



DETAILED ITINERARY FOR:

DISCOVER RABAU AND EAST NEW BRITAIN 5 DAYS 4 NIGHTS (TOUR CODE EM12)

Tour departs daily. Includes all accommodation, meals, transfers and tours.

Rabaul is one of PNG's better-known towns due to its wartime history and errant volcanoes. The province has an extensive road network enabling tourists to visit much of the coastline and inland areas of the Gazelle Peninsula.

Day 1

Morning flight from Port Moresby to Rabaul's Tokua Airport. At the airport you will be met by the Hamamas Hotel courtesy bus and transferred to Rabaul - the pleasant scenic drive takes 60 minutes via the picturesque coast road, passing through coconut plantations and bustling Kokopo town. On arrival in Rabaul you will check in at Hamamas Hotel and take lunch in the hotel restaurant. In the afternoon, take the opportunity to explore Rabaul town on foot. Despite being half-buried in volcanic ash ten years ago, Rabaul town has been able to dust itself off and still retains its old-style South Pacific charm. The streets are lined with frangipani, mango and hibiscus trees and the ladies wear colourful frocks. From your hotel it is walking distance to the main market, shops, waterfront and volcanic ash mounds. Tonight you can choose from a set-menu dinner in the hotel restaurant (included in your tour package) or order a la carte at additional cost. The restaurant specialises in Chinese cuisine. Overnight Hamamas Hotel.

Day 2

After breakfast Paivu tours will call for you at 8am for a day tour of Rabaul district including the active Tavurvur volcano, overgrown wartime airstrips, old Japanese submarine base and barge tunnels, and a scenic drive to beautiful Kabaira Bay. After lunch at the Kabaira Guest House you can walk on a nice quiet beach, swim or snorkel for the afternoon. In the late afternoon you will be driven back to Rabaul town and dropped off at the hotel in time for dinner. Overnight Hamamas Hotel.

Day 3

After breakfast the Hamamas Hotel will transfer you via scenic drive along the inland route to Kulau Lodge Beach Resort, located on the Baining coast. ("Kulau" is the local word for the juice of the young green coconut - you can ask for a chilled kulau at the bar or buy them from roadside markets). Here at the resort you will have a day at leisure to enjoy your choice of rainforest walks, beach walks, swimming, fishing, canoeing, or admiring and photographing the beautiful orchid garden for which this resort is renowned. Scuba diving facilities are available for qualified divers and half day or full day game fishing trips (at extra cost). Overnight Kulau Lodge Beach Resort.

Day 4

The morning will be spent relaxing at Kulau Lodge Beach Resort. After lunch, Vavagil Tours will collect you and take you on a tour of the Kokopo district including the Kokopo Museum, Bitapaka War Cemetery (where Australian soldiers from both WW1 and WW2 are buried) and other points of interest. Dinner and accommodation at Vavagil Guest House, Kokopo.

Day 5

In the morning you will be free to explore Kokopo town - there is a pretty walk along the foreshore in front of the golf course and there are lots of pokey little Chinese shops to explore. Alternatively you could hire a car from the Vavagil guest house and take a drive - you can't get lost. Today you will be responsible for purchasing your own takeaway lunch from one of the shops. You will need to return to the Vavagil Guest House by the appointed time in order to be transferred to Tokua Airport to check in for your afternoon flight to Port Moresby. Departure time for this flight depends on the day of the week.

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TOUR NOTES:

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS:

- extra nights at Hamamas Hotel
- extra nights at Kulau Lodge Beach Resort
- overnight at Kabaira Bay
- extra nights at Vavagil Guest House
- day trip to Watom Island or Duke of York Islands
- extend tour to Kavieng to stay at Nusa Island Retreat before returning to Port Moresby
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