

2003 MT. HAGEN SING SING

10 Days/9 Nights Package:

This package features some of the last frontiers! Very limited spaces are available on this package, require bookings please contact us immediately.

TARI VALLEY - HULI

Isolated by geography and history, the Huli people of the Tari Valley were one of the last groups in Papua New Guinea to be brought under government control. The Huli Wigmen are noted for their flamboyant and colorful appearance, beautifully painted faces, and their use of bird of paradise feathers and everlasting daisies to decorate their wigs of human hair. This is a male dominated society concerned with maintaining the strength and status of the male. Separation of men and women in village life is an integral part of their culture. A complex society in which land and rights to land are of importance and the cause of much tribal warfare. So you will gain a genuine insight into this society still governed by sorcery and ancestral spirits in its everyday activities.

SEPIK RIVER BASIN

The environment has been described as "raw and primitive", but for the traveler with an adventurous spirit, it is adventure "par excellence". Travel in this region is by motorized dugout canoe, exploring the main waterways and smaller channels, visiting traditional villages, sleeping in village houses and experiencing the lifestyle and culture of these river people. This area is renowned as the finest source of primitive art in the world. Sepik art is valued not only for its beautiful workmanship and aesthetic appeal, but also as a cultural statement. The art of the Sepik people enhances an understanding of the culture and values of the Sepik people. Their art is a visual language.



Picture 1: Girl in a canoe along the Sepik River

We will assign two different local English speaking guides in each location. -one in Tari and the other in the Sepik. They are locals from these areas and they have grown up there and know their traditions and customs very well. They have practiced ways of living, war, sorcery, hunting, fishing, rituals and other activities from their childhood and they are very versed with their custom and will explain, teach and help your tourists to handle and involve in some of the following activities as you listed in your email.

- * The ways of making traditional weapons (try to make themselves) and traditions of dealing with it (arch, wooden beat, etc.)
- * The ways of hunting on land and fishing
- * Songs, dances, customs of warriors and hunters. To learn it.
- * Men and young men initiations. Hunter. Warrior.
- * Different Ways of hunting and taking part in hunting the customs and traditions connected with hunting.

- * Men's house and men's union. Structure, customs, history, rituals.
- * Traditions and stories of wars between the tribes.
- * History and myths of the development of the tribe
- * War's symbols
- * Marriage and family relations
- * The management of the tribes, structure and history.

Following is the itinerary I suggest for your clients. Please kindly have a look at the content of the itinerary in detail and get back me to at your earliest. I am open to your comments and suggestion.

AUGUST 2003:

Fri 08th Aug: (-LD) Arrive into Port Moresby from Singapore on Air Niugini flight PX393. Meet on arrival for transit transfer to PX126 to Wewak. Meet on arrival for transfer to Windjammer Beach Hotel. Overnight Windjammer Beach Hotel.

Sat 09th Aug: (BLD) Depart Wewak on your MAF flight to Ambunti to commence your Sepik river adventurous canoe. Arrive Ambunti by light aircraft (MAF) transfer to motorised canoe travel up river to Yesan, Mayo, Kumbowe and overnight at Baku village.

Sun 10th Aug: (BLD) Depart Baku village and travel by dugout motorised canoe to Swagap village (insect tribe), Kubkain then onto April and Wogamush rivers. Visit villagers, meet children, elderly people and many more. Overnight at Sio village.

Mon 11th Aug: (BLD) Depart the village house after breakfast for a full day cultural tour of Sio and nearby villages. Visit nature at its best, village spirit houses, travel by dugout to tributaries of the main sepik river. A day full of village activities. Overnight Sio Village.

Tue 12th Aug: (BLD) Depart Sio village by dugout motorised canoe to Ambunti village. Depart Ambunti by MAF Flight to Wewak. On arrival, meet for transit assistance to Airlink flight ND101 to Mt. Hagen. Meet on arrival for transfer to Haus Poroman Lodge. Overnight Haus Poroman Lodge (1 Night).

