

# Papua New Guinea



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**Papua New Guinea is a land of natural wilderness, ancient cultures and customs - a land, steeped in mystery.**

Situated approximately 160km north of Australia this equatorial island group remains vastly untouched by the modern world and is one of the last true frontiers for nature lovers, adventurers and diving enthusiasts.



## The environment:

Spectacular landscapes of pristine, jungle-like rainforests, high rugged mountains, active volcanoes, deep cave systems, extensive river systems and many unique species of flora and fauna, birds and butterflies provide the visitor with a plethora of adventure opportunities. The warm, crystal clear waters, 45,000 km of reef systems and myriad of unique marine creatures, has given PNG international recognition as being one of the world's best diving locations. Numerous wrecks of ships, aircraft and submarines scattered around the region are the legacy of fierce battles that occurred during "The Pacific Campaign" of WWII. Nature and the passage of time has transformed these former "machines of destruction," into beautiful, coral gardens providing shelter to the array of exotic, tropical marine life.



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## The People:

The population of just over 4,000,000, is predominately Melanesian. The official language is English or Pidgin, with more than 800, individual language groupings identified. The majority of people live in small, tribal villages scattered throughout the provinces. They have retained many ancient customs and live a subsistent lifestyle growing crops, fishing and hand making most of the things, they require. A guided village visit is the best way to experience local, indigenous culture and learn about their ancient customs and rituals, purchase intricate art work or carvings and witness the many celebrations and festivals that take place throughout the year.



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## Things to do:

For the water enthusiast there's spectacular coral and wreck diving, snorkelling, swimming, canoeing and fishing. The area is also gaining recognition on the world's surfing circuit. For the naturalist there's over 1000ha of national parks, pristine rainforests bursting with unique flora and fauna, rare species of birds, butterflies and reptiles, active volcanoes and guided walking tracks including the world renowned Kokoda Trail. For cultural experiences visit a local village, observe ancient customs and rituals, attend one of the many festivals throughout the year.



## General Information:

**Passport:** Travellers must hold a current passport with a minimum 6 months validity as well as a return or onward travel ticket.

**Visa:** A 60 day tourist visa is required. You can obtain this prior to entering the country or upon arrival at Port Moresby's Jackson Airport.

**Climate:** Tropical, with average temperatures of 30-40 degrees C.

Dry season is May to October. Wet season is November to April.

**Health:** As with many tropical areas, Malaria is endemic. It is highly recommended you visit your doctor for appropriate medications before leaving home. Always use a good Insect repellent particularly in the evenings. Hospitals are available in Port Moresby, Lae and Rabaul.

**Language:** English is the official language and widely spoken, along with Pidgin, which is a combination of English and local languages.



**Culture:** Customs and cultures vary between the provinces. Enquire about appropriate behavior and always ask permission before taking any photos of people or places.

**Electricity:** 240 volts - AC50Hz - 3 pin power outlet (where available)

**Communications:** ISD and STD dialing. Email and internet services are available at most of the major hotels and resorts.

**Currency:** The PNG Kina. Major credit cards are accepted at most major hotels and resorts. Banking hours are 9am-3pm, Monday-Friday.

**Access and Guides:** Most of the land, beaches, lagoons, bays and islands are owned by a family or a village. You must always seek the owners permission for access and a small entry fee may apply. We advise the use of local guides when exploring villages and towns.

**Packing hints:** Lightweight, casual clothing, not too brief. Comfortable shoes, hat, sweater, torch, sunscreen and insect repellent.

Long Sleeves and long pants are recommended for the evenings.

**Note:** By western world standards, PNG is relatively undeveloped.

Away from towns and main centres services become limited. Many properties don't have hot water and are powered by generator or solar power.



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## Port Moresby



**Port Moresby**, situated on a scenic harbour is the gateway to your PNG adventure holiday. The capital and main commercial centre of Papua New Guinea is also the central meeting place for people from the various provinces, who come to town to purchase their supplies and exchange news items.

Some places of interest in Port Moresby include The National Museum and National Parliament Building, artifact shops and the market places. Due to domestic flight schedules an overnight stopover in Port Moresby

may be necessary. For this we recommend The Gateway Hotel or the Holiday Inn. For those wanting to dive and explore the area surrounding Port

Moresby, Loloata Island is located out in Bootless Bay, and just a 30 minute boat transfer from Port Moresby.



