



# Ecotourism Melanesia

Discover Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands

## EM34 - MAINLAND NEW GUINEA SIGHTSEEING PACKAGE FOR INDEPENDENT TRAVELLERS

21 days 20 nights ex-Port Moresby (Port Moresby, Goroka, Mt Hagen, Madang, Wewak, Sepik River, Vanimo, Jayapura, Alotau)

### PACKAGE COST:

Group size	1 person	2 people	3 people	4 people
Price per person 21 days*	USD 9,343	USD 8,285	USD 7,131	USD 6,343

\*14 day tour option not available for this tour but the package can be customised to fly out on Day 16

### PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- meet and greet at Port Moresby airport
- short tour of Port Moresby if time allows
- three nights premier room accommodation at the Gateway Hotel in Port Moresby (or equivalent), including breakfast
- economy class domestic flights from Port Moresby to Goroka, Mt Hagen to Madang, Madang to Wewak, Wewak to Vanimo, Vanimo to Port Moresby, Port Moresby to Alotau and return.
- short tour of Goroka town
- half day tour of Asaro Valley and Asaro mud-men
- full day Menehave village experience including lunch
- two nights premier room accommodation at the Bird of Paradise Hotel, Goroka including breakfast
- road transfer from Goroka to Mt Hagen
- two nights roundhouse accommodation at Haus Poroman Lodge in Mt Hagen, including meals
- orchid garden visit near Haus Poroman Lodge
- full day tour of Mt Hagen including village cultural centre and packed lunch
- village visit near Haus Poroman Lodge
- Mt Hagen airport transfer
- Madang airport transfers
- two nights deluxe accommodation at Madang Resort Hotel including breakfast
- full day sightseeing tour of Madang including harbour cruise (lunch not included)
- return boat transfers from Wewak to Kairiru Island
- one night village guest house accommodation at Polen Guest House, Kairiru Island, including local-style meals
- sightseeing, cultural and entertainment activities at Kairiru Island
- two nights deluxe accommodation at Windjammer Beach Hotel, including one dinner and two breakfasts
- full day trip to Chimondo village, Lower Sepik including packed breakfast, village lunch, road and boat transfers, village sightseeing and cultural tour
- one night best available accommodation at the Vanimo Beach Hotel (room only, pay as you go for meals)
- Indonesian visa assistance at Vanimo
- return road transfers between Vanimo and Jayapura, with guide
- three nights best available accommodation at Matoa Hotel, Jayapura including breakfast only

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- full day sightseeing tour of Jayapura and nearby areas
- guide in Jayapura, as required
- three nights private bungalow accommodation at Napatana Lodge, Alotau including buffet dinners and continental breakfasts, airport transfers
- one night accommodation and meals at Ulumani Treetops Lodge, near Wagawaga village, Milne Bay
- three full day tours ex-Alotau to East Cape, Samarai/Kwato and Wagawaga. East Cape and Wagawaga trips include picnic lunch, (Samarai/Kwato trip is buy-your-own lunch at Samarai).
- Port Moresby airport transfers
- PNG country map
- Ecotourism Melanesia souvenir polo shirt

#### EXCLUSIONS:

international airfares

bottled water (BYO or ask village hosts to boil water for you)

tips (not essential, but appreciated for exceptional service)

souvenirs and items of a personal nature

bar drinks

lunches on some travelling days (purchase snacks from shops en route)

visa fees

meals not specified in the itinerary as being included in the tour

#### ITINERARY:

Day 1

##### PORT MORESBY

Arrive Port Moresby. Ecotourism Melanesia staff will meet you on arrival and transfer you to your hotel, followed by a short tour of Port Moresby if time allows; the national museum and the botanical gardens are popular for sightseeing.

Overnight Gateway Hotel (includes breakfast).

Day 2

##### PORT MORESBY / GOROKA

Morning flight from Port Moresby to Goroka. Check in at the Bird of Paradise Hotel followed by a short familiarisation tour of Goroka town. In the afternoon, a half-day tour to the beautiful Asaro Valley to see a performance of the Asaro mud men. Overnight Bird of Paradise Hotel, Goroka (includes breakfast).