Wed 13th Aug: (BLD) Depart Mt. Hagen by light MAF Charter flight to charter flight to Tari. On arrival, transfer to Warili village. Overnight Warili Guest House (3 Nights).

Thu 14th Aug: (BLD) Full day tour of Warili and Hudi villages. Full day hiking and visiting Huli villages. Sit down elderly Huli men and women, visit bachelor centers, burial caves, warriors, battle fields etc. Also doing hand crafts, bows, arrows and battle shields etc, and trekking to Hudi village Overnight Warili Guest House.

Fri 15th Aug: (BLD) Full day hiking and visiting Huli villages. Sit down elderly Huli men and women, visit bachelor centers, burial caves, warriors, battle fields etc. Also doing hand crafts, bows, arrows and battle shields etc, and trekking to Hudi village. Overnight Warili Guest House.

Activities Include: Evening "mumu" dinner, visit to Huli Wigmen Bachelor boys centre and Huli traditional sing sing. Huli widows, Huli spirit dance, visit to ceremonial grounds, village study and courting ceremony.

Sat 16th Aug: (BLD) Depart Tari on Airlink flight ND453 to Mt. Hagen. Meet on arrival for transfer to Mt. Hagen sing sing grounds to get photos when the performers are doing their face paintings. The show will feature nearly 150 different cultural sing sing groups from all over Papua New Guinea. Packed lunches will be provided by your local guides. Overnight in Mt. Hagen Airport Motel (1 Night).

Sun 17th Aug: (BLD) Depart your hotel in Mt. Hagen as early as 07.30 am in order to get photos when the performers are doing their face paintings. Spend the morning hours at the show. Afternoon transfer to Air Niugini flight PX189 to Port Moresby. Meet on arrival for transit transfer to Air Niugini International flight PX392 to Singapore. **End of our Services!**

LAND COST IN USA DOLLARS:

Twin share US\$2,995.00 per person.

Cost includes accommodation twin share, all meals as specified by their symbols; B=Breakfast, L=Lunch and D=Dinner, tours and airport transfers, all village fees, cultural activity fees, show admission fees, government taxes, local English speaking guides, accommodation in villages are basic with pit toilets, fresh water showers, transportation, charter flights and Airlink flight ND101 Wewak to Mt. Hagen and ND453 Tari to Mt. Hagen.

Cost does NOT include other meals not mentioned, service of an experienced or qualified Anthropologist and or Ethnography, Air Niugini flights, visa fees, international departure tax, laundry services and any services of personal nature such as telephone, facsimile and internet bills.

ADDITIONAL COST

Air Niugini Flight PX126 08th August - Port Moresby to Wewak.
Air Niugini Flight PX189 17th August - Mt. Hagen to Port Moresby.

Single supplement: US\$ 90.00 per single occupancy. Guaranteed single in Mt. Hagen during the sing sing festival!

Room Allocation

Accommodation in Mt. Hagen is at the Hagen Airport Motel. The hotel was built recently and all rooms a self-contained with private shower and toilet facilities

Deposits & Final payment

A deposit of US\$150.00 per person is required at the time of accepting and booking the tour in order to secure rooms in Mt. Hagen. Your rooms will be confirmed upon receipt of the US\$150.00 per person deposit. Please forward the payment by Telegraphic Transfer to our PNG account.

Our account details are

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP (PNG) LTD
P.O. BOX 121, MT. HAGEN 281. WHP. PAPUA NEW GUINEA.
ACCOUNT NUMBER 018 895 11061700
International Swift Code: ANZBPGPX.

Final payment is due on 08th July 2003, which is 30 days prior to the groups' arrival. The final payment must be forwarded by Telegraphic Transfer also.

As soon as your deposit and final payments are made, we require a T/T receipt faxed to us to ease in identifying your payment. Our fax number is (675) 542 1660.

Cancellation:

Cancellations received between 15th June and 15th July, 2003 will result in forfeiture of the US\$150.00 per person deposit. Cancellations received after 29 days and prior to 14 days will attract 50% of the total land and air costs. No refund will be due after the tour has commenced.

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