



PNG Highlands North Expedition

12 - 21 September 2024

Port Moresby ~ Goroka Show ~ Bingla Ingu Festival ~ Mount Hagen ~ Port Moresby

September 2024 - 9 Nights / 10 Days

SUMMARY

Departure Dates: 12 Sept 2024 – 21 Sept 2024 9 Days/10 Days

2024: Starts in Port Moresby – Goroka Show – Simbu (Bingla Ingu Festival)– Mount Hagen – Port Moresby

2024 Prices:

USD 6490.00 Per Person twin share *based on current rate of exchange subject to change

USD 7750.00 SOLO TRAVELER *based on current rate of exchange subject to change

*group rates available

Day 1 Thursday 12 Sept 2024 Arrival Papua New Guinea.

You will touch down in Port Moresby – Capital of PNG at Jacksons International Arrival and you will be met by our guide and porter and transfer to Stanley Hotel and Suites on the Shuttle Bus. Have late breakfast and rest. After lunch we will tour the city of Port Moresby only sight seeing tours. **/AIRWAYS HOTEL/STANLEY HOTEL (LD)**

Day 2 Friday 13 Sept 2024 Port Moresby/Goroka Air Transfers

Early after breakfast, you will be transferred to the Domestic Departure Terminal for your early morning flight to Goroka.

Arrive Goroka (PX960 0800/0955 POM/GKA) Meet and greet and assist with transfer with luggage car to the Pacific Gardens Hotel for unpack. At 11 am you will be transferred down through the fertile Asaro Valley, past coffee plantations, vegetable Gardens, interplant with sweet potato, banana, taro cassava, sugar cane with other leaf vegetables and neatly laid out homesteads to Geremaika Village to witness the World famous Asaro Mudman Dance ,

You will also experience and see the Village life of the Asaro Tribesmen in the Asaro Valley, face painting with village study and experience and observe villagers prepare and cook a meal in the traditional earth oven “tasty mumu” and you do tasting with the local villagers, enjoy picnic lunch in the village. You will be transfer in the late afternoon to your hotel for dinner and rest. **PACIFIC GARDENS HOTEL Bird of Paradise Hotel - Premium Double/Twin (BLD)**

DAY 3 Saturday

14 Sept 2024

Goroka Festival

We recommend that you enjoy early breakfast to start at 7:00 am and we depart early at 7:30 for **Early Bird Tours, After the Early Bird Tours (How the Tribes Put on their Attire early hours of the Morning.**

visit singing groups from different provinces in their camps to very closely see how their body decorations of colourful traditional costumes and very colourful face painting is done. Explanations will be given to you on the types of costumes and their significances in the cultures of these people.

We will proceed into the Show grounds to witness thousands of warriors, all dressed in their very finest traditional regalia, dancing and singing, each group in their own culture with languages with intention to outclass all the other groups. Walk among dancers, shake hands and meet them. **PACIFIC GARDENS HOTEL /Bird of Paradise Hotel – Deluxe Premium (BLD)**

DAY 4 Sunday

15 Sept 2024

Goroka Festival Continuous

Another full day at the Festival and finish and you will be transferred to your hotel or sightseeing tours.

Today, you will still have a early Bird tour again to another Singing Groups from another Tribal Clans in the Highlands or Coastal of New Guinea to witness how dressing are done and materials collected for the full attire.

Early Bird Tours can continue to other Tribal Clans as early as 7:00 – 7:30 am in the morning, The diversified Culture is too much to cover in a one hour, you will visit as many as 10 groups but the Singing groups is close to 60 – 100 groups will perform at the show ground. PACIFIC GARDENS HOTEL /Bird of Paradise Hotel – Deluxe Premium (BLD)



Mt Hagen Women – At the Sipuu-Waa (Simbu) Cultural Festival 2022 – July



Mt Hagen Women at the Sipuu-waa (Simbu) Cultural Festival - 2020

Day 5 Monday 16 Sept 2024 Transfers Goroka to Bingla Ingu Tribal Ceremonial Exchange/Simbu Province

Early after breakfast, you will be transferred to Simbu which is a two and half hours drive to Sinesine and have your tour at the Ceremonial Ground (Ples Singing) There you will experience all activities that has been going on for a week now, You will meet the neighbouring Tribes as visitors living in the Long Houses built around the Singing Ground,

See the raw food been exchanged, experience the host tribes and visiting tribes dressing and starting to sing (they have been singing for the last five or six days) , see all pigs lining up to demonstrate prestige of the host Tribes, Courting of young girls and boys preparing for the night show, Chiefs demonstrating their prestige by lining up all their pigs in front of the tribes for killing the next day. This is an experience that you will never have anywhere in the world. **GREEN LAND MOTEL/MT WILHEAM LODGE (BLD)**

Day 6 Tuesday 17 Sept 2024 Bingla Ingu Tribal Ceremonial Exchanges Continues and Completes today

Today, will continue to the Bingla Ingu Tribal Ceremonial Exchanges will gather women, children and men from each tribes will gather raw food, pigs demonstrated from each sub clans yesterday will all be killed today and displayed in the Ceremonial Ground (Ples Singing) to hand over to the **visiting Tribes (Final occasion)**

You will also have the chance to sit and talk with the Traditional Chiefs in the Men's House (HAUSMAN) in the Ceremonial grounds.

