



MOUNT HAGEN SHOW 2018

Port Moresby, Mt. Hagen, Port Moresby) - 5 days 4 nights.

\$1620 USD per person sharing in the older rooms

\$1875 USD per person sharing in the new rooms

Mt. Hagen show runs for two days on the 18th & 19th August 2018. More than 70 different cultural / ethnical groups perform at the show exposing diversities of cultures with costumes, songs and dances. On the day before the show, there is the excellent Paiya village mini show, with a dozen groups that you can watch prepare and take photos of the entire preparation process.

Day one – Thursday 16th August 2018 (Meals: Dinner on arrival)

Meet on arrival at Mt. Hagen airport and transfer to the lodge and check in. After check in brief tour of Mt. Hagen market, coffee and tea plantations and retire to hotel/lodge. Continue with dinner and overnight. Overnight: **Traveler's Hut**

The lodge has two floors which will be available to public in 2018. Its features include: private toilet and shower, multi channel TV, twin share beds – 1x big and a single bed, coffee making facilities, coffee table and a lounge chair, fridge and a veranda at the rear overlooking Mt. Hagen town.

Day two – Friday 17th August 2018 (Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & dinner)

Early breakfast and transfer to Paiya village for the Paiya mini show. Paiya village is about 20kms - 45 minutes' drive from Mt. Hagen town. Welcome by young girls (in traditional attire) on arrival, then explore village life and watch the performers who are carefully getting ready for the festival/dance. You are free to take photos from the preparations to rehearsal and actual dance in the main arena.

Paiya pre - show involves diverse groups from different parts of the province/country – expect to see 12 groups. Performers decorated with head dress/ wig, plumes of bird of paradise, body ornaments and grass skirts, face decorations with clay, charcoal and other traditional paints.

An opportunity to see them from preparation to actual show on the main arena followed with mock fighting using shields, bows and arrows, traditional marriage - exchanging pigs, money and other valuables. The day ends with local cuisine called "Mumu" prepared in an underground oven covered with hot stones, leaves and veggies.

The Paiya mini show has been highly commended because of the village setting that perfectly blends with the environment and friendly people. In the afternoon, retire to the lodge.

Day three & four – Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th August 2018 (Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner)

Early breakfast and transfer to Mt. Hagen show ground for the Mt. Hagen cultural show. This festival ordinarily involves more than 70 dancing groups from the Highlands and coastal PNG. Transfer early in order to see the preparations before the performance. You will be allowed to enter the main arena with VIP badges.

You are free to take photos, watch the groups perform, shoot video, mingle with performers and learn about different cultures. In the afternoon retire to the lodge and refresh for few minutes and then continue to the Waghi valley for coffee and tea plantation visits and Mt. Hagen market, one of the best markets in PNG that sells mostly vegetables and fruits.

Note: the same performers/dancers will appear on the next day – Sunday 19th.

Day five – Monday 20th August 2018 (Meals: B/fast)

Breakfast and transfer to the airport for your flight to Port Moresby.

Cost includes domestic flights, accommodation, meals, and transfers, show entry fees local guide, tours including Mt. Hagen and Paiya show, driver allowance.

Cost does not include something of personal nature such as phone calls, purchase of artifacts.