### Loloata Island Resort:

**Accommodation:** The elevated, colonial-style units, are set out along the beachfront. Each unit has a private en-suite bathroom, ceiling fans and balcony.

**Amenities:** The licensed restaurant offers a fixed menu or smorgasbord meals. The resort has 24 hour, 240 volt power and fresh rain water, supplied via a tank. Visa and MasterCard is accepted.

**Activities:** Diving, snorkelling, sailboards, line fishing, volleyball, table tennis and tours.

**Diving:** Loloata Island offers immediate access to The Papuan Barrier Reef. There is over 30 dive sites to explore including walls, drop offs, reef channels, drifts, coral bommies as well as 3 ship wrecks and wreck of a WWII Boston Bomber. The surrounding reefs and islands provide the perfect nature study environment for marine biologists and those with an interest in rare marine creatures.

**Dive Loloata** operates trips to Horseshoe Reef Marine Park. Their purpose built dive boat can cater for all your diving needs.



## Madang

**Madang Province**, on the north coast of the main island comprises mountain ranges, reef fringed lowlands and a spectacular coastline of volcanic islands and coral atolls. The area is world renowned for its coral reefs and good visibility, all year round. The township of Madang has been



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described as "the prettiest town in the South Pacific". The town offers modern, urban facilities including hotels, banks, restaurants, supermarkets, golf course and a variety of markets where you can purchase traditional hand made jewellery, carvings and pottery.

**Accommodation:** Madang Lodge Hotel, situated on the sparkling shores of Astrolabe Bay, offers a variety of room categories.



Terrace Rooms (14) are air conditioned and contain a double or 2 single beds, a private bathroom, fridge, tea / coffee making facilities, phone and cable TV.

Morato Rooms (5) are air conditioned and offer single, twin, double, triple or quad share rooms, en-suite bathroom facilities, cable TV, fridge and tea / coffee

making facilities. Budget Rooms (14) are fan cooled and contain 2 single beds with shared use of bathroom facilities.

**Facilities:** Waterfront restaurant and bar, terraced area, sea-side swimming pool, conference room, souvenir shop, carvers workshop, laundry service, room service and internet connection.

**Activities:** Diving, snorkelling, swimming, sport fishing, hiking, island day trips, local culture and crafts.



**Diving:** The variety of easily accessible dive sites include; coral walls with drop offs, gardens of soft corals, delicate gorgonian fans, a variety of pelagics and reef fish as well as a selection of interesting wrecks.

**Adventures Dive PNG** will cater for all your diving needs.

**Some of the more popular dive sites:**

**Planet Rock.** A volcanic sea mountain rising from great depths, to within 4m of the surface. Located 3km off-shore, the site is renowned for the variety and abundance of small and pelagic marine life.

**Magic Passage.** A 30m deep channel running through the outer barrier reef and featuring soft corals, gorgonian fans and schools of reef fish.

**Banana Rock.** Starting at 7m, this small sea mount, has rocky outcrops covered in gorgonians fans, barrel sponges and reef fish.

**Le Jean Point.** A coral wall with drop offs, pelagics and reef fish.

**The Bomber.** The B25 Mitchell Bomber with guns and ammunition intact lies at a depth of 12m.

**M.V. Henry Leith.** The 40m long freighter lies at a depth of 20m and is covered in prolific soft corals.



## Walindi - Kimbe Bay



**Walindi (Kimbe Bay)** is located on the north coast of New Britain. The area is renowned for having almost everything associated with the living marine eco-system in its waters. Photo-journalists from all over the world are attracted to Walindi and many award winning underwater shots have been taken in the region. **Walindi Plantation Resort** is a 45 minute drive from Hoskins Airport. It is a private, intimate resort that caters for a maximum of 29 guests. **Accommodation:** consists of 12 well appointed bungalows constructed from local timbers and materials. The individual bungalows are set along the beachfront and surrounded by lush tropical gardens ensuring maximum privacy. All meals are included in your stay.

