



Ecotourism Melanesia

Discover Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands

EM1 - DISCOVER GOROKA AND MADANG PACKAGE FOR INDEPENDENT TRAVELLERS

4 nights ex-Port Moresby (2 nights Goroka, 2 nights Madang)

Package itinerary may commence any day of the week. Optional extension to Jais Aben Beach Resort, Madang, or Simbai remote outpost at end of core itinerary.

PACKAGE COST: (per person, does not include airfares)

Group of 1	Group of 2	Group of 3	Group of 4+
USD\$ 2669	USD\$ 1493	USD\$ 1216	USD\$ 991
AUD\$ 3391	AUD\$ 1897	AUD\$ 1544	AUD\$ 1259

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS (STANDARD 4 NIGHT PACKAGE):

- Airport transfers
- Two nights twin premier room at Bird of Paradise Hotel, Goroka (or equivalent) including hot breakfast
- Two nights garden terrace room at Madang Lodge, Madang (or equivalent) including tropical breakfast
- Goroka afternoon excursion as per options provided
- Goroka full day village experience including lunch, transport, guide, village gratuities
- Goroka to Madang road transfer including packed lunch
- Madang day trip and village experience
- Ecotourism Melanesia welcome kit with destination information, maps and souvenir polo shirt

EXCLUSIONS:

- Airfares
- Meals not specified as included
- Snacks and bar drinks
- Excess baggage charges

OPTIONS:

Upgrade to 2 nights deluxe room at Madang Resort Hotel with full breakfast

single add USD\$310 AUD\$ 385 per person

share twin add USD\$154 AUD\$ 188 per person

Extension: extra nights at Jais Aben Beach Resort (room only, per person per night)

- price on application

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ITINERARY

DAY 1:

PORT MORESBY / GOROKA

0830 Check in at Port Moresby airport for your Goroka flight PX960.

0915 Flight departs for Goroka

1025 arrive Goroka - Bird of Paradise Hotel transfer vehicle will meet you on arrival in Goroka and transfer you to check in at the hotel.

1200 lunch at Bird of Paradise Hotel (pay as you go)

1300 our local guide will meet up with you at the hotel and take you out for your afternoon excursion.

You may select one of the following options:

1. Visit Asaro village, home of the famed mudmen. Tour the village, see cultural relics and visit a family home. A small-scale mudmen dance will be performed for you with photo opportunities.
2. Excursion to Mt Gahavisuka National Park. Take a hike through the park with a nature guide and examine some of the native flora and fauna. Waterfalls, orchids and butterflies are some of the attractions in the park, which is now managed by the local landowners.
3. Personalised drive-around tour of Goroka town points of interest, with our local guide. Visit the coffee factory, the highlands cultural museum, the Raun Raun drama theatre, the local university campus, the artifact market and Mt Kiss scenic lookout.

1730 Return to hotel.

Dinner tonight is pay as you go (PAYG). The hotel has two restaurants and there is a good Chinese eatery across the street. Groceries for self-catering can be purchased from the small supermarket opposite the hotel.

Overnight Bird of Paradise Hotel (twin premier room, includes full breakfast)

DAY 2:

GOROKA - HIGHLANDS VILLAGE EXPERIENCE

0700 Breakfast

0800 Your guide will meet up with you at the hotel. Today's activity is a full day highlands village experience.

A scenic drive along a bumpy track brings you to a rural village. Here, the local people farm the land to support themselves with food, and grow cash crops such as coffee and market vegetables to raise income to buy clothing and other needs, and pay school fees for their children.

On arrival at the village you will be treated to a traditional welcome (have your camera ready!) and meet the village people. A small crowd of enthusiastic "guides" will show you around the village, including private homes, the village school, village church, and important village artifacts such as bride price ornaments and traditional money. You will be taken to the village gardens and shown how yams and other staple vegetables are cultivated. The spiritual connection between the village people and their gardens will be explained to you: there are many superstitions regarding the effect of people's behaviour on the growth of the garden crops.

