



PAPUA NEW GUINEA DISCOVERY & MOUNT HAGEN SHOW

Culture & Ecological Adventure

PIONEER EXPEDITIONS



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PNG Discovery & Mt Hagen Show Tour

11 DAYS • 10 NIGHTS

Port Moresby – Mt Hagen – Karawari – Lake Murray – Ambua – Port Moresby

HIGHLIGHTS

- Unique opportunity to discover the culture, wildlife & ecosystems of the world's second largest island
- Attend the famous Mount Hagen Cultural Show
- Stay at the 3-Star Highlander Hotel where you will wake up in the midst of Mount Hagen and its beautifully manicured surroundings
- Fly over some of the most rugged and impressive landscapes in the world
- Explore the mighty Sepik River and Lake Murray

TOUR ESSENTIALS

Tour Style	Culture & Ecological Adventure Tour
Tour Start	Port Moresby
Tour End	Port Moresby
Accommodation	Lodges & Hotels
Included Meals	10 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches, 10 Dinners
Group Size	Max. 8 people

DISCOVER MOUNT HAGEN EXPEDITION



With a smorgasbord of colour, culture and excitement this adventure offers a unique opportunity to discover the real Papua New Guinea, the world's second largest island. Immerse yourself in the famous Mount Hagen Cultural Show, an internationally recognised event where many of the opulently decorated cultural groups of this incredibly diverse land gather to celebrate costume, art and culture. Spend your days on this small group tour learning about the culture and what makes this beautiful place so different, along with exploring the local ecosystems.



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PAPUA NEW GUINEA DISCOVER MT HAGEN *an overview*

On this trip we will explore Papua New Guinea, starting and finishing our adventure in Port Moresby. Fly by chartered flight to Mt Hagen and continue to Ambua whilst passing through Karawari and Lake Murray en route. This adventure allows us to explore and experience the real Papua New Guinea whilst we uncover the areas untouched by tourism. The trip gives you a great insight into the Papuan people at all locations but especially during the famous Mount Hagen Show where multiple sensory experiences including the rhythmic thumping of Kundu (traditional drums made of lizard skins) and witness hundreds of people in a towering sea of headdresses, colourful foliage and paint-encrusted faces. For the remainder of the journey we will focus on the ecosystems, wildlife and local tribes. This includes discovering high mountain forests with roaring waterfalls and socialising with the Huli people, who today, still live the same way their ancestors did.

WHY PIONEER EXPEDITIONS?

We really are one of the few specialists that really “do” off the beaten track and unique adventures in PAPUA NEW GUINEA. We are driven by a passion for adventure travel and wildlife and Papua New Guinea is one of our most interesting specialities.

Pioneer Director, Philip Beale FRGS, first visited Papua New Guinea in 1979 and in many ways the people, villages and countryside have changed little in the intervening years. So now is a great time to see this amazing country before it really starts to change.

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DAY 1: Arrive in Port Moresby

Upon your arrival in Port Moresby, you will be met by a member of staff and transferred to your hotel for the evening.



Overnight:
The Stanley Hotel



Meals:
D



Activity:
In transit

DAY 2: Transfer to Mount Hagen

This morning you will be transferred from the hotel to Port Moresby Airport for your onward flight to Mount Hagen. You will be met and transferred directly to the Mount Hagen Show. It is a truly spectacular event. The diversity of the coastal, lowland and highland sing-sing groups at the Hagen show reflects the incredible variety of the Papua New Guinean landscape – an unforgettable experience.

Mount Hagen, located in the upper Wahgi Valley, is Papua New Guinea's third largest city. 'Hagen' as it is often referred to was once a patrol station prior to WWII. Due to the opening of the Enga river and the southern highlands the area has boomed over the past 40 years and as a result, the ambience can vary from the laidback, chilled Papua New Guinean vibe to something more intense.



Overnight:
Highlander Hotel



Meals:
B, L, D



Activity:
Culture

DAY 3: Mount Hagen Cultural Show

A full day is spent at the Mount Hagen Show.



This annual event brings together various regional, provincial and national tribal dance groups to celebrate their cultural heritage in the form of a Sing-Sing. The show takes place near the Baiyer District which is home to the largest collection of birds and wildlife in Papua New Guinea. This area is also known for the Baiyer River Bird Sanctuary.