**Facilities:** Each self contained bungalow has a private en-suite bathroom, verandah, kitchenette with fridge and tea /coffee making facilities, queen size bed, ceiling fans and insect screens. The "Plantation-house" offers lodge-style accommodation. Each room contains 2 single beds, ceiling fans, tea and coffee making facilities and has shared use of bathroom facilities.



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**Amenities:** include a dining room, lounge and bar area, laundry services, swimming pool, sundeck and library. Snorkelling gear and comprehensive diving equipment is available for hire. Photographic rentals, processing and instruction is also available.



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**Diving:** Walindi has some of the world's most spectacular pinnacle diving. The region boasts over 190 offshore reefs, with 70% of all coral species indigenous to the Indo-Pacific present. The diversity of the marine habitat is amazing with over 900 fish species identified. Killer whales, dolphins and dugongs, down to the rarest nudibranch and tiny decorator crab, as well as most critters in between, are found in these waters. Walindi Diving has 3 dive boats each catering for 6-8 divers.

**Some of the more popular dive sites:**  
**Rainbow Ridge.**

Huge barrel sponges that loom out from the reef attract a host of multi-coloured feather stars.

**Vanessa's Reef.**

Giant sea fans dominate the sea-scape. This natural wonder is known as "Amphitheatre". Barrel sponges and white trailing seaweeds are also abundant.

**The Cathedral.**

The outside is draped in staghorn and gorgonian coral. Huge spiral whips extend out 10m from the reef face. This site is great for a night dive.

**Bradford Shoals.**

A volcanic pinnacle rising up from over 650m. Schools of big eyed jacks, barracuda, sea perch and surgeon fish dominate this dive.



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## Rabaul



**Rabaul** is located in East New Britain Province, a 2 hour flight from Port Moresby. Rabaul Harbour was formed when an ancient volcanic caldera partially collapsed thousands of years ago, allowing the sea to enter. The harbour is ringed by several smaller volcanoes, most of which are dormant or extinct. However, in September 1994, two of the volcanoes simultaneously erupted covering the town in thick layers of ash. Following the eruptions the airport and local businesses were relocated to Kokopo, some 20 km south-east of Rabaul. The township of Rabaul is slowly recovering from the devastation and life is gradually returning to normal. At night you can witness the fantastic sunsets and glowing lava of Taruvuvur in the distance.

During WW II, Rabaul was occupied by the Japanese who transformed the area into their South Pacific Naval Headquarters. They built hundreds of kilometres of underground tunnels that are still in existence today. Many war wrecks from this period litter the landscape and surrounding reef systems. Numerous documentaries re-creating the history of strategic WW II battle plans and various volcanic eruptions have been filmed in and around Rabaul.



## Rabaul



### **Rapopo Plantation Resort:**

**Location:** Situated near the town of Kokopo, 20 minutes from Rabaul. Rapopo Resort is a colonial style property set on an old copra plantation, overlooking Pigeon Island and Mount Taruvuvu.

**Accommodation:** The Deluxe rooms offer air conditioning and private bathroom facilities. The standard Plantation rooms offer ceiling fans and shared use of bathroom facilities.

**Amenities:** Alfresco restaurant and bar.

### **Kabaira Dive Resort:**

**Location:** Set right on the beach with views across Atalikiikun Bay, 45 minutes from Rabaul and Kokopo. The recently renovated property was originally used as a stopover for local plantation owners when they transported their cocoa and copra produce to Rabaul.

### **Accommodation:**

The main building is lodge-style with one double room, two twin rooms and two single rooms. Bathroom facilities are shared. There are also two free standing bungalows.

**Amenities:** Dining lounge and bar. All meals are included in your stay.



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**Diving:** Following the volcanic eruption many of the wrecks in Rabaul Harbour were covered under tons of ash. This is now clearing in places and diving on some of the wrecks has resumed (weather conditions permitting). Outside the harbour there are other accessible wrecks to explore, while the reefs and surrounding islands were left untouched.

### **Some of the more popular dive sites:**

**Italy Maru:** The 5859 ton transporter was built in 1919 in the Kawasaki shipyard, Kobe. She was sunk by U.S. Navy aircraft, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December 1942 and lies on her starboard side in 54 metres of water.

**Yamato Maru:** A 4395 ton cargo carrier sunk on 18 April 1943.

Truck bodies are still visible.

