

Adventure

Papua New Guinea

Mt Wilhelm Climb

2016



Trekking Adventures Papua New Guinea



ABOUT PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Papua New Guinea occupies the eastern half of the rugged tropical island of New Guinea (which it shares with the Indonesian territory of Irian Jaya) as well as numerous smaller islands and atolls in the Pacific. The central part of the island rises into a wide ridge of mountains known as the Highlands, a territory that is so densely forested and topographically forbidding that the island's local people remained isolated from each other for millennia. The coastline is liberally endowed with spectacular coral reefs, giving the country an international reputation for scuba diving. The smaller island groups of Papua New Guinea include the Bismarck Archipelago, New Britain, New Ireland and the North Solomon's. Some of these islands are volcanic, with dramatic mountain ranges, and all are relatively undeveloped.

Nearly 85 percent of the main island is carpeted with tropical rain forest, containing vegetation that has its origins from Asia and Australia. The country is also home to an impressive variety of exotic birds, including virtually all of the known species of Bird's of Paradise, and it is blessed with more kinds of orchids than any other country.

For centuries, the South Pacific has been luring the traveller who searched for excitement, beauty and tranquillity. The exploits of sailors to the South Pacific have been told and re-told, but in telling, there is one large country which is not mentioned, Papua New Guinea.

This huge equatorial island provides a smorgasbord of wonderful things to see and do. The rich wealth of flora and fauna will thrill the nature lover, the strong and vibrant culture which dominates everyday life in Papua New Guinea will fascinate the most seasoned traveller, while the natural warmth and friendliness of the people will capture your heart.

Papua New Guinea's climate is tropical, as one would expect in a country located just south of the Equator. December to March is the wet season, although occasional rain falls year-round. While Port Moresby, the capital, and other towns on the coast are quite hot in the summer months, temperatures are considerably cooler in the Highlands. July, August, and September are the best months for trekking vacations.

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Mount Wilhelm Climb

Mount Wilhelm 4509m/14793ft

Mt Wilhelm is the highest mountain in Papua New Guinea and Oceania has rugged peaks with a well formed trail leading to its summit. The ascent crosses diverse and beautiful terrain with open grassland on the slopes and granite predominant in the higher levels. It is not a technical mountain to climb and takes 2 days of physically challenging climbing to ascend. There are no ropes involved or high altitude gear or equipment required. You WILL feel the effects of altitude on Wilhelm. Although we do our very best to have a 100% success rate to the summit, safety is our highest priority. Safety will not be compromised under any circumstances. This mountain lends itself to all age groups and would expect anyone wanting to ascend to be in excellent physical condition.

This has to be one of the most scenically spectacular areas of Papua New Guinea. The terrain is rugged and to see gardens on these steepest of slopes is truly amazing. We trek through three eco systems, tropical, temperate and alpine. You will see amazing wild orchids and trek through a savanna of cycads. If you want to truly experience the highlands of Papua New Guinea this is a must do trek. If you don't want to climb the mountain take the leisurely walk to base camp or you may chose to stay at the Lodge which is a remarkable experience in itself. Meet the family and friends who run the trout farm here and walk around the magnificent garden. All our guides have their favourite places to go in PNG this is Pam Christie's the owner of PNG Trekking Adventures favourite place to go in PNG. The weather is warm during the day but can become very cold in the evenings. On the mountain it can get down to -5 degrees Celsius and taking in the wind chill factor it can get down to -15 degrees Celsius.

Accommodation at Betty Lodge is clean and rustic. The accommodation at Base Camp is very, very basic. You must be very fit to climb the mountain. The summit day is 12-14 hours long. We do not climb the mountain during the wet season. The best months are April through to October.



Climb prices (ex Mt Hagen): Conditions apply. See inclusions & exclusions.

- 5 pax, AUD\$1535 person**
- 4 pax, AUD\$1605 person**
- 3 pax, AUD\$1720 person**
- 2 pax, AUD\$1950 person**
- 1 pax, AUD\$3026 person**

Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrive Port Moresby

On arrival at Port Moresby the Hotel Courtesy Coach will transfer clients to Hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: Nil

Day 2 – Port Moresby to Mt Hagen to Kegsugel (Mt Wilhelm Lodge)

An early morning transfer to Domestic Airport by hotel courtesy Coach. On arrival at Mt Hagen, group will be met by our PNG representative and transported to Mt Wilhelm Lodge at Kegsugel, which is where accommodation is for the night. The drive is along a very rough road, and will more than likely be sitting on the deck of a truck, which is the best place to view the spectacular scenery and conditions along the way in which the people live.

