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## Travel Papua New Guinea with Niugini Eco Tourism Services and experience a pure adventure and a pure escapism style of holiday...

### Highlands Discoverer Tours (Tour Code: DT-H12)

In this guided tour itinerant you will visit the Tari Basin, Mt Hagen and Goroka to see and experience the highlands people's traditional way of life, rituals and subsistence economy. Not only that but you will also enjoy the untouched and pristine environment with rare wildlife species found nowhere else in PNG and the rest of the world.



Your initial visit will be the Tari Basin and meet the renowned Huli Wigmen and get up-close with their traditional way of life, rituals and subsistence economy. From Tari, your next stopover will be Mt Hagen to see the cultures, traditions and way of life for the Hagen people that are equally fascinating as the Huli people. Still in Mt Hagen you will see unique birds and wildlife species at Kumul Lodge located at the borders of Western Highlands and Enga provinces.

Your last leg of tour will be Goroka in Eastern Highlands province where you will come across another renown cultural icon of Papua New Guinea, the Goroka Mudmen with their display of mud tainted body and weird looking animalistic masks. This is a fascinating trip that will be captivating and an experience of a lifetime never to be forgotten!

#### Program Overview

Commencing Days:	Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays Wednesdays and Fridays
Number of Nights:	Seven (7)
Tour Availability:	All year around 2011 and 2012
Places to Visit:	Tari, Mt Hagen, Kumul Lodge and Goroka
Tour Extension:	To the Sepik River for 5 additional nights.

**Detailed Itinerary: Port Moresby, Tari, Mt Hagen, Kumul Lodge, Simbu, and Goroka. (This program can be extended to Sepik River for 5 additional nights).**

#### Day 1: Port Moresby/Tari

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Meet our staff who will assist you to the airport to board Air Niugini flight PX864 to Tari at 08:30 and arrive in Tari at 10:00. The staff at Ambua Lodge will meet you and transfer to Ambua Lodge and check in and have lunch. After lunch you will start your Tari and Huli tours. Overnight at Ambua Lodge. (LD)

### **Day 2: Tari Basin**

Today immerse yourself in the Huli culture and its intriguing traditions. The Huli people live by hunting, gathering plants and growing crops. They are exceptional farmers and still farm their land and raising pigs as their main economy. Men and women still live separately; unmarried men historically lived in large group houses, although this is exceptionally rare nowadays. When wearing traditional dress, the men decorate their bodies with coloured clay and wear elaborate headdresses for ceremonies. This intrigue and complicated culture will fascinate you. Highlight of today in the Tari Basin include the following but not restricted to:

- Huli Village studies.
- An encounter with Huli women in pig houses (Women literally live with pigs)
- Visiting sacred sites and more.

Your accommodation for tonight will be at Ambua Lodge. (BLD)

### **Day 3: Tari/Mt Hagen**

After breakfast bid farewell to your guide in Tari and travel to Mt Hagen. There are two travel options from Tari to Mt Hagen: Options<sup>1</sup> - If your tour commences on a Tuesday, then you will be flying by MAF Airlines which operates flight out from Tari to Mt Hagen every Thursdays. Option 2 - If your tour commences on the other days, then you will go by road, courtesy of our 4WD Suv transfers, which will take 6-7 hours drive time. The second options although may take longer to travel, will however compensate you with authentic tour experiences where you will see hundreds of different natives tribal groups scattered along the highway. You will also see beautiful scenery along the way with majestic photo opportunities rarely proffered in other parts of your travel in this program. On arrival in Mt Hagen you will be transferred to Hotel Kimininga. Depending on your time of arrival in Mt Hagen, a brief village study tours may be provided to Ganti Village in Kindeng including visit to tea and coffee plantations in the fertile Waghi Valley. Overnight at Highlander Hotel. (BLD)

### **Day 4: Mt Hagen (Rugli Village)**

After breakfast you will set out on a village discovery trip to the Mul Baiyer area. You will be visiting the Rugli village and meet the village inhabitants and their chief. Your typical village discovery will include the following activities but not restricted to:

- Traditional sing-sing by villagers,
- Village tours including walking through traditional huts, and small garden plots
- Demonstrations of traditional food preparation
- Marriage and courtship demonstrations, etc.