**The Lighthouse:** A huge, coral bommie 6-7 metres tall with swim-throughs, giant sponges, sea whips and schools of reef fish.

**Reimers Wall:** Over-hangs, swim-throughs and canyons around the open side of the reef. The drop-off plunges to 50m before easing away.

**Submarine Base:** A sheer drop-off (250m plus) close to shore. The natural, sheer wall covered in soft corals is the edge of a vast caldera. Barrel sponges, sea-fans and whips decorate the wall.



## Kavieng

**Kavieng**, situated on the northern tip of New Ireland Province, lies just 2 degrees south of the equator. During WW II, the Japanese transformed the region into one of their major Pacific military bases. Silent reminders of that period in history are still visible. Today, Kavieng is the capital and administrative centre for the province providing the region with a range of essential services such as airport, shipping wharves, banks, post office, trade stores, a small hospital, golf course, club, restaurants and a selection of accommodation properties. The main township overlooks Nusa Harbour and is surrounded by stunning scenery. Off-shore, mountainous islands drop sharply into the sea, while the low-lying, coral islands are encircled by beautiful, fringing reefs and golden sandy beaches. The Malagan people of the New Ireland Province produce traditional, highly decorative masks that are a popular collectors item.

**Diving:** Kavieng is world renowned for its current-swept passages that attract a variety of big, pelagic fish action. Visibility is often between 20-

40 metres, with water temperatures of around 29C. Drift dive along reef walls covered in fans, sponges and brightly coloured hard corals. The walls drop away to great depths and provide the perfect hiding place for small critters like the Pygmy Seahorse and nudibranchs. A number of WWII wrecks lay scattered in and around Kavieng Harbour. These include a Japanese merchant ship and many float planes.

**Scuba Ventures**, located on Kavieng Harbour, operate 3 well equipped dive boats. Dorian and Cara provide professional and personalised service, ensuring your diving holiday is a memorable one.



### **Some popular dive sites:**

#### **Albatross Passage:**

A narrow channel between New Ireland and Baudissin. As the tide rushes in and out, the passage sucks reef fish and pelagics between and into its narrow flanks. Big eye trevally, Spanish mackerel, tuna, barracuda, reef sharks, turtles and rays are often spotted here.

**Echuca Patch:** The large coral ridge rises to within 15m of the surface and slopes down to 50m in open water, only minutes away from Scuba Ventures Jetty.

**Wreck of The Der Yang:** A Taiwanese fishing vessel scuttled by fisheries in 1988. She rests starboard side on top of the ridge and is covered in colourful soft corals.

**The Stubborn Hellion:** Sitting upright in 12m of water, close to Albatross Passage. The history of Stubborn Hellion is well documented, a great dive for wreck enthusiasts.



## Kavieng



### Nusa Island Retreat.

**Location:** Nusa Island is off the coast of Kavieng, surrounded by tropical waters that are teeming with marine life.

**Accommodation:** The eco-sensitive resort is set on a white sandy point of the island and offers a range of traditional bungalow accommodation and relaxed charm. Each

bungalow has a supply of rain water, 24 hour power, ceiling fans, lights and a security box. The over-water, premium bungalows have private bathroom facilities while the beach-side bungalows share bathroom facilities located nearby. The 2 storey house, suitable for small groups, has its own private bathroom. The rooms are serviced daily.

**Amenities:** The beach bar and dining area offers upbeat cuisine and views. Scuba Ventures, located across the harbour, will cater for all your diving needs.

**Activities:** Diving, snorkelling, swimming, surfing, fishing, sailing, canoeing, kayaking, cycling tours, trekking and cultural tours.



### Lissenung Island Resort.

**Location:** Lissenung Island is a 20 minute boat ride from Kavieng. The private tropical island retreat, is surrounded by coral reefs.

**Accommodation:** The resort is set along a white sandy beach, surrounded

by tall palm trees and tropical vegetation. The resort caters for a maximum 14 guests in 7 double or twin share rustic timber bungalows. 6 rooms have private bathroom facilities while 1 room shares bathroom facilities located close-by. All rooms are furnished with a desk, wardrobe, ceiling fan, fly screens and mosquito net over beds. There is 24 hour electricity supply, although the water is not heated.

**Amenities:** The main complex housing the restaurant and bar has a natural sand floor. The resort has a resident dive operator with 2 well equipped dive boats and experienced dive guides.

