

Sepik riverside villages including Yambon, Yessan and the Wagu Lakes. Ambunti is the gateway to the Upper Sepik which is undeveloped and rarely visited by any outsiders at all, let alone tourists. For lunch today you can purchase fresh fruit, baked sago and barbecued fish from little markets in the villages you visit along the river upstream as far as Yessan. You will be enthusiastically welcomed in each village and have the opportunity to buy genuine cultural artifacts which villagers may present for sale. Overnight Ambunti Lodge (includes dinner and breakfast).

- Day 7 **AMBUNTI**
Expedition to Wagu Lakes. Overnight Ambunti Lodge (includes dinner and breakfast).
- Day 8 **AMBUNTI / MIDDLE SEPIK**
Travel downstream to the Middle Sepik villages of Korogo, Yentchen and Palimbe - home of the crocodile cult. Overnight village guest house (includes dinner and breakfast).
- Day 9 **MIDDLE SEPIK / WEWAK**
Continue downstream to Timbunke and transfer to Wewak either by road or charter flight depending on weather and availability of aircraft, arriving Wewak late afternoon. Overnight Windjammer Beach Hotel (includes breakfast).
- Day 10 **WEWAK / KAIRIRU ISLAND**
Water transfer from Wewak to Kairiru Island, check in at Polen Guest House. Here, local villagers have worked hard to prepare a menu of cultural activities which both entertain and teach visitors about the culture of the Wewak Islands (Kairiru, Muschu and Walis), through traditional singsings, music and drama. By day you will explore this scenic island, site of a Japanese military outpost in World War 2 and home to hot springs and explorable caves. In the evenings, the village cultural groups will fill the night with dance and song - and some very funny drama about courtship practices - on the lawns in front of the guest house. Overnight Polen Guest House (includes well prepared local style meals).
- Day 11 **KAIRIRU ISLAND**
At Kairiru Island
- Day 12 **KAIRIRU ISLAND / WEWAK / GOROKA**
Water transfer back to Wewak, dropoff on the beach next to the airport and walk across the road to check in for your flight to Goroka, departing in the early afternoon. On arrival in Goroka, you are met by a local guide and transferred to the Bird of Paradise Hotel (or alternative) for overnight. If time allows, a short tour of Goroka town will be provided. Goroka is said to have the world's most pleasant climate but gets a little chilly in the evenings so bring a light sweater. Overnight hotel (includes breakfast).
- Day 13 **GOROKA**
Day trip from Goroka to the Henganofi district for a visit to Mehenave village. Here, you will be teamed up with a village "buddy" for the day who will take you around and show you the ins and outs of daily life in this village. This will include a walk to the gardens, lunch in your buddy's house, and demonstrations of cooking, making handicrafts, house building and other traditions. Overnight Bird of Paradise Hotel (includes breakfast).
[If your tour is of 14 days duration, your tour terminates in Goroka and your group will either fly direct from Goroka to Port Moresby on the late afternoon

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flight today and overnight in Port Moresby before flying out to Brisbane or Cairns tomorrow, Day 14, OR overnight Goroka and fly to Port Moresby on the morning of Day 14 to connect with the afternoon flight to Singapore.]

- Day 14 GOROKA / PORT MORESBY
Half day trip to the Daulo Pass, a biodiversity hotspot along the highlands highway, and Asaro Valley to view a dance performance by the Asaro mudmen. After lunch back at the hotel in Goroka (pay as you go), check in for scheduled Air Niugini flight to Port Moresby. Overnight hotel (includes breakfast).
- Day 15 PORT MORESBY / TUFU
Charter flight from Port Moresby to Tufi. Check in at Tufi Dive Resort. Some time will be available today for snorkelling and kayaking (or scuba diving at extra cost if you have your ticket) in the magnificent fjords around Tufi. In the evening, a spectacular full scale singsing will be performed under the stars at nearby Kofure Village. Overnight Tufi Dive Resort (includes all meals).
- Day 16 TUFU
Full day village visit to the villages of Siu, Jebo and Orotoaba, about 30 minutes south of Tufi by boat. These villages are some of the most beautiful spots in Papua New Guinea and the people are very friendly. Your tour group may split into smaller groups to undertake activities of interest for the day including village cultural tour, bushwalk with birdwatching, beach walking and swimming, or paddling an outrigger canoe with your guide up a nearby fjord to a scenic waterfall. Tonight you have the option of overnighing in a village guest house at Siu, Jebo or Orotoaba, or returning to the dive resort (includes all meals).
- Day 17 TUFU
Full day boat trip to Wanigela village the home of tapa cloth and Uiaku pottery village. Tapa and pottery are important components of the Tufi culture. The boat will start at the dive resort and pick up anyone who has overnighed in the village and continue further south to Wanigela and Uiaku. Includes local-style feast provided at Wanigela. Overnight Tufi Dive Resort. (There will be an option to skip the day trip and stay at the dive resort to relax and scuba dive or snorkel instead).
- Day 18 TUFU / TROBRIAND ISLANDS
Morning charter flight from Tufi to Losuia airfield on Kiriwina, the largest of the Trobriand Islands. Check in at Butia Lodge followed by a familiarisation tour of Kiriwina including an audience with the paramount chief if available. As is customary, you may present the chief with a string of betel nuts... these will be procured in Tufi before you leave as betel nuts may be in short supply on Kiriwina. There are many sites of interest on Kiriwina (given that it is a flat and dry island) including caves, underground springs, burial sites, villages built in geometric designs and the ubiquitous yam gardens which are the seat of competition between villages to grow the biggest yams. Overnight Butia Lodge (includes all meals).
- Day 19 TROBRIAND ISLANDS
A choice of activities today: you can spend the day with a host family in a Kiriwina village and absorb their lifestyle, or you can take a guided hike across the centre of the island where you will be shown sites of interest such as the ruins of old villages, old cemetery sites and World War 2 relics. In the evening, a Trobriands sing sing will take place in a village near Butia Lodge, with

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demonstrations of Trobriands cricket, Trobriands tug-o-war, and Trobriands customs for courtship and initiation. Overnight Butia Lodge (includes all meals).

