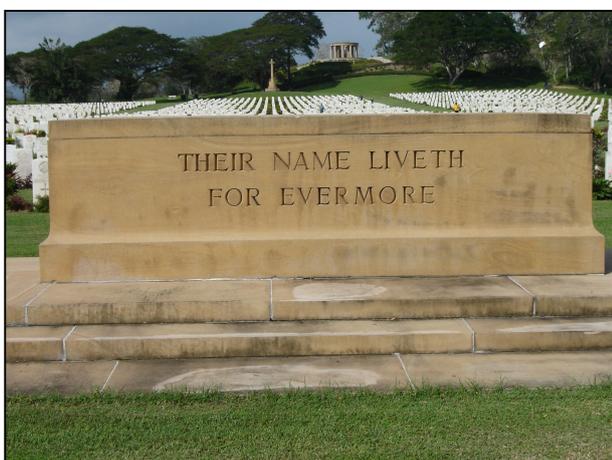


*7 nights Port Moresby, Wewak, Lae, Rabaul, Bomana War Cemetery (dawn service) with 2 nights optional pre-tour extension to Alotau (Milne Bay) 16-18 APRIL and 3 nights optional post-tour extension to Popondetta, Kokoda, Buna/Gona 25-28 APRIL. Fully escorted sign-up group tour, minimum 6 people for core tour and extensions, maximum 16.*

Attending the Anzac Day dawn service at Bomana War Cemetery outside Port Moresby is a “must” if you have any connection with or interest in Australia’s military history. It is a very emotionally moving experience. There before you, as you recite the Ode and sing Abide With Me in the semi-darkness, lie the actual graves of 3800 men and women who gave their lives for Australia, Britain and Papua New Guinea in wartime. This tour provides an opportunity to learn about the Bomana War Cemetery, find the graves of forbears and heroes and explore some of the locations where the Pacific Campaign unfolded and those now buried at Bomana saw action. This tour is fully escorted by one of our experienced company guides and features sites of World War 2 significance around Port Moresby, Wewak, Lae and Rabaul concluding with the Anzac Day dawn service at Bomana War Cemetery. There are optional extensions to Alotau (Milne Bay) and Popondetta (with excursions to Kokoda and the beach-heads around Buna and Gona).



### PRE TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 – Thu 16 Apr

#### **ARRIVE PORT MORESBY (tour of WW2 sites)**

On your arrival early afternoon from Sydney, Brisbane or Cairns you will be met by one of our tour staff and we will transfer you to your hotel for check-in.

#### **MONEY CHANGING**

We recommend you wait till you arrive in Port Moresby before changing money because you will get a much better rate and you will not be needing PNG currency on the plane or in the Customs Hall anyway. To obtain local currency (“kina”) you can stick your Australian visa card (debit or credit) in one of the many ATMs available at the airport and at your hotel. There is also an airport bank / currency exchange outside the Customs Hall exit where you can change AUD cash for kina at a very good rate - the airport bank is a branch of a major PNG bank and offers the same exchange rates as banks in town (and much better rates than the currency exchange booths at Australian airports).

3.00pm Gather at the hotel reception to board our 30-seat Coaster bus for a short guided tour of Port Moresby city WW2 sites of interest including: Touaguba Hill lookout - expansive views of the harbour; Burns Peak - site of wartime ack-ack guns; Hanuabada stilt village - burnt down by the Japanese bombing; Fairfax Harbour - the wreck of the wartime supply ship MV MacDhui is still exposed at low tide – see footage of the

bombing <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/C188816>; Paga Point - site of the now-demolished Paga Hill fort; Ela Beach (Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel memorial).

There will also be a stop at a supermarket where you can buy supplies of bottled water, snack foods or any grocery or pharmacy items you may have forgotten to bring with you. Most grocery lines and pharmacy medicines are available. Visa cards are accepted in most large shops in PNG.

6.00pm return to the hotel to freshen up.

7.00pm dinner (not included) either in the hotel or by bus transfer to an outside restaurant.

