



Ecotourism Melanesia

Discover Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands

EM202 MT HAGEN SHOW NATURE TOUR 2006 - 14 days (escorted tour group, maximum 15 pax)
Upper Sepik River, Mt Hagen Show, Tabubil / Star Mountains, Kiunga, Ekame Wildlife Lodge, Varirata National Park

Day 0 MON 14 AUG 2006 Arrive Port Moresby on Air Niugini flight PX93 from Cairns at 1325 or PX6 from Brisbane at 1355. Ecotourism Melanesia will meet you on arrival and assist you to transfer to the Airways Hotel for overnight. A short tour of Port Moresby city sights may be provided if time allows.

OR

Day 1 TUE 15 AUG 2006 Arrive Port Moresby on Air Niugini flight PX393 from Singapore at 0525. Ecotourism Melanesia staff will meet you on arrival and transfer you to the Airways Hotel.

Day 1 TUE 15 AUG PORT MORESBY / MT HAGEN / AMBUNTI
At 0700 all members of the tour party will assemble for the first time at the Poolside Restaurant at the Airways Hotel for breakfast. While you are enjoying breakfast our staff will transport your luggage to the airport and check you in for Air Niugini flight PX160 to Mt Hagen departing at 0845.

At 8.00am you will be transferred from the Airways Hotel to the domestic terminal for boarding your flight, arriving in Mt Hagen at 0945. At Mt Hagen airport you will transfer to your one hour charter flight by Twin Otter to Ambunti on the Upper Sepik River. Check in at the modest but comfortable Ambunti Lodge where you will be able to leave your luggage while out exploring for the day. From your base at Ambunti Lodge the tour party will be broken into smaller groups and you will be taken on daily expeditions by motorised canoe to Upper Sepik riverside villages including Yambon, Yessan and the Wagu Lakes.

Ambunti is the gateway to the Upper Sepik which is undeveloped and rarely visited by any outsiders at all, let alone tourists. For lunch today you can purchase fresh fruit, baked sago and barbequed fish from little markets in the villages you visit along the river upstream as far as Yessan. You will be enthusiastically welcomed in each village and have the opportunity to buy genuine cultural artifacts which villagers may present for sale.

Overnight Ambunti Lodge (B,D)

Day 2 WED 16 AUG AMBUNTI
Expedition to Wagu Lakes. Overnight Ambunti Lodge. (B,D)

Day 3 THU 17 AUG AMBUNTI
Bird watching day. Local villagers will show you nesting sites and you will be able to drift quietly in a dugout canoe on your own with a guide to observe and

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photograph aquatic and riverbank birds at close range. Allow for at least one half day of rain while at Ambunti so the program for river expeditions and bird watching will be flexible. Overnight Ambunti Lodge. (B,D)

- Day 4 FRI 18 AUG AMBUNTI / MT HAGEN
Morning bird watching or river expedition. At 1400 your charter flight from Mt Hagen will arrive and uplift you back to Mt Hagen. On arrival in Mt Hagen, check in at the Highlander Hotel (or alternative). Overnight Highlander Hotel. (B,L)
- Day 5 SAT 19 AUG MT HAGEN
Attend the Mt Hagen Show with guides from Paiya village. Lunch is available at the show from the many food stalls. Mid-afternoon, return to the hotel. Overnight Highlander Hotel (B)
- Day 6 SUN 20 AUG MT HAGEN
Attend the Mt Hagen Show. Overnight Highlander Hotel (B)
- Day 7 MON 21 AUG MT HAGEN / TABUBIL
After breakfast, check out from the hotel and transfer to Mt Hagen airport for your Dash 8 flight to Tabubil (CG302 0955/1050). Transfer to Hotel Cloudlands and check in. After lunch (not included), an afternoon birding foray in the forest and lake area near Tabubil. Overnight Hotel Cloudlands. (B)
- Day 8 TUE 22 AUG TABUBIL
Full day nature trip further afield into the Star Mountains with packed lunch. Travel is by road (four wheel drive vehicle) with nature guide. Overnight Hotel Cloudlands. (B,L)
- Day 9 WED 23 AUG TABUBIL / KIUNGA
Half day road transfer by 30-seater bus from Tabubil to Kiunga with nature guide. Stops will be made en route for nature observations. Tundra, swamp, rainforest and river habitats along the way. Lunch at Kiunga Guest House (included). Afternoon bird watching at the KM17 site. Overnight Kiunga Guest House. (B L D)
- Day 10 THU 24 AUG KIUNGA / EKAME WILDLIFE LODGE
Boat transfer up the Elevara River to Ekame Wildlife Lodge. (B,L,D)
- Day 11 FRI 25 AUG EKAME WILDLIFE LODGE
Full day of wildlife observation and photography at Ekame Wildlife Lodge. (B,L,D)
- Day 12 SAT 26 AUG EKAME WILDLIFE LODGE / KIUNGA / PORT MORESBY
Morning boat transfer from Ekame back to Kiunga and connect with Airlines PNG flight to Port Moresby either via Mt Hagen and Moro or via Lake Murray, Daru and intermediate small airstrips. Transfer and check in at Airways Hotel. (B)
- Day 13 SUN 27 AUG PORT MORESBY / VARIRATA NATIONAL PARK
Full day bird watching trip to Varirata National Park outside Port Moresby, with packed lunch. Overnight Airways Hotel. (B,L)
- Day 14 MON 28 AUG PORT MORESBY
Depart Port Moresby on flight PX90 to Cairns at 0925 or PX392 to Singapore at 1525. (B)

