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Discover Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands

ITINERARY FOR TOUR EM76: **KIKORI WEEKENDER**

3 nights Delta Lodge, Kikori with 2 free day trips

Day 1: Friday

Depart Port Moresby at 6.20am on Airlines PNG flight CG368 to Kikori (via Kerema and Baimuru), arriving 8.30am. On arrival you will be met by your local guide and transferred to Delta Lodge. After you check in to your room at the lodge, your local guide will take you on a walking tour around the Kikori "station" area and show you the various community facilities including the bustling local market and the CDI training centre which has a display of Kikori cultural artifacts and its own little FM radio station. Then, you'll board an outboard dinghy and your guide will take you for a two hour explorative trip around the little islands and mangrove labyrinths in the middle of the Kikori River that play host to a vast array of aquatic birds and other animals.

(For lunch today, stock up on fresh fruit and baked sago from the market, or purchase food from the Kikori trade store.)

By mid-afternoon you will return to the Lodge for a siesta in the hottest part of the day followed by the popular late afternoon activity of strolling around town talking to people you meet until dusk falls and the mosquitoes encourage you to retire indoors.

Overnight Delta Lodge, Kikori. (Accommodation at Delta Lodge is twin-share in the new wing and includes dinner and breakfast. Lunch and snacks can be purchased from the nearby trade store.)

Day 2: Saturday

Today you can relax at the lodge or choose one of the following FREE day trips if available:

- **Babaguina village experience.** Your guide will take you 15 minutes downstream by dinghy to Babaguina Village where you will spend the day with the friendly village people. Visit people's homes and see how they live, how they cook, how they make sago, see a display of local costumes and witness a traditional Kerewo tribe sing-sing performed by village children and youth. There is a traditional Kikori long-house (men's spirit house) located in the middle of this village. After a delicious *mumu* lunch featuring fresh fish, prawns, mud crabs and local vegetables cooked under hot stones, you'll return to Kikori mid-afternoon.

OR

- **Fishing trip.** Your guide will take you to the best spots along the river and in the delta estuaries for barramundi and black bass fishing. Depart as early or late in the morning as you wish. Return to Kikori mid-afternoon. Take your own lunch with you (purchase from the market or shop), and BYO fishing tackle or purchase handlines at the Kikori trade store. Bring your own esky if you plan to take your catch back to Port Moresby - ice is available at the trade store.

OR

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- **Veiru Creek safari.** Veiru Ck is a tributary of the Kikori River, well known for its teeming bird life. This is a great day trip for bird and butterfly watching. Twenty minutes downstream from Kikori station your outboard dinghy turns up Veiru Creek and takes you past overhanging rainforest and little riverside villages. On reaching the upper shallows of the creek your dinghy will turn downstream again and late morning you will stop at a riverside guest house where lunch will be served (fresh fruit, fish and vegetables cooked in coconut milk). After lunch you can take a walk through a nearby village or explore the rainforest to see birds, butterflies, other animals and wild orchids. If you're really keen you can try your hand at paddling a dugout canoe in the creek. Mid-afternoon, return to Kikori.
OR

Aird Hills hike. The Aird Hills (there are 8 of them) are located on their own island in the river delta about 30 minutes by dinghy from Kikori. This is the only high ground in the region and the Aird Hills are clearly visible from Kikori station. Aird Hills is the site of the original London Missionary Society mission station built over 100 years ago and your guide will take you to see the old mission station before leading you on an uphill hike through tropical rainforest and open grasslands, past pretty little waterfalls to the summit of the highest peak where there are panoramic views of the Kikori Delta. On descending from the hills, a traditional-style lunch is served at the Ero village guest house. The local speciality is bamboo-cooked nipa palm sago and barbequed prawns and crabs. The hike up into the hills requires reasonable physical fitness. Return to Kikori mid-afternoon.

Overnight Delta Lodge, Kikori.

Day 3: Sunday

Today you may have the day to yourself to wander around Kikori station and relax at the Lodge OR you may choose another FREE day trip, either a fishing trip, Veiru Creek safari or a general sightseeing trip up the Kikori River to its confluence with the Sirebi River and return. Due to Sunday worship, the Babguina village experience and the Aird Hills hike are not available today.

Overnight Delta Lodge, Kikori.

Day 4: Monday

Free morning at Kikori. You may wish to make your own arrangements with your guide for an additional half-day of fishing, birdwatching, bushwalking or river cruising (at your own cost). After a shower and change of clothes before checking out of Delta Lodge, walk over to the airstrip and check in for Airlines PNG flight CG367 to Port Moresby departing Kikori at 2.50pm (via Baimuru and Kerema) arriving POM at 5.00pm.

TOUR PRICE:

	Group of 2	Group of 4	Group of 6
Price per person	PGK 2,975	PGK 2,600	PGK 2,454

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Airfare Port Moresby-Kikori return
- Three (3) nights accommodation at Delta Lodge including set-menu dinner and breakfast
- local guide
- walk-around tour of Kikori station
- 2 hour outboard dinghy tour of Kikori River islands near Kikori station
- plus two FREE day trips which may be provided if weather and local logistics allow

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TOUR EXCLUSIONS:

- bar drinks, snacks, tips, souvenirs, personal items
- lunches not specified as included
- day trips in excess of the two free day trips offered

TOUR NOTES:

1. This tour involves travel to a remote area where medical facilities are not available.
2. The two free day trips that are stated as being part of this package are categorised as "free add-ons" to your airfare and accommodation package and are not redeemable for cash if not used or not provided.
3. Kikori is a very high rainfall area and your daily program will be flexible. Rain in the morning means activities will be postponed till afternoon and vice-versa - rain all day means some activities will not proceed unless you are happy to get wet. There is no partial refund available for day trips or components thereof that are not availed of or which cannot proceed due to inclement weather or logistical problems (eg unavailability of outboard fuel). The two free day trips are provided free as part of the package on a use-it-or-lose-it basis.
4. Kikori is a mosquito area - bring your repellent and make sure you are up to date with your malaria medication. Monitor yourself for malaria symptoms for several weeks after returning from this trip.

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