



Ecotourism Melanesia

Discover Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands

EM30 - SOUTHERN NEW GUINEA BATTLE SITES SEMI-ESCORTED PRIVATE TOUR FOR INDEPENDENT TRAVELLERS AND SMALL GROUPS

9 nights Port Moresby, Alotau, Lae, Popondetta, Kokoda

Kokoda, Milne Bay and Salamaua are synonymous with the Papuan Campaign of 1942. This itinerary combines these well known battle sites into a nine night itinerary that is semi-escorted by knowledgeable local guides at each destination. Features of the tour include a boat trip to Salamaua, visits to the beach-head villages of Buna and Gona, and an excursion to the southern end of the Kokoda Track at Owers Corner.

PACKAGE COST*: (per person, twin share, ground content plus one air sector only)

Group of 1	Group of 2	Group of 3**	Group of 4+***
PGK 16,043	PGK 9,057	PGK 8,988	PGK 6,646

*To convert these prices to other currencies, use the exchange rates shown on our website home page www.em.com.pg

**Based on 1 x twin and 1 x single

***Odd numbered larger groups are based on twin shares plus one single

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- meet and greet at Port Moresby airport on arrival and during each transit
- all airport transfers
- three nights hotel accommodation in Port Moresby (twin share), including dinner and breakfast
- Port Moresby War History Tour including Bomana War Cemetery
- two nights hotel accommodation in Alotau (twin share), including dinner and breakfast
- half day Milne Bay battlefields tour, includes lunch
- choice of full day Wagawaga rainforest trip OR full day East Cape trip, includes lunch
- two nights hotel accommodation, Lae (twin share), including dinner and breakfast
- Lae city tour including Lae War Cemetery and WW2 sites
- day trip by charter boat from Lae to Salamaua including picnic lunch, local guide at Salamaua
- day trip by road from Port Moresby to Owers Corner, includes picnic lunch
- one night hotel or guest house in Popondetta, includes dinner and breakfast
- guided day tour of Popondetta battle sites including Peace Park, Buna, Gona, Girua airfield complex
- return road transfers from Popondetta to Kokoda
- one night rural guest house accommodation at Kokoda, includes meals
- one way flight from Kokoda to Port Moresby OR Popondetta to Port Moresby

EXCLUSIONS

- scheduled airfares EXCEPT KKD-POM or PNP-POM
- meals except where specified
- bar drinks and snacks
- souvenirs and items of a personal nature
- visa fees

GENERIC ITINERARY:

- Day 1:** **PORT MORESBY**
Arrive Port Moresby. You will be met on arrival by Ecotourism Melanesia staff who will transfer you to your hotel to check in, followed by a Port Moresby city tour including the botanical gardens and Bomana War Cemetery.
Overnight hotel, Port Moresby
- Day 2:** **PORT MORESBY / ALOTAU**
Fly Port Moresby to Alotau this morning. You will be met on arrival at Alotau's Gurney Airport by our local guide who will transfer you to town for check in at your hotel, followed by a day tour of battle sites and memorials in the Alotau area including the overgrown airstrips at Gurney field. Free afternoon to explore this quaint South Pacific town.
Overnight hotel, Alotau.
- Day 3:** **ALOTAU**
Today choose from a day trip by open speed boat across the bay from Alotau to the tiny township of Wagawaga for beachwalking, snorkelling or swimming, explore American war relics, rainforest walk, hike to a waterfall, feed tame giant eels in a village stream, meet the locals. Includes picnic lunch.
OR
Take a day trip by road to the East Cape stopping at villages, points of interest, skull caves and having a picnic lunch on Biwa Beach.
Overnight hotel, Alotau.
- Day 4:** **ALOTAU / LAE**
Fly from Alotau to Lae via Port Moresby.
Lae airport is 45 minutes by road from Lae city. You will be met on arrival at the airport by our local guide who will transfer you and check you in at your hotel before taking you on a tour of Lae city including the Lae War Cemetery, the Amelia Earhart memorial and the Melanesian Arts Centre where books on PNG and artifacts from all over the country can be viewed and purchased.
Overnight hotel, Lae
- Day 5:** **LAE / SALAMAUA**
Today you will visit Salamaua, the scene of the Battle of Salamaua and the site of an important Coastwatchers position during WW2. This will be an enjoyable coastal jaunt aboard the small charter boat and includes morning tea and lunch on board. At Salamaua a local guide will lead you to a variety of war relics and for anyone feeling fit enough there is a hike up Coastwatchers Ridge to see the commanding view of the coast and Salamaua's famous isthmus.
Overnight hotel, Lae
- Day 6:** **LAE / PORT MORESBY / OWERS CORNER / PORT MORESBY**
Early morning flight from Lae to Port Moresby and check your baggage in for storage at your hotel before proceeding on a day trip by four-wheel-drive vehicle up the majestic Sogeri Gorge and along a bumpy access road to Owers Corner, the southern end of the Kokoda Track. Here you may meet weary trekkers arriving along the Track from Kokoda and study the informative plaques and memorials normally only witnessed by those who walk the Track. Here you can walk a few minutes along the path to get a taste of the Kokoda Track experience even if you are unable to ever walk the whole Track, which is a gruelling experience only for the very fit. If time allows you may even walk with our guide down to the first water crossing at Goldie River and back, which takes about thirty minutes down and an hour to walk back up. Tour includes picnic lunch.
Overnight hotel, Port Moresby

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- Day 7:** **PORT MORESBY / POPONDETTA**
Morning flight to Popondetta with Air Niugini. Our local guide Mr Maclaren Hiari MBE who is the director of the Kokoda-Buna Historical Foundation will meet you and check you in at your accommodation then take you on a narrated tour of battle sites in the Popondetta area including Buna, Gona and the overgrown airfield complex at Girua, stopping for lunch at a village to enjoy some local style food and traditional dancing.
Overnight hotel, Popondetta
- Day 8:** **POPONDETTA / KOKODA**
Today your guide will accompany you from Popondetta to Kokoda by road. This is a three hour trip and the road is bumpy in places, but there are stops along the way and plenty to see. You will arrive at Kokoda in time for a late lunch and a swim in the beautiful crystal clear river. There are a number of memorials to visit and there will be time to walk a short distance up the Kokoda end of the Track.
Overnight rural guest house, Kokoda
- Day 9:** **KOKODA / PORT MORESBY**
Today you will travel back to Port Moresby, either by direct flight from Kokoda to Port Moresby or by return road trip to Popondetta in the morning connecting with afternoon flight to Port Moresby. Direct flights from Kokoda to Port Moresby are only three times a week.
Overnight hotel, Port Moresby
- Day 10:** **PORT MORESBY / DEPART**
Depart Port Moresby on your international flight