Flights:

Port Moresby - Mt Hagen, PX180, 09:10 - 10:10

Accommodation: Lodge

Meals: LD

Day 3 – Kegsugel to Base Camp

After a leisurely breakfast the group will start walking up to Base Camp. Taking time to acclimatise and enjoy the scenery of walking under the jungle canopy, spotting wild orchids and hopefully some bird life then out into a swampy fern lined valley up to the lakes where base camp is situated.

Accommodation: Base Camp Hut

Meals: BLD

Day 4 – Base Camp to Summit to Kegsugel

A long day awaits the group today. After retiring early to bed the previous night, the group will rise at mid night; have a cup of tea/coffee and light breakfast. You will pack up gear which will be left in the hut. You will then start climbing Mt Wilhelm no later than 1am, which will result in summitting close to, or just after sunrise. Take lots of breaks and climb at a



steady pace to assist in acclimatisation. On reaching the summit make sure to take plenty of photos and absorb the views before beginning the long descent back to the Lodge. Stopping at Base Camp for a short period to have a hot drink and something to eat and then head down the hill back to the Lodge. This is an extremely long, hard physical day. Please do not underestimate how hard this day is going to be.

Accommodation: Lodge

Meals: BLD

Day 5 – Kegsugel to Mt Hagen to Port Moresby

An early start this morning to return to Mount Hagen to make sure group connects with their flight back to Port Moresby.

Flights:

Port Moresby - Mt Hagen, PX183, 16:50 - 17:50

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: B

Day 6 – Depart Port Moresby

Transfer to International Airport and commence journey home.

OPTIONAL EXTRA DAY

Day 5 – Kegsugel

Clients can choose to stay another day with Betty at Mt Wilhelm Lodge. This is a magnificent area to explore and well worth looking at as an optional extra. Spend the day walking down to the school and visiting the families of the guides that took you up Mt Wilhelm.

Accommodation: Lodge

Meals: BLD

Extra AUD\$215.00 per person

Tour Inclusions

- Experienced PNG Guide, Peter Doe
- Personal Porters
- Group porters
- Road transfers (Mt Hagen – Mt Wilhelm – Mt Hagen)
- 2 night's accommodation and meals at Mt Wilhelm Lodge
- 1 night's accommodation and meals at Base Camp
- Base Camp Fees
- Track Fees

Tour Exclusions

- Domestic Airfares
- International Airfares
- Passport & Visa Costs
- Travel Insurance
- Vaccinations and anti-malaria medicines
- Accommodation in Port Moresby

Extras

Accommodation in Port Moresby

- Twin Room AUD\$225.00 per room/person
- Single Room AUD\$405.00 per room



WHY TREK WITH US?

- Pam & Mark the owners of PNG Trekking Adventures have lived in PNG, based in Port Moresby since 1990.
- Please take into consideration when booking your expeditions that PNG based companies benefit the local communities and people of Papua New Guinea.
- As we live here we are passionate about the country and its people. All overseas guides have PNG Work Permits and are legally permitted to work in Papua New Guinea. Taxes are paid in PNG and PNGTA is a PNG IPA approved company. This is very important for insurance purposes.
- Our team is with you from the time you step off the plane until the time you depart for your return journey home.
- PNGTA takes small manageable groups. You are not just a number; we want our clients to experience the true PNG and to share our passion. Larger groups considered when corporate/family groups/school groups are booking, please enquire with us regards this.
- Our guides are leading WWII Historians where appropriate and are experienced in all provinces throughout Papua New Guinea.
- Safety is our number one priority. We carry satellite phones on all expeditions.
- As we are on the ground in PNG we have contacts throughout the country to help us facilitate procedures in the case of emergencies.
- Integration with the local people in the villages and our expedition families is very important to us; we want our clients to have the full PNG experience.
- Fully Insured \$10,000,000 with Public Liability Cover.
- Expedition updates posted on our Facebook page every day so friends and family can follow.

PNG Trekking Adventures are members of:

- Licensed Kokoda Track Authority (KTA)
- Member of Tourism Industry Association PNG (TIAPNG)
- Member South Pacific Tourism Organisation (SPTO)
- Member of Surfing Association of Papua New Guinea. (SAPNG)
- Member of Tourism Operators Association PNG (TOAPNG)

PNG Trekking Adventures Sustainable Projects

- "Crumbs along Kokoda" sponsored by PNG Trekking Adventures and BNG Trading Co Ltd (Supplying baking ovens and training on Kokoda so villagers can sell bread and biscuits to trekkers and promoting micro business).
- The Dave Cavell School Port Moresby sponsored by PNG Trekking Adventures, Victorian Police Force
- Partner in www.villagehuts.com website, enabling all the grass roots village guesthouses to market their tours and guesthouses to the world online.

At the end of the day travellers to PNG have a multitude of companies to choose from. Be aware of who you are booking with and choose wisely.



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