



Ecotourism Melanesia

Promoting sustainable community-based tourism in the South West Pacific

DETAILED ITINERARY FOR:

KAMIALI WILDLIFE TOUR - 5 DAYS 4 NIGHTS (TOUR CODE EM06)

Tour departs Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday. Includes all meals.

The Kamiali Wildlife Management Area is a 47,000 hectare expanse of coastal, tidal wetlands and rainforest habitats in the Salamaua district 70km south of Lae. The WMA and associated guest house are managed by the local community with the assistance of the Village Development Trust, a non-government organisation.

Day 1

Depart Port Moresby on PX102 at 12.00pm, arriving at Lae's Nadzab airport at 12.45pm. Here you will be met and transferred to the Lae wharf (45 minutes from the airport). A boat will be waiting to transfer you to Kamiali Guest House, some two hours south of Lae (bring a plastic poncho to shield yourself from spray). On arrival you will take afternoon tea and one of the guides will brief you on the activities and facilities available. This will be followed by a familiarisation walk around the guest house grounds and nearby areas. After dinner your guide will accompany you to view nocturnal animal life in nearby habitats. Overnight Kamiali Guest House (rural tourist lodge)

Day 2

Early morning rainforest walk along David Suzuki Trail for viewing bird of paradise, parrots, hornbills, wild ducks. After breakfast visit a freshwater eel farm, photograph exotic orchids and butterflies, view local WW2 relics. After lunch take a ride by outrigger canoe to Lababia Village, located on Lababia Island just offshore. View a sago making demonstration, see how billums and mats are woven by the women. Handicrafts are available for purchase. In the evening, a guided forest tour to hear insects and bird calls and view other animal life especially nocturnal tree kangaroos, or view leatherback turtle nesting (Dec-Feb). Overnight Kamiali Guest House

Day 3

Departing before sunrise, paddle silently up the Tabare River by outrigger canoe to see and hear the river birds and other animals greet the new day. After breakfast, you will be taken on a day trip by outrigger canoe to Lababia Island where you will view frigate bird nesting sites and indulge in a little reef snorkelling or hand-line fishing. In the evening you will be paddled up the Tabare River to view nocturnal river life. Overnight Kamiali Guest House

Day 4

Early morning canoe transfer to wetlands habitat for bird watching, continuing on to Lababia Village for billy tea breakfast, tour of village gardens, demonstration of food preparation methods and sago beating, view house building and artifact carving. Traditional-style lunch cooked under hot stones. Free afternoon at Kamiali Guest House for swimming, snorkelling, rainforest walk, photograph butterflies and orchids in the garden, sit on the beach. Optional night walk, or relax in the Hau Buai, overlooking Lababia Island. Overnight Kamiali Guest House

Day 5

Early morning bird watching: your choice of habitat. After breakfast transfer by boat to Lae, connecting with your 1.10pm flight PX103 to Port Moresby, arriving 1.55pm.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS:

- o take a half-day tour of Lae city on Day 1 and spend the night at the Melanesian Hotel before proceeding to Kamiali the next morning

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- take a half-day tour of Lae city on Day 5 and return to Port Moresby on the late afternoon flight or stay the night at the Melanesian Hotel and return to Port Moresby the next morning
- make a one or two night stopover at in historic Salamaua where there are many WW2 relics and excellent snorkelling on reefs and wrecks is available. Accommodation at the newly refurbished Haus Kibung lodge.

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