



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

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### **PNG Discovery and Adventure – Sepik River, Mt Wilhelm and Highlands**

This is a pure adventure and cultural discovery program consist of 18 nights. The program includes a 6 nights adventure on the Sepik River, climbing Mt Wilhelm trek for 3 nights and the remaining 7 nights discovery of the Highlands culture including Goroka, Mt Hagen and Tari.

**Itinerary: 19 days/ 18 nights: August 17<sup>th</sup> to September 04<sup>th</sup> 2010.**

- Day 1 – Tues 17<sup>th</sup> August** On arrival at the border our rep will meet you and transfer you to Vanimo Hotel. Overnight at Vanimo Hotel. (As agreed, you will provide your own dinner).
- Day 2 - Wed 18<sup>th</sup>** Today after breakfast you will walk around the township of Vanimo and see its highlights. Have lunch and then transfer to the airport and board flight PX145 at 14:30. Arrive at Wewak Airport at 15:10 and transfer to Seaview 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 Seaview Hotel. (BD)
- Day 3 - Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>** Today you will be transferred by 4WD to Pagwi for your canoe expedition. The drive would normally take about 5 hours. En route see the villages and one or two stopovers to see “Haus Tamburan” (men’s house of spirit). On arrival at Pagwi board the motorised canoe and start your river expedition. Your first stop will be Ambunti and from Ambunti you will proceed to Swagap. You will be marvelled by the river with its tributaries dwindling in and out forming landscapes and influencing the lives of the Sepik people through all their generations. You will overnight at Swagap Village. (BLD)
- Day 4 - Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** Today you will continue your upstream journey to Kubkain. En route you will stopover several villages. Artefacts and traditional crafts can be purchased along the stops. The cultures and traditions of the Sepik people are intriguingly complex and you will notice the difference as you go from villages to village. After lunch you will proceed onto the April River and finally stop at Sio to dawdling down on you adventure. Overnight at Sio Village. (BLD)
- Day 5 - Sat 21<sup>st</sup>** Today you will fully explore the Sio locality and get acquainted villagers. There is so much fun today as you learn about the cultures, traditions, and lifestyles of these river people. You will be introduced to certain Chiefs who will tell you fascinating tales and stories about their way of life. You will notice that most of their tales and stories have links that are

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strongly attracted to the Sepik River and the crocodile. Overnight at Sio village. (BLD)

- Day 6 - Sun  
22<sup>nd</sup>** Today bid farewell to your friendly hosts at Sio village and continue your Journey to Ambunti. As you gliding upstream you will see water birds swoop across the river and fishing canoes paddle close to the reeds. You will also see villages line the bank each with its own unique style of carving. Masks, totems, mythical figures, woven dance costumes, and musical instruments are plentiful in this part of the river. Each carving has a story, and each story reveals the fascinating spiritual beliefs of the Sepik people. Overnight at Ambunti Lodge. (BLD)
- Day 7 - Mon  
23<sup>rd</sup>** Today from Ambunti you will canoe downstream to Pagwi and transfer to Wewak via Maprik. You will have enough time to buy crafts and artefacts either at Ambunti or any of your other stops. Overnight at Seaview Hotel. (BLD)
- Day 8 - Tues  
24<sup>th</sup>** Transfer to the Wewak Airport and board Port Moresby flight PX126 at 06:10 and get a connection to Goroka on Flight PX 960 at 09:15. On arrival transfer to Goroka Lodge. After lunch a visit to Asaro Village to see the famous Asaro Mudmen. Return in the afternoon and overnight at Goroka Lodge. (BLD)
- Day 9 - Wed  
25<sup>th</sup>** After breakfast set out on a scenic 4WD drive tour on the Highlands Highway to Kundiawa and from Kundiawa drive to Kegsulg via the Gembolg road. En route see deep gorges, roadside markets and stalls and roadside villages. Arrive at Betty Lodge and overnight. (BLD)
- Day 10 - Thurs  
26<sup>th</sup>** After breakfast commence trek to the base camp on Mount Wilhelm. This part of the trek takes about 4 to 5 hours depending on your trekking tempo. En route see rare orchids, bird of paradise and other unique wildlife species. Arrive at the Base Camp and enjoy the breathtaking views in the surrounds. The Base Camp is situated in front of the two sister lakes Piunde and Aunde. Overnight Base Camp. (BLD)
- Day 11 - Frid  
27<sup>th</sup>** A predawn trek to the Mount Wilhelm summit will allow you to have a Birdseye view of the lowlands of the highlands region and the Madang and Morobe Provinces. The view on the top of the summit is breathtaking. Before the clouds move in and distort the visibility you will now descend the summit to the Base Camp. After a short rest further descend to Betty Lodge and enjoy a hearty meal before resting. Overnight at Betty Lodge. (BLD)
- Day 12 - Sat  
28<sup>th</sup>** After breakfast transfer to Mt Hagen by road and check into Hotel Poroman. Have lunch and rest. In the afternoon you will be transferred to a Kindeng village to witness marriage initiations by the local Tungai people. This is a ceremony involving courtship between young people and you will enjoy it. Drive back to the hotel and overnight. (BLD)
- Day 13 - Sun  
29<sup>th</sup>** 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 Tomba Village and see spectacular cultural dancing performance by the Kutumb Cultural Singing Group. Continue journey on to your hotel and overnight. (BLD)
- Day 14 - Mon** After breakfast transfer by private 4WD Suv to Tari on the Highlands Highway. En route

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**30<sup>th</sup>** see scenic landscapes, road-side markets, villagers and tribes and many beautiful sceneries. Arrive in the afternoon at Tari. Check into the Gueshouse overnight. (BLD)

**Day 15 - Tues  
31<sup>st</sup>** After breakfast, you will trek to the first Huli village. En route see exotic wildlife species such as the bird of paradise, the orchids, possums, tree kangaroos and countless other animals and plant species that are unique to the natural habitat of the jungles of PNG. In the evening you will attend the male-exclusive house (haus-man) and observe the elders teaching the younger boys and man traditional knowledge on flute playing, and the sacred songs. Overnight at the haus-man. (BLD)

**Day 16, 17 -  
Wed 01<sup>st</sup> Sept  
and Thursday  
02<sup>nd</sup>** Start trekking after breakfast to your next Huli village. You will be doing an homestay with the a Huli family for two nights. Typical home-stay activity with this Huli family would see you enjoy birding, go to waterfalls, lush rainforests with the humming of birds and other wildlife species. Visit traditional gardens where Huli women mostly tend the crops with their children playing beside the gardens. You will also have the chance to visit the Huli wig-making school. The the evenings of these two nights, you will sit around the fire and listen to stories, traditional flutes/musics and chantings by the Huli men. (BLD)

**Day 18 - Frid  
03<sup>rd</sup>** Today early breakfast and transfer to the Tari Airport and board your flight PX865 to Port Moresby. The flight departs at 11:25 and arrives at 12:55. Meet our staff and transfer to Hideaway Hotel for lunch. Spend the rest of the day on your own.(B)

**Day 19 – Sat  
4<sup>th</sup> Sep** Transfer to the airport and board your international flight for your next destination.

**LAND COST:**

2010/11 – 5-7 persons: PGK13,380 per person on a twin share basis

**LAND COST INCLUDES:**

Accommodation, tours, transfers, meals, local guides, cultural fee, village entries, and boat transfers.

**LAND COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

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

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

You are advice 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](http://www.airniugini.com.pg)

**BOOKINGS:**

Please email us at [sales@png-tourism.com](mailto: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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