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This is only a district show organized by the people of Tambul District. However, due to its popularity, it has attracted singing groups from Tari, Jiwaka and Hagen women's group as well as other parts of PNG. Tambul is situated on the West of Mt. Hagen on the PNG map and is a district of the Western Highlands Province. The Tambul people are great farmers. Most of the best and quality vegetables like potato and broccoli etc in Papua New Guinea are grown in this area. The people are friendly and they will always welcome you with a smile. The scenery, the distance view of Mt Giluwe, flora and fauna, pure clean running rivers adds beauty and splendor to this part of the land. Tambul peoples' initiation ceremonies are totally unique and when they display this drama at the show you wouldn't believe your eyes. The Korika Kegelga cultural group is too good in this drama. Tambul people live on the border of Western Highlands, Enga and Southern Highland Provinces. They live right at the foot of the second highest mountain in Papua New Guinea, Mt. Giluwe at 13 000 feet. The Tambul people are great hunters. They hunt for ritual practices.

The people of Tambul have a saturated cultural heritage, partly from the Southern Highlands, Enga and part from the Western Highlands Province. As such, their traditional dressing or costumes, body decoration, chanting and dances are a mixture of the what can be seen and heard in parts of Southern Highlands or the Western Highlands and as such their performances are most unique.

Different tribes from the Tambul district stage the Cultural Show. Some of the tribes and most bigger and popular tribes consist of the Yano tribe, Sipaka tribe, Kaniba tribe and the Kulmindi Yapo tribe. The Yano tribe is very good at singing. Yanos are excellent singers and best face painters. Their singing is always rated No.1 when comes the annual Mt Hagen Cultural Show in August every year where all singing groups come together. Pictures of their sing sings are rated among the best photos in the world. The Papua New Guinea Tourism Promotion Authority in some of their promotional charts and pamphlets promote some of these shots. You need to come to the root to explore things first hand for yourself. However, it doesn't stop here, the singing represents these different tribes and perform to display their tribes popularity, richness, tribal war, cross culture interactions or more traditional land etc. The dances and the songs they sing will reflect this and visiting neighbors will tell from this. They sing and dance about courtship, "In order to gain respect, each tribe must perform to their best and have as many participants and be more colorful. Men, women and children all take part in this event. The Kanimba tribe is very good at a drama called "Box Contract" This is a real life drama of which it foretells the first contact by the local Tambul people with the first Europeans. "Moka" a traditional method of exchanging goods for goods and village chief with his more than 3 to 4 wives displaying their wealth and strength are some of the many things you would see in this show which you will not see anyway in PNG in the big events.

The Cultural Show is staged at the Tambul government station and is approximately one and half hours drive from Hotel Kimininga in Mt Hagen and about 45 minutes from Kumul Bird View Lodge. At about 30 minutes into this unique land, the drive will be bumpy at some sections of the road. No commercials at this show, every step you take, every breathe you breathe, every sound you hear, every look you look is all traditional and I'm sure you will truly enjoy this great event. The show is an initiative by the people of Tambul themselves to come together to show off their many cultures, traditions and beliefs.

This is truly a fantastic event especially to those who don't like commercials and bigger shows. Mt Giluwe Festival can be really fitting for such group of visitors.