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Mount Hagen Discoverer Show Tour Papua New Guinea

Group Tour - Led by Local Guides

12- 22 August 2020



PNG Mount Hagen Discoverer Show Tour

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

The Discoverer is a 11 days / 10 night's unescorted program, providing a unique opportunity to discover the culture and ecosystems of the world's second largest island. Papua New Guinea is a veritable smorgasbord of colour, culture and excitement. The highlight of the Discoverer program is attendance at the famous Mount Hagen Cultural Show, a world famous cultural gathering of many of the opulently decorated cultural groups of this incredibly diverse land. The program also includes a 3 night stay at Highlander Hotel (over the show weekend), a 2 night stay at Karawari Lodge in the Sepik Region, and 2 nights at Lake Murray which is Trans Niugini Tours newest facility.

- 12 Aug Depart SINGAPORE and connect with your flight to PORT MORESBY.
- 13 Aug Arrive PORT MORESBY. Met and transferred to hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. O/n STANLEY HOTEL, (D).
- 14 Aug Fly to Mount Hagen and transfer directly to the Mount Hagen Show. O/n HIGHLANDER HOTEL, (B,L,D).
- 15 Aug A full day spent at the Mount Hagen Show. O/n HIGHLANDER HOTEL, (B,L,D).
- 16 Aug A full day spent at the Mount Hagen Show. O/n HIGHLANDER HOTEL, (B,L,D).
- 17 Aug Charter flight to KARAWARI. Afternoon visit to KUNDIMAN VILLAGE for various demonstrations. O/n KARAWARI LODGE, (B,L,D).
- 18 Aug A day of ecological and culturally based touring. O/n KARAWARI LODGE, (B,L,D).
- 19 Aug Charter flight to LAKE MURRAY. Half day tour. O/n LAKE MURRAY LODGE (BLD)
- 20 Aug: Full Day Tour. O/n LAKE MURRAY LODGE (BLD)
- 21 Aug Charter flight to MOUNT HAGEN. Afternoon guided nature walk on the trails around the lodge. O/n RONDON RIDGE (BLD)
- 22 Aug Tfr to the airport. Catch AIR NIUGINI flight to PORT MORESBY. Connect with AIR NIUGINI flight to SINGAPORE.



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DETAILED ITINERARY

- 12 Aug Depart SINGAPORE on AIR NIUGINI flight to PORT MORESBY.
- 13 Aug Arrive PORT MORESBY. Met on arrival at the airport and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure to recover from the journey and make use of the hotel facilities. O/n STANLEY HOTEL & SUITES, (D) The hotel offers comfortable accommodation in rooms with private bathroom. Facilities at the hotel include a swimming pool, gym, spa, restaurant and bar. NOTE: It is advisable to keep to the hotel compound, and not to venture into town at any time without an escort.). Accommodation in a Deluxe Room.
- 14 Aug Morning pick up from the hotel and transfer to the airport. Catch Air o MOUNT HAGEN. Mount Hagen Town is in the upper Wahgi Valley - a valley with some of the oldest evidence of agriculture in the world. Met on arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel. In preparation for the Mount Hagen Cultural Show there will be a pre-show program in the afternoon at Rondon Ridge.

O/n HIGHLANDER HOTEL,(BLD). Located in Mount Hagen, the hotel is set with beautiful tropical gardens within secure surroundings. The hotel offers comfortable accommodation in spacious rooms with en suite bathrooms, satellite TV and tea/coffee making facilities. The Palmuri restaurant offers breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. The hotel has an outdoor heated swimming pool and gymnasium as well as two bars and a small souvenir shop. Accommodation is in a Premier room.



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- 15 Aug Morning pick up from the hotel and transfer to the Mount Hagen Show - world famous for its colour, culture and vibrancy. It is a truly spectacular event. The diversity of the coastal, lowland and highlands singing groups at the Hagen show reflects the incredible diversity of Papua New Guinea's landscape - an unforgettable experience. Later, return to the hotel. O/n HIGHLANDER HOTEL, (BLD).



- 16 Aug Enjoy another full day at the Mount Hagen Show. O/n HIGHLANDER HOTEL, (BLD).

