

Suggested Itinerary

Dare to Explore - New Guinea

Land of unexplored jungles and a diversity of indigenous tribes, Papua New Guinea is an adventurous destination where not everyone dares to go, but where those who dare will surely obtain unforgettable experiences. Try for example exploring the traditional lifestyle of the country's 1000 different ethnic groups, trekking in the extensive jungles of Papua New Guinea, or diving or surfing in the coastal resort of Madang. The tour begins in the Tari valley, home of the colourful Huli, a race whose right of passage for young men is to grow their own human hair wigs. In the forest surrounding the valley awaits a plethora of thirteen species of birds of paradise and a whole host of unique orchid species. From there, the wondrous journey continues to the Sepik Region and Karawari Lodge - an area that was still a restricted area until the 1960's. Discover river life on the Karawari River and spectacular primitive art as well as an incredible array of parrots and orchids. From the Sepik Region and back to the highlands to explore the world of the Melpa people. Exploration continues in this area where no white foot had ever trodden until the mid-1930's. This program is suitable for international connections to Cairns, Brisbane or Singapore.



Day 1

Upon arrival in Port Moresby you will be met by a Nonpareil representative and transferred to the Airways Hotel.

Overnight AIRWAYS HOTEL

Day 2

In the morning, you will be met by Nonpareil team member and transferred to your Air Niugini flight Port Moresby to Tari. The Tari Valley, home of the Huli, a colourful and proud people, who are still living in much the same way as their ancestors did. Ambua Lodge is high on the slopes of the Tari Valley, with magnificent views of the valley below and surrounding peaks. The afternoon is spent exploring the area surrounding Ambua. High mountain forests with roaring waterfalls beckon the intrepid traveler.

Overnight AMBUA LODGE (-LD)

Day 3 and Day 4

Enjoy two full days of cultural and ecological touring. The Tari area is home to an incredible 13 species of birds of paradise, as well as numerous orchid species. Learn how the Huli live and how they interact with and use their environment.



Overnights AMBUA LODGE (BLD)

Day 5

Fly by charter aircraft to Karawari airstrip over some of the most rugged and impressive landscapes in the world. The country between Ambua and the Sepik region is an amazing array of jagged limestone that seem to rise and drop at impossible angles. From the airstrip, you will be transferred by river boat to Karawari Lodge. Sitting on a ridge above the Karawari River, Karawari Lodge boasts a spectacular view over hundreds of kilometres of dense tropical jungle. Inspired by local architecture and built with traditional materials, while still providing modern comforts.



Overnight KARAWARI LODGE (BLD)

Day 6

Wake up to the chattering of Lorikeets and Eclectus Parrots. After breakfast enjoy touring programs that provide insight into the amazing ecology and culture of the Karawari area.

Overnight KARAWARI LODGE (BLD)

Day 7

Fly by charter from Karawari to Mount Hagen, during the flight mountains rise up to startling heights out of the flat lands of the Sepik Basin. Mount Hagen Town is in the upper Wahgi Valley - a valley with some of the oldest evidence of agriculture in the world. Perched high on Mount Kuta is Rondon Ridge, with unbelievable views of the Wahgi Valley.

In the evening visit a village and witness the remarkable courting ceremony known as "karem leg and turning head". If a wedding is going on we will try to arrange for you to attend as guests. Alternatively, have your own wedding vows renewed — Waghi tribal style — in a remote village in Minj. Dress up in traditional and elaborate Waghi wedding costume. A pig will be slaughtered and the entire village will come for a massive feast and party with singing, dancing and raucous entertainment. This will undoubtedly be the most memorable evening of your time in PNG.

Overnight RONDON RIDGE (BLD)

Day 8

A full day is spent exploring the Hagen Area and Wahgi Valley. The Mount Hagen area is the home of the Melpa people, a people with a strong culture, who in the face of modernity, still live largely traditional subsistence lifestyles. In the mountains surrounding the Wahgi Valley live a stunning array of birds, orchid and plant life.



Overnight RONDON RIDGE (BLD)

Day 9

This morning you depart for Port Moresby on Air Niugini PX181. Upon arrival in Port Moresby, you will be met by our Nonpareil representative and transferred to your ongoing international flight.

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