

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The country where you can find something new and 'something different' wherever you go

Papua New Guinea (PNG) is made up of 600 islands of various sizes and is approximately 1.25 times the size of Japan. With a population of over 10 million, it is one of the largest countries in the Pacific Islands, and with over 800 different languages and ethnic groups with their own customs, new encounters await wherever you go. In the capital, Port Moresby, you can learn about culture and relax in the resorts, while in Kokopo and Rabaul, you can visit war sites and reflect on the history of World War II. If available, attend an event that exposes you to PNG's diverse culture, try one of the world's best trekking trails, or venture into the Sepik River for primitive art. There are new encounters everywhere, and why do not embark on an adventure to PNG?



Traditional buildings in the Sepik River basin



Active volcano on New Britain



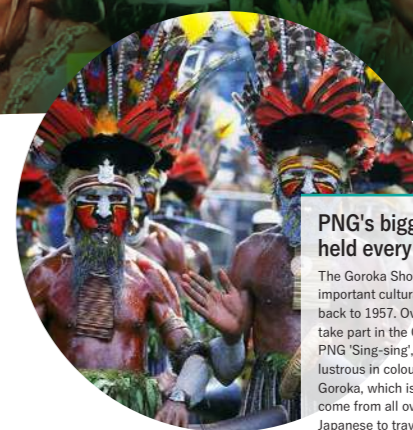
Relaxing at a hotel in Port Moresby

Example of flight routes
Narita = Brisbane (Australia) → Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea)

An adventure through unexplored places that can only be found in PNG

Beginners' course / Enjoyment plan / Cultural, historical, and nature tours near the capital city

- 1st day**
- PM ● Arrive at Jackson International Airport in the capital city of Port Moresby. Visit National Museum & Gallery and know PNG. Watch the sunset in a seaside café and enjoy a relaxed atmosphere that you can't experience in Japan. Enjoy your delicious food at the hotel poolside or in the restaurant, where you can also try PNG's local delicacy, 'Mumu'.
- 2nd day**
- AM ● Depart Port Moresby for the Loloata island. Experience PNG's best diving! If diving is not your thing, you can also enjoy snorkelling. Take a break at the resort and enjoy a local food for lunch.
- PM ● Experience the best in healing with a great spa. 'Do nothing' time. Spend time listening to the sea breeze. Enjoy delicious cuisine with a South Pacific taste. The sound of rippling waves accompanies your meal. Satisfy with your own starry sky in an ocean view room.
- 3rd day**
- AM ● Enjoy the early breakfast and sunrise from the Pacific Ocean. Back in Port Moresby, visit the fish & agriculture market. Koki market: you will be surprised with the scale of tuna and lobster. Boroko market: you will enjoy drinking the coconuts juice.
- PM ● Explore the souvenirs in the airport for the last time, such as PNG coffee. Take a break at the café in the airport. Spend one last 'do nothing' time. Departure for Brisbane.



Show / PNG's biggest show, the Goroka Show, held every September

The Goroka Show is PNG's longest running and the most important cultural event in the Highland region, dating back to 1957. Over 100 ethnic groups from all over PNG take part in the Goroka Show, performing the traditional PNG 'Sing-sing', a combination of dance and song that is lustrous in colour and tone! Thousands of tourists visit Goroka, which is a PNG September tradition. Tourists come from all over the world, and it is easy for the Japanese to travel there. Goroka is easily accessible by domestic flights and is recommended for those who want to experience PNG's culture!

Activity / Cross the Kokoda Trail, a path taken by Japanese troops!

For those who want to 'do' more than just 'see', try the Kokoda Trail. The Kokoda Trail is famous for its battle between Japanese and Australian troops during World War II. It is 96 km from Kokoda village to Owens Corner through the rugged Owen's Stanley Ranges, and is an 8-10 day long trekking trail. The trek provides a deeper understanding of PNG, not only for its beautiful scenery but also for the history of the war that certainly took place there. Remember to contact the Kokoda Trail Department in advance if you wish to trek the Kokoda Trail.

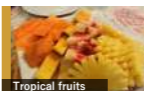


Sepik river / Tour the Sepik River, a sacred place for primitive art and a place of pristine beauty!

The Sepik River is a sacred site of primitive art, similar to that in West Africa. There is a pristine beauty in Sepik River. A few hours from Wewak, the gateway to East Sepik Province. The Sepik River is one of the largest rivers in the world and awaits you. Each village has its own characteristics, such as making primitive art and earthenware, and each village offers something different for visitors to enjoy. Lake Chanburi (meaning 'beautiful lake') connects these villages. Pristine beauty makes you feel a time of eternity.

Advanced course / History Tour Plan / Tour of the Kokopo-Rabaul battlefields

- 1st day**
- PM ● Arrive at Jackson International Airport. Domestic flight to Tokua (Rabaul) Airport at Kokopo. Depart on a journey to the World War II battlefields. Think the history of Kokopo at your hotel near the seafont.
- 2nd day**
- AM ● Before heading to Rabaul, visit the market to buy your favourite tropical fruit. Return to the hotel and ask if they will cut the fruit for you; if yes, ask them to put it in the fridge. Go to Rabaul and visit the war sites such as underground hospitals, tunnels and air-raid shelters.
- PM ● If you have a time, visit the active volcano at the end of Simpson Harbor. Return to the hotel and eat chilled tropical fruit at the hotel. Detox with tropical fruits!
- 3rd day**
- AM ● Visit Kokopo War Museum. You can see battle vehicle and airplanes.
- PM ● Return to Port Moresby by domestic flight. Have a great dinner by the hotel poolside, relaxing with yourself.
- 4th day**
- AM ● Visit the Bomana War Cemetery. Visit war sites related to Australia as well as Japan.
- PM ● Explore souvenirs at the airport. Kokopo and Rabaul's famous 'sing-sing' dolls can also be purchased. Depart for Brisbane.



Papua New Guinea is known for a certain group of 'flower', including a rare endemic species called Sepik Blue. Now, what are these 'flower'?

The answer is on p.36!

Column 1 / Greetings in the local language

Learn a simple local language to communicate with the locals!

Good morning / hello / good evening ▶ Monin/apinun

Thank you ▶ Tenk yu

See you later ▶ Lukim yu gen

Column 2 / Languages of PNG

It is said that more than 850 local languages exist in PNG. Of these, English, Motu and Pidgin are the official languages of PNG. Pidgin, the most commonly used language, is a mixture of English, German, Dutch, and the local languages. Many words are derived from English (Thank you = Tenk yu); therefore, if you listen carefully, you may be able to understand what they are talking about!

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