

TIMOR-LESTE

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Travel & Possession Not Permitted Under Any Circumstance



Summary

- Cannabis is illegal in Timor-Leste for both medical and recreational use.
- There is no legal framework for medical cannabis, and no distinction is made between medicinal and recreational use.
- Traveling to Timor-Leste with cannabis, including prescribed forms, is prohibited and may result in legal penalties.

Background

Timor-Leste has a zero-tolerance approach to cannabis use, rooted in its general anti-narcotics policies. Cannabis is classified as an illicit drug, and there is no current legislation allowing for its medical use.

Key points about the system:

- No legal medical cannabis program exists.
- Cannabis is not authorized for prescription or therapeutic use.
- There is no legal pathway for patients to obtain or use cannabis, even with a foreign prescription.

Non-Medical Cannabis

- Consumption: Use of cannabis is criminalized and may result in arrest or fines.
- Possession: Even small quantities of cannabis may be treated as a criminal offense, with prison sentences possible. Exact penalties depend on the amount and context.
- Sale & Distribution: Considered a serious offense, subject to lengthy prison terms, especially for trafficking or organized distribution.

Traveling to Timor-Leste with Medical Cannabis

Bringing cannabis or cannabis-based products (even with a prescription) into Timor-Leste is strictly forbidden. Penalties may include detention, imprisonment, or prosecution under anti-narcotics laws.



Steps to Take Before Departure:

1. Do not carry any cannabis product.
 2. Carry only non-cannabis medications that are legal.
 3. Obtain pharmacy-labeled packaging with valid prescription for all legal medications.
 4. Do not rely on foreign prescriptions for cannabis. The authorities of Timor-Leste do not acknowledge them.
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Practical Tips

- If you are taking other medications, carry them in original packaging with prescriptions and clinic letters, best to verify legality via embassy.
- Speak to your embassy or consulate regarding your medical needs before planning travel.
- Use alternative, legal permitted medicines during your stay in Timor-Leste.

The information provided reflects the most current data available; however, as cannabis laws are continually evolving, this content should not be interpreted as legal advice.

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