8.00pm After dinner there will be a briefing from the guide on tomorrow's program and retire. Overnight Gateway Hotel Port Moresby (includes buffet breakfast)

#### DAY 2 – Fri 17 Apr

##### **PORT MORESBY – ALOTAU**

06:00 Breakfast in the hotel restaurant (upstairs) and check out.

07:00 Transfer with our guide on the hotel shuttle to the domestic terminal and check in for the flight to Alotau

**08:55 PX954 or CG1644 departs Port Moresby for Alotau**

09:55 On arrival at Alotau's Gurney Airport meet up with our local guide and transfer by private car or mini bus to your hotel for check in and lunch.

12:30 Afternoon tour of Alotau WW2 sites including the Japanese landing beach at Waga Waga, the two main battle sites at KB Mission and Number Three Strip, the Cenotaph (Battle of Milne Bay memorial), Gurney field and other wartime airstrips, Giligili Homestead (site of allied battalion HQ), rusting barges, tanks and other relics from the ill-fated Japanese landings.

6:00pm return to the hotel for dinner (pay as you go) and briefing from the guide on tomorrow's program. Overnight Alotau International Hotel (includes full breakfast)

#### DAY 3 – Sat 18 Apr

##### **ALOTAU – PORT MORESBY**

07:00 Breakfast in the hotel restaurant

08:00 Trip to Alotau market and any WW2 sites missed yesterday due to rain.

10:30 Return to hotel to freshen up and check out

11:00 Early lunch at hotel and depart for Alotau airport.

**13:25 PNG Air flight CG1643 departs Alotau for Port Moresby**

14:35 Arrive Port Moresby and transfer to your hotel.

NB This flight often runs late and you may not arrive until well after 3pm when others arriving today to join the core tour are out on their city tour. The rest of your afternoon will be at leisure at the hotel.

7.00pm Join the arriving core tour group members for dinner (not included) either in the hotel or by bus transfer to an outside restaurant (to be advised) followed by a trip briefing. Overnight Gateway hotel, Port Moresby (includes buffet breakfast)

## CORE TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 – Sat 18 Apr

### **CORE TOUR BEGINS: ARRIVE PORT MORESBY (tour of WW2 sites)**

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#### **MONEY CHANGING**

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There will also be a stop at a supermarket where you can buy supplies of bottled water, snack foods or any grocery or pharmacy items you may have forgotten to bring with you. Most grocery lines and pharmacy medicines are available. Visa cards are accepted in most large shops in PNG.

6.00pm return to the hotel to freshen up.

7.00pm dinner (not included) either in the hotel or by bus transfer to an outside restaurant, followed by a trip briefing. Overnight Gateway hotel, Port Moresby (includes buffet breakfast)

Day 2 – Sun 19 Apr

### **PORT MORESBY (day trip to Bomana, Sogeri and Owers Corner)**

07:00 Breakfast in the hotel restaurant (upstairs)

08:00 Depart the hotel for a full day WW2 history tour commencing with a view of Jackson’s Field from Radar Hill – the remains of some protective revetments (protective horse-shoe shaped embankments for parking and camouflaging aircraft) are still visible from the hill and from the air. Continue to the Schwimmer Drome outdoor war relics display and the Bomana War Cemetery.

Bomana War Cemetery is the final resting place of most of those 600 Australian soldiers who gave their lives along the Kokoda Track. They were originally buried in temporary graves along the Track and their remains were later re-interred at Bomana. There are about 3800 graves at Bomana. Apart from the Kokoda Track casualties many of these troops were killed in other battles including Buna, Gona and Milne Bay. There are also several hundred graves of British soldiers killed at Singapore and a few graves of servicemen and women from other Commonwealth countries. There are no US or Japanese soldiers buried at Bomana. All US and Japanese remains that have been found have been repatriated. At the time of the war, Papua was Australian soil and it was

considered appropriate to bury Australian soldiers here.

From Bomana, drive up the winding Rouna Gorge to the Sogeri Plateau, making a short stop at the Sogeri market to buy bananas and a 30 minute stop at the Sogeri High School museum which has displays of cultural and WW2 artefacts.

12:30pm Lunch at the Kokoda Trail Hotel at Sogeri (included).

