

This is a 5-day, 4-night tour- Trekking Mt. Giluwe

Day 1 - (Lunch & Dinner on arrival)

Meet on arrival at the airport and transfer to Traveller's Hut (Mt. Hagen) for a short stopover which includes lunch and continue to Magic Mountain Nature Lodge. Expect to see villages, small markets, panoramic views and people selling along the road. Mt. Hagen to Magic Mountain is about 45 minutes' drive (40kms). Check-in on arrival and relax for the afternoon and if time permits transfer to Kumul Lodge to see endemic birds feeding.

Tips: Night falls around 6:00pm, dinner around 7:00pm and onward to bed. The temperature is expected to be between 8-13 degree Celsius at night. You need warm clothes. Bedding is thick and hot water bottles are provided to keep the beds warm. Free to walk around the lodge for orchids, exotic plants and birds.

MAGIC MOUNTAIN NATURE LODGE - Magic Mountain Nature Lodge is set in a natural and lush environment. Based on typical Highlands architectural design, the lodge perfectly blends into the natural environment and traditional identities of the people living at Paiya village. This would be a magical experience offering facilities that places high emphasis on quality and standards. All units are self-contained, (toilet and shower inside) with 24-hour electricity and hot water system. Magic Mountain nature lodge is about 20 Km out of Mt. Hagen town and is located at the foot of Mt. Hagen. The road is sealed except for approx. one Km from the turn off where you will travel on a river gravel road using 4-wheel drive. Many tourists have highly commended Magic Mountain Nature lodge because of its setting and scenic views overlooking Nebilyer valley. **The lodge is owned by Paiya tours.**

Day 2 (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner) "Mt. Giluwe"

Breakfast will be around 4:30am and afterwards we will take an early morning drive to Kagoba, an old high altitude agricultural research station. Here you will meet the local porters and guides to organize the finer details before commencing your hike through the grassland following the trails. It will take approximately 7- 8 hours to reach the base camp.

Some of the porters will walk ahead of others with tents and food to prepare for your arrival before dark. The temperature gradually gets down to 7 degrees Celsius or below. The cold temperature can be uncomfortable in the traditional huts and tents, and this is an opportunity to acclimatize to the altitude. Extra warm clothing, your sleeping bag and an open log fire should keep you warm and comfortable until dawn for the next journey.

Note:

- Mt. Giluwe is one of the 7 highest volcanic summits located in the central Highlands of PNG
- Drive from Magic Mountain to Kagoba takes 1hr 30 minutes.
- Road conditions are good, but we use 4 wheel drives for the transfer.
- An early drive to Kagoba is recommended for early settlement at the base camp.

• **WARNING**

Some areas around the peak are noted as high risk, so carabiners may be used where necessary. Caution is required when climbing narrow paths, but with concentration and determination the whole climb should be exciting. Local guides are experienced and will lead the way.

Day 3 – (Breakfast, lunch & dinner)

Take an early morning (4:00 am) hike to the summit. This is highly adventurous and an experience to relish. Expect to reach the summit at around 8:00am. The track leading to the peak is narrow, walk at your pace with concentration

and determination. Finally, the world is yours, the tranquility of the nature surrounding the mountain and valleys lying low below are stunning. Truly gorgeous and incomparable, you have just covered one of the 7 volcanic summits. Do your own explorations, study and take photographs or videos until you are satisfied before descending to the base camp. We'll have lunch and rest for a while and continue to Kagoba where we will meet our vehicle and driver to transfer us to Magic Mountain Nature lodge for the night.

Note: *In our experience, it can be extremely cold, wet and uncomfortable for tourists with no proper accommodation, therefore we recommend 1 x night only at the base camp.*

Day 4 – (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

On this day you will spend time experiencing our Highlands culture: visiting villages and farms, meeting the people, with traditional dancing and cooking. Famous tribes such as The Huli Wigmen of Tari, Hagen Wigmen and women, showing of their colourful plumage and face paint, the Asaro Mudmen show with their huge heads, plus the skeleton dancers. Traditional cooking will be done in a ground oven, with a meat - usually pork, and local vegetables cooked with hot stones. If time permits, we'll drive up to Kumul lodge for some bird watching – birds come to the feeding table. Birds of paradise and other endemic species are to be seen here as well. Have a cleansing local ale if you so desire. In the afternoon retire to MM nature lodge.

Day 5 - (Breakfast)

Breakfast and transfer to the airport for your flight to your next destination.

PROGRAM ENDS

Land cost per person

CURRENCY	1 Person	2 People shared room at Magic Mountain (3 nights) per person	Single room supplement at MM (3 nights)
USD	3395	1990	225
AUD	5185	3050	350
PGK	13050	7650	875
Prices are subject to adjustments based on currently exchange rates.			

- *Cost includes accommodation, meals, land transfers, local guide, porters, land use fees especially hiking Mt. Giluwe.*
- *Cost does not include items of a personal nature.*
- *Cost does not include domestic airfares. (PNG Holidays can arrange for you)*
- *Cost does not include tips. These are optional but appreciated for good service.*
- *Program and costs are subject to adjustment to fit your needs – extend, shorten, remove village tour etc.*
- *Larger groups are welcome, please let us know if you have more people and we'll quote to suit.*