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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...

### **Sepik-Highland Discoverer Tours** (Tour Code: DT-S12)

The Sepik-Tari Highlands Discoverer is a journey of a lifetime that takes you through to two of the most intriguing cultures of Papua New Guinea. You will have enough time in each place to be submersed in the culture and ecology of the Tari Basin and the Sepik River. Each destination has its own unique ecosystem and cultures and traditions that will intrigue even seasoned travelers. In between these two remote destinations you will also encounter some highlands tribes in Mt Hagen, Simbu and Goroka.



In Tari get acquainted with the Huli wigman and its fascinating traditions, lifestyles and daily lifestyles. In the Sepik region 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. In between Tari and Sepik, you will transit in Mt Hagen and see the Hagen people whose cultures and traditions are just as fascinating as the Sepiks and the Hulis. You will also visit the Asaro Mud-men in Goroka and have a memorable encounter with these mask dancers. Throughout this trip you will be provided with an unforgettable experience of this amazing last frontier expedition.

#### **Program Overview**

<b>Commencing Days:</b>	Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
<b>Number of Nights:</b>	Ten (10)
<b>Tour Availability:</b>	All year around 2011 and 2012
<b>Places to Visit:</b>	Tari, Mt Hagen, Simbu, Goroka and the Sepik River
<b>Tour Extension:</b>	To Madang (Bogia and Manam) for 3 additional nights.

**Detailed Itinerary: Port Moresby, Tari, Mt Hagen, Simbu, Goroka and the Sepik River. (This program can be extended to Bogia and Manam Island in Madang for 3 additional nights).**

#### **Day 1: Port Moresby/Tari**

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

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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. Return to the hotel and overnight. (BLD)

### **Day 5: Mt Hagen/Simbu/Goroka**

Today after 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. We will stop at Suave in the Chimbu Province and the Emarian people will

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showcase their traditions and culture through a sing-sing and dancing. Continue on to Asaro Valley near Goroka 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. In the afternoon arrive in Goroka and check into Pacific Gardens Hotel and overnight. (BLD)

#### **Day 6: 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. (BD)

#### **Day 7: 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 8: 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 9: 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 10: 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 11: Wewak/Port Moresby**

An early pre-dawn transfer to the airport and board flight PX125 to Port Moresby. The flight departs at 06:00 via Madang and arrives in Port Moresby at 08:10. (B) END OF PROGRAM [or for EXTENSION to Madang see below program.](#)

#### **LAND COST:**

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**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
PGK14,200	PGK10,300	PGK9,100	PGK8,100	PGK7,200

Note:

- Single room supplement cost: PGK1,500 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, English Speaking guide/s, sing-sing and cultural fees, porters along the Sepik River 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 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 /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

##### **Madang (Bogia & Manam) Getaway** (Tour Code: ET-B12)

In this extended program you will be spending three nights in the Madang province visiting the Bogia District. The highlight of this extended program includes visiting the Manam Volcanic Island and exploring remote cultures and traditions of the Bogia people who are renowned for their friendliness and hospitality.

##### **3 night's itinerary: Wewak, Madang, Bogia and Manam.**

##### **Day 11: Wewak/Madang/Bogia**

An early pre-dawn transfer to the airport and board flight PX125 to Wewak. The flight departs at 06:00 and arrives in Madang at 06:35. On arrival meet our staff and transfer to Madang Resort for breakfast. 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

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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. (LD)

#### Day 12: 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 13: Bogia

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 snorkelling. In the evening a traditional dinner will be provided with entertainment provided by local string-band group. Overnight at Anua Negu. (BLD)

#### Day 14: Bogia/Madang/Port Moresby

A pre-dawn transfer to Madang by road for Port Moresby. On arrival check into Air Niugini and board flight PX911 to Port Moresby. The flight departs at 11:35 and arrives in Port Moresby at 12:30. END OF PROGRAM.

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1 pax	2-3 pax	4-6 pax	7-10 pax	11+ pax
PGK4,300	PGK3,000	PGK2,600	PGK2,200	PGK1,900

Note:

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