



# Ecotourism Melanesia

Discover Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands

## HONIARA DAY TRIPS



**1) Brief city tour (3 hours)** - suitable for visitors with limited time - the tour commences on arrival at the airport. From the airport you'll drive through the urban fringes, past schools and light industrial areas then turn inland through residential areas up a few steep hills to the Mt Austen peace park built by the Japanese government in the 1980s to commemorate their war dead. From the memorial there are panoramic views of the North Guadalcanal coastline, from east to west horizons.

Retracing your steps to the main road and passing many local landmarks (the hospital, the soccer stadium, Chinatown, the Mataniko River, you'll turn inland again and up another ridge, Skyline Ridge, to the U.S. war memorial. Here again there are excellent views of the town and harbour, and moving tributes to American forces killed in action during the Guadalcanal campaign.

Next stop will be the central market where all manner of fresh food and handicrafts are sold. Your driver will mind the vehicle and your luggage while your guide shows you through the market.

A little further on is the main shopping and business area known as Point Cruz. Just past Point Cruz is the yacht club and the popular Mendana hotel.

### PER PERSON

1 pax	2 pax	3 pax	4 pax	5-9 pax	10+ pax
USD 300	USD 250	USD 200	USD 175	USD 150	USD 125



**2) Full day city tour (7 hours)** - includes the above stops plus the parliament house, national museum and cultural centre, Kakabona beach, Betikama handicrafts and war relics display. Includes bottled water and light lunch at a local café.

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USD 400	USD 300	USD 250	USD 225	USD 200	USD 175



**3) Hike to Mataniko Falls (full day excursion)** - this is a 6-hour round-trip hike following the Mataniko River upstream from Honiara. Guides will walk with you and a picnic lunch is included. The waterfall is quite large and majestic. There is a big cave at the bottom which can be explored if you take flashlights. There are stalagmites, bats and birds in the cave, which was used as a hideout by Japanese forces. The walking is challenging in the humid climate and requires reasonable physical fitness. You will first be driven half an hour from your hotel to the Tuvaruhu suburb upstream and commence walking from there. Pickup at reception 07:00, dropoff 16:00. Includes packed lunch.

PER PERSON

1 pax	2 pax	3 pax	4 pax	5-9 pax	10+ pax
USD 400	USD 300	USD 250	USD 225	USD 200	USD 175



**4) East Guadalcanal battlefields excursion (full day).** This day trip covers all main points of interest from the 1944 Guadalcanal Campaign including Henderson field, Hell's Point, Bloody Ridge, underground hospital, Red Beach, Koni field, Tetere Beach, and the little-known memorial to the crew members of the Austrian-Hungarian navy gunboat the SMS Albatros who were massacred by locals in 1895 (<http://mateinfo.hu/a-albatros.htm>). As you drive along the east coast road, you may note straight sections of the road that are actually old fighter airstrip runways. Pickup 08:00, dropoff 16:00. Includes packed lunch.

PER PERSON

1 pax	2 pax	3 pax	4 pax	5-9 pax	10+ pax
USD 400	USD 300	USD 250	USD 225	USD 200	USD 175



**5) West Guadalcanal villages excursion (full day).** Villages and settlements close to Honiara town are all westernised and are generally populated by locals from other islands. To get to native Guadalcanal villages it is necessary to drive quite some distance from town, and inland from the coastal strip. From the hotel you will be driven out through Honiara's western suburbs of Rove (*Ro-vay*), White River and Kakabona, over the Poha River and out through the Mamara Estate coconut plantations to the north western tip of Guadalcanal near Visale Mission and Tamea Resort. Here you will be welcomed at a small native village where you will be able to observe local lifestyle and customs. A traditional dance will be performed and local style cooked food and fresh fruit will be served for lunch with coconut juice to drink straight from the nut. Pickup 08:00, dropoff 17:00.



PER PERSON

1 pax	2 pax	3 pax	4 pax	5-9 pax	10+ pax
USD 525	USD 425	USD 350	USD 300	USD 250	USD 225

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