

## MOUNT HAGEN SHOW TOUR – AUGUST 2021

5-day/4-night tour  
18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021

The Mount Hagen Show Tour is a 5-day/4-night unescorted tour. From Port Moresby, fly into the Western Highlands to see the flamboyant and colourful people at the spectacular Mt Hagen Cultural show. In a land of nearly 800 languages, this is a great event to see so many gathered in one place.

### ITINERARY

**Thursday 18 August 2022**



Fly from Port Moresby to Mt Hagen on Air Nugini, flights at various times during the day. You will be met by hotel staff and transferred to the Highlander Hotel to a standard room. Dinner.

**Overnight: HIGHLANDER HOTEL – (D)**

**Friday 19th August 2022**

Early breakfast and transfer to Paiya village for the Paiya mini show. Paiya village is about 20kms - 45 minutes' drive from Mt. Hagen town. You will have local guide to show you round the different tribes as they prepare for the Paiya show, exploring village life and watching the performers who are carefully getting ready for the festival. You are free to take photos.

The Paiya 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 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 hotel.

**Overnight: HIGHLANDER HOTEL – (BLD)**

**Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 August 2022**

Two full days spent at the Mount Hagen Show - world famous for its colour, culture and vibrancy. It is a truly spectacular event. The diversity of the coastal, lowland and highlands sing-sing groups at the Hagen show reflects the incredible diversity of the Papua New Guinea's landscape - an unforgettable experience.

**Overnight: HIGHLANDER HOTEL – (BLD)**

**Monday 22 August 2022**

Transfer from the Highlander Hotel to Mt Hagen airport for your flight to Port Moresby on Air Niugini, flights at various times of the day. **(B)**

**TOTAL LAND COSTS AND FLIGHTS**

Based on 2 sharing a deluxe room: \$2030

Based on single occupancy deluxe room: \$3130

Includes domestic flights, meals above, transfers, show passes.

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

**BOOKING AND PAYMENT PROCEDURES**

To secure space, a 25% non-refundable deposit per person is required to confirm the booking.

Full payment is due on 6 June, 2022. We will confirm booking only on receipt of payment.

Payments are to be sent by bank transfer (A.K.A. wire transfer or EFT). Card payments are accepted but are subject to a 2.9% processing fee.

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

Cancellations received after 6th June 2022 and commencement of the tour will not give rise to a refund. Any additional costs incurred because of changes made during the itinerary by clients, will be for the client's account.

**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**

Free 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. 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 'CB', with several horizontal and vertical strokes extending from the letters.

Christopher Bartlett