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# Discover Niugini, the Last Frontier on Earth, for a Lifetime Experience!

## Momase Cultural Safari

The Momase Safari includes a culture and adventure expeditions that starts in Morobe Province through to Madang and terminates in Sepik Province. In Morobe you will see fascinating cultures and the world renowned display of smoked bodies of dead people (mummies) by the Menyama Tribe. In Madang you will do a village home stay with the Bogia people and get to learn their culture and way of life whether it be fishing, gardening or hunting, or just relaxing in the village enjoying the warm hospitality of the Bogia people. From Madang you will stop over in Wewak and start your unique canoeing experience along the Sepik River and marvel at the fascinating life, cultures and traditions of the Sepik people.

### Itinerary: 14 days/ 13 nights

- Day 1 On arrival in Port Moresby meet our staff and transfer to Gateway Hotel. If time permits, we will arrange a short escorted sightseeing in and around the city. Overnight in Port Moresby. (D)
- Day 2 Transfer to airport and board your early bird flight out of Port Moresby to Lae. Meet your guide on arrival at Nadzab Airport and set out on a 4WD to Menyama District in Morobe Province. The drive time is estimated to be 5 hours. En route see villages along the road, tropical rainforests teeming with wildlife, rivers and waterfalls. Overnight at the Guesthouse. (BLD)
- Day 3 Today you will be hiking through tropical rainforest ascending to the mountain where Aseki Smoked Bodies (mummies) are kept. The Aseki people do not bury their dead but instead keep their mummies in secluded mountain tops overlooking their villages. They believe that by doing this, the spirits of the dead will watch over them and protect them from diseases and other evils. They smoked the corpses over a fire then suspended the smoked bodies in a bamboo frame and carried the frame and body up a steep mountain track to a natural ridge in the side of a mountain and placed the whole frame (and body) on wooden poles against the wall of this natural ridge so that their dead could look over their village a thousand feet below. This mountain is very sacred to them indeed. In the afternoon return to the guesthouse and overnight. (BLD)
- Day 4 Early in the morning you will drive back to Lae in time for lunch. Check into the Melanesian Hotel. After lunch you will transfer to Beautiful Busamang Village about 40 minutes drive from the City. This idyllic setting is representative of village life in

Morobe Province. Thatched roofed housing, traditional canoes and subsistence agriculture are an everyday part of life for the villagers. Take a refreshing dip to cool off in rock pools at the base of the Bula Falls, a scenic waterfall located an easy 20 minutes inland, next to the village of Gwado. The villagers will put up a traditional dance for you. In the afternoon return back to the Hotel and overnight. (BLD)

- Day 5 Predawn transfer to Nadzab Airport and board your flight to Madang via Port Moresby. On arrival meet your guide and transfer to Coastwatchers Hotel. After lunch half day sightseeing tours around the township of Madang including local markets. Overnight at Coastwatchers Hotel. (BLD)
- Day 6 Today you will set out to Bogia; about 5 hours drive from Madang Town. Experience the rural North Coast setting in it's simple but colourful vibrant pace. On arrival you will meet your village hosts who will meet and greet you. A traditional dancing will be performed by the Bogia people as a way of welcoming you into their village during your sojourning. Overnight at Bogia Guesthouse. (BLD)
- Day 7 Today it is up to yourself to choose whether to go fishing in the reefs with the locals or going bush to collecting food in gardens and other traditional nuts, tubers and vegetables for evening food preparations. In the process of partaking you will get a glimpse into how the Bogia people conduct their daily life and how they live their lives through generations. In the evening the village chief will organise a traditional dancing and feast. Overnight at the Bogia Guesthouse. (BLD)
- Day 8 Bid farewell to your hosts early in the morning and transfer to Madang Airport and fly out to Wewak. On arrival at Wewak Airport, meet and greet our staff and transfer to Wewak Seaview Hotel. If time permits, you will have a Wewak Town sightseeing tours including markets, crafts and artefacts shops and war relics. In the evening after dinner your guide will run through the river tours and what you would be expecting during your trip. Overnight at Seaview Hotel. (BD)
- Day 9 Today you will be transferred by 4WD to Pagwi for your canoe expedition. The drive would normally take about 5 hours. En route see the villages and one or two stopovers to see "Haus Tamburan" (men's house of spirit). On arrival at Pagwi board the motorised canoe and start your river expedition. Your first stop will be Ambunti and from Ambunti you will proceed to Swagap. You will be marvelled by the river with its tributaries dwindling in and out forming landscapes and influencing the lives of the Sepik people through all their generations. You will overnight at Swagap Village. (BLD)
- Day 10 Today you will continue your upstream journey to Kubkain. En route you will stopover several villages. Artefacts and traditional crafts can be purchased along the stops. The cultures and traditions of the Sepik people are intriguingly complex and you will notice

the difference as you go from villages to village. After lunch you will proceed onto the April River and finally stop at Sio to dawdling down on you adventure. Overnight at Sio Village. (BLD)

- Day 11 Today you will fully explore the Sio locality and get acquainted villagers. There is so much fun today as you learn about the cultures, traditions, and lifestyles of these river people. You will be introduced to certain Chiefs who will tell you fascinating tales and stories about their way of life. You will notice that most of their tales and stories have links that are strongly attracted to the Sepik River and the crocodile. Overnight at Sio village. (BLD)
- Day 12 Today bid farewell to your friendly hosts at Sio village and continue your Journey to Ambunti. As you gliding upstream you will see water birds swoop across the river and fishing canoes paddle close to the reeds. You will also see villages line the bank each with its own unique style of carving. Masks, totems, mythical figures, woven dance costumes, and musical instruments are plentiful in this part of the river. Each carving has a story, and each story reveals the fascinating spiritual beliefs of the Sepik people. Overnight at Ambunti Lodge. (BLD)
- Day 13 Today from Ambunti you will canoe downstream to Pagwi and transfer to Wewak via Maprik. You will have enough time to buy crafts and artefacts either at Ambunti or any of your other stops. Overnight at Seaview Hotel. (BLD)
- Day 14 Transfer to the Airport and board your Port Moresby and move onto your next destination. (B)

**LAND COST:**

2009/10 - 2-4 pax - US\$3833.00 per person (minimum two persons) on a twin share basis.  
2009/10 - 5-9 pax: US\$3449.00 per person on a twin share basis  
2009/10 - 10+ pax: US\$ 3066.00 per person on a twin share basis

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT:**

2009/10 - US\$684.00 per person.

Note: Some accomondations in rural lodging are based on twin sharing. We will explain the options in details during the bookings.

**LAND COST INCLUDES:**

Accommodation, tours, transfers, meals (from dinner on the 1st day until breakfast on the 14th day,) local guides, cultural fee, and boat transfers.

**LAND COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

Entry visa fees, international and domestic flights, items of a personal nature such as beverages,

phone/fax bills and laundry services.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

You are advised to book and ticket the domestic Air Niugini flights together with your international flights to take advantage of discounts. Bookings can be made on [www.airniugini.com.pg](http://www.airniugini.com.pg)

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