Day 20

TROBRIAND ISLANDS / PORT MORESBY

In the morning, a final village visit is arranged where you will have the opportunity to exchange small gifts with people you have met, and purchase exquisite ebonywood carvings unique to the Trobriand Islanders.

In the afternoon, a scheduled or charter flight from Kiriwina back to Port Moresby and overnight hotel (includes lunch at Butia Lodge and breakfast only at hotel in Port Moresby).

Day 21

PORT MORESBY

Fly out of Papua New Guinea

TOUR COST (rack rates valid till end 2006)

PER PERSON	4 pax, no FOC	5-9 pax, no FOC	10-16 pax, tour leader FOC
21 days	USD 9,839	USD 9,822	USD 8,785
14 days*	USD 5,333	USD 5,789	USD 5,376

*Fly from Goroka to Port Moresby on Day 13, overnight hotel and fly out of PNG on Day 14.

TOUR INCLUSIONS (21 days):

- meet and greet at Port Moresby airport
- half-day tour of Port Moresby if time allows
- three nights premier room accommodation at the Gateway Hotel in Port Moresby (or equivalent), including buffet dinner and cooked breakfast
- economy class domestic flights Port Moresby - Moro - Mt Hagen, and Wewak - Goroka - Port Moresby, Losuia - Port Moresby
- chartered or diverted flights Mt Hagen - Ambunti, Port Moresby - Tufi, Tufi - Losuia
- services of a local guide at each destination throughout the tour
- two nights hostel-style accommodation and meals at Tubo Lodge, Lake Kutubu, including return road and water transfers from Moro airfield
- daily excursions around Lake Kutubu by motorboat
- cultural demonstrations at Lake Kutubu
- two nights bungalow accommodation, meals and cultural activities at Magic Mountain Hideaway, Paiya Village, Mt Hagen, including transfers
- three days Middle Sepik River touring by motorised canoe including guides, canoe, fuel, food
- two nights hostel-style accommodation and meals at Ambunti Lodge
- one night village guest house accommodation at Palimbe or Kanganaman, with local-style meals
- road or air transfer from Timbunke to Wewak
- one night standard accommodation at Windjammer Beach Hotel, Wewak, with dinner and breakfast
- return boat transfers from Wewak to Kairiru Island
- two nights village guest house accommodation and meals at Polen Guest House, Kairiru Island
- daily guided cultural demonstrations and sightseeing excursions on Kairiru Island
- evening village entertainment at Polen Guest House
- two nights premier room accommodation at the Bird of Paradise Hotel in Goroka (or alternative), including buffet dinner and cooked breakfast, including transfers
- short tour of Goroka town, if time and weather allow
- day trip to Menehave village for cultural experience
- half day tour to DauलोPass and Asaro mudmen
- three nights bungalow accommodation and meals at Tufi Dive Resort (optional one night village stay)
- evening singing performance at Kofure village

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- day trip to Siu, Jebo and Orotoaba villages with activities and lunch
- day trip to Wanigela and Uiaku villages to view handicraft making, includes lunch (optional activities at Tufi Dive Resort instead)
- all boat transfers at Tufi
- two nights motel-style accommodation and meals at Butia Lodge, Trobriand Islands
- two and a half days of sightseeing and cultural experiences on Kiriwina, Trobriand Islands
- Port Moresby airport transfers
- PNG country map
- Ecotourism Melanesia souvenir polo shirt

TOUR EXCLUSIONS:

international airfares

bottled water (BYO or ask village hosts to boil water for you)

tips (not essential, but appreciated for exceptional service)

souvenirs and items of a personal nature

bar drinks

lunches on travelling days (purchase snacks from shops en route)

scuba diving

TOUR NOTES:

1. The general terms and conditions applicable to this tour are those specified on your invoice and on the Booking page of our website.
2. All accommodation on this tour is twin-share and no single supplement is available. Accommodation sharing arrangements are at the discretion of Ecotourism Melanesia after taking pax preferences into account.
3. All arrangements in this tour are backed up by contingency plans in case of inclement weather or logistical problems preventing the scheduled itinerary from progressing.
4. All arrangements in this tour include emergency management plan with emergency communication facilities available at each destination and provision for medical evacuation at client's (or client's insurer's) expense.
5. Destinations are subject to change in response to local conditions. Where travel to a specified destination is contraindicated by local conditions, travel to an alternative destination of similar value with similar activities will be provided where possible, but claims for partial refunds based on quality of substitute activities will not be entertained.
6. This tour involves some hiking of moderate difficulty and requires a reasonable level of physical fitness.

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