Mt Hagen Show and PNG/Solomon Islands Tours

This is a 10 night itinerary that starts in Papua New Guinea and extends to Solomon Islands and ends in Port Moresby. Your first stop will be in Mt Hagen in the Highlands of PNG to see the famous Mt Hagen Show. Your experience in Mt Hagen will not only be the show festival but you will explore villages, tourist attractions, wildlife and natures and some of the biggest coffee and tea plantations in the Southern Hemisphere. From Mt Hagen you will have a half day tours in Port Moresby before flying over to Honiara in Solomon Islands. The Solomon Islands people come from the same decedents as the PNG people and cultures and traditions are similar. You will spend 2 days exploring and discovering the surrounding areas of Honiara before flying back to Port Moresby and back to Singapore. This is an amazing experience of a lifetime never to be forgotten.

Itinerary: 11 days/10 nights: August 13th to August 23rd 2010

Fri 13th August
On arrival from Singapore on Flight PX393 at 08:05 in Port Moresby, meet our representatives and and with the help of the Air Niugini staff you will board your domestic transfer flight to Mt Hagen on PX180 at 08:45. On arrival at Kagamuga airport at 09:45 meet our staff and transfer to Highlander Hotel and check in. Rest at the hotel. In the afternoon after lunch a brief tour of Mt Hagen and its highlight including the Mt Hagen Market. Overnight at the Hotel (LD)

Sat 14th – Sun 15th
Spend these two days enjoying the famous Mt Hagen Cultural Show festivity. You will see all the famous traditional dancers from all over PNG such as the Asaro Mudmen, Huli Wigmen, Kange dancers, Ambe Welders, etc, in these two days. 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. (BLD)

Mon 16th
Today you will be exploring the popular Waghi Valley. You will be greeting by beautiful scenes of coffee and tea plantations against the backdrop of scenic mountains. We will also take you inside the Tea and Coffee Factories to see the entire production line. Your discovery of the rich valley will not only be restricted to its panoramic beauty but also be fascinated by the culture of the local Waghi people. (A traditional sing-sing will be performed by the Rungui people of Waghi Valley). Your lunch today will be picnic lunch packed from your hotel. In the afternoon drive back to the Hotel and overnight. (BLD)

Tue 17th
After breakfast you will set out on a village discovery trip to the Mul Baiyer area. You will be visiting two famous villages and their chiefs. The villagers will also put on traditional sing-sing for you. You can also buy artifacts and traditional bags from villagers. Return to the
hotel and overnight. (Your lunch today will be picnic lunch packed from the hotel). (BLD)

Wed 18th
After breakfast you will drive to Kumul Lodge under the foot of Mt Hagen which stand at 12,500 ft above sea level. Kumul Lodge is a haven for bird watchers. See exotic bird of paradise species and other rare bird species that are only found in PNG. After lunch at the lodge, transfer to Mt Hagen. En route stop at Paiyer Village and see spectacular cultural dancing performance by the Paiyer Cultural Singing Group. Continue journey on to your hotel and overnight. (BLD)

Thur 19th
After breakfast transfer to Kagamuga airport and board you flight PX181 at 10:15 to Port Moresby. Meet our staff and transfer to Crown Plaza. Afternoon lunch, transfer tours will include the National Museum, Botanical Gardens and the Parliament House. Return to the hotel in the afternoon and overnight. (BLD)

Fri 20th
After breakfast transfer to Jacksons International Airport for your flight to Honiara. Board flight PX 084 at 09:45 for Honiara in Solomon Islands. Arrive at 13:05 and meet our representatives at the Honiara International Airport and transfer to Honiara Hotel. Relax and unwind. In the evening you will be entertained by a local string band group performing in true Melanesian style. (B)

Sat 21st
After breakfast you will start the Honiara tours. You’ll start with a trip to the little museum and cultural centre, then proceed to the central market, the U.S. war memorial on Skyline Ridge and the Japanese peace park on Mt Austen. As you travel about the city you will be greeted by warm smiles everywhere you go. The Solomon Islanders are very pleasant and welcoming people which is why the country is nicknamed “The Happy Isles. Return to the hotel for lunch. After lunch visit an urban village where you will meet local families living together in clan groups within the town environment. Return to the hotel and overnight. (BLD)

Sun 22nd
After breakfast visit artifact and souvenir markets before heading to Vilu Cultural Village. See World War 2 Relics and other interesting sights. There will be a traditional sing-sing performances by the local people. Return to the hotel for lunch. After at your own leisure. (BLD)

Mon 23rd
After breakfast transfer to the Airport and board flight PX085 for Port Moresby at 09:00 and arrive at 13:00. Meet our staff and transfer to Holiday Inn for a brief lunch before transferring to Jacksons for your flight to Singapore on Flight PX393 at 15:00. Say Good bye to our staff and see you next time. (BL)

LAND COST:
2010/11 - 10-14 pax – PGK8,420 per person on a double share basis.

We will offer 1 FOC for the Tour Leader for all the land costs both in PNG and Solomon Islands excluding the domestic airfares.

LAND COST INCLUDES:
Accommodation, all domestic airfares in PNG, tours, transfers, meals (from lunch on the 1st day until lunch

We provide eco-based tours that include adventures, village and cultural discoveries, tribal festivities and other special interests tours such as birding and wildlife, filming, etc, throughout Papua New Guinea. We guarantee an experience of “Pure Adventure and Pure Escapism” when you book with us.
on the 11th day - only the main course) local guides plus a English speaking guide, and cultural performances fees, and Mt Hagen Show entry fees.

**LAND COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:**
Entry visa fees, all international airfares for both Singapore/POM/Singapore and POM/Honiara/POM, items of a personal nature such as beverages, phone/fax bills and laundry services.

**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.