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EM19 - TAURI RIVER ADVENTURE PACKAGE FOR INDEPENDENT TRAVELLERS

4 nights ex-Port Moresby

Features of this soft adventure trip:

- road trip from Port Moresby through the Central Province to Gulf Province
- 1 day river journey
- 2 full days hiking of easy to moderate difficulty (mainly flat ground)
- lush jungle and river scenery
- rich bird life including river birds, many cassowaries, birds of paradise
- small freshwater crocodiles
- stay in village homes and experience local culture
- undeveloped area with no other tourists
- most of the money you pay goes directly to the village people involved

PACKAGE COST: (per person, rack rates)

Group of 1	Group of 2	Group of 3+
PGK 3400	PGK 2900	PGK 2700

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Day 1

ROAD TRIP PORT MORESBY TO MAKARA

0800h depart Port Moresby by public transport (PMV truck), or private vehicle, accompanied by a guide and a hamper of food and drink, for a 4 hour journey north along the Hiritano Highway, crossing the boundary from Central Province into Gulf Province and arriving at Makara Village (just past the Terapo Bridge) around midday.

Spend the afternoon exploring tiny Makara Village and nearby Moveave Village which is one of PNG's largest villages. You will be shown how the local staple food, sago, is cultivated, harvested and cooked.

Overnight Makara Village (homestay with your guide). Local-style meals supplemented with dry rations.

Day 2

MOTOR UPSTREAM FROM MAKARA TO TAURI

Departing early in the morning and accompanied by two guides you will motor up the Tauri River in an outboard-powered dinghy, arriving late in the afternoon at Tauri Village. Stop along the way to visit riverside settlements and buy fresh fruit, view river birds and maybe crocodiles. Overnight village homestay at Tauri Village. In the evening the village people will perform a sing-sing and other entertainment for you.

Day 3

HIKE FROM TAURI TO APU APU

Hike downstream along the banks of the Tauri River to ApuApu Village. Opportunities for birdwatching and examining local flora. Guides will interpret

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the natural environment for you and explain traditional uses of plants for medicines, building materials etc.
Overnight village homestay at ApuApu.

Day 4

HIKE FROM APU APU TO MAKARA

Leaving the Tauri River, hike south west today through lowland savannah with two small hill climbs, balance along a log trail through a knee-deep swamp and pass through verdant rainforest with a thick overhead canopy, arriving at Malalaua township by mid afternoon. Your guides will arrange public transport from Malalaua back to Makara.
Overnight Makara Village.

Day 5

ROAD TRIP MAKARA TO PORT MORESBY

Spend the morning at Makara: PMV transport to Port Moresby departs in the afternoons. This will also allow you half-day leeway in case of hiking delays. Arrive Port Moresby with guide late afternoon/early evening. Dropoff at hotel.

TRIP NOTES:

1. See our general tour information at www.em.com.pg/PNG/PNGecotours/generaltourinfo.pdf for general information about touring in remote areas of PNG. Includes a suggested packing list.
2. **Tour inclusions:**
 - motorised dinghy travel up river
 - return PMV travel Port Moresby to Makara
 - refreshment hamper for Port Moresby to Makara road trip
 - all village accommodation and entertainment at villages
 - local-style meals - all you can eat sago, sweet potato, yam, green vegetables, bananas and other fruits
 - supplementary dry rations (biscuits, tinned meat, tea, sugar etc)
 - sleeping bag, rubber mat and mosquito net
 - bottled water (to be carried by guides)
 - services of at least two trek guides to carry food and equipment
 - guide's equipment pack containing tropical first aid kit, flashlight, eating utensils, toilet paper etc)
3. **Tour exclusions: bring your own**
 - personal gear (see suggested packing list in our General Tour Information document - pack light for this trip as everything has to be carried)
 - insect repellent
4. PMVs depart daily from Port Moresby for Gulf Province so this tour can commence any day of the week.