



## GOROKA CLASSIC SHOW TOUR 2018

6<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September , 2018

The Goroka Classic Show Tour is an unescorted 13days/12nights program. This Classic tour begins in Tari Valley home of the flamboyant Huli, a colorful and proud people still largely living as their ancestors did. Ambua Lodge is high on the slopes of the Tari Valley with magnificent views of the valley below and the surrounding peaks. You will learn about the amazing ecology, culture and history of this remote corner of planet earth. From Tari you fly to Sepik Region to explore the waterways of the Sepik River and its tributaries. Spend three nights onboard the Sepik Spirit which is the ultimate 'floating lodge' for the adventurer who desires all the comforts of civilization on the mighty Sepik River. From Sepik Spirit you will then fly to Mount Hagen. Spending a night at the resplendent Rondon Ridge in a valley that was unknown to the outside world until 70 years ago. From Mount Hagen your journey takes you into Goroka to attend the two days famous Goroka Cultural Show before traveling to Port Moresby and onto your out going international flight.

### SUMMARY – 06 to 18 September, 2018

2 nights Airways Hotel	- Port Moresby
3 nights Ambua Lodge	- Tari Gap, Southern Highlands
3 nights MV Sepik Spirit	- Sepik Region
1 night Rondon Ridge	- Mount Hagen
3 night's Bird of Paradise	- Goroka

### ITINERARY IN BRIEF

#### Thursday 06 September 2018

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)**

#### Friday 07 September 2018

In the morning you will be transferred to your Air Niugini flight to Tari. Ambua lodge is high on the slopes of the Tari Valley - home of the Huli, a colorful and proud people still largely living the same way that 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 (BLD)**

#### Saturday 08 and Sunday 09 September 2018

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)**

### **Monday 10 September 2018**

Fly by charter from Tari to the Sepik. Upon arrival at Karawari Airport you will be met and transferred to the SEPIK SPIRIT. The lodge is based in the village Kaminimbit I. Inspired by the architecture of the "haus tambaran" or spirit house, the Sepik Spirit has a truly unique design. Begin your voyage of discovery into the mystical world of the Sepik with a slow jetboat cruise to the airconditioned comfort of the Sepik Spirit.

After lunch enjoy an afternoon tour to Kaminimbit I, Kaminimbit II and Kororua village. While touring the mighty Sepik you will visit villages where the people are prolific and famous carvers. Here you can purchase many interesting items such as masks, elaborately carved hooks, ancestral figures, hand drums, baskets, bilums and gourds. The Sepik River is one of the largest rivers in the world - in terms of flow. Steeped in mystery, the peoples of the Sepik area have fascinated anthropologists like Margaret Mead since the area was first visited.

### **Overnight: SEPIK SPIRIT (BLD)**

### **Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 September 2018**

Two full days are spent exploring the many waterways of the Sepik and its tributaries including visits to traditional Sepik villages. The Sepik River is one of the largest rivers in the world – in terms of flow. Steeped in mystery, the people of the Sepik area have fascinated anthropologists like Margaret Mead since the area was first visited. Part of the mystery and attraction of the Sepik people is their amazing carvings, now famous the world over.

### **Overnights: SEPIK SPIRIT (BLD)**

### **Thursday 13 September 2018**

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. Guests are accommodated in 12 units, each unit featuring 180 degree views, modern bathroom, electric blankets and continental quilts for the cool highland evenings.

Proceed with lunch then follow by an afternoon guided nature walk around the trails at Rondon Ridge.

### **Overnight: RONDON RIDGE (BLD)**

### **Friday 14 September 2018**

Fly by charter from Mount Hagen to Goroka. Goroka, home of the famous and intriguing Asaro Mudmen, will be your base for the duration of 2015 Goroka Cultural Show.

### **Overnight: BIRD OF PARADISE HOTEL (BLD)**

### **Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 September 2018**

Spend 2 days enjoying the cultural extravaganza that is the Goroka Cultural Show.

### **Overnights: BIRD OF PARADISE HOTEL (BLD)**

### **Monday 17 September 2018**

As your Goroka Classic tour draws to a close, you depart from Goroka to Port Moresby on Air Niugini, PX961. Upon arrival in Port Moresby you will be met by Trans Niugini Tours staff and they will transfer you to your hotel. In the afternoon you will have a half-day tour. The city sightseeing tour includes visits to the National Parliament (outside view only), the National Museum. A visit is also made to the beautiful National Botanic Gardens situated in the spacious grounds of the University of Papua New Guinea. A stop is also made at a PNG

artifact shop with a huge selection of artifacts from around Papua New Guinea. Time permitting, driving through undulating bushland you arrive at the coastline. You will also see Hanuabada village which means "big village" - it was one of the largest village in Port Moresby until its destruction by fire during World War II.

Overnight:

**AIRWAYS HOTEL (BLD)**

### **Tuesday 18 September 2018**

In the morning Trans Niugini Tours staff will meet you at your hotel and transfer you to the airport for your outgoing international flight. **(B--)**

### **LAND COST VALID TILL DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> 2018**

#### **LAND COST:**

Twin Share: US\$7,803.00 per person

Single Sup: US\$1,199.00 per person (Single room throughout except twin Share at the Bird of Paradise Hotel and onboard the Sepik Spirit).

#### **LAND COST INCLUDES:**

Accommodation, airport transfers and tours on a seat in a bus basis, meals from dinner on 06 September to breakfast on 18 September 2018, local English speaking guides and show gate fees.

#### **LAND COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

Domestic and international flights and services of a personal nature such as beverages, laundry charges, and phone and fax bills.

#### **CHARTER FLIGHTS: We book and ticket these sectors**

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\$1730 per person**

Monday 10 September 2018 - Tari/Karawari

Thursday 13 September 2018 - Karawari/Mount Hagen

Friday 14 September 2018 - Mount Hagen/Goroka

#### **DOMESTIC AIR NIUGINI FLIGHTS**

Costs, subject to availability : \$450 USD.

#### **THESE FLIGHTS ARE:**

Friday 07 September 2018 - PX864 PORT MORESBY/TARI

Monday 17 September 2018 - PX161 GOROKA/PORT MORESBY

#### **TOTAL LAND COSTS AND FLIGHTS**

Based on 2 sharing: **\$9983 USD**

Based on single occupancy: **\$11,182 USD**

To secure space due to the popularity of our show programs, a non-refundable deposit of US\$500 per person is required to confirm the booking.

Cancellations received between 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 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 other services 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.

Please note that Trans Niugini Tours is unable to refund any services, which appear in the main itinerary, but are not taken. Please also note that Trans Niugini Tours 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

**Important Note:** You are only to book and ticket the domestic Air Niugini flights together with your international flights. We will book the [Air Charter Flights](#).

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## **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**

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## **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