety precautions
- **EXERCISE A HIGH DEGREE OF CAUTION**
- Reconsider your need to travel
- Do not travel

- We advise you to exercise a high degree of caution in Timor-Leste because of the uncertain security situation. The situation could deteriorate without warning.
- Pay close attention to your personal security at all times and monitor the media for information about possible new safety and security risks.
- You should avoid demonstrations, street rallies and other large public gatherings as they may turn violent.
- On 5, 6 and 9 December 2013, peaceful protests were held across the road from the Australian Embassy in Dili. Protests may continue.
- Medical facilities are extremely limited and evacuation, at significant expense, is often the only option in cases of serious illness or accident.
- Because of the uncertain security situation, we recommend that you register your travel and contact details (http://www.orao.dfat.gov.au) with us, so we can contact you in an emergency.
- Be a smart traveller. Before heading overseas:
  - organise comprehensive travel insurance and check what circumstances and activities are not covered by your policy
  - subscribe to this travel advice to receive free email updates each time it's reissued.