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19 Day Textile and Village Tour

Date	Itinerary
Day 1	Depart Australia, arrive Port Moresby and connect to Wewak. Overnight Hotel.
Day 2	Boat trip to Kairiru Island. See island-style weaving mainly with coconut leaves. Overnight village guest house.
Day 3	Hike around west coast of Kairiru Island to hot springs at Victoria Bay. Late afternoon boat transfer to Wewak. Overnight hotel.
Day 4	Road trip to Sepik River (Pagwi Mission). Board motor canoe and head down stream to Yamok village (1 hour walk inland from River). See Sepik-style weaving with Sago palm, Nipa Palm (vegetable baskets and mats) and Two-leaf grass (bilums and bags). Overnight village guest house.
Day 5	Motor to Kanganaman village, visit men's spirit houses and learn about crocodile cult. Overnight village guest house.
Day 6	Motor to Chambri lakes. View making and firing of clay pots at Aibom village. Overnight village guest house.
Day 7	Motor to Tambanum village, the home of the Sepik's most prolific wood carvers. See artisans at work. See women weaving carry-bags from river rushes (known locally as "Sepik baskets" but they are hand-bags, and larger traditional-style bilums from fine dried river grass, used for carrying firewood, children, vegetables etc. Overnight village guest house
Day 8	Motor to Angoram station and overnight Angoram Hotel.
Day 9	Morning excursion up the Keram River to Chimondo village where the unique "story boards" are made. Afternoon road transfer from Angoram to Wewak. Overnight hotel.
Day 10	Fly from Wewak to Mt Hagen either direct or via Port Moresby depending on the day of the week. Check in at Magic Mountain Eco-Lodge. Tour nearby Paiya village which has displays of Western Highlands' tribal culture: wig making, ancestors' skull house, men's taboo house.
Day 11	Road trip to remote highlands village to view handicrafts including weaving of bilums, armbands, lap laps and loincloths, making of "mokka kina" ornaments with mother-of-pearl shells and clay, use of body paints and pig fat clay to prepare for dancing, construction of elaborate head-dresses with feathers and leaves.
Day 12	Second day of textile investigations around Mt Hagen.
Day 13	Drive from Mt Hagen to Goroka - one of the world's most scenic road trips. Overnight hotel.
Day 14	Half day sightseeing around Goroka including visit to Asaro Mud Men to see construction and use of clay helmets. Afternoon flight to Port Moresby. Overnight hotel.
Day 15	Fly to Tufi. Familiarisation boat cruise around the fjords stopping at villages. Overnight Tufi Resort.
Day 16	Village excursion for demonstration of making sago and weaving using coastal plant materials especially softened sago leaves. Overnight Tufi Resort.
Day 17	Boat trip 1 hour south to Uiaku village the home of tapa cloth and clay pots. Observe the full process of making tapa cloth from mulberry bark and decorating with traditional designs. Also making and firing of clay pots which are used for cooking the local seafood. Overnight village guest house.

Day 18	Morning at Uiaku village and afternoon boat trip back to Tufi. Overnight Tufi Resort.	
Day 19	Morning flight from Tufi to Port Moresby connecting with international flight to Australia.	
Inclusions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 2 star accommodation in Wewak, Goroka and Port Moresby (room only) 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full board at village guest houses, Mt Hagen and Tufi Resort 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road and canoe transfers and guides 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village entry fees and gratuities for handicraft; demonstrations. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International and domestic airfares including taxes, as of April 2010. 		
Exclusions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visa fees. For more information go here http://visalink.com.au/frontpage.aspx 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gratuities or items of a personal nature, such as beverages, laundry, phone, email and fax charges. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meals pre or post tour; Sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, insect repellent, medical fees and medicines 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel Insurance 		
Total Cost Per Person**		
Ex CAIRNS	4 Persons minimum	AU \$5450.00
Ex CAIRNS	More than 4 persons	AU \$5050.00
EX BRISBANE	4 Persons minimum	AU \$5500.00
EX BRISBANE	More than 4 persons	AU \$5100.00
<p>** Prices as subject to currency exchange and tax variances. Prices are correct as at 23rd April 2010</p>		

GENERAL INFORMATION Maximum baggage allowance is 15kg per person and a maximum of 5kg carry on baggage per person. Large, hard sided suitcases are not permitted on charter aircraft. To secure space, a NON REFUNDABLE deposit of AU\$700.00 per person is required to confirm the booking. Full payment is due 90 days prior to departure. We will confirm booking only on receipt of deposits.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations received within 60 days of commencement of the tour will attract a 50% fee of the total cost. No refund is available after scheduled arrival in Papua New Guinea or in respect of any tour, accommodation, meals or any other service not utilized during the tour. Any additional costs incurred because of changes made during the itinerary by clients, will be to the client's account.

POLICY ON EXCHANGE OF SERVICES AND SERVICES NOT TAKEN: Please note that we are unable to refund any services which appear in the main itinerary, but are not taken. Services must be taken on the day that they appear in the main itinerary, and cannot be transferred to a different day.

CLIENT INFORMATION: Upon receipt of deposits, you will be sent a confirmation packet and Client Information Booklet. We cannot stress enough the importance of reading this information prior to your arrival in Papua New Guinea. The Client Information Booklet has been specifically designed to give you vital information about strict luggage weight limits on the small aircraft used throughout the tours, possible delays in aircraft movements, standards of accommodation, etc. - Information in advance may help you to adjust to situations better as they occur. **(TRAVEL INSURANCE IS MANDATORY).**