



GOROKA FESTIVAL HIGHLANDS JOURNEY 2017 9 – 17 September 2018

The Goroka Highlands Journey is an 9-day/8-night guided, unescorted program. This program takes you on a journey through the Highlands and Sepik cultures. Beginning in the Southern Highlands at Ambua Lodge - home of the flamboyant Huli people. Thirteen species of [birds of paradise](#), human hair wigs and spectacular views await the intrepid traveller seeking the ultimate journey.

Your journey continues to Karawari Lodge, perched on a ridge overlooking the Karawari River and the Sepik Basin. You will learn about the amazing ecology, culture and history of this remote and amazing corner of the planet.

From the Highlands fly to the resplendent Rondon Ridge, which boasts panoramic views of the Waghi Valley. From Mount Hagen a short flight will take you to the famous Goroka show where an array of sing-sing groups will dazzle your senses.

Itinerary in Brief

Sunday 09 September 2018

Upon arrival at Jackson's International Airport in Port Moresby, you are met by Trans Niugini Tours' staff members who transfer you to the nearby Airways Hotel. There your escort will introduce you to the other travellers in your group and orient you to the journey ahead. **Overnight: THE STANLEY HOTEL (D)**

Monday 10 September 2018

Transfer from Airways Hotel to Jackson's airport for your domestic Air Niugini flight to Tari on PX864. Arrive Tari airport, meet/greet and transfer to Ambua Lodge. Ambua Lodge is high on the slopes of the Tari Valley - home of the Huli, a colourful and proud group of 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)**

Tuesday 11 September 2018

Enjoy the 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. **Overnight: AMBUA LODGE (BLD)**

Wednesday 12 September 2018

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, the lodge

offers modern comforts. After lunch, travel by boat to a nearby village. Visit with the villagers and learn about the way they harvest and prepare sago, the staple food of the river people.

Overnight: KARAWARI LODGE (BLD)

Thursday 13 September 2018

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)**

Friday 14 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. Proceed with lunch then follow by an afternoon guided nature walk around the trails at Rondon Ridge.

Overnight: RONDON RIDGE (BLD)

Saturday 15 September 2018

Transfer from Rondon Ridge to Kagamuga Airport for your charter flight to Goroka. Meet and transfer to the Show Grounds. Full day at the show with buffet lunch provided at the show ground. Transfer from show to Goroka Airport for your return charter flight to Mt. Hagen. Arrive Kagamuga airport, meet and transfer to Rondon Ridge.

Overnight: RONDON RIDGE (BLD)

Sunday 16 September 2018

Transfer from Rondon Ridge to Kagamuga Airport for your charter flight to Goroka again. Meet and transfer to the Show Grounds. Full day at the show with buffet lunch provided at the show ground. Transfer from show to Goroka Airport for your return charter flight to Mt. Hagen. Arrive Kagamuga airport, meet and transfer to Rondon Ridge.

Overnight: RONDON RIDGE (BLD)

Monday 17 September 2018

This morning you depart for Port Moresby on Air Niugini PX181. Upon arrival in Port Moresby, meet and further transfer to the ongoing international flight. (B)

Land Cost: US\$5007 per person (twin share). US\$6192 single throughout

Charter Flights: US\$1954 per person.

Wed 12 Sept Tari/Karawari

Fri 14 Sept Karawari/Mount Hagen

Sat 15 Sept Mount Hagen/Goroka/Mount Hagen

Sun 16 Sept Mount Hagen/Goroka/Mount Hagen

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.

Land Cost Includes: Accommodation, transfers, tours, gate fees, local guides and meals from dinner on arrival 10 Sept 2017 to breakfast on departure 18 Sept 2017.

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.

Domestic scheduled flights that we book for you:

Mon 10 Sept PX864 Port Moresby / Tari

Mon 17 Sept PX181 Mount Hagen / Port Moresby

Cost: \$450 subject to availability.

TOTAL LAND COSTS AND FLIGHTS

Based on 2 sharing: **\$7411 USD**

Based on single occupancy: **\$8614 US**

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 10th 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

Cancellations received between 6th July 2017 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Bartlett', with a large, stylized initial 'C' and 'B'.

Christopher Bartlett