The **Chiefs from (Men's House)** and **brides chosen** during the one week courting also dresses in the finest attire and farwelled by family and tribes to be married to the visiting tribes who will take the cooked pork, raw food and travel back to their home land.

The visiting Tribes will host the same program (Bigla Ingu Tribal Ceremonila Exchnage Program in their home land after 2 years which is 2026. You will complete the event with the tribes and relax backto KundiawaTown and have rest. **GREEN LAND MOTEL/MT WILHEAM LODGE (BLD)**



Long houses built for the Bingla Ingu Festival, the Visiting Tribes come in one week early to have singsing, courting in the night and eat food that is giving by the Hosting tribes until the Bingla ingu Festival begins.



Hosting Tribes starting to Bring in their prestiges to demonsnatrte to the other tribes that we are fit to participate in this Pig KILLING Ceremony, they are going into the Ceremonail Grounds



As soon as the Ceremonial Excahng e is done, PORK BELLY is for the spectators to have share and to demonstrate that the Tribes Friendship will be on going for the next generations in the Inaugl Tribes



Cooked pork Displayed for the Ceremonial Exchange to take place, it is removed straight from the Ground Oven (MUMU PIT)



Pig Killings in the Ceremonial Grounds



Singing Groups Dance and Welcome the Crowds and Visitors and happy for the Ceremony to Began



All Cooked Pork and raw food ready for Ce ceremonial Exchanges with Tribes in the Gemboi District, Simbu, PNG



Bingla Ingu Festival includes Birde and Groom Exchange at the end part of the Ceremony



Above Photo – Is my First born Son – Bob Gonapa at the Festival in Simbu



Above (Middle) is my Second born Son Performing Sipuu-waa (Simbu Festival – Paul Gonapa

Day 7 Wednesday 18 Sept 2024 Transfers Simbu to Mt Hagen

We will travel to Mt Hagen this morning with all transfer vehicles, guide and porters/Escorts for groups.

On the way, we will continue with the luggage van and escorts to Mt Hagen which is another hour drive from Simbu Province. On our Way to Mt Hagen,

After breakfast we will continue to **Mindima Village “Skeleton dancers”** demonstrating hunting and food gathering skills, how hunting is done in the old days.

You will have the chance to visit **Banz Kofi (Coffee) and Tea Plantations** and Tasting of the premium Highlands Coffee.

Arriving in Mount Hagen in the afternoon at the Highlander Hotel for dinner and rest. **Highlander Hotel (BLD)**

Day 8 Thursday 19 Sept 2024 Mount Hagen Cultural Tours

Early after breakfast, you will have a 30-45 minutes tour to the Mt Hagen Market.

You will have full village Experience of the Melpa Tribes, Women's Singing and Village Study and Experience of the Melpa Tribes in Mount Hagen.

You will also have a chance to visit the Widows House (wife still waiting for freedom - in the Highlands of PNG according to the customs. **Highlander Hotel (BLD)**

Day 9 Friday 20 Sept 2024 Transfers Mt Hagen/Port Moresby by Air and Overnight Port Moresby

You will be transferred to the Airport for departure to Port Moresby/International Departure on the same day or you will overnight in Port Moresby. Rest in the morning and after lunch, we have the sight seeing tours all over Port Moresby Botanical Gardens, Parliament Haus, City Sight seeing tours. **AIRWAYS HOTEL (BLD)**

Day 10 Saturday 21 Sept 2024 Transfers Port Moresby/International Departure

Early after breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport with our guide and porters for International Departure. **AIRWAYS HOTEL (B)**

End of Services – PNG Highlands Adventures – PAPUA NEW GUINEA

LAND COST INCLUDES:

Accommodation, airport transfers and tours on a seat in a van (15 Seater or 25 Seater), meals from dinner on arrival to breakfast on departure day, Luggage Van, services of a professional tour escort throughout, Entrance fees, VIP Pass to both Festivals, local guides and show gate fees. The cost also includes all gratuities to hotel and restaurant staff, local drivers, guides and porters. **Important Notice – Accommodation in Simbu (Kundiawa) will be in Motels and Lodges (Standard)**

LAND COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Domestic Sectors and international flights, visa fees, travel associated costs such as travel insurance or PNG visa costs and services of a personal nature such as beverage, laundry charges and phone/fax bills.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We can Tailor the program to continue to Tari, Simbai (Kalam Tribes), Sepik River, Mt Bosavi , Enga and Mt Giluwe Trek, Mt Wilhelm Trek, Beautiful Madang, Rabaul and Tufi

We also do **charter flight Tours** to remotest part of the Highlands, Sepik and Madang Borders for Adventure Tours

IMPORTANT NOTE

Domestic and international flights are not included in the cost and we do not arrange these. You are to book and ticket the domestic Air Niugini flights together with your international flights.

The Air Niugini flights you are to book and ticket are;

Port Moresby /Goroka – PX 160 0855/0945

Mt Hagen/Port Moresby – PX 181 0955/1055