- 17 Aug Fly by charter from Mount Hagen to KARAWARI. As the flight progresses, the mountains start to give way until eventually vast tracts of dense tropical lowland rainforest cover the landscape for as far as the eye can see. From Karawari airstrip, you will be transferred by river boat and vehicle to KARAWARI LODGE. This is an area of vast alluvial floodplains, laced with narrow waterways. The Karawari are the most remote of the floodplains people.



Afternoon excursion along the jungle-fringed waterways of the Karawari River where boatmen, standing upright, paddle their slender dugout canoes with sculpted silhouettes of crocodile masks. Village life including carved totems, drums, woodcarvings and different expressions of art are also experienced. See bountiful birdlife along the rivers and nearby lakes. visit to KUNDIMAN VILLAGE for various demonstrations including basket weaving, for catching fish and preparing and cooking of their staple food from the sago palm.

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O/n KARAWARI LODGE, (BLD). Perched upon an isolated ridge in the midst of huge expanses of lowland rainforest in one of the most remote areas of the island, the lodge has comfortable cottages built of bush materials and is only accessible by boat along the Karawari River 300 ft below. The main lodge building is in the shape of a *haus tambaran*, or spirit house, of the local Arambak people.



18 Aug After breakfast enjoy a full day guided tour of the ARAMBAK country. Travel along the jungle-fringed waterways, a genuine journey of discovery sighting the lifestyle of these riverside people and the surrounding unspoilt environment. A journey in the Sepik area provides a unique opportunity to learn how the art and culture of the people are inseparable. O/n KARAWARI LODGE, (BLD).

19 Aug Transfer to Karawari airstrip and board charter flight over stunning mountain scenery and down to Lake Murray in the country's western lowlands. Transfer by boat to the lodge and have lunch and then proceed on with a half day tour.

O/n LAKE MURRAY LODGE, (BLD). Located on the banks of Lake Murray – the largest lake in PNG, stretching over 2000 square kilometres – this new lodge features 12 wooden cabins raised on stilts along the shoreline. Each features king or twin beds, ceiling fans, modern en-suite bathrooms and covered verandas overlooking the lake. The lodge is 100% solar powered and provides 24hr electricity plus plenty of hot water. (Contd.../)



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(Contd.../) The large main building comprises a large dining room, bar and wraparound veranda providing superb views over the lake. Opposite the lodge is a large expanse of lowland rainforest providing good opportunities for birdwatching with possible sightings including sulphur crested cockatoo, palm cockatoo, king bird-of-paradise, Raggiana bird-of-paradise and occasionally southern cassowary



The lake itself is home to a large number of water birds including Australian Ibis, paradise kingfisher, white-bellied sea-eagle, magpie goose, green pygmy-goose and Australian pelican. There is excellent fishing here (catch and release) for black bass, barramundi and saratoga.



During your stay, you will also visit remote lakeside villages which see very few westerners: a great way to learn about their traditional way of life, culture and fishing techniques. At only around 70m in altitude, Lake Murray is particularly low lying so one should expect much warmer and humid conditions than the highlands. Wear loose fitting clothes and drink plenty of water.



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20 Aug Full day cultural tour. Explore the waterways of lake Murray and visit local villages in one of the remotest parts of Papua New Guinea. O/n LAKE MURRAY LODGE (BLD).

21 Aug Fly by charter from Lake Murray to Mount Hagen Met on arrival and transfer to the lodge. Afternoon guided nature walk of the trails around the lodge. O/n RONDON RIDGE, (BLD). RONDON RIDGE is located at 7100 feet on Kum Mountain. This location promises the visitor eternal spring weather and magnificent views of the Hagen Range, Mount Giluwe, the Sepik Divide, the Baiyer Gap and the Wahgi Valley.



Over 200 species of birds have been spotted in the forest surrounding the lodge, including 13 species of birds of paradise. Guests are accommodated in 12 units, each unit featuring 180 degree views, modern bathroom, electric blankets and continental quilts for the cool highland evenings. The Lodge features a main building housing the lounge, bar, dining room, conference centre and a cozy fire



22 Aug Pick up from the hotel and transfer to the airport and assisted with check in for AIR NIUGINI flight to PORT MORESBY. On arrival connect with AIR NIUGINI flight to SINGAPORE.

