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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 River Canoe Tours** (Tour Code: AT-S12)

The Sepik Canoeing is an amazing journey on motorized canoe trekking through 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. Throughout this trip you will be provided with an unforgettable experience of this amazing last frontier expedition.

#### **Program Overview**

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| <i>Commencing Days:</i>   | Daily                                     |
| <i>Number of Nights:</i>  | Seven (7)                                 |
| <i>Tour Availability:</i> | All year around 2011 and 2012             |
| <i>Places to Visit:</i>   | Wewak and the Sepik River.                |
| <i>Tour Extension:</i>    | To the Highlands for 4 additional nights. |

**Detailed Itinerary: Port Moresby, Wewak and Sepik River. (This program can be extended to the Highlands for for 4 additional nights).**

#### **Day 1: International Flight/Wewak**

On arrival in Port Moresby meet our representative and transfer domestic terminal and board flight PX126 to Wewak via Madang. The flight departs at 15:35 and arrives at 17:45. On arrival at Wewak Airport, meet and greet our staff and transfer to In-Wewak Boutique 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 Boutique Hotel. (D)

#### **Day 2: 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 3: 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

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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 4: 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, colors 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 5: Kamanabit/Blackwaters/Govase

After breakfast board your canoe to Krosmeri River into Black Water. Interact with the locals and also encounter myriad of birds and wild life. Continue your journey upstream to Govase and overnight. (BLD)

#### Day 6: Govase/Kangriman/Kamanabit

After breakfast, your guide will take you on a village tour of Govase Village. Interact with the locals and explore their traditions cultures and lifestyles. Have lunch and then motorized downstream to Kangriman's Haus Tambaran (spirit house). Continue on to Kamanabit and Overnight. (BLD)

#### Day 7: Kamanabit/Pagwi

Today bid farewell to your friendly hosts at Kamanabit village and continue your journey to Wewak via Pagwi. On arrival check into Wewak Boutique Hotel and overnight. (BLD)

#### Day 8: Wewak/Port Moresby

Transfer to the airport and board flight PX 125 at 06:00 to Port Moresby via Madang for your next destination. The fight arrives at 08:10. END OF PROGRAM. **Or Extend the program to the Highlands. 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  |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| PGK8,200 | PGK5,700 | PGK5,100 | PGK4,600 | PGK4,000 |

Note:

- Single room supplement cost: PGKK950 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, local English Speaking guide/s, porters, and village entry fees.

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**LAND COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

Entry visa fees, all international and domestic airfares, 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.

**BOOKINGS:**

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**EXTENDED PROGRAM****Highlands Odyssey (Tour Code: ET-H12)**

In this extended program you will be visiting the Highlands region of PNG including Goroka and Mt Hagen and parts of Simbu and Enga provinces. Highlights of this program including an encounter with the Asaro Mud-men of Goroka and several other tribal groups in Mt Hagen plus birding, wildlife and nature tours in Kumul Lodge.

**4 night itinerary: Wewak, Goroka, Simbu, Mt Hagen and Kumul Lodge.****Day 8: Wewak/Goroka**

Predawn transfer to the airport and board flight PX 125 at 06:00 to Port Moresby via Madang and get your connection flight to Goroka. The flight departs at 06:00 and arrives in Port Moresby at 08:00. Your connection flight to Goroka is flight PX960 which departs at 09:30 and arrives at 10:40. Meet our staff and transfer to Pacific Gardens Hotel and check in and have lunch. After lunch visit 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. Return to the hotel in the afternoon and overnight. (LD)

**Day 9: Goroka/Mt Hagen**

After breakfast transfer to Mt Hagen on the Highlands Highway. 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 Kundiawa and have lunch at Mt Wilhelm Restaurant and then proceed to Mt Hagen. Arrive at Highlander Hotel and overnight. (BLD)

**Day 10: Mt Hagen (Rugli Village)**

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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. In the afternoon transfer to Kumul Lodge via the feeder road under the foot of Mount Hagen Range. Check into Kumul Lodge and overnight. (BLD)

### Day 11: Mt Hagen/Kumul Lodge

Today full day birding and wildlife discovery tours at Kumul Lodge. (Note: Kumul Lodge is situated under the foot of Mt Hagen at the border of Western Highlands and Enga provinces and it's a haven for bird species such as the bird of paradise). Spend the entire day watching bird of paradise and other native bird species. If you are not a keen bird watcher then we can organise light trekking to the base of Mt Hagen which stands at 3790 meters above sea level. Whilst hiking enjoy rich flora and fauna up to the base camp enjoy spectacular views of the lowlands if the weather is fine today. Overnight at Kumul Lodge. (BLD)

### Day 13: Kumul Lodge/Mt Hagen/Port Moresby

After breakfast transfer to the airport and board flight PX181 to Port Moresby. The flight departs at 10:30 and arrives at 11:30. END OF PROGRAM.

### LAND COST:

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| PGK6,000 | PGK3,900 | PGK3,500 | PGK3,100 | PGK2,700 |

### Note:

- Single room supplement cost: PGK800 per person.
- Travel Agents' commissions for the above land cost for all cost categories are available only on application.

### LAND COST INCLUDES:

Accommodations, tours, transfers, all meals, mineral (bottled) water, English Speaking guide/s, sing-sing and cultural fees, and entry fees.

### LAND COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

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