Day 3

##### GOROKA

Day trip from Goroka to the Henganofi district for a visit to Menehave village. Here, you will be hosted by a village family for the day and you will be shown the ins and outs of daily life in this village. This will include a walk to the gardens, lunch in your host's house, and demonstrations of cooking, making handicrafts, house building and other traditions. Includes village-style lunch.

Overnight Bird of Paradise Hotel, Goroka (includes breakfast).

Day 4

##### GOROKA / MT HAGEN

Today you will be transferred by road from Goroka to Mt Hagen via the magnificently green Daulo Pass and the very scenic Chimbu province. Photo stops will be made en route. Arrive at Haus Poroman Lodge in time for lunch, and afterwards a visit to the beautiful orchid garden.

Overnight Haus Poroman Lodge (roundhouse room, includes set-menu meals).

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- Day 5  
**MT HAGEN**  
 Full day tour of Mt Hagen and district including Waghi Valley coffee and tea plantations, scenic views and village cultural centre, includes lunch. Overnight Haus Poroman Lodge (includes set-menu meals).
- Day 6  
**MT HAGEN / MADANG**  
 In the morning, visit a nearby village in a relaxed setting. After an early lunch, transfer to the airport for your scheduled flight to Madang with Airlink. Madang Resort Hotel will meet you and transfer you to the hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to explore the waterfront market and handicraft stalls in this friendly tourist town. Overnight Madang Resort Hotel (includes breakfast).
- Day 7  
**MADANG**  
 Full day tour of Madang including Balek Wildlife Sanctuary, Bilbil pottery village, historical Alexishafen Mission and a harbour cruise. Overnight Madang Resort Hotel (includes breakfast).
- Day 8  
**MADANG / WEWAK**  
 Morning flight to Wewak with Airlink. On arrival, you are met and escorted to the nearby beach to board your boat for transfer to Kairiru Island, arriving in time for lunch at the Polen Guest House. Here, local villagers have worked hard to prepare a menu of cultural activities which both entertain and teach visitors about the culture of the Wewak Islands (Kairiru, Muschu and Walis), through traditional sing-sings, music and drama. By day you will explore this scenic island, site of a Japanese military outpost in World War 2 and home to hot springs and explorable caves. In the evenings, the village cultural groups will fill the night with dance and song - and some very funny drama about courtship practices - on the lawns in front of the guest house. Overnight Polen Guest House (includes local style meals).
- Day 9  
**WEWAK**  
 At Kairiru Island. Late afternoon boat transfer to Wewak, dropoff and overnight Windjammer Beach Hotel (includes breakfast).
- Day 10  
**WEWAK / SEPIK RIVER**  
 Today, a full day excursion to the Sepik River. Departing from the hotel at 4am you will be driven three hours to Angoram on the Lower Sepik River. Here you will transfer to a motor canoe and travel up the Keram River to Chimondo, a tributary of the Sepik, arriving in time for lunch, a traditional Sepik feast prepared for you. The people here have established a village cultural centre which will be your base for the day as the villagers take you around, demonstrating their various customs and showing how they carve artifacts to decorate their men's spirit houses. Late in the afternoon you will return down river to Angoram where your vehicle will be waiting to drive you back to Angoram, arriving approximately 10pm. The hotel will keep dinner hot for you. Overnight Windjammer Beach Hotel (includes dinner and breakfast).
- Day 11  
**WEWAK / VANIMO**  
 After a late breakfast, transfer to Wewak airport for your flight along the northern coastline to Vanimo. An overnight stay in Vanimo will be necessary to allow time to obtain a visa from the Indonesian consulate for your visit to Jayapura. Check in at the Vanimo Beach Hotel and spend the rest of the afternoon on beautiful Dali Beach right outside your front door. Swim or stroll along the beach, or explore the Vanimo chinese shops for the afternoon while

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your visa is being processed. Overnight Vanimo Beach Hotel (meals not included: pay as you go).