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TOUR COST (rack rate)

Price per person 14 days - join our escorted tour	USD 5,734
Price per person 14 days - your own tour group of 5-9 pax (no FOC)	price on application
Price per person 14 days - your own tour group of 10-16 (+ your tour leader FOC)	price on application

TOUR INCLUSIONS (14 days):

- meet and greet at Port Moresby airport and check-in/luggage assistance
- short tour of Port Moresby if time allows on Day 0 or Day 14
- 3 buffet breakfasts at the Airways Hotel Poolside Restaurant (Day 1, Day 13 and Day 14)
- economy class scheduled internal flights Port Moresby to Mt Hagen, Mt Hagen to Tabubil, Kiunga to Port Moresby
- charter flights Mt Hagen to Ambunti and return
- Mt Hagen airport transfers
- 3 nights best available accommodation at the Highlander Hotel, Mt Hagen (or alternative) with 3 breakfasts
- daily transfers from hotel to Mt Hagen showgrounds
- tourist gate pass for the Mt Hagen Show 2006
- one personal show guide for each member of the tour party, for two days
- three nights hostel-style accommodation at Ambunti Lodge with breakfast and dinner
- three days Sepik River touring / bird watching by motor canoe ex-Ambunti
- two nights motel-style accommodation at Hotel Cloudlands, Tabubil with breakfast only
- half day birding trip near Tabubil
- full day Star Mountains nature observation trip with nature guide and packed lunch
- road transfer from Tabubil to Kiunga with stops
- half day guided birding trip to KM17 site, Kiunga
- one night motel-style accommodation at Kiunga Guest House with all meals
- return boat transfers from Kiunga to Ekame Wildlife Lodge
- two nights camp-style accommodation at Ekame Wildlife Lodge, with all meals (camp-style)
- two days guided wildlife observation at Ekame
- 2 nights standard accommodation at the Airways Hotel, Port Moresby (Day 13, Day 14) with breakfast only
- full day bird watching trip to Varirata National Park ex-Port Moresby with guides and packed lunch
- Port Moresby airport transfers
- PNG country map
- Ecotourism Melanesia souvenir polo shirt

TOUR 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

visa fees

lunch at Hotel Cloudlands on Day 7

dinner at Highlander Hotel and Hotel Cloudlands and Airways Hotel

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lunches at the Mt Hagen Show (purchase own lunch from food stalls)
overnight accommodation or meals at the Airways Hotel on Day 0 (Monday 14 August)
other meals not stated as included

TOUR NOTES:

1. The general terms and conditions applicable to this tour are those specified on your invoice and on the Booking page of our website.
2. 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.
3. Hotel accommodation in Papua New Guinea towns is very limited. In Mt Hagen for example there is only one three and a half star hotel and a number of three star and two and a half star establishments. While we endeavour to book you into the hotels nominated in the tour itinerary, in cases where hotels are fully booked by the time we receive your tour deposit, we may have to book you into alternative hotels. We strive to book you into the best available rooms in each property and we apologise in advance if deluxe rooms are not available and you find yourself booked into a standard room in a hotel of lesser quality. However this is one of the risks of touring in Papua New Guinea, that you accept, and no refunds or partial refunds will be issued on the basis of the quality of hotel rooms provided for you while on tour.
4. All accommodation included in the tour package at the rack rate quoted is twin-share. On payment of a single supplement of an additional 10% of the rack rate, we will arrange single occupancy for you wherever single rooms are available. No partial refund on the single supplement is claimable for destinations where single occupancy is not available or not provided, ie we will do our best but no promises and no refunds.
5. Tour group size is 15 pax plus 1 tour escort (Ecotourism Melanesia staff). Where the number of bookings for the tour exceeds 25, two parallel tour groups will be operated rather than increasing the group size, due to limited size of charter aircraft, buses etc. Where the number of confirmed bookings for this tour is less than 10 by the end of May 2006, the tour will be cancelled and deposits refunded.
6. (B,L,D) refers to breakfast, lunch or dinner where included in the tour cost. Other meals can be paid for in cash or with credit card direct to the hotel or restaurant).

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