1:15pm From Sogeri drive 45 minutes along a gravel road to Owers Corner, the southern end of the Kokoda Track/Trail. Here there is a memorial park with informative displays about the history of the Kokoda Track, and a Howitzer field gun on display.

#### *Owers Corner Howitzer*

*On our 2006 Anzac Day tour we hosted George Gwilliam and Ron Phillips who were two of the gunners manning the two Howitzers set up at Owers Corner in 1942. "We pumped 700 rounds into the Japanese position at Ioribaiwa Ridge until they turned tail" said George. The official history says the Japanese retreated because they ran low on supplies, but we'll go with George's version! The original Howitzers were dismantled and their parts scattered and buried at Owers Corner at the end of the campaign. The gun on display today is a similar one brought up from Australia in recent times for display. How emotional it was for George and Ron to return to Owers Corner sixty five years later and see a Howitzer sitting there. (George and Ron were still cobbers in their eighties - good on you diggers, that kind of mateship was the backbone of the Australian fighting forces.)*

3:00pm Arrive back at Sogeri and begin the drive back to Port Moresby with a stop at the National Orchid Gardens and Adventure Park Zoo if the afternoon rains are holding off.

5:00pm Arrive back at the hotel.

7.00pm dinner either in the hotel or by bus transfer to an outside restaurant (to be advised).

Overnight Gateway Hotel, Port Moresby (includes buffet breakfast)

Day 3 – Mon 20 Apr

#### **PORT MORESBY – WEWAK (Tour of WW2 Sites)**

06:30 Breakfast and check out of your room

07:30 Transfer to the airport and check in for the flight to Wewak.

**09:20 Air Niugini flight PX222 departs Port Moresby for Wewak.**

10:40am On arrival, transfer to the hotel and check in to rooms.

12:00 Lunch at hotel (included)

12:45 Depart hotel for afternoon tour of Wewak WW2 sites including Mission Hill gun position (some well-preserved relics on catholic church land) and the Cape Wom Cenotaph and memorial park, built on top of the WW2 Cape Wom airstrip, where Japanese army commander Adachi surrendered his sword to Australian Major General Robertson in front of 3,000 Australian troops on 13th September 1945 (see amazing archive footage at the ceremony at <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/F07243/>)

If the rain holds off and there is time later in the afternoon there will be a stop at one of the handicraft markets.

7.00pm dinner and daily briefing at the hotel. Overnight In-Wewak Boutique Hotel (includes hot breakfast)

Day 4 – Tue 21 Apr

#### **WEWAK / LAE (tour of WW2 sites)**

05:30 Special early breakfast (TBA) and check out of your room

06:30 Transfer from the hotel to the airport

**08:10 Airlines PNG flight CG8573/8601 departs Wewak for Lae (via Madang)**

10:20 On arrival at Lae's Nadzab airport, transfer to the hotel for check in and have early lunch (included).

12:30 Excursion to Lae War Cemetery and Memorial (located inside the Lae Botanical Gardens), the old Lae airport, the wartime port at Voco Point and the Amelia Earhart memorial.

7.00pm dinner (pay as you go) and daily briefing at the hotel. Overnight Huon Gulf Hotel, Lae (includes full breakfast)

Day 5 – Wed 22 Apr

**LAE / RABAUL (tour of WW2 sites)**

05:30 Special early breakfast (TBA) and check out of your room

06:30 Transfer from the hotel to the airport

**08:45 Air Niugini flight PX208 departs Lae for Rabaul**

10:40 On arrival transfer to the hotel for check in and have early lunch (included)

12:30 Afternoon tour of Kokopo (New Rabaul) WW2 sites including Rabaul War Cemetery and the Kokopo Museum.

7.00pm dinner and daily briefing at the hotel

Overnight Rapopo Plantation Resort, Kokopo (includes arrival lunch and tropical breakfast)

Day 6 – Thu 23 Apr

**RABAUL (tour of WW2 sites)**

07:30 Breakfast at the hotel

08:00 Commence full day tour of old Rabaul including

- the Chinese cemetery, the Karavia barge tunnels, Simpson Harbour and the "Beehives", the seismic observatory, Japanese submarine base, Rabaul Market, Admiral Yamamoto's bunker, the old Rabaul airport and Tavurvur volcano, the museum of the Rabaul Historical Society and other sites of interest known to the local guide. Includes lunch stop at Rabaul Hotel.

