

Day 12 - This morning, you will enjoy another fantastic birding and nature walk in the highlands, where spring-time temperatures persist year-round. Upon returning and having your full breakfast, the remainder of the day will be spent exploring the Mt. Hagen and Wahgi Valley area. With a picnic lunch, you will have the entire day to visit with village chiefs to gain insight into their subsistence living, as well as their proud heritage. A visit to the Mudmen Village will leave an impression on you that will be impossible to forget!



Day 13 - Your final day of wildlife and bird spotting and photography in Papua New Guinea could not be in a better place. After lunch, you will be transferred to the airstrip for your flight back to Port Moresby. Upon arrival, you will go directly to the Airways Hotel, a gorgeous hotel that provides a wonderful atmosphere for a final dinner and celebration of a two-week journey that will be with you for the rest of your life!

Day 14 - After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Los Angeles (arriving several hours earlier the same day!) and then home.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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RESERVATIONS AND FINAL PAYMENT: A deposit of \$750 per person is necessary as soon as possible in order to confirm booking. Final payment is due not later than 60 days prior to departure, as will be indicated on your receipt for deposit.

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Papua New Guinea Expedition
July 24th – August 6th, 2009**

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Estimated Internal Flights: \$989.00
Estimated International Flights: \$1,600.00

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Introduction

Papua New Guinea is a mecca for those who are not only interested in sensational wildlife and breathtaking landscapes but also are fascinated by primitive and diverse cultures. Home to over 850 indigenous languages, remote tribes and villages compose 72 percent of the country's inhabitants. This cultural diversity extends deep into the little known interior of the country, with perhaps many indigenous cultures still unstudied and undiscovered. Being one of the world's least-explored countries in its entirety, anthropologists, biologists, and botanists around the world agree that there is still so much yet to be learned about this fascinating country. Just several years ago, an expedition of British scientists discovered 40 new species of animals and hundreds of new species of plants in the western part of the island - an amazing number, but then New Guinea has tremendous extents of undisturbed rainforests and mountain habitats still to be explored.

This expedition will be centered around discovery as well. We will have a chance to see some of the island's most exotic and amazing animals, including at least 18 species of Birds of Paradise, marsupials, like tree-climbing Kangaroos, butterflies (including gorgeous Delias and Birdwing Butterflies!), frogs, reptiles, and very likely some unexpected findings as well! What sets this trip apart from most others will be the breadth of natural history expertise in the leaders and the intimacy with which we will interact with the local villages. We will have numerous opportunities to witness rarely seen dances, learn the significance of their dramatic ceremonies, as well as how they simply survive in a world so far removed from everything of modern origins.

Every day, you will have the option of participating in numerous activities including morning bird walks, insect and orchid treks, trips to visit the many villages, or simply take some time to relax at our world-class lodges that are nestled in the middle of tropical cloud forests with some of the most extraordinary views you could ask for.



Dr. Thomas C. Emmel is Director of the McGuire Center for Lepidoptera and Biodiversity, and also professor of Entomology and Zoology at the University of Florida. He has specialized in tropical ecology for the past 38 years and has led many scientific expeditions and ecotourism groups to New Guinea and more than 40 other countries around the world. Throughout the trip, he will help to educate you on the biology of Papua New Guinea.

Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1 - Leave Los Angeles in the evening for our flight to Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Day 2 - Cross the International Date Line during our flight.

Day 3 - After your arrival in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea we will go directly to the nearby hotel and check in. For those that wish to rest after the flight, you may do so. Others may join the expedition leaders on a tour around the Capital of Papua New Guinea and visit the National Museum, specially opened for us this Sunday for our private tour.



Day 4 - We take a domestic flight to the deep interior, to Tari Valley, home of the Huli people and Ambua Lodge. This lodge is perhaps one of the most spectacular wilderness lodges in the entire world. With its own hydroelectric power plant, it is able to be situated in the remote highlands while providing all of the comforts you wish for. Located high on the slopes of the valley, the views of the valley below and surrounding peaks are absolutely stunning. This afternoon we will lead a group tour of the surrounding cloud forest while looking for colorful bird-wing and Delias Butterflies, as well as Tree Kangaroos.



