



Ecotourism Melanesia

Discover Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands

ITINERARY FOR TOUR EM53: **MT. HAGEN, SEPIK, MADANG (6 NIGHTS)**

1 night Mt. Hagen, 1 night Kairiru Island, 2 nights Lower Sepik River, 1 night Wewak, 1 night Madang

- Day 1: Depart Port Moresby at 8.45am on PX 180 arriving Mt. Hagen at 9.45am. You will be met on arrival by Paiya Tours, who will take you on a sightseeing tour around Mt. Hagen town, a drive through coffee and tea plantations of the fertile Waghi Valley, and a turn through the magnificent orchid gardens near Haus Poroman Lodge. After lunch (not included) you will be taken to Paiya Cultural Village for some highlands-style entertainment and a demonstration of traditional culture.
- Overnight Hotel Poroman (standard room only - pay as you go for meals)
- Day 2: The Hotel will transfer you to the airport at 7.30am to check in for Airlink flight ND122 for Wewak, departing 9.15 and arriving Wewak at 10.05. On arrival you'll be met by Mr Wolfy Kalem who will assist you to walk across the road to the beach to board an open speed boat for the 45 minute trip across to Kairiru Island, a verdant tropical paradise which very few visitors have the opportunity to visit. Here you will spend the day touring Wolfy's village, witnessing a display of cultural entertainment on the lawns in front of the Polen Guest House and taking a bushwalk through pristine tropical rainforest. A little more travel by speed boat will take you to the waterfall, the hot springs, coastal caves and the relics of the Japanese outpost from WW2.
- Overnight Polen Guest House (basic camp-style accommodation, includes traditional-style meals)
- Day 3: Morning speed boat transfer to Wewak to meet up with your chartered vehicle that will take you down the highway to Angoram (3-4 hours travel time). Angoram is a small river town on the Lower Sepik. Here your guide will transfer with you to a motorised canoe. Several kilometres upstream is the confluence of the Sepik and Keram Rivers, where your canoe will turn up the Keram River and motor upstream until you reach the beautiful village of Chimondo. Here there is a cultural centre displaying a variety of local artifacts. Local fruit and cooked foods are available for purchase in the village.
- Overnight Chimondo Cultural Centre (village guest house) - includes dinner and breakfast.
- Day 4: Spend the morning in Chimondo and then motor further upstream to Kambot Village, the home of the "storyboard". A storyboard is a carved wooden plaque - some of

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them several metres long - depicting village life and local legends. These are only made in the Keram River area. At Kambot you will visit the Haus Tambaran (men's spirit house) and the Carving Haus where storyboards and a wide range of other artifacts are available for purchase direct from the artisans. You can also spend the day exploring the flora and fauna of the jungle and river habitats, learn to paddle a Sepik canoe and try to catch freshwater fish with a hand line as the locals do. Every day most households engage in the chore of making sago and you can observe or join in with this activity.

Overnight village guest house, Kambot - includes dinner and breakfast.

Day 5: This morning your motorised canoe will transport you back downriver to Angoram where you will transfer to your road transport for the trip back to Wewak.

Overnight Seaview Hotel (room only)

Day 6: Early morning Air Niugini flight from Wewak to Madang and transfer to Madang Lodge. Your local guide will meet you at the Lodge and take you on a day tour of Madang district including the Bilbil Pottery Village, Balek Wildlife Sanctuary and Sulfur Caves where parts of the Robinson Crusoe movie were filmed, and Ohu Village where there is a butterfly conservation area and a chance to bathe under the 100m high Dumeh waterfall. Arrive back in town in the late afternoon to view the nightly flying fox migration from the big trees across Madang township.

Overnight Madang Lodge (room only)

Day 7: Early flight from Madang to Port Moresby connects with Air Niugini's 9.25am flight to Cairns, Australia

TOUR COST:

Group of one	USD\$4539 per person
Group of two	USD\$3120 per person
Group of three	USD\$2754 per person
Group of four	USD\$2491 per person

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- One way air travel Port Moresby-Mt Hagen-Wewak-Madang-Port Moresby
- Mt Hagen meet and greet and day tour by Paiya Tours including Paiya Cultural Village sing-sing entertainment and culture show
- One night standard room (twin share) at Hotel Poroman, Mt Hagen (room only)
- Wewak meet and greet, return speed boat transfer from Wewak to Kairiru Island
- Full day on Kairiru Island including cultural entertainment, bushwalk and visit to waterfall, beach caves and hot springs, Japanese relics at St John's Mission.
- One night basic accommodation and local-style meals at Polen Guest House.
- Return road transfers from Wewak to Angoram (chartered passenger truck or minibus)
- 3 days motor canoe hire with fuel and driver (Angoram-Chimondo-Kambot-Angoram)

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- 4 days Sepik River guide ex-Wewak
- overnight accommodation and local-style meals at Chimondo Cultural Centre guest house
- overnight accommodation and local-style meals at Kambot village guest house
- village gratuities at Chimondo and Kambot
- overnight accommodation at Seaview Hotel (standard room twin share - room only)
- transfer from Seaview Hotel to Wewak airport
- transfer from Madang airport to Madang Lodge
- overnight accommodation at Madang Lodge (Garden Room twin share - room only)
- personalised day tour of Madang

TOUR EXCLUSIONS:

- bar drinks, snacks, tips, souvenirs, personal items
- meals not specified as included

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