7.00pm dinner (own expense) and daily briefing at the hotel

Overnight Rapopo Plantation Resort, Kokopo (includes tropical breakfast)

Day 7 – Fri 24 Apr

**RABAUL / PORT MORESBY (museum and gallery tour)**

07:00 Join in the daily fish feeding at the Rapopo jetty.

07:30 Have a leisurely breakfast at the hotel.

08:45 Check out of your room and bring bags to reception.

09:00 Transfer from the hotel to the airport

**11:10 Air Niugini flight PX207 departs Rabaul for Port Moresby**

12:30 On arrival transfer to the hotel for check in and late lunch.

14:00 Excursion to the National Museum and Art Gallery – includes war relics collection.

16:00 Return to hotel

19:00 Dinner in the hotel (own expense) or short bus ride to the waterfront restaurant precinct (choice of Italian, Chinese, Indian, Seafood)

Overnight Grand Papua Hotel, Port Moresby, includes arrival lunch only

Day 8 – Sat 25 Apr

**PORT MORESBY (ANZAC Day) / FLY OUT or extend to Popondetta**

03:00 Early morning wake-up call and have a cup of tea in your room.

03:30 Board your tour bus for the 40 minute drive out to Bomana War Cemetery. Fruit juice and biscuits will be handed out during the ride, to keep you going until breakfast.

04:30 Be seated on the lawns, groundsheets and/or stackable chairs for the dawn service. Printed programs and candles are supplied by the event organisers. The car park and pathways will be well lit so personal flashlights won't be needed but bring a small one anyway if you wish.

05:00 Dawn service commences with the arrival of dignitaries.

**NOTE: Wreaths**

*If you would like to lay a floral wreath at the service, you can bring an artificial wreath with you from Australia but quarantine regulations prohibit the importation of wreaths with fresh flowers. If you would like to lay a wreath or bouquet of fresh flowers we can purchase one in advance for you from the Port Moresby florist and you can reimburse us on arrival. Please contact us well in advance to arrange. Wreath laying by the general public will be called after all the official parties on the program had laid their wreaths.*

06:00 The dawn service concludes, people mingle afterwards and wander among the graves. There will probably be upward of 3,000 people present - most of the Australian and New Zealand community in Port Moresby attends, plus there will be literally hundreds of Kokoda trekkers.

07:00 Depart Bomana in our private bus for the traditional "gunfire breakfast" (barbeque sausages and beer) at the Royal Papua Yacht Club. This is a great opportunity to mix with Papua New Guineans from all social classes plus local expats, war veterans, military personnel and tourists.

10:00 Arrive back at your room, check out of the hotel and transfer to the airport for your return flight to Australia. Our tour leader will farewell you at the terminal. Lunch is available in the airport departure lounge (pay as you go: local currency only or credit card).

**END OF CORE TOUR**

## POST TOUR ITINERARY

Day 8 – Sat 25 Apr

### PORT MORESBY - POPONDETTA

10:00 Check out of your room and leave your bags at reception while you have lunch.

Lunch is pay-as-you-go today (the Grand Papua Hotel's café on B4 street level has the best cheap eats).

2.00pm transfer with our guide to the domestic terminal.

**4:00pm Air Niugini flight PX856 departs Port Moresby for Popondetta**

On arrival transfer to your accommodation for dinner (PAYG) and early night. Overnight accommodation, Popondetta (includes breakfast).

Day 9 – Sun 26 Apr

### POPONDETTA – KOKODA - POPONDETTA

(Backup flight 07:00/07:35 PX856 POM/PNP)

06:30 Breakfast

07.00 Depart the hotel by private hire bus or covered passenger lorry for Kokoda. First however will be a half hour stop at the Popondetta Memorial which has excellent information boards detailing the Kokoda and Buna Campaigns.