Overnight:
Highlander Hotel



Meals:
B, L, D



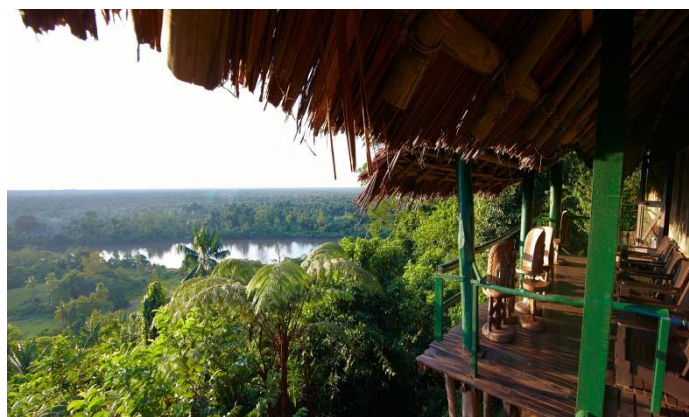
Activity:
Culture



DAY 4: Transfer to Karawari

In the morning you will be transferred to your chartered flight to Karawari on Papua New Guinea's great Sepik River. As the flight progresses, the mountains start to give way until eventually vast tracts of dense tropical low land rainforest cover the landscape for as far as the eye can see.

Sitting on a ridge above the Karawari River, Karawari Lodge boasts a spectacular view over hundreds of kilometres of dense tropical jungle. Inspired by local architecture and built with traditional materials, the lodge provides modern comforts. In the afternoon we make our way to the village Kundiman for a sago making demonstration – sago is a staple food of the river people.



Overnight:
Karawari Lodge



Meals:
B, L, D



Activity:
In Transit & Culture

DAY 5: Tour of the Karawari area

After breakfast we enjoy a program that provides insight into the amazing ecology and culture of the Karawari area. We travel along the jungle-fringed waterways where we will see boatman stand upright paddling their slender dugout canoes and bountiful bird life. The excursion will enhance your understanding of traditional village culture.



The Karawari area is one of the most remote locations in Papua New Guinea and as a result its surroundings are unspoilt. With the only way in and out of the area limited to the Lodge's airstrip, locals survive off the land, for example, they use the Sago Palm to weave baskets for catching fish and for preparing and cooking their staple food. There are no roads, shops or phones. Homes are built on stilts along the river and the main mode of transport are canoes.

The lowland rainforest is one of the most interesting ecological areas in the world with a vast range of fauna and flora calling it home. It is recorded that 229 different bird species live in the Karawari area making it the perfect spot for a keen birdwatcher.



Overnight:
Karawari Lodge



Meals:
B, L, D



Activity:
Culture and Wildlife



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DAY 6: Transfer to Lake Murray

Fly by chartered flight from Karawari to Lake Murray. On arrival at Lake Murray you will be transferred to the lodge where you will enjoy lunch and then proceed on an amazing half-day tour of the area.



Overnight:
Lake Murray Lodge



Meals:
B, L, D



Activity:
In-transit and Culture

DAY 7: Cultural Tour of Lake Murray

Today we will have a full cultural tour where we will explore the waterways of Lake Murray and visit local villages in one of the remotest parts of Papua New Guinea.



Overnight:
Lake Murray Lodge



Meals:
B, L, D



Activity:
Culture

DAY 8: Transfer to Ambua

Fly by chartered aircraft to Ambua airstrip over some of the most rugged and impressive landscapes in the world. Ambua Lodge is set high on the slopes of the Tari Valley – home of the Huli; a colourful and proud people, still largely living the same way that their ancestors did. The afternoon is spent exploring where the area surrounding Ambua – high mountain forests with roaring waterfalls beckon the intrepid traveller.



