



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

PNG Tribal Discovery and Islands Getaway

In this guided tour itinerary you will visit the Tari Basin and meet the renowned Huli Wigmen and get up-close with their traditional way of life, rituals and subsistence economy. The natural ecology of the Tari Basin is also very raw and intact with unique wildlife species. From Tari, your next stopover will be Mt Hagen and see the cultures, traditions and way of life for the Hagen people that are equally fascinating as the Huli people.

From Mt Hagen you will fly across the Bismarck Sea to the New Guinea Islands. You will stay in New Islands Province. Kavieng is the capital and it is a harbour with a stunning piece of Nature's handiwork, a huge crucible holding a soup of tiny tropical islands and brilliant coral reefs. Notable of the accommodation options are the Treehouse Village Eco-Resort, a collection of native-style waterfront bungalows built around the world's largest inhabited tree house, and the award-winning Lissenung Island Resort, with just a handful of low-impact bungalows on a tiny island.

Itinerary: 13 days/12 nights

- Day 1 - Wed 7th April Arrive at Jackson International Airport, Port Moresby and meet our staff and transfer to the domestic terminal to board your connection flight to Goroka on flight PX962 at 14:55. On arrival at Goroka Airport at 16:05, our staff will meet you and transfer you to Bird of Paradise Hotel. In the evening your guide will brief you on entire PNG Highlands Tours. (D)
- Day 2 - Thurs 8th An early breakfast today and 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 recreated the drama for you when you visit the Asaro Villages. Return to the Hotel for lunch. In the afternoon you will visit Mt. Gahavisuka Provincial Park and other Goroka Town highlights before resigning to your Hotel and overnight. (BLD).
- Day 3 – Fri 9th Today you will set out for a scenic drive tour on the Highlands Highway to Kundiawa and from Kundiawa drive to Mt Hagen. En route stop along in Suave District in Chimbu Province and see Kongo village. They will put up a traditional sing-sing for you. You will have lunch in Kundiawa Mt Wilhelm Tourists Lodge and continue to Mt Hagen. Arrive at Mt Hagen and check into Highlander Hotel. In the afternoon a brief Mt Hagen City highlight tours including visiting the Haus Poroman Lodge to see orchids. Return to the hotel and overnight. (BLD)
- Day 4 – Sat 10th Today you will be exploring the popular Waghi Valley. You will be greeted by beautiful scenes of coffee and tea plantations against the backdrop of scenic mountains. Your

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discovery of the rich valley will not only be restricted to its panoramic beauty but also be fascinated by the culture the local Waghi people. Your lunch today will be a picnic lunch packed from the Hotel. After lunch visit the Tungai people and attend a traditional sing-sing and discover how they live. In the afternoon drive back to the Hotel and overnight. (BLD)