The road to Kokoda passes through oil palm plantations, rainforest and grasslands, with many river crossings. Around half of the distance is sealed road but is pretty bumpy the rest of the way and if either the Wairopi or Kumusi bridge is out then things will get interesting! The non-stop driving time is about 3 hours but you will make a couple of stops enroute at sites of historical interest including the memorial plaque at Awala village where the first contact between Japanese and Papuan soldiers was recorded and the Kumusi River where General Hori and his white horse drowned.

12.00 Arrive at Kokoda in time for lunch at a local guest house. This is peak trekking season so there will be many hikers around, although being a Sunday many locals will be at church or just arriving home therefrom.

1:00pm After lunch, explore Kokoda township, tour the little museum and visit the war memorials. The township – also known as the “government station” sits on a small 50 metre high plateau overlooking the surrounding valley, rivers and airstrip, which explains its strategic importance during the war. Whoever controls the high ground is the “king of the castle”. The Kokoda government office stills stands on its original spot on the plateau. Our guide will point out the battle scenario.

4:00pm Depart Kokoda for the return drive to Popondetta. Overnight accommodation, Popondetta (includes breakfast).

### POPONDETTA – NORTHERN BEACHES

06:30 Breakfast

07.00 Depart the hotel by private hire bus or covered passenger lorry for Buna, which in 1942/43 was the scene of desperate last-stand fighting by cornered Japanese forces - thousands of sets of remains from battlefield burials in the area have since been recovered and repatriated to the US, Japan and Australia. The drive takes over an hour, initially following the main road out to Popondetta's modern day airport which is built over the wartime Girua airfield complex, a large American air base established after the defeat at Buna of the Japanese retreating from Kokoda. The access road from Girua to

Day 10 – Mon 27 Apr

Buna runs along one of the old bomber strips for part of the way, complete with assorted aircraft wrecks and rusted fuel drums littering the edges. The lines of other wartime runways can still be identified in the topography of local farms and roads, and seen on Google Satellite.

Buna itself is a beachside village where some of the initial Japanese commando landings took place in 1942 and was also the scene of the mopping up action at the end of the Kokoda Campaign when 5,000 Japanese were besieged at Buna waiting to be evacuated by Imperial Navy ships from Rabaul which never came. Most of the Japanese died from starvation, disease and defensive fighting rather than surrender to the surrounding Allied forces. At Buna you'll be welcomed by a traditional dance group and shown around the village including various battlefield memorials and backyard collections of the many war relics that are still scattered around here and the other beach-head villages Sanananda and Gona. After lunch at Buna you will board a motor boat for the half hour ride along the coast to Gona village and see the site of the original Anglican Mission cross still standing after the Mission was razed and a number of missionaries executed by the Japanese invasion forces. From Gona, board a vehicle for the half hour drive back to Popondetta. Overnight accommodation, Popondetta (includes breakfast).

*NB Depending on the weather and other local factors on the day, the itinerary may be reversed and commence at Gona.*

**Day 11 – Tue 28 Apr POPONDETTA / PORT MORESBY / FLY OUT**

05:00 Breakfast and transfer to airport

**08:00 Air Niugini flight PX853 departs Popondetta for Port Moresby, arriving at 08:35** and connecting with Qantas or Virgin flights to Cairns and Brisbane.

END OF TOUR

**PRICES – IN AUD**

	7 night core tour Port Moresby – Wewak – Lae - Rabaul	2 night pre extension Alotau – Milne Bay	3 night post extension Popondetta – Buna – Gona
Twin share	\$5925	\$1635	\$2440
Single Supplement	\$950	\$270	\$410
PNG Domestic flights (from)*	\$1300	\$500	\$350

Prices are subject to change if major movements in currency exchange rates  
We can arrange your international flights for you, which will bring down the cost of airfares.