Overnight:
Ambua Lodge



Meals:
B, L, D

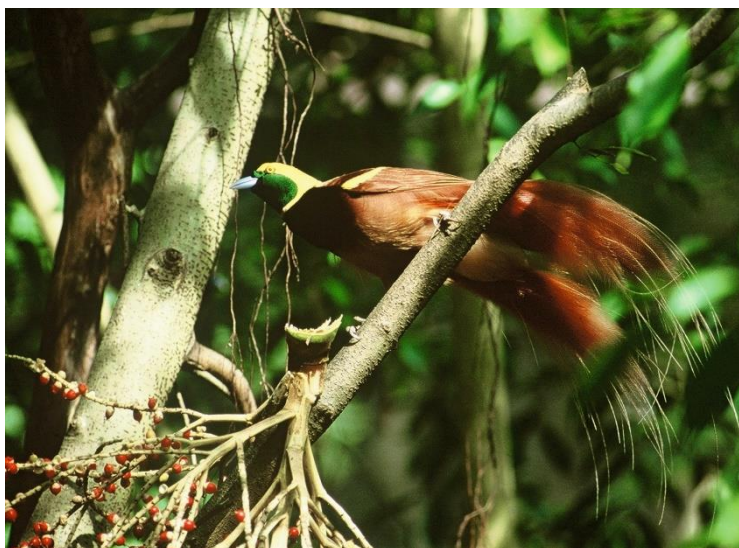


Activity:
In-Transit & Culture



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DAY 9: Discover Ambua



A full day of cultural and ecological touring. The Tari area is home to an incredible 13 species of birds of paradise as well as numerous orchid species. Learn how the Huli live and how they interact with and use their environment.

The ecological and culturally based touring is sure to satiate those yearning for discovery. Only very rarely will an opportunity to gain such insight into a pre-technological culture will present itself, a culture that has changed little since the dawn of time.



Overnight:
Ambua Lodge



Meals:
B, L, D



Activity:
Culture & Wildlife

DAY 10: Transfer to Port Moresby

Depart Tari for Port Moresby on Air Niugini PX865. Upon arrival in Port Moresby you will be met by staff and transferred to your hotel.



Overnight:
The Stanley Hotel



Meals:
B, L, D



Activity:
In-transit

DAY 11: Depart Home

In the morning staff will meet you at your hotel to transfer you to the airport for your flight home.



Overnight:
N/A



Meals:
B



Activity:
Onward Journey/Flight Home



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Included	Not Included
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ All meals as described (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner) ■ Accommodation as described ■ Airport transfers & Chartered flights ■ Tours as described ■ Tour guide from Day 1 – 10 ■ Local guide ■ Show gate fees ■ All gratuities to hotel, restaurant staff, local drivers, guides and porters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ International & Domestic Air Niugini flights (These can be arranged through us, if needed) ➤ Visa fees ➤ Meals other than mentioned ➤ Alcoholic and soft drinks (water included during tours) ➤ Personal expenses ➤ Services of a tour leader throughout or any gratuities

ACCOMMODATION *at a glance*

	Location	Accommodation	Example
Night 1 & 10	Port Moresby	Hotel	<i>The Stanley Hotel</i>
Night 2 & 3	Mount Hagen	Hotel	<i>Highlander Hotel</i>
Night 4 & 5	Karawari	Lodge	<i>Karawari Lodge</i>
Night 6 & 7	Lake Murray	Lodge	<i>Lake Murray Lodge</i>
Night 8 & 9	Ambua	Lodge	<i>Ambua Lodge</i>



WHAT OUR DIRECTOR HAS SAID...

"Parts of Papua New Guinea have changed little in the last few decades and with so much culture, wildlife and ecology this trip is one of my favourites."

- P. Beale FRGS



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THE PIONEER BOOKING PROCESS

Where do you go from here? Well, you can feel free to email us at info@pioneerexpeditions.com if you're interested in this trip, or any of our other expeditions from around the world.

1. Contact us -

We will be happy to answer any questions or enquiries you may have. From here we will begin to plan and put together your dream adventure holiday! Alternatively, on our website you will find our booking and enquiry forms; once filled in, we will be notified of your enquiry and will get back to you ASAP.

2. Leave everything to us -

Everything will be arranged and booked by us, but we will make sure to keep you updated every step of the way. In addition, we can arrange your international flights if needed, as we have access to competitive airfares. We can also arrange any additional tours or additional night's accommodation.

3. Wait for your adventure to begin -

Sit back and count down the days until your trip of a lifetime with Pioneer Expeditions. We'll handle all of the last minute preparations and provide you with everything you need. All practical information will be sent out to you, prior to your trip.

