



# Ecotourism Melanesia

Discover Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands

## EM26 - TAURI RIVER FISHING EXPEDITION PACKAGE FOR INDEPENDENT TRAVELLERS 6 nights ex-Port Moresby

The unspoiled Tauri River is only a 3 hour drive from Port Moresby. The river plays host to a small number of riverside hamlets who live off the abundant freshwater species in the river. Upstream, catfish are prevalent while barramundi and mangrove jack can be taken in the estuary. Under an exclusive arrangement with local landowners we are able to take small fishing groups up and down the river, camping in tents or staying in villages with locals, fishing the meandering main river, its estuary, tributary creeks and associated ox-bow lakes and swamps. Your choice of catch-and-release or catch-and-eat. There is no electricity, no phones, no ice supplies in their area so storage of catch is not possible. The locals smoke their fish catch to preserve it. Dry season from May to December is the best time for fishing, as rainy season flooding from January to April can make the waters unsuitable for fishing. Mosquitoes are a problem in this area at night, so we carry appropriate netting and insect-proof tents. This is a fully resourced expedition package including motor boats, all camping gear and quality camp food.

### PACKAGE PRICE (LAND ONLY\*): *all prices are per person*

	Group of 1	Group of 2	Group of 3	Group of 4+
Core package 6 nights	PGK 19,286	PGK 13,143	PGK 11,095	PGK 10,071
Extra night Tauri River fishing	PGK 2000	PGK 1500	PGK 1333	PGK 1250
Extra night Port Moresby (3.5 or 4 star hotel, room only)	PGK 500 (single)	PGK 250 pp (twin share)	PGK 200 pp (triple share)	PGK 250 pp (twin share)
Optional half day or full day tour of Port Moresby or Sogeri, includes lunch	PGK 750	PGK 450 pp	PGK 350 pp	PGK 300 pp

\*These rates are quoted in our local currency PNG Kina (PGK). To calculate package quotes in other currencies, use the exchange rates shown on our website home page [www.em.com.pg](http://www.em.com.pg)

### PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- Airport meet and greet, short city tour
- Return road transfers from Port Moresby to Tauri River by Toyota Hi Ace mini coach, Toyota Landcruiser or Toyota Dyna 3-tonne truck with seats, depending on group size, road condition etc
- 6 nights accommodation in village huts or camping. Includes mattresses, sleeping bags, mosquito nets, 1-man tents with tent fans, camp shower, camp toilet
- all tour meals including camp breakfasts (cereal, toast, scones, fruit), packed lunches (canned fish, oysters, meats or beans with crackers, boiled eggs, dried fruit, muesli bars etc) and FISH (fried, baked, coconut curried etc) with local vegetables for dinner. Food is prepared by our company escort.
- All drinking water, long-life juice and milk drinks
- 6 days open motor boat hire including fuel and driver, life jackets (1 boat per 1-4 fishers, 2 boats per 5-8 fishers)
- all camping and boating equipment and supplies including mini-generator, wet weather gear, fresh water supplies for bathing, first aid kit, communications gear including walkie talkies and mobile satellite phone
- basic fishing gear including hand lines with hooks and sinkers, scoop nets, buckets, eskies, filleting boards and knives, water and basins for hand washing. (Bring your own rods, spinners and other specialist tackle.)
- Company escort who doubles as camp cook, and local fishing guide to accompany the expedition
- Access fees paid to local landowners

- Destination information including maps and fishing guide
- Tour monitoring and 24-hour assistance

**EXCLUSIONS:**

- airfares
- tips, souvenirs, personal items
- meals not specified as included eg breakfast on Day 1 and dinner on Day 7
- additional excursions in excess of those specified in the itinerary

**ITINERARY:**

**DAY 1:**

**PORT MORESBY / TERAPO BRIDGE**

Arrive Port Moresby on morning flight. Ecotourism Melanesia staff will meet and greet you on arrival, take you for a brief drive around the city and then commence the drive to Tauri River. The road trip to Tauri River takes between 3 and 4 hours depending on the current road condition, the weather, and any stops en route.

Arrive Terapo Bridge by midday. Lunch at Makara Village Guest House. Accompanied by an Ecotourism staff member and our local fishing guide, board your 23 foot motorised dinghy (locally known as a "banana boat") and spend the afternoon and early evening fishing the Tauri River estuary (Port Chalmers) where mangrove jack and barramundi are likely to be taken. There is a myriad of small creeks which feed into the estuary, and any of these can be explored for bites. Some saltwater species like bream, salmon and mullet are also possible. Your fishing guide will keep you away from heavily fished areas close to the nearby large village of Moveave.

Overnight Makara Village Guest House.

**DAY 2:**

**TOVALA CREEK**

Rise early and motor up Tovala Creek, a tributary of the Tauri River, for still water fishing in a secret area of brackish / swamp water where black bass are in abundance.

Overnight jungle hut.

**DAY 3:**

**LOWER TAURI RIVER**

After an early morning fish we motor back down Tovala Creek (or hike overland for an hour while the boat goes around the long way) and commence fishing the meandering lower reaches of the Tauri River. The main river has quite a fast flowing current which makes line fishing difficult, so we explore various adjoining creeks and ox-bow lakes off the main flow.

Overnight Osi family home, Tauri River side.

**DAY 4:**

**MIDDLE TAURI RIVER**

Today we fish the middle reaches of the Tauri River as far as ApuApu village.

Overnight ApuApu village guest house. Includes village sing-sing entertainment.

**DAY 5:**

**UPPER TAURI RIVER**

Today we fish the upper reaches of the Tauri River as far as Tauri Village. If time allows, or you have an extra day available, we can continue to the Putei Mission which is the navigable limit of the river, and visit the rapids of Hells Gate.

Overnight Tauri Village or Putei Mission.

**DAY 6:**

**UPPER TAURI RIVER / TERAPO BRIDGE**

Early morning fishing at the Putei rapids (or Tauri Village area) then commence motoring down the Tauri River to Terapo Bridge, with fishing stops en route.

Overnight Makara Village Guest House.

**DAY 7:**

**TERAPO BRIDGE / PORT MORESBY**

Road transfer to Port Moresby, arrive by midday and check in for your afternoon flight. Includes packed punch at airport if required.

Tour ends

**TRIP NOTES:**

1. This tour involves travel to a remote area where medical facilities are not available.