

## GOROKA HIGHLANDS CULTURAL SHOW– SEPTEMBER 2019

5-day/4-night tour  
12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
\$1060 USD per person

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 12<sup>th</sup> September**

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

#### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



#### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

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.

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Transfer to Goroka airport for your flight to Port Moresby

#### **Flights included:**

CG 1562 POM GKA 1540 1655

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#### **Accommodation:**

Accommodation is in student lodging next to the showgrounds. Each room has one single bed, a few rooms with double beds are sometimes available but cannot be guaranteed in advance. Toilets and showers are at the end of each block, and there are separate male and female facilities. Showers are generally hot, but not if there has been a power cut or you arrive when everyone else has just had a shower. A basic kitchen is available for your use, a minibus can take you to the three restaurants in town, and there is a supermarket around the corner. There is a restaurant on site too, meals must be ordered 24-hours in advance.



#### **TOTAL LAND COSTS WITH FLIGHTS**

\$1060 USD per person.

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

Excludes tips, meals, 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 June, 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 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.

#### **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.



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