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<i>Departure Dates from Singapore</i>	<i>Adult Price</i>	<i>Single Supplement</i>
12 August 2020	£7,885	£700

NB: Single Supplement is Single room EXCEPT at the Highlander Hotel, which will be on a twin share basis.

NB: Maximum group size is 17

Please call 01803 866965 if you have any queries, would like to secure your place on the tour, and/or if you would like to extend the tour to include other locations.





IMPORTANT NOTES TO ACCOMPANY THE ABOVE ITINERARY

NB: Visas are required for travel. If you wish to arrange your visa before arrival, please contact the PNG High Commission. It is currently possible to obtain a visa on arrival, free of charge.

NB: Baggage Restrictions – The aircraft used for transfers between lodges are small (5-8 seats only) with limited weight / space for luggage. Clients must restrict their luggage to 10 kgs plus a small carry-on hand or camera bag. The airlines are strict and will off-load excess weight. With only three flights per week between our lodges, this can mean no personal effects for several days.

NB: All itineraries are subject to change without notice to take into account possible airline flight schedule changes which can take place before departure date or during the tour, and other operational factors.

NB: The quoted price for the above itinerary is based on current airline fares (both international and domestic), fuel surcharges and flight taxes. These (and other tour costs) may be subject to unanticipated increases beyond our control at short notice, either before or after you have booked the tour, in which case the price would need to be revised accordingly.

NB: This tour involves some travel in remote areas. This adds to the adventure and increases the opportunity to enjoy a true wildlife experience. However, due to terrain, weather, road conditions, and other factors beyond our control, some elements of the tour may have to be altered. Times of some activities may need to be changed or even cancelled due to the conditions. If an activity is cancelled it will usually be replaced with an alternative activity that is more appropriate for the conditions. Advance notice will be given for any changes where possible, although at times changes may need to be made whilst the tour is in progress.

NB: Prices are based on a specific airlines and specific economy seating classes. Flights are booked on an ad hoc basis and so early booking is recommended to take advantage of the cheapest fare availability. Prices may rise if a more expensive seat class needs to be booked. Please call for information on price variations for using alternative airlines or for seat upgrades.

NB: It is a condition of booking that full travel insurance including Emergency Medical Repatriation is taken out by each person travelling. Your insurance cover must also include Missed Departure and/or Missed Flight Connection for both outbound and return flight sectors (such cover might be subject to a small additional premium – please confirm with your insurers). We ask that you send us a photo/fax/electronic copy of your policy document together with the 24hr medical assistance telephone number issued by your insurer.

NB: Clients must be aware that hotels, lodges and resorts as well as suppliers of tours and excursions used in this itinerary might not comply with European standards of health and safety. For instance, balconies may not be entirely child-safe or may be low in height, so always ensure children are kept away from balconies and do not go near them when intoxicated or unwell; swimming pools may not display depths, so never dive into a pool without checking depth first; vehicles may not always have safety belts fitted - contact our representatives if so, and refuse to travel; helmets may not be supplied on horse riding trips, in which case do not go on the ride; public areas might not be well lit, so take extra care and use a torch. Clients must be vigilant and take extra care for their own safety, as they may well be travelling to remote and primitive locations where high quality standards of safety may not be present.

NB: Before and after booking, clients must familiarise themselves with current UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) travel advisories so as to satisfy themselves as to the suitability of the destination(s) to be visited in this itinerary. All decisions relating to the tour will be based on UK FCO advisories, and not those of any other countries' governments. In the event of any emergency or other problem encountered in the destination, it is advisable if appropriate to contact the local UK Embassy, High Commission or Consulate for assistance. The FCO in London also has dedicated telephone call centres: Crisis Management Dept - 0207 008 5335 (during UK office hours), and Global Response Centre - 0207 008 1500 (out of UK office hours).

NB: Due to the small size of some charter aircraft and depending on the size of your group, it may be necessary to split the group when transferring by air to the next location.

NB: It is not possible to refund any services that appear in the itinerary that are not taken. It is also not possible to exchange services in the itinerary for other services. Services must be taken in the day that they appear and cannot be transferred to a different day.

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