Lunch will be provided by villagers. After lunch a drive to Baiyer gorge for a scenic photo shooting including visiting a few local markets along the road. In the afternoon transfer to Kumul Lodge via the feeder road under the foot of Mount Hagen Range. Check into Kumul Lodge and overnight. (BLD)

### **Day 5: Mt Hagen/Kumul Lodge**

Today full day birding and wildlife discovery tours. (Note: Kumul Lodge is situated under the foot of Mt Hagen at the border of Western Highlands and Enga provinces and it's a haven for

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bird species such as the bird of paradise). Spend the entire day watching bird of paradise and other native bird species. If you are not a keen bird watcher then we can organise light trekking to the base of Mt Hagen which stands at 3790 meters above sea level. Whilst hiking enjoy rich flora and fauna up to the base camp enjoy spectacular views of the lowlands if the weather is fine today. Overnight at Kumul Lodge. (BLD)

#### **Day 6: Kumul Lodge/Mt Hagen/Simbu/Goroka**

Today after an early breakfast you will set out on a scenic drive tour via the Highlands Highway to Goroka. The Highlands Highway is the main road link from the Highlands to the main seaports of Madang and Lae. The road snakes up and down rugged mountains and crossed rivers and creeks of all sizes. You will also see most villages of the highlands regions are built along the edges of the highway. Before going out of Mt Hagen we will stop at Avi cultural Centre to see the beautiful orchid garden and a traditional sing –sing will be put up by the Sili Muli women from Enga Province (bare breasted women). After the visit continue on to Kundiawa and stop at Mt Wilhelm Tourist Hotel for lunch. After lunch continue on to Goroka. En-route we will stop at Chuave in the Chimbu Province and the Emerian people will showcase their traditions and culture through a sing-sing and dancing. Continue on to Goroka. If the weather is good you will get a birds-eye view of the Goroka township and the entire Goroka valley at Daulo Pass Lookout. Arriving in Goroka check into the Pacific Gardens Hotel and overnight. (BLD)

#### **Day 7: Goroka/Asaro Valley**

After breakfast today visit the Asaro Valley to see the legendary Asaro Mud men. Tribal folklore records that centuries ago the warriors of Asaro were defeated in a tribal fight "payback" raid, and, to make themselves look fierce in the process, covered their bodies with gray mud. According to legend, the ruse worked. Their enemies fled at the sight of these ghostly apparitions. The mud men will recreate the drama for you when you visit the Asaro Villages. You will not only see the mud men performing today but also other traditional customary practices will also be exhibited by the Asaro people including traditional food preparations, resolving tribal conflicts, gardening, etc. Your lunch will be picnic lunch packed from the hotel plus some traditional lunch prepared by the Asaro people. After lunch your guide will take you through the village where you will do a full village study. In the afternoon return back to Goroka. If time permits and you have enough stamina to continue tour, then we will take you to the Goroka Museum, Art Gallery and other town highlights before resigning to your hotel and overnight. (BLD)

#### **Day 8: Goroka/Port Moresby**

After breakfast transfer to the airport and board flight PX961 at 10:45 and arrive in Port Moresby at 11:55 and head to your next destination. (B) END OF THE PROGRAM or for [EXTENSION to Sepik River see below](#).

#### **LAND COST:**

**2011/2012 Land Cost Per Person:** Prices quoted below are on twin/double share basis for all group (pax) categories except for 1 pax which is on single room basis.

1 pax	2-3 pax	4-6 pax	7-10 pax	11+ pax
PGK10,700	PGK7,700	PGK7,100	PGK6,600	PGK6,000

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- Single room supplement cost: PGK1,050 per person.
- Travel Agents' commissions for the above land cost for all cost categories are available only on application.