Next you will observe your own lunch being prepared. Vegetables and some form of meat will be wrapped in leaves and cooked under hot stones in an earth oven known locally as a mumu. After cooking for two hours, the food is removed from the mumu and unwrapped. The food is very aromatic and tasty, although rather dry and is often taken with a bowl of boiled vegetable soup. After lunch you may choose between accompanying a group of men on a pig

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hunt, taking a scenic hike, wildlife-spotting in the nearby forest, or staying in the village and learning some of the local arts and crafts. A combination of these activities may be possible if time allows.
Late in the afternoon you will be transferred back to Goroka town, having made a gamut of new friends.

Overnight Bird of Paradise Hotel (twin premier room, includes full breakfast)

DAY 3:

ROAD TRIP FROM GOROKA TO MADANG

0700 Breakfast

0800 Check out of hotel and depart by private vehicle with driver/guide along the main highway to Madang. The drive is very scenic, passing through many roadside villages, mountain passes, wide valleys and the Yonki Dam hydro-electric complex. At one point you will notice the sudden rise in temperature as you pass through the temperature inversion layer between the cool highlands and the tropical coastal lowlands. The drive takes 6-hours including rest stops. A packed lunch is provided for you by the hotel (included in the package) and there are also opportunities to buy fruit and cooked foods at roadside stalls en route. There will be toilet stops at intervals en route.

1400 approx. On arrival in Madang town, check in at Madang Lodge. By this time you will be feeling like stretching your legs, and after a snack in the restaurant or a drink in the bar we suggest a stroll along the foreshore. This is a great way to meet the locals, see some World War 2 relics that still litter the coastline, and get some fresh sea air. Ask the hotel reception desk to arrange an off-duty member of staff to walk with you as a guide, to learn a bit about life in Madang town as you walk along. Walking as far as the Kalibobo Lighthouse and back will take about 2 hours. (A K20 tip for your guide upon return to the Lodge will be unexpected but much appreciated).

Overnight Madang Lodge (Garden twin room, includes breakfast only)

DAY 4:

MADANG DAY TRIP AND VILLAGE EXPERIENCE

0700 Breakfast

0800 Our guide and vehicle will meet up with you at the Lodge reception. Depart Madang Lodge for full day Madang tour and village experience. Depending on time available, the weather, the day of the week and your particular interests, the morning segment of the tour may include:

- Bilbil Pottery Village
- Balek Sulfur Caves
- Omili Flying Fox Cave
- harbour islands
- artifact markets
- parks, gardens and war memorials
- scenic lookout
- Alexishafen Mission with overgrown wartime airfield and colonial cemetery

Around noon you will commence your drive out of town towards a local village where you will spend the afternoon with friendly Madang villagers. The drive will take about one hour through tropical greenery and roadside villages. A traditional-style welcome and lunch will be waiting for you at the village. Your hosts will show you around the village, treat you to some village-style entertainment and show you their gardens and crops. There are a few different villages that we book for hosting visitors on day trips, so as to spread the

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benefits of tourism around. You will make some great new friends during your Madang village visit. If it is a seaside village, or if there is a village stream or waterfall, you may have the opportunity to take a refreshing dip as a respite from the tropical heat, so bring a change of clothes in your daypack.

1730 Return to Madang town in time to witness the nightly flying fox migration from an elevated vantage point. Flying foxes are a key feature of Madang, unlike any other town in PNG.

Overnight Madang Lodge (Garden twin room, includes breakfast only)

DAY 5:

FLY OUT TO PORT MORESBY OR EXTEND TO JAIS ABEN RESORT

0500 early breakfast and check out of Madang Lodge

0545 Madang Lodge will provide a courtesy transfer to the airport for you

0600 check in at Madang airport for Air Niugini flight to Port Moresby.

0715 Air Niugini flight departs for Port Moresby, arriving 0830.

End of itinerary

OR

Optional Extension

Transfer to Jais Aben Beach Resort, an unpretentious, friendly little resort which is 20 minutes drive out of Madang town and offers a range of water activities including scuba diving. You can extend your itinerary at Jais Aben for any number of nights.

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