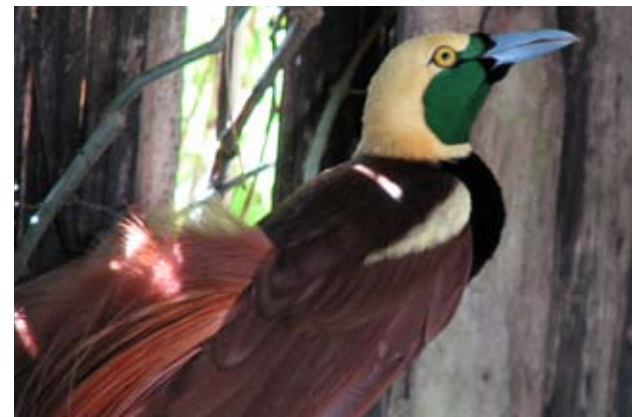
Day 5 - As with all mornings while we are in Papua New Guinea, we will go with native birding guides to search for different species of Birds-of-Paradise. As seen in countless nature shows, these incredible birds put on elaborate displays to attract mates as they ruffle their feathers and contort their bodies to attract attention. They are equally

spectacular in flight, as their feathers and plumage often extends far past their body (over 4 feet in some species!). After lunch, you will have the option to go on an afternoon nature walk to look for wildlife while visiting one of the several beautiful waterfalls in the forest around Ambua.

Day 6 - We will start off with another early morning bird walk, and then return to the lodge for a full breakfast. For the remainder of the day, we will visit several local villages to learn about the unique way they settle "bride prices" between tribes. We will also visit the newly founded women's cultural center for an intimate look at daily life for Papua New Guinean women. For those that would rather engage in more wildlife viewing at Ambua Lodge today, you may certainly do so with one of the leaders in place of the cultural tour.



Day 7 - After breakfast (and of course, another chance to see the many species of Birds-of-Paradise), we will depart for one of the main Huli villages. Today, we will become some of the few outside people to ever witness a Huli Sing Sing. Traditionally a vibrant victory dance after defeating a neighboring tribe in warfare, their proud tradition will be colorfully displayed as they mimic the Birds-of-Paradise in dress and song. Afterwards, we will visit the Huli Wig School, where we will be a part of a wig-making ceremony that will enlighten us on the significance of the wig in their culture.



Day 8 - This morning we will fly by charter airplane over some of the most rugged and impressive landscapes in the world. After landing on a jungle airstrip, you will be taken by river boat to Karawari Lodge. Located on a ridge above the Karawari River, you will again be awe-struck by the magnificent view over hundreds of miles of dense tropical jungle. After lunch, you will go on an excursion to visit the Kundiman village for a demonstration on sago making.

Day 9 - Today you will wake up to chattering Lorikeets and Eclectus Parrots that will signify a great time to take a morning birding walk! After breakfast, you will be treated to a full day of nature observation with several expert guides.



Day 10 - The emphasis of today will be on the unique culture surrounding the Sepik and Karawari Rivers. The tour will include a visit to the Yimas Village to experience a Fish Sing Sing, and visits to other villages to see their unique masks, houses, canoes, and other cultural features.

Day 11 - After another impressive morning in the Sepik area, you will depart by charter plane once more, headed towards Mt. Hagen. During the flight, you will see the mountains rise up to startling heights out of the flat lands of the Sepik Basin. Mt. Hagen is located in the upper Wahgi Valley, home to the Melpa people, and has some of the oldest evidence of agriculture in the world. From the airstrip, we will ascend into the mountains to Rondon Ridge, a spectacular lodge perched high on Mt. Kuta, with unimaginable views of the Wahgi Valley. Your afternoon may be spent enjoying this newest of Papua New Guinea's luxury lodges, or joining the expedition leaders with local guides on a nature walk. Home to 18 different species of Birds-of-Paradise, Rondon Ridge and its surrounding forest is a hot-spot for birds and other animals.