### **PACKAGE INCLUSIONS – CORE 7 NIGHT TOUR**

- PNG domestic Airfares (as specified)
- Port Moresby – airport meet and greet, transfer to hotel
- Port Moresby – tour of city WW2 sites
- Port Moresby – 2 nights 3.5 star accommodation at Gateway Hotel or similar, including full breakfast
- Port Moresby – day trip to Bomana and Sogeri WW2 sites with lunch
- Wewak – tour of WW2 sites
- Wewak – 1 night 3.5 star accommodation at In-Wewak Boutique Hotel, with arrival lunch and full breakfast
- Lae – tour of WW2 sites
- Lae – 1 night 3.5 star accommodation at Huon Gulf Hotel, including arrival lunch and full breakfast
- Rabaul – tour of Kokopo WW2 sites
- Rabaul – day trip to Old Rabaul WW2 sites with lunch
- Rabaul – 2 nights 3.5 star accommodation at Rapopo Plantation Resort, with arrival lunch and full breakfast
- Port Moresby – excursion to National Museum
- Port Moresby – 1 night 4 star Grand Papua Hotel, including arrival lunch only
- Port Moresby – excursion to ANZAC Day dawn service and gunfire breakfast at Royal Papua Yacht Club
- Port Moresby – airport check-in assistance and farewell

### **PACKAGE INCLUSIONS – 2 NIGHT PRE TOUR OF ALOTAU**

- Port Moresby – airport meet and greet, transfer to hotel
- Port Moresby – tour of WW2 sites
- Port Moresby – 1 night 3.5 star Gateway Hotel including full breakfast
- Alotau – tour of WW2 sites
- Alotau - 1 night 3.5 star Alotau International Hotel including full breakfast and two lunches

### **PACKAGE INCLUSIONS – 3 NIGHT POST TOUR OF NORTHERN BEACHES**

- Popondetta - 3 nights 2 star accommodation including tropical breakfasts
- Popondetta – day trip to Kokoda WW2 sites with lunch
- Popondetta – day trip to Buna and Gona WW2 sites with lunch
- Port Moresby – airport assistance and farewell

### **INCLUSIONS THROUGHOUT**

- Popondetta - 3 nights 2 star accommodation including tropical breakfasts
- Services of a full time tour leader accompanying the group
- all fees and gratuities for local villages, guides, demonstrators and helpers
- all road travel by late model mini bus or four wheel drive vehicle with bottled water on board
- any water travel by open speed boat, skiff or motor canoe
- various additional gear that may be required for your safety and comfort in remote areas
- daily reconfirmation of flights and arrangements coordinated by our Port Moresby office
- 24 hour assistance from our operator’s Port Moresby office

## EXCLUSIONS

- International airfares
- Travel insurance (mandatory). We can arrange this for Australian residents.
- meals, bar drinks and bottled water not stated
- tips (not expected, and only appropriate for exceptional service)
- souvenirs and items of a personal nature
- visas and visa assistance
- airline excess baggage charges (the free allowance on Air Niugini is 23kg + 5 kg)
- personal items such as hat and sunscreen, repellent, medication etc.

## GENERAL TRIP NOTES

1. \*'From' price applies to all International and domestic airfares. We quote best case scenario at the time of printing but all airfares are subject to change without notice until paid and ticketed.
2. Prices are quoted in Australian Dollar and are correct at the time of printing this document (08 FEB 2020). They are subject to currency fluctuations and may need to be re-quoted if large variances occur with the USD and PGK rates. PNG Holidays **WILL NOT** be liable for changes in price due to the above and the rate is not guaranteed until paid in full. A final invoice with the amended total will be given to you by the payment due date.
3. Single supplement. All accommodation included in the tour package quoted is twin-share. On payment of a single supplement levy and subject to availability, we will arrange single occupancy for you at the hotels on this tour. The single supplement charge is a flat rate and covers the cost of the extra rooms and our service fee for the additional arrangements. If you are travelling alone and you do not pay the single supplement, or if single supplement is not available, we will room you with another member of the tour group of the same gender. Smoking won't be allowed in any of the hotel or guest house rooms on this tour.
4. Extras. Bar drinks, between-meal snacks, any meals not included in the package, and other extras at hotels can be paid for in cash or with credit card direct to the hotel or restaurant.
5. Safety and security. Papua New Guinea is sometimes portrayed as a dangerous destination, but although street crime is a concern in some urban areas and tribal fights are prevalent in some parts of the Highlands, the vast majority of the country, especially the rural areas, is safe and welcoming. It is very uncommon for a tourist to be a victim of crime in PNG because tourists do not usually visit areas where crime or tribal violence are prevalent. Nevertheless, PNG Holidays takes the safety and security of our visitors seriously and all tours we offer involve destinations that we rate as safe.
6. Climate and clothing. All locations on this tour are low lying coastal regions where the climate is hot and humid. A few light changes of breathable UV clothing is recommended with a good wide-brimmed hat and good walking shoes. A Light poncho may be useful in case of showers or if travelling on boats. Papua New Guinea is a conservative country and brief or revealing clothing worn by foreigners is frowned upon.
7. Packing suggestions. We recommend valuable personal items (camera, travel documents etc) be packed in zip lock plastic bags to protect them from the wet; suitable footwear for this tour includes tennis shoes/sneakers, and a pair of sandals/thongs/flip flops. Bring plenty of spare batteries and USB/memory cards for your digital camera because batteries seem to go flat more rapidly in the humid climate and are not obtainable in all stores here.

