HUNDREDS OF DIFFERENT BIRDS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Bird watchers will be amazed by Papua New Guinea, home to almost 760 discovered species of birds (plus many distinctive subspecies) including 31 of the 41 species of Birds of Paradise. Twelve (12) species are only found in Papua New Guinea and Satinbirds Species such as the Hooded Pitohui, the world’s first known poisonous bird, thrive in PNG where the vast tropical rainforest provides perfect habitat for a wide variety of bird life. Some of the favourite places for birding are Tari Gap, Mount Hagen, Kiunga, West New Britain and Varirata National Park.

Not only does bird watching in PNG provide unparalleled opportunity for the enthusiast, it also provides some of the world’s most spectacular scenery. From the majestic mountains and valleys of the highlands to the unspoiled tropical surroundings of the coastal areas PNG is a natural wonder. It truly is like every place you’ve never been.

CHOOSE YOUR EXPERIENCE

A variety of accommodation options are available throughout the country, many of which operate professional birding tours for guests. Additionally hotels and tour operators can add any number of activities to complement a birding itinerary such as hiking or learning about the World War II history of Papua New Guinea. Birdwatchers to PNG may also take the opportunity to experience any number of our Cultural activities. With over 800 languages and 850 tribes in Papua New Guinea, learning about the diversity of Papua New Guinean Culture is an exciting enhancement to your tour. Through Sing Sings (festivals) and village visits travelers can experience how Flora and Fauna (including the birds) are significant to the daily life of the Papua New Guinea people.

Tourist Visas – Free 60-day Tourist Visa is available on arrival in Port Moresby. To obtain a visa before you enter the country is also at no cost. However you will need travel documents, sufficient funds for your stay in the country and airline tickets with confirmed outbound flights before expiry date of your visa. Restrictions apply to several Asian, Eastern European and African countries. Australia was included in a very recent development. For further details visit www.immigration.gov.pg

For more information about bird watching and travelling to Papua New Guinea, please visit www.papuanewguinea.travel

COMING SOON TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

HUNDREDS OF DIFFERENT BIRDS. A MILLION DIFFERENT JOURNEYS.

DISCOVER OUR DIVERSITY

The variety of locations available in Papua New Guinea provides endless opportunity for birdwatchers. It is understood that PNG is home to such a thriving bird population due to specific habitats and climates favoured by our endemic species and the lack of predatory animals that would otherwise threaten numbers. Birding is available throughout the country from coastal and island locations right up to the rugged peaks of our highlands with diversity of birdlife throughout. PNG is particularly famous for endemic species such as the Raggiana and Blue Birds of Paradise and rare finds including the Fire-maned Bowerbird. Visitors are excited by the prospect of sighting any special species from the enigmatic Crested Berrypecker to the elusive rare Becks Petrel to the stunning Victoria Crowned Pigeon.

Birding Seasons – Tour operators run specific birding tours mainly during the dry season from June to October. However independent birding journeys are available anytime.

Temperatures – Papua New Guinea’s coastal regions experience a tropical climate year round. Temperatures on the coast vary between 24-30 degrees Celsius. In the Highlands the temperature can be 15 degrees Celsius during the day and become quite chilly in the evenings.

HOW TO ENJOY BIRDING IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

There are numerous bird species including cassowaries which stand up to 1.8 metres high and can weigh up to 59 kg, and crowned pigeons which are the size of a turkey. This is the land of Pesquet’s Parrot, paradise- kingfishers, mound building megapodes, amazing bowerbirds, poisonous pitohuis, hornbills, honeyeaters, tiny pygmy parrots and lorries galore.

A THOUSAND DIFFERENT DISCOVERIES

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