



# Ecotourism Melanesia

Discover Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands

## ITINERARY FOR TOUR EM74: WOITAPE WEEKENDER

- Day 1: Saturday** Depart Port Moresby at 6.30am on Airlines PNG flight to Waitape. On arrival at Waitape airstrip you will be met by the manager of the Owen Stanley Lodge - popularly known as Waitape Lodge - and shown to your accommodation (the lodge is right next to the airstrip). As the weather allows, two guides will accompany you for the day on an exploratory hike or stroll (you set the pace) around Waitape hamlet, the surrounding valley and nearby villages. Report back to the lodge for lunch or buy fruit from village people. Overnight Waitape Lodge (hostel-style accommodation - all bedding supplied) including meals.
- Day 2: Sunday** For the fit, a full day hike from Waitape to Kosipe Mission and return, along the old mule trail blazed by early French missionaries, passing through villages, gardens, patches of rainforest and gurgling creeks. Very scenic country. An alternative activity is to relax at the lodge in the cool dry air of the mountains. There is a small library of books, an out-of-tune piano, and a small bar by the log fire. Enjoy the beautiful orchid gardens around the lodge. Follow the nearby Udava Creek which runs behind the lodge, upstream or downstream. Bring your own inner tube, blow-up mattress or boogie board and float gently down the creek - great fun and a trail of local kids longer than Halley's Comet will probably join you. Guides will accompany you on any activity you select.
- Day 3: Monday** At Waitape. Hike to other villages. If you wish, your guide can arrange for you to visit the Waitape Primary School and give an impromptu talk to the students about where you come from or what type of job you do or any special hobby you have, or other topic of interest - they hardly have any contact with the outside world and they hardly ever hear English spoken by outsiders, so your visit will be of great interest.
- Day 4: Tuesday** Return to Port Moresby on Airlines PNG flight, departing approximately 7.00am and arriving back in Port Moresby at around 8.30am (depending on the weather and the number of other stops).

### TOUR PRICE:

	Group of 2	Group of 4	Group of 6
Price per person	PGK 1,212	PGK 1,175	PGK 1,162

### TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Airfares from Port Moresby to Waitape and return
- Three (3) nights twin share room at Owen Stanley Lodge (Waitape Lodge), including meals
- Daily guides for hiking or other activities

### TOUR EXCLUSIONS:

- bar drinks, tips, souvenirs, personal items
- additional accommodation or other costs incidental to disrupted itinerary

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**TOUR NOTES:**

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

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