#### LAND COST INCLUDES:

Accommodations, tours, transfers, all meals, mineral (bottled) water, English Speaking guide/s, sing-sing and cultural fees, and entry fees.

#### LAND COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Entry visa fees, all international flights and domestic fares, items of a personal nature such as beverages, phone/fax bills and laundry services.

#### IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. You are advised to book and ticket the domestic Air Niugini flights together with your international flights to take advantage of discounts that are available in the international ticketing.
2. We will only book the MAF Tari/Hagen flight upon confirmation of your travel dates. The MAF airfares will cost an additional K410 per person.

#### BOOKINGS:

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### EXTENDED PROGRAM

#### **Sepik River Odyssey** (Tour Code: ET-S12)

In this extended program you will be canoeing on motorized dingy on the mighty Sepik River emerging yourself into the mystical culture of the Sepik people and explore some of the raw ecological beauty along the river's natural habitat. You will come to learn the fascinating culture of the river people with their rituals, initiation ceremonies, crafts, and the daily lifestyles that is demarcated by the river itself.

#### **5 nights itinerary: Goroka, Wewak, Sepik River and Port Moresby.**

##### **Day 8: Goroka/Port Moresby/Wewak**

Transfer to the airport and board flight PX 961 to Port Moresby for your next destination. The flight departs Goroka at 10:45 and arrives at 11:55. Have lunch somewhere and in the afternoon board domestic flight PX126 at 15:35 to Wewak via Madang. Arrive in Wewak at 17:45 meet and greet our staff and transfer to In-Wewak Boutique Hotel and check in. Settle for dinner and in the evening your guide will brief you on the Sepik River tours. In-Wewak Boutique Hotel. (D)

##### **Day 9: Wewak/Kanganamun**

Today you will be transferred by 4WD to Pagwi for your canoe expedition. The drive would normally take about 5 hours. On arrival at Pagwi board the motorized canoe and start your river expedition to Kanganamun and visit the oldest Haus Tambaran along the Sepik River and overnight at Kanganamun Guest House. (BLD)

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**Day 10: Kanganamun/Palambe/Kamanabit**

After breakfast cross over to Palambe by motorize canoe and hike inland for about 30 minutes and exploring the Palambe villages and visit the Haus Tambarans. If you are lucky on one of the initiation ceremonial days, you will get a rare insight into this most primitive tradition that is still in existence in this modern day and age. (Permission will be give to women among your group to visit the men's exclusive spirit houses). Overnight Kamanabit village guest house. (BLD)

**Day 11: Kamanabit/Chambri Lakes**

After breakfast continue your journey into Chambri Lake by motorized canoe. Before reaching Chambri Lake you will have a stop at Aibom. Aibom people are famous for their pottery making. See potteries of all sizes, shapes, colors and patterns. Then go into Chambri Lake where you will see a newly built Haus Tambaran at Wombun Village. After the visit to Chambri Lake return to Kamanabit. After dinner you will have the chance of going for a crocodile hunt with the locals. Overnight at Kamanabit village house. (BLD)

**Day 12: Kamanabit/Wewak**

Today bid farewell to your friendly hosts at Kamanabit village and continue your journey to Pagwi and onto Wewak. On arrival in Wewak transfer to In-Wewak Boutique Hotel and overnight. (BLD)

**Day13: Wewak/Port Moresby**

Transfer to the airport and board flight PX 125 at 06:00 to Port Moresby for your next destination. END OF PROGRAM.

**LAND COST:**

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1 pax	2-3 pax	4-6 pax	7-10 pax	11+ pax
PGK6,500	PGK3,900	PGK3,200	PGK2,700	PGK2,300

**Note:**

- Single room supplement cost: PGK650 per person.
- Travel Agents' commissions for the above land cost for all cost categories are available only on application.

**LAND COST INCLUDES:**

Accommodation, tours, transfers, all meals, mineral (bottled) water, local English Speaking guide/s, porters along the Sepik, and village entry fees.

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