**Activities:** Diving, snorkelling, surfing, swimming, beach-combing.



## Tufi

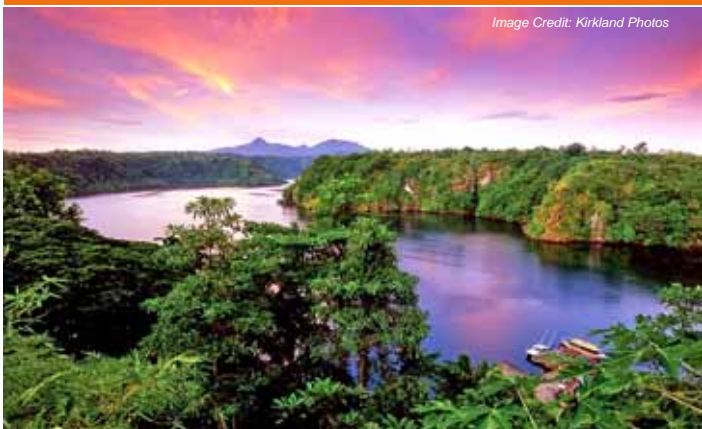


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Tufi is a remote, pristine region located at the tip of Cape Nelson in Oro Province. The 60 minute flight from Port Moresby features a spectacular crossing of the Owen Stanley Ranges. Tufi has been described as the "Scandinavia of the tropics". The breath-taking "fjords" were not carved out by icy glaciers, but created by the ancient eruption of 3 volcanoes. **Tufi Dive Resort** is perched on the slopes of Mt Trafalgar, surrounded by lush, tropical rainforest and overlooking a picturesque fjord.

**Accommodation:** The 15 air-conditioned units are constructed from local timbers with internal walls lined in traditional, woven matting. Each unit has a queen and single bed, ensuite bathroom, hot water, hairdryer, fridge, tea / coffee making facilities and insect screens. Most units have a balcony with views overlooking the ocean or the majestic fjords. Budget accommodation consists of 8 single rooms with ceiling fans and shared use of bathroom facilities. All meals are included in your stay.

**Amenities:** The main complex houses the dining room, bar, lounge area, library, gift shop, laundry, office and large deck area with BBQ.

**Tufi Dive** offers equipment hire, service and repairs. They run a 30 foot, well equipped dive boat with cruise speed of 20 knots. They also have 4 smaller multi-purpose boats.

**Activities:** Diving, snorkelling, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, caving, bushwalking and village visits.



**Diving:** Tufi offers amazing marine diversity and a variety of diving experiences including fjord, reef and wreck diving.

The shallow water near the wharf has some incredible critter subjects, allowing for great photo shoots. The calm, clear and protected waters of the fjords offer excellent diving and snorkelling conditions. The amazing variety of life includes gobies, nudibranch, mandarin fish, ghost pipe fish, pigmy seahorses, shrimps, clams, and many other fascinating critters. Pelagics such as dog fin tuna, turtles and manta rays are also reported sightings. The lack of current movement in the fjords has produced spectacular coral growth. The sloping wall is covered with sponges and shelf coral species grow prolifically.

A 20-50 minute boat ride brings you to a string of reefs with bommies coming up from a depth of 50 to 600m, to a safe diving level of 7m. Visibility exceeds 30m with average year-round water temperatures of 26°C to 30°C. The abundance of marine life includes reef fish, barracuda, Spanish mackerel tuna, white tip and black tip reef sharks and the rare white hammerhead. Mantas, eagle rays and turtles are also often seen.

WWII wrecks include planes, ships, tanks and P. T. boats. Dive the Dutch cargo ship "S Jacob" or the intact US bomber "Black Jack"



## Tawali - Milne Bay

**Tawali** is nestled in a secluded area of Milne Bay among local fishing villages. From Port Moresby, a short flight brings you to Alotau where you will be met and escorted by bus and boat to Tawali Resort (approximately one hour fifteen minutes).

### Tawali Resort

**Location:** The private retreat sits on a limestone bluff surrounded by tropical vegetation and overlooking the fringing reefs and deep blue water of Hoia Bay.

