

2017 MT HAGEN DISCOVERER SHOW TOUR
18 August - 28 August, 2017

The Discoverer is a **11-day/10-night escorted** program, providing a unique opportunity to discover the culture and ecosystems of the world's second largest island. Papua New Guinea is a veritable smorgasbord of colour, culture and excitement. The highlight of the Discoverer program is attendance at the famous Mount Hagen Cultural Show, a world famous cultural gathering of many of the opulently decorated cultural groups of this incredibly diverse land. The program also includes two nights stay at Karawari lodge in the Sepik region and 2 nights in Tari/Ambua Lodge and 2 nights at Lake Murray which is Trans Niugini Tours newest facility. Accommodation on the Mount Hagen Cultural show weekend is at Rondon Ridge. All meals, transfers and tours are included.

SUMMARY - 18 August - 28 August, 2017

2 NIGHTS – AIRWAYS HOTEL
2 NIGHTS – RONDON RIDGE
2 NIGHTS – KARAWARI LODGE
2 NIGHTS - LAKE MURRAY
2 NIGHTS – AMBUA LODGE

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Friday 18 August 2017

Upon your arrival in Port Moresby, you will be met by Trans Niugini Tours staff. You will then be transferred to Airways Hotel.

Overnight: AIRWAYS HOTEL (D)

Saturday 19 August 2017



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This Morning you will be transferred from the Airways Hotel to Port Moresby Airport for your onward flight to Mount Hagen. Mount Hagen Town is in the upper Wahgi Valley - a valley with some of the oldest evidence of

agriculture in the world. You will be met and transferred directly to the Mount Hagen show. It is a truly spectacular event. The diversity of the coastal, lowland and highlands sing-sing groups at the Hagen show reflects the incredible diversity of the Papua New Guinea landscape - An unforgettable experience.

Overnight: RONDON RIDGE (BLD)

Sunday 20 August 2017

A full day is spent at the Mount Hagen show - world famous for its colour, culture and vibrancies. It is a truly spectacular event. The diversity of the coastal, lowlands and highlands singsing groups at the Hagen Show reflects the incredible diversity of Papua New Guinea's landscape - an unforgettable experience.

Overnight: RONDON RIDGE (BLD)

Monday 21 August 2017



In the morning Trans Niugini Tours staff will transfer you to your Charter flight to Karawari. As the flight progresses, the mountains start to give way until eventually vast tracts of dense tropical lowland rainforest cover the landscape for as far as the eye can see. 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, the lodge provides modern comforts. PM visit to Kundiman village for sago making demonstration. Sago is the staple food for the river people.

Overnight: KARAWARI LODGE (BLD)

Tuesday 22 August 2017

After breakfast enjoy touring programs that provide insight into the amazing ecology and culture of the Karawari area. Travel along the jungle-fringed waterways where boatmen, standing upright, paddle their slender dugout canoes. See bountiful bird life along the rivers and nearby lakes. Excursions enhance your understanding of traditional village culture.

Overnights: KARAWARI LODGE (BLD)



Wednesday 23 August 2017

Fly by charter from Karawari to Lake Murray. Arrive at Lake Murray you will be transferred to the lodge and have lunch and then proceed on with a half day tour.

Overnight: LAKE MURRAY LODGE (BLD)

Thursday 24 August 2017

A full cultural tour. Explore the waterways of Lake Murray and visit local villages in one of the remotest parts of Papua New Guinea.

Overnight: LAKE MURRAY LODGE (BLD)

Friday 25 August 2017



Fly by charter aircraft to Ambua airstrip over some of the most rugged and impressive landscapes in the world. Ambua Lodge is high on the slopes of the Tari Valley - home of the Huli, colourful and proud people, still largely living the same way that their ancestors did.

The afternoon is spent exploring the area surrounding Ambua - high mountain forests with roaring waterfalls beckon the intrepid traveller.

Overnight: AMBUA LODGE (BLD) Overnight: AMBUA LODGE (BLD)



Saturday 26 August 2017

A full day 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.

The ecological and culturally based touring is sure to satiate those yearning for discovery. Only very rarely will an opportunity to gain such insight into a pre-technological culture will present itself, a culture that has changed little since the dawn of time.