Personal fan and torch, favourite snacks, personal hygiene requirements, medication, sunscreen, insect repellent (no aerosols), quick dry towel, soap, toilet paper (for villages). Power outlets are the same as in Australia.

8. Baggage – scheduled flights. The free baggage allowance on scheduled domestic flights is 30 kg and the carry-on limit is 5 kg, when included on an international ticket purchased through PNG Holidays. Domestic checked-in allowance is 16 kg as a standalone. Naturally you can check more baggage if you are prepared to pay the excess baggage rate which is upwards of PGK50 per kilogram. Due to narrow-body turbo-prop aircraft operating some scheduled flights, large carry-on items may be taken off you and stored in the hold even if the weight is under the carry-on limit. Liquids are permitted in both checked baggage and carry-on for domestic flights but pressurised aerosol spray cans are not permitted on any domestic flights in PNG either in checked luggage OR carry-on. Bring pump-action sprays or roll-ons. When flying out on your international flight, pack all gels, lotions and other liquids in your checked baggage as carry-on luggage will be hand searched and liquids including water bottles will be removed. If you have liquids that you need during the flight, declare them, to airline staff at check-in.

9. If you are on a gluten free diet or require other special food just let us know in advance and we will do our best to accommodate you, but you should take your snacks and special milk, gluten free cereals etc. as not all items will be available (remember, this is a third world country).

10. Water. Town water supplies in Papua New Guinea are treated and officially rated as safe to drink. However, to prevent discomfort from drinking from a different water supply every day as you progress through your tour, we recommend you drink bottled water, or use water purification tablets.

11. Visas. Tourist visas are NOT available on arrival at Port Moresby airport at the moment due to the outburst of Coronavirus. You can pre-purchase your visa at this link: <https://evisa.ica.gov.pg/evisa/account/apply>. Please note your passport must have at least 6 months validity left on it in order to be issued a PNG visa. Passport-holders of central and eastern European countries, Middle Eastern countries, African and Caribbean countries must normally apply for a visa at least 6 weeks in advance, from a PNG embassy or high commission (London, Brussels, Washington DC, Canberra, Singapore, Manila) or through the Australian diplomatic mission in other countries.

12. Money. The best way to obtain PNG currency is by withdrawing a credit card cash advance on arrival. Automatic teller machines operated by major banks in PNG will accept MasterCard and Visa Card but there is an ATM withdrawal limit of PGK2000 (about USD\$600) per day. Larger amounts can be withdrawn over the counter in bank branches located in major towns. The currency exchange booths at Australian and Asian airports usually have PNG Kina currency in stock (banks and currency exchange booths in the city centres may not), but don't change large sums of money before arrival in PNG because the exchange rate for purchasing PNG kina is better there.

13. Package modifications. We can arrange this tour as an 'add-on' to other tours or accommodation packages and can offer much better rates on domestic airfares if bundled together with international flights.

14. Places on the tour are subject to availability of rooms at the time of booking. We do not block book hotels.

15. Visit a tropical health doctor or GP. PNG has malaria carrying mosquitoes in coastal regions, so prevention medication is recommended. Being a third world country, you should see your GP about any recent requirements such as Tetanus, Measles, Cholera and the like.

16. Travel agents. If you prefer to book through your local travel agent, we deal with them all the time so they can use us and you should not pay any more by going through them.