

GOROKA HIGHLANDS CULTURAL SHOW– SEPTEMBER 2019

5-day/4-night tour
12th to 16th September 2019
Hotel tours.

The Goroka Show tour is a 5-day/4-night program. From Port Moresby, fly into the Eastern Highlands to see the flamboyant and colourful people at the spectacular Goroka Cultural Show. Also known as the Goroka Highlands Festival, it is the largest Sing-Sing or tribal gathering of the year, with up to 150 tribes dancing and singing for two days. With VIP passes you have privileged access to the tribes for photography in the morning, and then enjoy the atmosphere with tens of thousands of locals in the afternoons.



ITINERARY

Thursday 12th September

Fly from Port Moresby to Goroka on departing at 3.40 PM, landing at 5 PM. Transfer to your accommodation.

Overnight: choose below

Friday 13th September

A full day with the Asaro Mudmen. After a 30-minute minibus ride along the Highlands Highway, you will arrive at their village. Here you will see several Mudmen dances, enjoy a traditional “mumu” (earth oven) lunch, try your hand at archery, and see how their famous masks are made, as well as learning about their history. **Overnight: choose below**



Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th September

Two full days spent at the Goroka Show - world famous for its colour, culture and vibrancy, the biggest Sing-Sing of the year, with 150 groups present. It is a truly spectacular event. The diversity of the coastal, lowland and highlands sing-sing groups at the show reflects the incredible diversity of the Papua New Guinea's landscape - an unforgettable experience. There is also a very interesting agricultural show and music festival in an adjacent field. A packed lunch is provided under a shaded area. As a VIP pass holder you also have access to the shaded, raised seating platform where the local dignitaries sit.

Overnight – choose below

Monday 16th September

Transfer from your accommodation to Goroka airport for your flight to Port Moresby **(B)**

Flights:

CG 1562 TH 12SEP19 POM GKA 1540 1655

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TOTAL LAND COSTS WITH FLIGHTS

\$1290 in a standard room at the new Phoenix Hotel, with breakfasts two sharing, \$1650 single occupancy

\$1450 in a Premier room at the new Phoenix Hotel, with breakfasts two sharing, \$1950 single occupancy

\$1800 in a standard room at the Bird of Paradise Hotel, half board two sharing, \$2400 single occupancy

Includes domestic flights, meals above, transfers, Asaro day trip, show passes.

Excludes tips, items of a personal nature, international flights, visas.

BOOKING AND PAYMENT PROCEDURES

To secure space, a 50% non-refundable deposit per person is required to confirm the booking.

Full payment is due on 6 July, 2019. 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 2019 and commencement of the tour will attract a 50% fee of the total land and air 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.

<https://www.indigosafaris.com/travel-insurance.html>

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 read 'Christopher Bartlett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christopher Bartlett