

*3 nights Goroka, or 3 nights Goroka and 1 night Port Moresby, semi-escorted small group tour for independent travellers*

This three or four night program is designed for independent travellers requiring managed arrangements for visiting the Goroka Show. There is a selection of accommodation options – subject to availability at time of booking – and escorted excursions to the Goroka Show and other attractions. For the excursions you will share a bus, guide and show seating with other clients booking this package.

The Goroka Show is partly an agricultural show and partly a highlands sing-sing. Since colonial days the people of the eastern highlands have come together once a year to display samples of their best crops and livestock to compete for prizes, and to show off their most colourful and energetic dance traditions. The pride of each tribe is vested in its dancing groups which vie for attention and prominence on the dance ground – often there are several groups performing at once in different parts of the arena. Sparks fly occasionally on the field as jealousy and competition fuel conflict between tribal groups. At the end of the Show, judges award prizes to the best dancing groups: cash awards have now taken the place of pigs and brides.



Traditionally the Goroka Show runs Friday to Sunday. The Friday is mainly displays of agricultural, horticultural and manufactured products. The Saturday morning and Sunday morning timeslots are devoted to sing-sing performances and in the afternoons there is the judging of the agricultural displays and various other attractions such as the Mr Goroka Show bodybuilding competition, the Miss Goroka Show beauty pageant and of course sideshow alley. The churches, charities, health and environmental organisations also set up stalls to spruik their messages with megaphones and performing drama groups which are of course usually more funny than dramatic.

Our program involves spending two mornings at the sing-sing arena and departing the Show at lunchtime each day for some village visits around Goroka. (If you prefer to skip the touring and spend the whole day at the Show we can arrange a guide to stay back with you).

On the Saturday afternoon you will visit a local village for a village culture and lifestyle experience.

On the Sunday afternoon you will be able to visit the Asaro mudmen in their home village and take a nature walk through the bio diverse moss forest at Daulo Pass.

## TOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1 – Thu 15 Sep**      **AUSTRALIA – PORT MORESBY (Optional)**  
 Depart Australia from either Sydney, Brisbane or Cairns. You will be met at Port Moresby airport by the courtesy vehicle belonging to your chosen accommodation. Overnight at Port Moresby hotel (light breakfast provided at Raintree Lodge {included}, accommodation only at Gateway or Ela Beach Hotel {included} or alternative hotel {additional cost}).
- Day 2 – Fri 16 Sep**      **PORT MORESBY – GOROKA**  
**PX160 DEPART 0810 ARRIVE 0905**  
 Your hotel will arrange your transfer to the airport at least 2 hours prior to the departure time. You will be met at Goroka airport by our local guide – look for somebody holding a sign with your name. The guide will drive you 5 minutes to your hotel, assist you to check in and then bring you to the lunch venue.  
 09:30 You will be met on arrival in Goroka by our local guide – look for somebody holding a sign with your name. The guide will drive you 5 minutes to your accommodation, assist you to check in and take you to have your lunch at a local restaurant or café (pay as you go).  
 13:00 Join other travellers taking this package for a half day tour of Goroka town, travelling by mini bus. The tour includes:  
 - Mt Kiss lookout (views of Goroka and Asaro Valley)  
 - cultural centre (McCarthy Museum)  
 - local markets  
 - coffee factory  
 - scenic drive out the Bena Bena road which meanders through native forest and roadside villages with waving children, crossing bridges over babbling brooks etc.  
 17:30 Drop off at your accommodation. Overnight at selected accommodation, Goroka
- Day 3 – Sat 17 Sep**      **GOROKA (Goroka Show + village experience)**  
 08:00 You will be picked up from your accommodation and transferred to the show grounds in time to settle into your seat before the commencement of the sing-sing performances around 09:00.  
 The tourist seating has good views of the performance area and your tourist pass (provided as part of your tour package) gives you blanket permission to enter the performance area if you wish to take close-up photographs. Special toilets for tourists are situated nearby. A number of our guides will accompany our group today to interpret the performances for you. Bottled water and bananas are supplied.  
 13:00 Depart from the Show grounds and head straight to a local village about 30 minutes' drive out of town. This is a typical semi-rural highlands village with round huts made of bush materials, smoky cooking fires and pigs and chickens wandering around. At the village a traditional-style lunch is ready for you. Chicken and vegetables has been wrapped in banana leaves or stuffed into the nodes of giant bamboo stalks and cooked in a pit under hot coals or hot stones. The food has taken several hours to slow-cook this way and when it comes out of the "oven" it has a delightful smoky barbecue flavour. At the village you'll see local people engaged in a variety of daily activities such as gardening and tending their coffee crops. Organic coffee grown on smallholder blocks is the major cash crop in the highlands.  
 17:30 Drop off at your accommodation. Overnight at selected accommodation, Goroka

