Papua New Guinea

A MILLION DIFFERENT JOURNEYS

A HUNDRED DIFFERENT

TREKS

IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

A HUNDRED DIFFERENT FOOTPRINTS

With over 5 million people living in Papua New Guinea and less than 50 thousand motor vehicles it is not hard to imagine that walking is the main mode of transportation! Consequently there are hundreds of tracks to be enjoyed by everyone from a casual adventurer to the most experienced trekker. Located in the centre of the Asia-Pacific region Papua New Guinea's location, isolation & dramatic landscapes all lead to the perfect setting for trekking!

DISCOVER PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Papua New Guinea is a country of adventure where you can enjoy experiences found no other place on earth. With over 850 different cultures and species of flora and fauna yet to be discovered, this truly is the land of the unexpected! Truly incredible adventures await and with so many different journeys to be experienced, you're sure to find one you'll never forget.

TREKKING IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Papua New Guinea has long been a popular destination for trekking, mountain climbing and bushwalking, and is home to the world-famous Kokoda Track. With largely unspoilt mountains, rivers and forest, as well as many significant War relic sites (as PNG was the focus of much attention in World War II), Papua New Guinea is an ideal place for both the fit trekking enthusiast and the weekend bushwalker. With professional tour operators and overnight treks, through to scenic bush walks that take just a few hours, Papua New Guinea has something for every level of fitness.

THE KOKODA TRACK

Known as one of the world's most spectacular and challenging treks, the Kokoda Track offers the experience of a lifetime. Renowned as the location of the World War II battle between Japanese and Australian forces in 1942, this 96km track will take you from Kokoda village through the rugged mountainous terrain of the Owen Stanley ranges to Owers Corner.

The eight to ten day Kokoda Track has become a pilgrimage for many Australians, a chance to pay their respects by sharing some of the men's trials who fought and died here. It's also about connecting with the land of our closest neighbour. Delve deep into the dark history of the area, whilst immersing yourself in the culture of the local communities.

If you are planning to trek the Kokoda Track, please ensure you walk with a licensed Kokoda Track Authority tour operator. Visit www.kokodatrackauthority.org

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PNG'S OTHER TRACKS

Mount Wilhelm
The Highlands region is famous for its tall mountains, with scores of readily accessible peaks. Mt Wilhelm at 4509 metres is the most popular target for Papua New Guinea mountain climbers with good road access to Kegsugl village from Kundiawa and National Park huts for climbers to stay in. Whilst being accessible, Mt Wilhelm is not easy and guides should always be taken to assist climbers.

Black Cat
If you want the ultimate trekking experience, according to some more challenging than the Kokoda Track, attempt the Black Cat Track in the Morobe Province. It runs from the village of Salamaua on the coast of the Huon Gulf, south into the mountains to the township of Wau. Black Cat is extremely diverse and beautiful. There are certain challenges such as landslides, slippery log crossings, steep ravines need to be crossed and the odd bit of abseiling is required. Besides the WWII history trekkers are privileged to see the culture along the track with Sing Sings (cultural performances) on display regularly.

Lark Force Wilderness Track
The Lark Force Wilderness Track in East New Britain Province offers you a great adventure. Trekking through a pristine jungle environment whilst experiencing the variety of local cultures and learning about the Track's WWII history. There are significant challenges on this 60km track, however the Lark Force Wilderness Track is regarded as one of the most accessible in PNG.

HOW TO GET THERE

Papua New Guinea relies on air transport probably more than any other country in the world due to its rugged terrain extending from its coastal areas to its highlands.

Papua New Guinea has one international airport in Port Moresby, Jacksons International Airport. Jacksons International Airport provides air connections from all major cities of the world. National carrier Air Niugini services all international routes with PNG Air, Pacific Blue and Qantas Link providing additional Australian connections.

CLIMATE

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. Dry season is May to November.

TOURIST VISAS

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 trekking and travelling to Papua New Guinea, please visit,

www.papuanewguinea.travel

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