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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...

Momase Discoverer Tours (Tour Code: DT-M12)

The Momase Discoverer tours include a culture and wildlife expeditions that starts in Morobe Province through to Madang and terminates in Sepik Province. This tour will provide you the rich experience of discovering some of the unique cultures, and traditions of the Momase people including entering remote places rarely set foot by outsiders.

In Morobe Province you will visit the Kuku Kuku people of Menyama renowned for preserving their mummies throughout generations. They are some of the smallest people found in PNG. Their surrounding habitat and ecological environment is also untamed and raw. From Bululo stop in Gabensis and explore and experience the cultures and traditions of the Gabensis people near Lae. From Morobe to Madang Province you will spend time staying with the Bogia and Manam Island 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 these friendly people. From Madang fly over to Wewak, in your last leg of this tour, start your unique canoeing experience along the Sepik River and marvel at the fascinating life, cultures and traditions of the Sepik people. The Sepik people are notable for their rituals, initiation ceremonies, crafts, and the daily lifestyles that are demarcated by the river itself.



Program Overview

Commencing Days:	Mondays and Fridays
Number of Nights:	12
Tour Availability:	All year around 2011 and 2012
Places to Visit:	Aseki, Lae, Bogia, Manam Island and Sepik River
Tour Extension:	To the Highlands for 4 additional nights.

Detailed Itinerary: Port Moresby, Bulolo/Asenki, Lae, Madang (Bogia and Manam Island) and Wewak/Sepik River. (This program can be extended to the Highlands for 4 additional nights).

Day 1: Port Moresby/Bulolo

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Meet our staff in Port Moresby who will assist you to the domestic terminal and board flight CG1520 at 15:30 to Bulolo. On arrival at 16:15 meet our staff and transfer to Pine Lodge. In the evening your guide will run you through the Aseki/Menyama tours. Overnight at Pine Lodge. (D)

Day 2: Bulolo/Asenki

After an early breakfast transfer to the Aseki area to see the Kuku Kuku people and visit the mummies. On arrival start hike 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 them as 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 on 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. Have lunch packed from the hotel and in the afternoon drive back to Pine Lodge and overnight. (BLD)

Day 3: Bulolo/Gabensis/Lae

Early in the morning after breakfast you will drive to Lae. En route, stop at Gabensis locality for village and cultural tours. You will be visiting the Munkip village and meet the village inhabitants and their chief. Typical village and cultural discovery include the following:

- Village tours including walking through traditional huts, and small garden plots
- Traditional fire making
- Demonstrations of traditional food preparation using clay pots, etc.

Your lunch today will be a picnic lunch packed from the lodge. Continue to Lae and check into Lae International Hotel and overnight. (BLD)

Day 4: Lae/Madang

After breakfast brief tour of Lae including the Rainforest Habitat, markets and war relics. Have lunch and then transfer to the airport and board Airlines PNG flight CG1600 to Madang. The flight departs at 16:35 and arrives at 17:10. On arrival check into Madang Resort and overnight. (BLD)

Day 5: Madang/Bogia

After breakfast transfer to Bogia along the North Coast Highway. The drive along this section of the highway passes through different villages located along the shoreline of the Bismark Ocean. You will arrive in time for lunch at Anua Negu Lodge. After lunch enjoy water-based activities on the beach or just do a village study in nearby Bogia Villages. In the afternoon settle in and overnight. (BLD)

Day 6: Bogia/Manam Island

After breakfast transfer by boat to Manam Island for a full day of activity and adventure. Manam island is an active volcanic island. You will do trekking, sightseeing and water based activities including snorkelling and swimming. A traditional dancing performance will be hosted by the islanders. Enjoy a traditional meal with them and in the afternoon return back to the mainland and overnight at Anua Negu Lodge. (BLD)

Day 7: Bogia

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After breakfast visit several villages in Bogia for village and cultural studies. You will also enjoy a traditional sing-sing and a bamboo band entertainment by the Bogia people. Return to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon just relax and enjoy the waters of Bogia either swimming or snorkeling. In the evening a traditional dinner will be provided with entertainment provided by local string-band group. Overnight at Anua Negu. (BLD)

Day 8: Bogia/Madang/Wewak

Bid farewell to your hosts after breakfast and transfer to Madang. Arrive in time for lunch at a restaurant of your own choice. After lunch visit arts and crafts shops and see Madang Market before transfer to the airport and board flight PX126 at 16:35 for Wewak. On arrival at Wewak Airport at 17:45, meet and greet our staff and transfer to In-Wewak Boutique Hotel. In the evening after dinner your guide will run through the river tours and what you would be expecting during your trip. Overnight at In-Wewak Boutique Hotel. (BLD)

Day 9: Wewak/Kanganamun

Today you will be transferred by vehicle 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)

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)

Day 13: Wewak/Port Moresby

After breakfast transfer to Wewak airport and board flight PX125 to Port Moresby and get your connection flight to your next destination. (B) END OF THE PROGRAM or for [EXTENSION to the Highlands see below](#).

LAND COST:

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1 pax	2-3 pax	4-6 pax	7-10 pax	11+ pax
PGK18,300	PGK12,000	PGK10,700	PGK9,400	PGK8,100

Note:

- Single room supplement cost: PGK1,700 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, sing-sing and cultural fees and village entry fees.

LAND COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

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

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. You are advice to book and ticket the domestic Air Niugini and Airlines PNG flights together with your international flights to take advantage of discounts available to overseas bookings.

BOOKINGS:

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EXTENDED PROGRAM**Highlands Odyssey (Tour Code: ET-H12)**

In this extended program you will be visiting the Highlands region of PNG including Goroka and Mt Hagen and parts of Simbu and Enga provinces. Highlights of this program including an encounter with the Asaro Mud-men of Goroka and several other tribal groups in Mt Hagen plus birding, wildlife and nature tours in Kumul Lodge.

4 night itinerary: Wewak, Goroka, Simbu, Mt Hagen and Kumul Lodge.**Day 13: Wewak/Goroka**

Today say good bye to your Island host and transfer to Kavieng airport and board flight PX 275 at 06:00 to Port Moresby via Rabaul for Port Moresby and get your connection flight to Goroka. The flight departs at 06:00 and arrives in Port Moresby at 08:00. You connection flight to Goroka is flight PX960 which departs at 09:30 and arrives at 10:40. Meet our staff and transfer to Pacific Gardens Hotel and check in and have lunch. After lunch 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,

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covered their bodies with grey 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. Return to the hotel in the afternoon and overnight. (LD)

Day 14: Goroka/Mt Hagen

After breakfast transfer to Mt Hagen on the Highlands Highway. 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. We will stop at Suave in the Chimbu Province and meet the Emerian people who will showcase their traditions and culture through a sing-sing and dancing performance. Continue on to Kundiawa and have lunch at Mt Wilhelm Restaurant and then proceed to Mt Hagen. Arrive at Highlander Hotel and overnight. (BLD)

Day 15: 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 16: Mt Hagen/Kumul Lodge

Today full day birding and wildlife discovery tours at Kumul Lodge. (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 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 17: Kumul Lodge/Mt Hagen/Port Moresby

After breakfast transfer to the airport and board flight PX181 to Port Moresby. The flight departs at 10:30 and arrives at 11:30. END OF PROGRAM.

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1 pax	2-3 pax	4-6 pax	7-10 pax	11+ pax
PGK6,000	PGK3,900	PGK3,500	PGK3,100	PGK2,700

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