Overnights: AMBUA LODGE (BLD)

Sunday 27 August 2017

You depart Tari for Port Moresby on Air Niugini PX865. Upon arrival in Port Moresby you will be met by Trans Niugini Tours staff and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight: AIRWAYS HOTEL (BLD)

Monday 28 August 2017

In the morning, you will be met at your hotel and transfer you to the airport for your outgoing international flight. **(B--)**

******* End of tour arrangements *******

LAND COST: Twin share: US\$6,998.00 per person

Single supplement throughout except twin share at Rondon Ridge: US\$1,353.00 per person

LAND COST INCLUDES:

Accommodation, airport transfers and tours on a seat in a bus basis, meals from dinner on 18 August to breakfast on 28 August, services of a professional tour guide throughout, local guides and show gate fees. Cost also includes all gratuities to hotel, restaurant staff, local drivers, guides and porters.

LAND COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Domestic and international flights, visa fees and services of a personal nature such as beverage, laundry charges, phone and fax bills etc.

ADDITIONAL AIR CHARTER COST: *Special Note Regarding Charters: Maximum baggage allowance is 10kg per person and a maximum of 5kg carry on baggage per person. Large, hard sided suitcases are not permitted on charter aircraft.*

Costs for the below sectors: US\$ 2,100 per person

Mon 21 Aug 2017 Mount Hagen/Karawari
Wed 23 Aug 2017 Karawari/Lake Murray
Fri 25 Aug 2017 Lake Murray/Tari

DOMESTIC AIR NIUGINI FLIGHTS

Saturday 19th August, 2017 - PX180 PORT MORESBY/MOUNT HAGEN
Sunday 27th August, 2017 - PX865 TARI/PORT MORESBY

DOMESTIC AIR NIUGINI COSTS per person \$400 USD, subject to availability

TOTAL LAND COSTS AND FLIGHTS

Based on 2 sharing: **\$9498 USD**

Based on single occupancy: **\$10851 USD**

BOOKING AND PAYMENT PROCEDURES

To secure space, a \$500 non-refundable deposit per person is required to confirm the booking. Full payment is due on 6 June, 2017. We will confirm booking only on receipt of payment. Payments are to be sent by bank transfer (A.K.A. wire transfer or EFT).

POLICY ON EXCHANGE OF SERVICES & SERVICES NOT TAKEN

Please note that Best of PNG is unable to refund any services which appear in the main itinerary, but are not taken. Please also note that Best of PNG is unable to exchange services which are not taken in the main itinerary for other services. Services must be taken on the day that they appear in the main itinerary, and cannot be transferred to a different day.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations received between 6th June 2016 and commencement of the tour will attract a 50% fee of the total land and air charter costs. No refund is available after scheduled arrival in Papua New Guinea or in respect of any tour, accommodation, meals or any other service not utilized during the tour. Any additional costs incurred because of changes made during the itinerary by clients, will be to the client's account.

CLIENT INFORMATION

Upon receipt of deposits, you will be sent a confirmation packet and Client Information Booklet. We cannot stress enough the importance of reading this information prior to your arrival in Papua New Guinea. The Client Information Booklet has been specifically designed to give you vital information about strict luggage weight limits on the small aircraft used throughout the tours, possible delays in aircraft movements, standards of accommodation, etc. - Information in advance may help you to adjust to situations better as they occur.

INSURANCE

Travel insurance is mandatory. We advise that you take out travel insurance to cover you in the event of inability to commence travel due to health reasons and medical insurance whilst abroad. Have a look at World Nomads, here <http://www.indigosafaris.com/pages/travel-insurance.php>

VISAS

Visas on arrival are available at Port Moresby airport for passport holders from the EU, North America and some other nationalities. Contact us for the full list The Visa fee of 100 PGK has been waived as of October 2013. Other nationalities must apply for their visa in advance.

MALARIA

Malaria is transmitted by a night biting mosquito. Insect avoidance measures should be followed throughout the trip. Medication for the prevention of malaria is crucial for the Papua New Guinea. Which drug is recommended depends on individual circumstances & needs to be discussed with an experienced travel physician. It is also vital to continue with the medication for the recommended interval on return to Australia. Upon return, any flu like illnesses should be investigated by a travel health specialist.

<http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/destinations/australasia--pacific/papua-new-guinea/papua-new-guinea-malaria-map.aspx>

Major plasmodium species: P. falciparum (89%), P. vivax (11%)

Major anopheles species: An. punctulatus, farauti, koliensis

COMMUNICATIONS:

Digicel has decent coverage and a shop at the airport in the arrivals area. You can get a local SIM card and buy airtime. Airtime can be converted to data packages quite cheaply for smartphones and iphones.

Best regards,



Christopher Bartlett