Day 12

VANIMO / JAYAPURA

After an early breakfast and with your freshly stamped passport in hand, a transfer vehicle and guide will drive you westward for about an hour to the border with Indonesia's Papua Province, also known as Irian Jaya. The border is located near Wutung village on the PNG side and is known as Wutung border post. After passport formalities on the PNG side you will walk through the boom gate where your Indonesian guide will be waiting for you. He or she will assist you to pass through Indonesian customs and immigration and then take you on board an Indonesian-registered vehicle for the scenic three hour drive to Jayapura city. After check in at the Matoa Hotel your guide will suggest a good place for lunch (pay as you go) and show you the best places for shopping in the central market area. Overnight Matoa Hotel, Jayapura (includes breakfast only: for lunch and dinner take your pick of one of the many interesting eating houses available and sample the tastes of Indonesia.)

Day 13

JAYAPURA

A full day sightseeing tour of Jayapura and nearby areas. Overnight Matoa Hotel (includes breakfast only).

Day 14

JAYAPURA

Free day in Jayapura for exploring the artifact markets, shopping for cheap consumer goods or trying out the local foods. Jayapura is a very safe city for wandering around. Overnight Matoa Hotel (includes breakfast only).

Day 15

JAYAPURA / VANIMO / PORT MORESBY

Early morning road transfer from Jayapura to Wutung border post. Have your passport stamped (watch out for the duty free limits on the PNG side or you'll be charged duty on consumer goods brought from Jayapura) and board your PNG vehicle for transfer back to Vanimo. Check in at the airport for your Air Niugini flight to Port Moresby. Overnight Gateway Hotel (includes breakfast).

Day 16

PORT MORESBY / ALOTAU

Morning or afternoon flight to Alotau: if there is no morning flight today you will have the morning at leisure in Port Moresby while awaiting the afternoon flight. Ecotourism Melanesia will be happy to take you sightseeing or artifact shopping if you wish. On arrival at Alotau's Gurney airport you will be met and transferred to Napatana Lodge for overnight (includes buffet dinner and breakfast).

Day 17

ALOTAU

Full day tour by road with driver and guide to East Cape, see skull caves, villages, war relics and enjoy a picnic on Biwa Beach. Includes brief visit to WW2 battlefields and memorials. Overnight Napatana Lodge (includes buffet dinner and breakfast).

Day 18

ALOTAU

Full day tour by boat with guide to historical Samarai and Kwato Islands. Samarai is the old provincial capital, a now crowded little island that was once an important trading port in colonial days. Kwato Island was the site of a philosophical rebellion against the London Missionary Society which resulted in the establishment of a breakaway church known as the Kwato Mission. Overnight Napatana Lodge (includes buffet dinner and breakfast)

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Day 19	ALOTAU Full day tour across the bay to Wagawaga village where a picnic area and snorkelling wreck are popular with visitors. See the "moonstones" - meteorites for which the village is known, and feed the tame eels in the village stream. Overnight Ulumani Treetops Lodge (includes lunch, dinner and breakfast).
Day 20	ALOTAU / PORT MORESBY Morning or afternoon flight from Alotau to Port Moresby. If today's flight is in the afternoon, you will have the morning at leisure in Wagawaga. Overnight Gateway Hotel (includes breakfast).
Day 21	Fly out of Papua New Guinea.

#### TRIP NOTES:

1. The general terms and conditions applicable to this tour are those specified on your invoice and on the Booking Information page of our website.
2. Road transfers along major highways may be provided by dedicated vehicle with driver or by public bus accompanied by a guide, at our discretion. Likewise water transfers may be provided by dedicated boat or a seat on a boat providing public transport.
3. Destinations are subject to change in response to local conditions. Where travel to a specified destination is contraindicated by local conditions, travel to an alternative destination of similar value with similar activities will be provided where possible, but claims for partial refunds based on quality of substitute activities will not be entertained.
4. If you are refused a visa to visit Jayapura, alternative arrangements will be made for you to either stay in Vanimo with organised activities and await the other members of your tour party to return from Jayapura, or travel out of Vanimo to an alternative destination for three nights (eg Loloata Island Resort near Port Moresby) before resuming your tour to Alotau, or add extra days in Alotau. Any additional cost in your tour arrangements that is due to visa refusal will be borne by you.

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