



TROBRIAND ISLAND CRUISESHIP TOUR

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TROBRIAND ISLANDS - MILNE BAY PROVINCE

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The Trobriands have a social system that is dominated by hereditary chieftains who continue to wield tremendous power and influence. Their society is also matrilineal, whereby all inheritances are passed down the line to the female of the family.

The fertile soil of the Trobriands is tilled carefully, as gardens are an important part of the village life. Yam cultivation, in particular, is of great practical and cultural significance. Besides being a staple food, yams are also a sign of prestige, an indicator of expertise, and a link between villages and clans.

Caves used for swimming and fresh water are found all over Kiriwina, and near Matawa Village there are several deep limestone caves housing burial antiquities and skeletal remains. Keen swimmers and divers can explore under-water caves at Moligilagi, near the east coast. At Wawela there is a beautiful curving beach on a cool, deep lagoon. People of Melanesian ancestry populate Woodlark Island. The island is characterized by a continuous series of hills and valleys, and was named after the Sydney ship Woodlark which passed by in 1836. The islanders are renowned for their expertly crafted woodcarvings. A type of greenstone found on the island was used to make axes and ceremonial stones. Mountainous Misima Island is the most important in the Louisa Archipelago. It was the scene of a gold rush between the world wars and a major mine has now been developed.

TROBRIAND ISLAND - " ISLAND OF LOVE ".

(NO MINIMUM/NO MAXIMUM)

08:00 AM SHIP ARRIVES AT ANCHORAGE POINT AND ANCHORS.

08:30 AM TRANSFER PASSENGERS BY ZODIAC'S TO SHORE.

09:00 AM WELL TRADITIONAL DANCE AT THE BEACH WITH PRESENTATION OF RINGS OF FLOWERS AND WELCOME MESSAGE BY THE LOCAL CHIEF.

09:30 AM SHORT WALK TO A VILLAGE FOR MORE CULTURAL DANCES, SONGS AND CHOIR. *Whilst in the village, walk around the villages, visit the yam houses, peoples living g houses and chat with the villagers. Artifacts and other souvenirs will be on sale for those interested in purchasing).*

11:00 AM WALK BACK TO THE BEACH. *(A farewell message and a traditional farewell dance at the beach. Refreshments of local fruits such as paw paw, bananas, water melon, coconut drinks will be available, courtesy of Country Tours and the villagers).*

11:30 AM START TRANSFERRING PASSENGERS BACK TO THE SHIP BY ZODIAC'S.

12:00 PM LAST LOT OF PASSENGERS DEPART SHORE, BOARD SHIP AND DEPART.

Costs for Trobriand Island will be advised at the time of booking basing on the number of people on board a particular vessel as this determines the number of activities and cultural performances which determines the costs to be applied.

Note: Costs will be calculated as a bulk price no matter how many people go ashore.

There are two main anchorage locations for visits to Trobriand Island. The ship can either anchor at Boli Point on the eastern side of the island to come ashore at the Kiriwina government station or at Kaibola on the north. Kaibola will be a best option as it has nice white sandy beach and the anchorage point is so close to the beach (landing spot). Visits to other smaller islands of Kitava, Iwa and Gawa islands are available. Information on each of these islands will be provided if and when required.