



# Ecotourism Melanesia

Papua New Guinea & the South West Pacific

## EM65 KALAM CULTURE FESTIVAL 2023

3 NIGHTS PACKAGE EX-GOROKA 18-21 SEP - escorted small group travel



### FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❖ Initiation of boys into tribal manhood (killing of pigs, donning of tribal head-dresses)
- ❖ Compensation and reconciliation ceremonies
- ❖ Sing-sing performances by various groups from Kalam, Kaironk and Jiwaka tribes
- ❖ Demonstration of courtship, marriage and funeral rituals
- ❖ Hundreds of initiates, performers and spectators in traditional dress
- ❖ Huge cane-framed head-dresses decorated with green beetle shells, cuscus furs - unique to Simbai
- ❖ Preparation and serving of community mumu feast
- ❖ Other entertainment by local church choirs, string bands, theatre/drama groups
- ❖ Genuine local festival, not a tourist show - very few outsiders
- ❖ Safe and trouble-free remote area with no road access

### PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- Seat on charter flights Goroka-Simbai and Simbai-Mt Hagen
- 3 nights guest house accommodation and meals at Simbai
- 3 days entry to Kalam Culture Festival activities and performances
- Airport assistance at Goroka and Mt Hagen
- Company trip escort and local guides

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## PACKAGE PRICING (3 nights 4 days ex-Goroka)

PGK 5950      AUD 2680      USD 1790

Per person twin share  
Single supplement extra 20%

### ITINERARY

#### **Mon 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

09:00 check in at Goroka airport  
10:00 (PNG time and weather permitting) charter flight departs for Simbai  
10:45 Welcome at Simbai airfield and walk to guest house (30 min)  
12:00 Lunch at guest house  
13:00 Hike 30 minutes to Wenchenrau village for village tour and photography  
18:00 Dinner and overnight at guest house

#### **Tue 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

08:00 Breakfast and walk to Simbai sing-sing ground  
09:00 Observe festival preparations  
18:00 Dinner and overnight at guest house

#### **Wed 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

08:00 Breakfast and walk to Simbai sing-sing ground  
09:00 (PNG time!) Festival day one program commences  
18:00 Dinner and overnight at guest house

#### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

09:00 Breakfast and walk to Simbai airfield  
09:00 (PNG time!) Festival day two program commences  
12:00 Walk to airfield for flight to Mt Hagen  
PM: arrive Mt Hagen and transfer to your accommodation or connecting flight

#### **Guest House Facilities:**

- o Accommodation - twin rooms, common bathroom (single share available). Bedding supplied but bring your own sleeping bag as a backup (warm days, cool nights)
- o Bathroom - stand-up cold water shower or sit-down sponge bath with copper of heated water (you'll survive)
- o Toilet - pit latrine with sit-down throne (you'll survive)
- o Typical meals - Breakfast: home made donuts or fried scones, fresh fruit and tea/coffee. Lunch: make your own sandwiches with home made bread buns and choice of fillings. Dinner: Local chicken or pork with garden vegetables.
- o Drinking water: from rain water tank or mountain spring. BYO Aquatabs or Steripen if you are concerned. To avoid polluting the village environment with plastic we don't bring cartons of bottled water.



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