- Day 5 – Sun
11th After breakfast you will visit the Mul Baiyer District and see more villages. Sunday is commonly a Christian day of rest so today most people will be attending churches and Sunday markets. Feel free to mingle with them and take many photos as you like. After a picnic lunch arrive at Tondomong Village where the village chief and his subjects will meet you and welcome you to a local feast. (Most feasts prepared in the Highlands is by “mumu” which is a traditional method of cooking that is done in the pit with hot stones). Enjoy the local food and spend the rest of the day with the village chief and his subjects. Before you depart the village boys will perform a string band local music for you. Return to the hotel and overnight. (BLD)
- Day 6 – Mon
12th After breakfast transfer to Kumul Lodge under the foot of Mt Hagen which stands at 12,500 ft above sea level. Kumul Lodge is at the border of Western Highlands and Enga Province. The Lodge is a haven for bird watchers. On arrival check in and enjoy lunch before exploring the surrounds. See exotic bird of paradise species and other rare bird species that are only found in PNG. In the afternoon visit Wapenamanda District and enjoy a traditional welcome by the Enga people. Drive back and overnight at Kumul Lodge. (BLD)
- Day 7 – Tues
13th Today a private vehicle transfer to Mendi the Capital of Southern Highlands Province. The drive is an adventure in itself. See tribes along the Highlands Highway and visit roadside markets and villages en route. Check into Kiburu Lodge and enjoy lunch. After lunch a local tour including nearby villages and interact with the Southern Highland people and also explore rich flora and fauna. Return to the Lodge and overnight. (BLD)
- Day 8 – Wed
14th After breakfast transfer by private vehicle to Tari. Drive time is approx 5 hours. Arrive at Village Guest house. After lunch visit the first Huli village and enjoy a famous Huli dancing and explore the rich flora and fauna of the surroundings. Return to the guest house and overnight. (BLD)
- Day 9 – Thurs
15th Today fully 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 colored clay and wear elaborate headdresses for ceremonies. This intriguing and complicated culture will fascinate you. Highlight of today in the Tari Basin include the following:
- Observe face paintings by Huli people
 - Huli Village studies
 - Spiritual Dancing performance
 - Marriage and courtship demonstrations
 - Observe the wig making school of the Huli men.
- Overnight at the village guest house. (BLD)
- Day 10 –
Friday 16th After breakfast spend the morning visiting a nearby village and enjoy your last moments of Huli encounter. A picnic lunch and then transfer to the airport and board flight PX865 at 12:10 for Port Moresby. Arrive at 13:40 in Port Moresby and board your connection flight to Rabaul on flight PX 274 at 14:55. On arrival at Togua airport at 16:20, and transfer to

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Day 11 – Sat 17th In the morning you will have the first half of the day to explore fierce battles sites during World War II. The steep surrounding coastal cliffs are riddled with tunnels filled with relics. Explore Admiral Yamamoto's bunker and touch the wreck of a Japanese Betty Bomber for intimate reminders of the Japanese presence. See also the Mt Tavuvur that is still an active volcanic site. Return to the hotel and have lunch. After lunch visit the local markets and the township of Rabaul the transfer to the airport and board flight PX274 for Kavieng at 16:50 and arrive at 17:25. On arrival meet the staff of the renowned "Treehouse" Village Eco-Resort. The Treehouse is the world's largest inhabited tree house and will surely remind you of Enid Blyton's Magic Faraway Tree. In the evening you will receive a briefing on local Maimai culture from your host, and hear the history of the Treehouse. Overnight Treehouse Village Eco-Resort. (BLD)

Day 12 – Sun 18th After breakfast you'll be transferred to Kavieng waterfront and board a motorised speed boat across the lagoon to Lissenung Island. The boat ride is about 25 minutes. Check in to your waterfront bungalow and take a beach walk, a paddle, a swim or snorkel before lunch. There is a pristine "house reef" right on the main beach in front of the resort dining room. In the afternoon, enjoy everything Lissenung Island has to offer. This is an unfeigned tropical paradise experience. (BLD)

Day 13, 14 – Mon 19th – Tues 20th Today you tomorrow you will be "all spent in paradise" with variety of activities including snorkelling, fishing, swimming, diving, bird watching at the island edge where most sea birds have their feeding or just relaxing on the white sandy beach enjoying the sun. And there is plenty of quiet beaches with overhanging shady trees where you can curl up for a snooze or read a book. There are never more than 20 people on the island at a time so while others are out diving you will have the island to yourself. Overnight at the Lissenung Island Resort with all meals included. (BLD)

Day 15 – Wed 21st Today say good bye to your Island host and transfer to Kavieng airport and board flight PX 275 to Port Moresby via Rabaul for your next destination. Arrival time in Port Moresby is 08:25. END OF PROGRAM

LAND COST:

2009/10 - 5-7 pax: PGK7,990 per person on a twin share basis

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT:

2009/10 – PGK1,490 per person.

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

LAND COST INCLUDES:

Accommodation, Tari/Hagen domestic fare, tours, transfers, meals (from dinner on the 1st day until breakfast on the 13th day,) local guides, cultural fee, and village entry fees.

LAND COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

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Entry visa fees, all international flights and domestic Air Niugini fares, 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

BOOKINGS:

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

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