- Day 4 – Sun 18 Sep      GOROKA (Goroka Show + Asaro Mudmen + Daulo Pass)  
 Second day at the Goroka Show as per yesterday.  
 13:00 Depart from the Show grounds and drive 30 minutes out the Highlands Highway through the Asaro Valley to Asaro village. See a performance of the Asaro mudmen in their home environment.  
 15:00 Continue along the Highlands Highway to the Daulo Pass, a high altitude biodiversity hotspot where the road winds through swirling mists past giant tree ferns and trickling waterfalls. Near the peak of the pass, you will leave your vehicle at the road side and some locals, who live a rather cold existence way up here, will lead you on a short guided walk through the moss forest. The forest is populated by flowering trees, gingers and tree ferns which form a substrate for the growth of a wide variety of saprophytic native orchids, green mosses and colourful fungi, lichens, liverworts and leafy epiphytes. Real “Lord of the Rings” stuff. Local children also sell colourful flowers on the side of the road here.  
 17:30 Drop off at your accommodation. Overnight at selected accommodation, Goroka
- Day 5 – Mon 19 Sep      GOROKA – PORT MORESBY – AUSTRALIA  
**PX161 DEPART 0940 ARRIVE POM 1035**  
**PX098 DEPART POM 1700 ARRIVE CNS 1825 OR**  
**PX005 DEPART POM 1330 ARRIVE BNE 1640.**  
 The hotel will provide your shuttle transfer to Goroka airport or other departure point. Clear customs in Port Moresby and depart to Australia or combine this tour with one of our resorts or other packages.

**PRICES - PER PERSON IN AUD**

Goroka Show Package accommodation, tours and airfares	2* Diwai Motel Budget Room	2.5* Diwai Motel Standard Room	3* Emmanuel Motor Inn Standard Room	3.5* Bird of Paradise Hotel Deluxe Room	* Pacific Gardens Hotel Suite
Ex Cairns, 4 nights, all airfares included, 3* hotel Port Moresby	\$3200	\$3325	\$3600	<b>SOLD OUT</b>	<b>SOLD OUT</b>
Ex Brisbane, 4 nights, all airfares included, 3* hotel Port Moresby	\$3350	\$3475	\$3750	<b>SOLD OUT</b>	<b>SOLD OUT</b>
Ex Port Moresby, 3 nights, domestic flights included, price from*	\$2670	\$2800	\$3075	<b>SOLD OUT</b>	<b>SOLD OUT</b>
Ex Goroka, 3 nights, no flights included	\$2200	\$2325	\$2600	<b>SOLD OUT</b>	<b>SOLD OUT</b>
Single Supplement (3 nights)	\$450	\$550	\$700	<b>SOLD OUT</b>	<b>SOLD OUT</b>
Single Supplement (4 nights)	\$600	\$700	\$850	<b>SOLD OUT</b>	<b>SOLD OUT</b>

## TOUR NOTES

*\*'From' price applies to PNG domestic airfares with Air Niugini. We quote best case scenario at the time of printing this document and will re-quote on the day of request, using all available airlines. Domestic flights sold with International from Australia are set rates, other than the taxes. However, specials may be available from time to time, offering cheaper rates than quoted. Please advise us if you would like us to check for the more restrictive fares.*

*For our international guests, the Port Moresby accommodation quoted is the comfortable Raintree Lodge, Gateway or Ela Beach Hotels..*

*Continental breakfast is included at your Goroka accommodation and lunches are provided on Saturday and Sunday. Other meals are not included in the tour package: namely Friday lunch and three dinners. If staying at The Raintree Lodge in Port Moresby, a light breakfast is provided. However, breakfast at other hotels in Port Moresby is PAYG.*

*For dinner you may eat at any one of Goroka's 5 main restaurants: your guide will be happy to transfer you and pick you up after dinner:*

- (1) the bistro/pizzeria at the Bird of Paradise Hotel (cash or credit card)*
- (2) the a la carte restaurant at the Bird of Paradise Hotel (cash or credit card)*
- (3) the bistro at the Pacific Gardens Hotel (cash or credit card)*
- (4) the Mandarin Chinese café in the main street (cash or credit card)*
- (5) the diner at the Diwai Motel (cash only, no alcohol)*

