
New Britain Odyssey

Papua New Guinea

Land of the Unexpected

This short tour visits the beautiful island of New Britain in the Bismarck Archipelago and explores the area around Kimbe Bay where a number of endemic species can be found. For seabird enthusiasts the highlight will be a 2 day pelagic way out into the bay with the aim of looking for the rarely seen Beck's Petrel and Heinroth's Shearwater. On land we will be based at the very comfortable Walindi Dive Resort, one of the world's top diving locations and a great place for Bismarck birding. There is a good chance of a number of the Bismarck endemics.

Key Species

Volcano Scrubfowl, Beck's Petrel, Heinroth's Shearwater, Black-headed Paradise Kingfisher, Red-Knobbed Imperial Pigeon, Blue-eyed Cockatoo, Bismarck Boobook, Bismarck Crow,



Red-knobbed Imperial Pigeon, Volcano Scrubfowl Photos: Phil Gregory
MV Febrina Photo: Juergen Freund

COUNTRY INFORMATION

Difficulty

Only a moderate level of fitness is required for this tour as much of the birding will be done from a boat.

The weather will be hot and possibly humid but sea breezes will help keep the temperatures down.

Accommodations

Walindi is a comfortable western style dive resort set on the shores of beautiful Kimbe Bay with en suite rooms. The MV Febrina is a well equipped dive boat and the on board cabins are all en suite and very comfortable.

Please contact us for further information.



New Britain Odyssey- PNG Itinerary - 2011

A rare chance to visit the poorly known Bismarck Archipelago and search for the seldom seen and newly rediscovered Beck's Petrel. With Heinroth's Shearwater as another possible bird this is a must for seabird enthusiasts.

Day 1 - Saturday 23rd July: Travel day. Leaving Cairns we will fly via Port Moresby (where we will clear customs) to arrive in Hoskins, where we will be met at airport and transferred to the comfortable Walindi Dive Resort beautifully sited on the beach overlooking Kimbe Bay for a two night stay.

Day 2 - Sunday 24th July: Full day birding around Walindi looking for Blue-eyed Cockatoo, Knob-billed Fruit Dove, Red-knobbed Imperial Pigeon, Bismarck Woodswallow, Bismarck Crow and a chance of Bismarck Boobook and Black-headed Paradise Kingfisher. O/N Walindi

Day 3 - Monday 25th July: Full day birding in Walindi area visiting a number of forest patches and birding sites in the area. Return to the dive resort and board MV Febrina in time for dinner. Set sail around 10.30pm for overnight sailing to petrel patch. O/N at sea on MV Febrina.

Day 4 - Tuesday 26th July: Morning looking for petrels. Taking a quantity of chum with us we hope to attract Beck's Petrel, Heinroth's Shearwater, found in that area. Afternoon look at islands off Cape Huessener. O/N Febrina

Day 5 - Wednesday 27th July: On board the Febrina exploring the 4 Islands area where we will look for Nicobar Pigeon, Yellow-bibbed Fruit-Dove, Island Imperial Pigeon, Beach Kingfisher, Sclater's Myzomela, Bismarck Black Myzomela and Mangrove Golden Whistler. Arrive back at Walindi at 18.00. O/N Febrina.

Day 6 - Thursday 28th July: Transfer from Walindi to Hoskins airport and take the flight back to Port Moresby and then back to Australia or another onward destination.



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Cost:

Ex Cairns AU\$4725.00pp /twin share
Ex Brisbane AU\$4780pp /twin share
Ex Sydney AU\$5110.00pp /twin share
(Prices correct as of May 2010 -
airfares subject to fluctuation.
single supplement on request.

We can arrange international flights
entering New Guinea from other
destinations on request.

Please enquire if you would like any
extensions to this tour

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