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2012 Mt Hagen Show & Highland Discoverer Tours (Tour Code: SH-H12)

2012 Mt Hagen Show and the Highlands Discoverer package include two days of cultural extravaganzas in Mt Hagen plus the discovery of the Highlands of PNG including Tari, Mt Hagen and Goroka. In the Tari Basin you will 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 of the Hagen people that are equally fascinating as the Huli people. After the cultural festivities, journey on to Goroka and you will yet encounter another cultural icon of Papua New Guinea, the Asaro 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.

9 nights itinerary from 06th Aug to 15th Aug 2012: Port Moresby, Tari, Mt Hagen (Mt Hagen Show), and Goroka. (Can be extended to Sepik for an additional 5 nights).

Day 1: Mon 06th Aug 2011- International Flight/Port Moresby

On arrival in Port Moresby meet our representatives and transfer to Gateway Hotel and check in. Depending on your time of your arrival in Port Moresby, a half day sightseeing tour may be provided including the city and other highlights. Overnight at Gateway Hotel. (D)

Day 2, 3: Tues 07th, Wed 08th - Port Moresby/Tari

Transfer to the airport and board Air Niugini flight PX 864 at 08:45 and arrive in Tari at 10:15. On arrival meet your guide and transfer to GMT Lodge. After lunch visit your first huli village and immerse yourself in the Huli culture and its intriguing traditions. (You will have today and the rest of tomorrow to discover the Tari Basin). 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 these two days in the Tari Basin include the following:

- Huli Village studies
- An encounter with Huli women in pig houses (Women literally live with pigs)
- Enjoy a warm traditional sing-sing by the huli wigmen
- Trekking and wildlife, etc.

Your accommodation for these two nights will be at GMT Lodge. (BLD)

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Day 4: Thurs 09th - Tari/Mt Hagen

Today you will bid farewell to your guide and board the MAF flight out from Tari to Mt Hagen. On arrival your guide will meet you and transfer you to Hotel Kimininga. After lunch a visit to Ganti Village in Waghi Valley for a village study tour. Then proceed to Kindeng Estate to see tea and coffee plantations. In the afternoon drive back to the hotel and overnight. (BLD)

Day 5: Fri 10th - Mt Hagen (Pakuwat Mini-Show & Rugli Village)

After breakfast spend half day visit to Pakuwat Wilderness Lodge for a Pakuwat mini-show, a prelude of what you would be expecting in the Mt Hagen Show on the weekend. Enjoy various cultural and tribal sing-sing and then return to the hotel for lunch. After lunch 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, etc.

Return to the hotel in the afternoon and overnight. (BLD)

Day 6, 7: Sat 11th, Sun 12th - Mt Hagen Show Ground

Spend these two days enjoying the show festivity. Each morning after breakfast you will be transferred from the hotel to the show ground and into the main traditional sing-sing arena where you will be captivated by the cultural extravaganza displayed by hundreds of different tribes of PNG. Your lunch for these two days will be picnic lunch. In the afternoon drive back to the hotel and overnight. (BLD)

Day 8: Mon 13th - Mt Hagen/Simbu/Goroka

Today after breakfast you will set out on a scenic drive tour on 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. 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 Goroka. If the weather is good you will get a Birdseye view of the Goroka Township and the Valley at Daulo Pass Lookout. Arriving in Goroka you will check into the Pacific Gardens Hotel and overnight. (BLD)

Day 9: Tues 14th – Goroka (Asaro Village)

After breakfast today on your first part of the day will see you visiting 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 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. Not only will you see the mud men perform but will also see other cultural and sing-sing group exhibition. A village study will also be done on request. Return back to Goroka and have lunch at your hotel. After lunch tours include the Goroka Museum, Art Gallery and other town highlights before resigning to your hotel and overnight. (BLD)

Day 10: Wed 15th - Goroka/Port Moresby

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Transfer to the airport and bid farewell to your guide and board flight PX 961 to Port Moresby for your next destination. The flight departs Goroka at 10:45 and arrives at 11:55. 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
n/a	n/a	PGK9,500	PGK8,500	PGK7,500

Note:

- Single room supplement cost: PGK2,000 per person.
- Travel Agents' commissions for the above land cost for all cost categories are available only on application.

LAND COST INCLUDES:

Accommodation, MAF flight airfares, tours, transfers, all meals, mineral (bottled) water, local guides, sing-sing/cultural fees, show entry 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:

You are advised to book and ticket the domestic Air Niugini flights together with your international flights to take advantage of discounts available to overseas bookings. We will only book the MAF Tari/Hagen flight.

BOOKINGS:

Please email us at sales@png-tourism.com for any inquiries or bookings into this tour. Click [here](#) to see our booking terms and conditions.

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 night's itinerary from 15th Aug to 20th Aug 2012: Tari, Wewak, Sepik and Port Moresby.

Day 10: Wed 15th - Tari/Port Moresby/Wewak

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After breakfast transfer to the airport and board flight PX865 to Port Moresby. The flight departs at 10:30 and arrives at 12:00. 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 11: Thurs 16th - 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 Kanganmun and visit the oldest Haus Tambaran along the Sepik River and overnight at Kanganamun Guest House. (BLD)

Day 12: Fri 17th - 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 13: Sat 18th - 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, colours 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 14: Sun 19th - 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 15: Mon 20th - 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.

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PGK6,500	PGK3,900	PGK3,200	PGK2,700	PGK2,300

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