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**Papua New Guinea Group  
Mount Hagen Show, Goroka and Madang**

Group Tour led by Local guides

12 - 22 August 2020



## Mount Hagen Show, Goroka and Madang - Papua New Guinea Group Tour 2020

### ITINERARY IN BRIEF

For those with limited time looking for a well-paced trip encompassing the cultural highlights of Papua New Guinea (PNG), this 11-day, locally-led group tour ticks all the right boxes. The itinerary begins with the spectacular Mount Hagen show (*sing-sing*), the most famous in PNG, which brings together more than 70 uniquely different cultural groups, each with its own individual costumes, music and dance routines. Next we travel to Goroka to immerse ourselves in the local culture, including the intriguing mud men, skeleton dancers and ghost dancers: fantastic spectacles you will never forget. Finally comes the Pacific coastal resort of Madang for more relaxation and, best of all, snorkeling and diving the colourful coral reefs. The trip is further enhanced by some of PNG's best accommodation options so your comfort will not be compromised. All told, this is a special group tour at an affordable price which will appeal to anyone with a fascination for PNG and its diverse landscapes, nature and people.

- 12 Aug Depart SINGAPORE on AIR NIUGINI flight to PORT MORESBY.
- 13 Aug Arrive in PORT MORESBY. Meet with group and catch AIR NIUGINI flight to MOUNT HAGEN. Met and tfr to the hotel. Afternoon guided nature walk. O/n HIGHLANDER HOTEL, (D).
- 14 Aug After breakfast, visit Paiya Village for a mini cultural show. O/n HIGHLANDER HOTEL, (BLD).
- 15 Aug Full day at the MOUNT HAGEN SHOW. O/n HIGHLANDER HOTEL, (BLD).
- 16 Aug Full day at the MOUNT HAGEN SHOW. O/n HIGHLANDER HOTEL, (BLD).
- 17 Aug Tfr by road to GOROKA, witnessing the "Oma Masalai" performance en route. Tfr to the hotel. O/n PACIFIC GARDENS HOTEL, (BL).
- 18 Aug Morning visit Asaro Village to see mudman performance and traditional "mumum" lunch. Afternoon tour of Goroka town to include the local market and JK McCarthy museum. O/n PACIFIC GARDENS HOTEL, (BL).
- 19 Aug Morning visit to Mount Gurupoka to experience the "Ghost dance" performance. Afternoon visit to Chimbu Village to experience the traditional culture. O/n PACIFIC GARDENS HOTEL, (B).
- 20 Aug Pick up from the hotel and tfr by road (c.7-8 hours) to MADANG. Tfr to the hotel. O/n MADANG RESORT HOTEL, (BL)
- 21 Aug Morning harbour cruise to Siar Island, Pig Island and snorkelling. Later, visit Amele Villages, including Hobe, Suyao and Haya. O/n MADANG RESORT HOTEL, (B)
- 22 Aug Tfr to the airport. Catch AIR NIUGINI flight to PORT MORESBY. Met and commence Port Moresby highlights tour, to include national museum and Adventure Park. Later return to the airport and catch AIR NIUGINI flight to SINGAPORE.

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## **PAPUA NEW GUINEA GROUP TOUR** **MOUNT HAGEN SHOW, GOROKA AND MADANG, AUGUST 2020**

12 Aug Depart SINGAPORE on AIR NIUGINI flight to PORT MORESBY.

13 Aug Arrive PORT MORESBY. Met on arrival and assisted with connection to AIR NIUGINI flight to MOUNT HAGEN. Met on arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel. Mount Hagen Town is in the upper Wahgi Valley - a valley with some of the oldest evidence of agriculture in the world. Afternoon guided nature walk. Visit Kumul forest for guided walks to see



birds of paradise and / or orchids (subject to guest preference). O/n

HIGHLANDER HOTEL, (D). Located in Mount Hagen, the hotel is set with beautiful tropical gardens within secure surroundings. The hotel offers simple, comfortable accommodation in spacious rooms with ensuite 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 in an Executive room.

