

TREKKING IN PNG

Trekking in Papua New Guinea can be challenging due to the high terrain, impenetrable rainforests, fast flowing rivers and deep valleys. With mild daytime temperatures between 20-24 degrees Celsius, conditions are ideal for climbing two of the highest mountains in the PNG Highlands: Mt. Giluwe (4368m), the second highest mountain after Mt. Wilhelm at 4509m and Mt Hagen, at 3800 metres above sea level.



MOUNT HAGEN

Mount Hagen is located in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea, sharing borders with Western and Enga Provinces. It takes about 4 hours for seasoned mountain trekkers and 5 hours for the amateur or novice from the base camp to the summit. Observe orchids, exotic plants, insects and birds as you trek through our pristine rainforests. An early morning walk is encouraged to ensure you can take in the superb views from the summit overlooking Mt. Hagen and Nebilyer Valley, a must for photographers and nature lovers alike. Strong winds prevail around the summit and trekkers must take precautions against falling off the sharp and sometimes slippery ridges.

Rated: High Moderate

MOUNT GILUWE

Mount Giluwe, at 4368 metres above sea level, is the highest volcano in Pacific Oceania and is also located in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea sharing its border with the Western and Southern Highlands. It is one of 'the 7 volcanic summits'.

Giluwe is best tackled after Mount Hagen, once you have become acclimatised to altitude and conditions. Night time temperatures drop rapidly and can be uncomfortable in the basic traditional style accommodation on the mountainside, however, extra warm clothing, a fleecy sleeping bag and an open log fire should assist in making your night's sleep manageable.

Rated: High Moderate

MAGIC MOUNTAIN NATURE LODGE

Magic Mountain Nature Lodge is set in a natural and lush environment, approximately 20kms from Mt Hagen town, at the foot of Mt Hagen mountain. Based on typical Highlands' architectural design, the lodge perfectly blends into the natural environment with traditional identities of the people living locally at Paiya village. All units have en-suite bathrooms with hot water and there is 24 hour electricity.



TOUR PROGRAM – MT. HAGEN AND MT. GILUWE

DAY	ITINERARY	MEALS INCLUDED
Day 1	<p>ARRIVE MT HAGEN – transfer to accommodation</p> <p>Your guide and vehicle will meet you at the airport. The itinerary today will depend on your flight details. If you arrive in the morning you will call in to the Travellers’ Hut for a refreshment or lunch before heading into Mt Hagen to have a look around the town market, which is one of the best in PNG, for its selection of fruit and vegetables. Next, you will go by road for approximately 40 km to Magic Mountain Nature Lodge, your accommodation for the evening. You are free to do some nature walks in the gardens around the lodge. Settle in for dinner and an early night. Late arrivals will just go straight to the lodge in time for dinner.</p>	D
Day 2	<p>MT HAGEN – trek Mount Hagen</p> <p>Early B/fast and take a walk through the rainforest to Mountain Hagen. Along the track you will expect to see exotic plants, orchids, insects and natural beauties. You will reach the summit after 4-5 hours walk. Explore the dynamics at the peak and panorama of Hagen valley toward the East, Enga towards North and Southern Highlands towards South. You may spend hours walking towards the ridges to gain more exposure of the peaks and ranges</p>	B L D

that fold behind each other. Afternoon descend to Magic Mountain Nature lodge, where you will spend the night. Approx. walking distance 8 km in total.

Note: This trek is to acclimatise you for the next day to Mt Giluwe.

Day 3	<p>MT HAGEN – trek to base camp</p> <p>Early morning B/fast and drive 90 minutes to Kagoba, an old research station. Here, your guides and porters will be waiting for you. The trek to base camp will commence and is a good 7-8 hour walk through the grassland and into the rainforest, following bush tracks. Here some porters will have your camp meals and tents ready so you can eat and grab an early night.</p> <p><i>Note: Extra warm clothing and carabiners are recommended due to extreme drop in temperature and steep ridges on the trek. There are no toilets, so your favourite toilet paper should be in your backpack ready to be acquainted with nature</i></p>	B L D
Day 4	<p>MT GILUWE – trek to summit and back to base camp</p> <p>4 am wake up and it's time to pack up and start hiking to the summit by around 8 am. This part is tricky as you ascend to the peak at your own pace. Once you are there, you can spend as much time as you like, where you'll have lunch taking in the views of Tambul Valley, Ialubu and Mendi before descending down to the base camp where you'll arrive on dusk or just after dark.</p> <p><i>Trekkers may choose to hike back to Kagoba and return to Magic Mountain today, but will be weather and fitness dependent and the whole group must agree.</i></p>	B L D
Day 5	<p>MT GILUWE - Base Camp to Magic Mountain</p> <p>Early morning B/fast and descend to Kagoba. Transfer by all-wheel drive vehicle to Magic Mountain Nature Lodge for lunch and a well earned rest.</p>	B L D
Day 6	<p>DEPART MOUNT HAGEN</p> <p>Up for breakfast and check out, then you'll be transported to the airport for your onward journey.</p>	B

Meals: B - Breakfast L - Lunch D – Dinner

PRICE – PER PERSON, IN AUD

	1 PAX	2-3 PAX	4-5 PAX	6-7 PAX
Twin share person rate	\$3195	\$2295	\$2250	\$2175
Single Supplement for odd numbers	-	\$680	\$675	\$675

INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation per above
- Land transfers
- All meals from dinner on day one to breakfast on final day
- Local guides & porters
- Vehicle and driver
- All landowner fees.

EXCLUSIONS

- Airfares (we can arrange for you)
- Travel insurance - mandatory (we can arrange for you)
- Walking sticks
- Sleeping bag
- Personal items including toiletries, insect repellent, first aid items, towels*
- Altitude sickness prevention or any other medication
- Tour extensions or transfers, which we can also arrange for you.

**NOTES**

Prices are quoted in Australian Dollars (AUD), are valid for 2020 treks, but are subject to change without notice until paid in full, due to currency fluctuations or unexpected charges or fees. We recommend climbing Mt Hagen prior to Giluwe to get used to local conditions. Experienced climbers and trekkers may omit Mt Hagen and substitute with Mt Giluwe and Mt Wilhelm. Tours are taken as required without set dates, subject to availability and favourable climatic conditions. May to October is considered to be the dry season with more likelihood of fine weather and milder temperatures.