

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA EXPLORER 9 days

### Itinerary:



#### Day 1 : Arrive Port Moresby

Upon your arrival in Port Moresby transfer to hotel and time to relax from your flight.

**Lodging:** Airways Hotel

#### Day 2 : Port Moresby - Tari (B / L / D)

After breakfast in the morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Tari. The Tari Valley is the home of the Huli, colorful and proud people who still live the way their ancestors did. The Huli clan is famous for their human hair wigs adorned with colorful flowers. In the afternoon enjoy a guided nature walk through the alpine forest. The rain forests here have been the star of many wildlife documentaries.

**Lodging:** Ambua Lodge

#### Day 3 : Tari - Exploration Tour (B / L / D)

Today after breakfast start your tour of Tari and its surrounding. In contrast to the Sepik people whose art is manifested in ceremonial and decorative carvings, the Huli Highland people employ as their art, body decoration, face painting and human hair wigs decorated with feathers, flowers and moss. The Huli culture is the most vibrant intact and colorful to be experienced anywhere.

**Lodging:** Ambua Lodge

#### Day 4 : Tari - Highland Tour (B / L / D)

In the morning continue with your cultural exploration on your second day of touring through the highlands of Southern Papua New Guinea. Tari today is one of the few remaining areas where men and women still adhere to many of their traditional beliefs and where a man's wealth and importance is still measured by his accumulation of pigs, wives and land.

**Lodging:** Ambua Lodge

#### Day 5 : Tari - Karawari (B / L / D)

After breakfast fly to Karawari over some of the most rugged and impressive landscapes in the world. The countryside between Ambua and the Sepik region is an amazing array of jagged limestone that seem to rise and drop at extreme angles. On arrival transfer by river boat to the Karawari Lodge. Here in the middle of Arambak the wild birds call and traditional village lifestyle continue unchanged with no roads and thick jungle. After lunch visit the Kundiman village for a sago making demonstration. Sago is the staple food for the river people here.

**Lodging:** Karawari Lodge

### **Day 6 : Karawari - River Excursion (B / L / D)**

Today experience an excursion along the jungle-fringed waterways of the Karawari River where you see bountiful bird life along the rivers and nearby lakes. Here boatmen standing upright, paddling their slender dugout canoes with sculpted silhouettes of crocodile masks. Village life includes carved totems, drums, woodcarvings and different expressions of art. The visit in the village today enhances your understanding of the traditional culture in the Sepik region.

**Lodging:** Karawari Lodge

### **Day 7 : Karawari - Mount Hagen (B / L / D)**

After breakfast fly from Karawari to Mount Hagen. During the flight you see mountains rise up to startling heights out of the flat lands of the Sepik Basin. Mount Hagen Town is in the upper Wahgi Valley home to some of the oldest evidence of agriculture in the world. Perched high on Mount Kuta is Rondon Ridge with unbelievable views of the Wahgi Valley. After lunch enjoy a guided nature walk around the trails at Rondon Ridge.

**Lodging:** Rondon Ridge Lodge

### **Day 8 : Mount Hagen - Cultural Tour (B / L / D)**

After breakfast enjoy a tour featuring the unique culture and tradition of the Melpa people who live near Mount Hagen City which is the business heart of the Papua New Guinea highlands. It supplies a number of important industries like tea, coffee and mining. It is a city where stone meets steel, where tradition and history are juxtaposed against modern ways. A comprehensive touring program takes you on a journey through the traditions and customs of the Melpa people. They are said by anthropologists to be predisposed to capitalism because of their complex traditional society in which "big men" earn status by accruing wealth and then giving it all away in ceremonial exchanges.

**Lodging:** Rondon Ridge Lodge

### **Day 9 : Mount Hagen - Port Moresby departure (B)**

After breakfast this morning you depart for your flight to Port Moresby. Upon arrival in Port Moresby transfer to your connecting international departure flight.