14 Aug After breakfast, pick up from the lodge and transfer to Paia Village. The village is located approximately 20 kms from Mount Hagen. Enjoy a mini cultural show at the village with performances by local tribes. Later, return to the lodge. O/n HIGHLANDER HOTEL, (BLD).





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15 Aug

Morning pick up from the lodge and transfer to the show ground. Full day is spent at the Mount Hagen Show - world famous for its colour, culture and vibrance. 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. Return to the lodge. O/n HIGHLANDER HOTEL, (BLD).



16 Aug

Enjoy your second day at the Mount Hagen Show. Return to the lodge. O/n HIGHLANDER HOTEL, (BLD).

17 Aug

Morning pick up from the hotel and transfer by road to Goroka (approximately 5 hours). En route you will visit Mindima village near Kundiawa. Learn of the traditional myth of "Oma Masalai", an evil spirit figure which is said to live in a cave near the village. The villages will show you the story (box lunch included). On arrival in Goroka, transfer to the hotel. O/n PACIFIC GARDENS HOTEL, (BL) Located in the beautiful Pacific Gardens Estate and one of the best hotels in Goroka. The hotel is located in over 20 acres of land with walking trails, barbecue area, playground and a meandering mountain stream. Accommodation is in comfortable rooms with private bathroom, tea and coffee facilities and tv. Accommodation in a Premier room.



18 Aug

Goroka is situated 1600m above sea level and boasts its ever-spring weather. It is "Coffee Capital" of Papua New Guinea where high-grade organic Arabica coffees are produced on its rich soil. It is also a home for famous "Asaro Mudman". Today you will visit Asaro Valley and enjoy Asaro Mudman performance, and try traditional "Mumu" lunch with lots of fresh organic vegetables and chicken. Mudman became the guarding symbol of Asaro villages. (Contd.../)



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19 Aug Morning pick up from the hotel and visit to Mt Gurupoka. It is a moderate ½ hours walk to the top of the hill, overlooking Asaro valley. You will visit the Ancestral Cave & enjoy a Ghost Dance performance by local villagers. Afternoon visit to Chimbu village where you can experience and participate in the traditional culture of the Chimbu tribe . O/n PACIFIC GARDENS HOTEL, (B)

20 Aug Morning pick up from the hotel and commence the transfer overland to Madang. On the way, there will be stops en route including Yonki Hydro Dam (for its scenery). Arrive in Madang and transfer to the hotel. O/n MADANG RESORT HOTEL, (BL). The Madang resort hotel is ideally located close to the centre of Madang, overlooking the Madang harbour. There are a total of 150 rooms, of varying standards surrounded by beautiful gardens that are home to exotic birds. Rooms have private bathroom, air-conditioning, satellite TV, telephone and most have private balconies overlooking the gardens or harbour. Accommodation in a Deluxe Room.



21 Aug After breakfast, pick up from the visit to Siar island for a short walks and Pig Island for snorkelling, before returning to the hotel. Afternoon tour to Amele Villages including Hobe, Suyao and Haya. Enjoy a sing sing performance at Haya Village. O/n MADANG RESORT HOTEL, (B).



22 Aug Morning pick up from the hotel and transfer to the airport. Catch AIR NIUGINI flight to PORT MORESBY. Met on arrival at the airport and commence a city tour. Highlights to include the National Museum and the adventure park. Later, return to the airport and catch AIR NIUGINI AIR NIUGINI flight to SINGAPORE.

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Number of Participants: Minimum 4, Maximum 12

Price: £4,748 per person

Single Supplement: £1,679 per person

NB: Single Supplement is Single room EXCEPT during the SEPIK VILLAGE stay, which will be on a twin share basis. Single rooms may be possible subject to availability. Please Enquire.

To include: Return international flights from Singapore, domestic flights, accommodation, transfers, meals as described, all tours and excursions as stated, reserve entrance fees, transportation with experienced drivers, services of various local guides, Mount Hagen Show pass, government taxes, service charges.

Excludes: International flights to Singapore, meals not described and personal costs such as drinks, laundry, telephone, Visa fees (if applicable)

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## 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: 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. The Sepik River region itinerary is particularly susceptible to change, subject to local village conditions.

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 and wilderness 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; 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)

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