



### **Mt HAGEN CRUISESHIP TOUR**

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#### **COUNTRY TOURS....Experience The Last Frontier**

#### ***MT. HAGEN - WESTERN HIGHLANDS PROVINCE***

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The Wahgi people are careful gardeners and their neat village is often decorated with flowered paths and ceremonial parks. Although traditional dress is now rarely worn older men sometimes dress this way on market days and for special "sing sings"

Mt. Hagen is the capital, its streets always a bustling center of activity. With a population of 18,000 people, Mt. Hagen was named after a German administrator, Kurt von Hagen, in the 1890's. For many visitors, Mt. Hagen has all the exciting frontier atmosphere.

The Saturday market is one of the biggest in Papua New Guinea. It is a crowded, colorful meeting place and trading venue, which attracts people from all over the province. The annual

Mt. Hagen show is held in late July/early August, and provides an excellent opportunity to see different tribal groups at one gathering

The Western Highlands Cultural Center features a reconstructed village hut and exhibits an interesting display of artifacts and curios. Handicrafts are for sale at the center. An hours drive from Mt. Hagen, the Baiyer River wildlife sanctuary protects the largest collection of Birds Of Paradise in the world. The magnificent sanctuary set in the rain forest of the Baiyer Valley hosts the rare blue Bird of Paradise, gliding possums, tree kangaroo and over 80 species of butterflies. A hiking trek climbs through the forest to the top of a ridge where panorama of valleys and mountain peaks unfolds. Definitely a place for the camera enthusiast.

### **MT. HAGEN OVERLAND - FULL DAY TOUR.**

**(MINIMUM 36 PAX/MAXIMUM 150 PAX).**

08:00 AM DEPART WHARF FOR AIRPORT FOR FLIGHT PX180 0830/0920 TO MT. HAGEN.

08:30 AM FLIGHT DEPART FOR MT. HAGEN

09:30 AM ARRIVE IN MT. HAGEN. UPON ARRIVAL IN MT. HAGEN PASSENGERS WILL BE WELCOMED BY A TRADITIONAL SINGSING GROUP AT THE AIRPORT. SPEND LITTLE TIME TAKING PHOTO'S.

09:45 AM BOARD BUSES AND GO DIRECTLY TO FULL DAY TOUR. THE TOUR GOES TO THE WAHGI VALLEY FOR MORE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, VILLAGE STUDY AND CHATTING WITH THE LOCAL PEOPLE..

10:45 AM ARRIVE AT KUPNUKUKIPE VILLAGE FOR VILLAGE STUDY AND CULTURAL PERFORMANCE.(Kupnukukipe village is in the heart of the vast Wahgi Valley, a valley stretching to boarding Simbu Province. that is so fertile, the country's tea and coffee are grown and produced from this valley).

11:30 AM DEPART KUPNUKUKIPE VILLAGE FOR HIGHLANDER HOTEL FOR LUNCH.

12:30 PM ARRIVE AT HIGHLANDER HOTEL AND HAVE LUNCH. (During lunch a traditional Hagen Women's Singing group will perform to keep the clients entertained).

13:30 PM DEPART HIGHLANDER HOTEL FOR PAIAGONA VILLAGE FOR VILLAGE STUDY AND ADDED CULTURAL. EXCITEMENT. (Paiagona village is located on the west of Mt. Hagen town situated in the Nebliyer valley. Nebliyer is another valley in the province, which centers the Mt. Hagen Township with the Wahgi valley. The drive is very scenic through excellent landscapes and passing fast flowing rivers).

14:15 PM ARRIVE AT PAIGONA VILLAGE AND WITNESS THE DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES.

4:45 PM DEPART PAIGONA VILLAGE FOR POGLA VILLAGE.

15:45 PM ARRIVE POGLA VILLAGE FOR MUDMEN PERFORMANCE AND VILLAGE STUDY.

16:30 PM DEPART POGLA VILLAGE FOR AIRPORT FOR FLIGHT BACK TO PORT MORESBY.

16:45 PM ARRIVE AT KAGAMUGA AIRPORT.

17:15 PM FLIGHT PX182 1715/1815 DEPARTS MT. HAGEN FOR PORT MORESBY.

18:15 PM ARRIVE IN PORT MORESBY AND TRANSFER STRAIGHT TO SHIP.

18:45 PM ARRIVE AT WHARF AND BOARD SHIP

LAND COST: US\$130.00 NET PER PERSON.

AIRFARES: US\$335.00 NET PER PERSON (RETURN)

PS ESCORTS 1 FREE FOR EVERY 15 PAYING PASSENGERS.

CHILDREN 15 YEAR AND BELOW FREE OF CHARGE ON BOTH LAND & AIR.

The above cost includes transfer from wharf to airport or vice versa, tour transportation, English speaking guides and entry fees to all sights of visit and government taxes.

The airfares quoted are a return fare, Port Moresby/Mt. Hagen/Port Moresby. Please note, the airfare quoted is based on current prices and exchange rates and is subject to change. However, this price will be honored for advance bookings.

A Complimentary bottle of water will be provided for each participant.

Note: The above timings are based on the assumption that the ship arrives into port at 8:00 am. Timings will be re-done to reflect the correct arrival times.

The tour routing is subject to change depending on the operational requirements, road conditions and other unforeseen circumstances.

Special Feature: We will host a mini cultural show in Mt. Hagen at no extra cost if the overland tour exceeds 100 passengers. This mini show will include participants from different tribal groups from most parts of the country including the Highlands and Coastal areas of Papua New Guinea.