*Groceries for self-catering can be purchased from the supermarkets, most of which close at 17:00 but there are one or two smaller ones that close at 18:30. Please note that all motels are alcohol free. Alcohol is only available at the larger hotels.*

## PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- Australia – PNG International and domestic Airfares (as specified)
- Port Moresby - scheduled domestic flight to Goroka (as specified)
- Port Moresby and Goroka – airport meet and greet, transfer to hotel
- 1 night accommodation in Port Moresby (if international package chosen)
- 3 nights' accommodation in Goroka as per selected package
- Meals as specified above
- 2 x half day escorted excursions to the Goroka Show with entry pass, fruit and bottled water
- 1 x half day excursion to Daulo Pass moss forest and Akameku village (or similar) with local style lunch and bottled water
- 1 x half day tour of Goroka town
- Port Moresby - departure check-in assistance and farewell at airport
- All fees and gratuities for local villages, guides and helpers throughout the tour
- All hotel transfers throughout the tour
- Tour leader throughout the tour
- First aid kit and mobile satellite phone carried by tour leader
- 24 hour assistance from tour operator's Port Moresby office

### EXCLUSIONS

- Travel insurance (mandatory). We can arrange this for you.
- 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 30 kg + 5 kg for international guests)
- personal items such as hat and sunscreen.

### GENERAL TRIP NOTES

1. Prices are quoted in Australian Dollar and are correct at the time of printing this document (14 Oct 15). 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.
2. Hotels in Goroka charge peak-season rates for the Show weekend and there is an acute shortage of rooms (Goroka has less than 200 hotel and motel rooms). This contributes to the high cost of this package.
3. Package rate for 3.5 star at Pacific Gardens Hotel or Bird of Paradise Hotel includes all meals because it is a condition of booking rooms at those hotels for the peak Show weekend that dinners and breakfasts must be pre-purchased in-house.
4. Hotel accommodation. Hotel rooms in the towns transited on this tour are generally of three star standard. Hotel and resort rooms all have private bathrooms, TV and air-conditioning (except in the highlands), unless otherwise specified. While we endeavour to book you into the hotels stated in the tour itinerary, in cases where specified hotels are fully booked by the time we receive your tour deposit we may have to book you into alternative accommodation. In this situation we strive to book you into the next-best available accommodation and we apologise in advance for any disappointment. No compensation or partial refunds or discounts can be paid or allowed on the basis of the perceived quality of hotel rooms provided for you while on this tour because the wholesale rates offered to us by the higher quality tourist hotels are similar to the non-commissionable rates we have to pay lesser quality motels when the tourist hotels are full.
5. When booking a Goroka Show Weekender package with us we require a 50% deposit at the time of booking so that we can immediately secure your preferred accommodation. Our normal cancellation penalties apply (see our terms and conditions page on our website or request a copy). Star ratings are an approximate guide only and are not based on any published star rating system.
7. Single supplement. All accommodation included in the tour package quoted is twin-share. On payment of a 50% 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Climate and clothing. In the Highlands areas like Goroka, the days are generally warm and sunny with moderately cold nights and mornings. We suggest visitors pack clothes made predominantly of cotton which will allow an evaporative cooling effect in hot humid areas. Pack a sweater or warm jacket for wearing in the Highlands in the evenings. Recommended sleeping attire is light track pants and sweat shirt or similar. Papua New Guinea is a conservative country and brief or revealing clothing worn by foreigners is frowned upon.

11. Packing suggestions. We suggest that your packing list include: rain poncho, a small bath towel, your favourite soap in a leak-proof container, a one-litre water bottle, a small first aid kit. 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 for your digital camera because batteries seem to go flat more rapidly in the humid climate and are not obtainable in all stores here. Power outlets are the same as in Australia.

12. 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 approximately PGK8 per kilogram Port Moresby to Goroka. 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.

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.

13. Water. Town water supplies in Papua New Guinea are treated and officially rated as safe to drink. In the villages, drinking water is usually collected in rainwater tanks or carried in containers from clean water sources. However to prevent discomfort from drinking from a different water supply every day as you progress through your tour, we recommend you drink bottled or boiled water, or use water purification tablets.

14. Visas. Tourist visas are available on arrival at Port Moresby airport for citizens of designated countries including New Zealand, the USA, Canada and Northern and Western European countries; Australian citizens MUST have a current visitors' visa in their passport PRIOR to departure from Australia, otherwise they will be refused boarding and no refunds will be given. 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.

15. 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\$1040) 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.

16. 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.