**Accommodation:** The property constructed by local craftsmen using local timbers features beautiful, hand carved totems. The spacious, air conditioned bungalows have a private balcony and modern bathroom with solar heated water. Each bungalow contains 2 queen size beds, table and chairs, lounge area, ceiling fans, fridge, tea and coffee making facilities and an in-room safe.

**Amenities:** Covered walk ways connect guest bungalows to the dining room and reception hall. Included in your stay are three buffet style meals, snacks, juices, tea and coffee. Sodas and alcoholic beverages can be purchased from the Tawali Bar.



### Diving Tawali:

Tawali is only minutes away from Milne Bay and offers a variety of dive sites such as muck diving, walls that are covered in soft corals and large sea fans, anemones with clown fish and variety of large pelagics including hammerheads and

whale sharks. **Some of the more popular dive sites:**

**Tania's Reef:** A large coral mount coming from 45m, up to within 2m from the surface. The south side of the reef is covered with soft corals and hosts large schools of fish, giant clams and turtles.

**Wahoo Point:** A shelf from 4-16m deep with a sheer wall dropping down to 60m plus. Hammerheads, mantas and barracuda are all

present along with the occasional Whale Shark, Minko Whale and rare Orca sightings. **Lauadi;** This is a critter dive at 8m and features sea horses, frog fish, lion fish, mantis shrimps, ghost pipe, blue ribbon eels, cuttlefish and lots more.



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## Dive Charter Vessels

### Live-aboard Vessels

The ultimate way to experience the diverse diving PNG has to offer is aboard one of the well appointed dive charter vessels. Not only do you get to explore spectacular dive sites, you also have the opportunity to visit remote villages and meet with the local residents.

**M.V Febrina** operates scheduled departures from Walindi Plantation. This superb live-aboard dive vessel is specifically outfitted to allow access to the reefs surrounding West New Britain and New Ireland. The cruising and diving areas include Kimbe Bay, The Witu Islands and North and South Reefs. Environmentally conscious, permanent moorings limit the damage to the delicate reef structures. The onboard service is of a high standard and the skipper ensures every trip is a unique and wonderful experience.

**M.V. Febrina Specifications:** 72 foot long, 6 x 2 berth and 2 x 4 berth Air conditioned cabins, shower heads 4/4, large sundeck, TV, Video, Lounge, Bar, Voltage 240v 50 hz. Navigation Aids: VHF, SSB, Colour Radar, Echo Sounder, Auto Pilot, Satellite Navigation.



**M.V Star Dancer** operates in the New Britain region throughout most of the year. Diving areas include Kimbe Bay, The Witu Islands, North and South Reefs. The spacious vessel offers accommodation for up to 16 divers. All rooms offer a private bathroom, hairdryer, toiletries, AC fitting and towels. Facilities include a saloon deck, dining room with outside seating area, bar area, TV, Video, sundeck and dive deck.

**MV Star Dancer Specifications:** Aluminium mono hull 120 foot long, Voltage 240v 50 hz. Navigation aids; VHF, SSB, colour radar, echo sounder, auto pilot, satellite navigation. E6 processing and room to prepare your camera before and after dives. Digital underwater cameras can be hired and Nitrox fills are available.

**MV Spirit of Niugini** operates in the Milne Bay region most of the year. Specifically built for the serious diver who demands a superior level of accommodation, the Spirit of Niugini is crewed by experienced staff. Accommodation is for 16 divers in 8 air conditioned staterooms. Each of the tastefully furnished cabins is equipped with queen or twin size beds, private shower, hair dryer, reading lights, wardrobe and storage space. Facilities include fresh towels daily, tea/coffee making station, dining area, lounge, bar, sun decks and roomy dive decks with showers. **MV Spirit Specifications:** 8 x 2 berth cabins, air conditioning, photographic facilities, first aid facilities, SSB radio, cellular and satellite phones, 2 Bauer air compressors and Nitrox capabilities.



## Dive Charter Vessels

MV Telita offers a variety of itineraries exploring the areas of Milne Bay and Nuigini Islands to the north, Kimbe, Kavieng and Rabaul. With a crew of 8 and accommodation for 10 guests, the 21 metre vessel offers a high level of personalised service. Each of the 5 deluxe cabins have controlled ducted air conditioning, ensuite bathroom and WC, hair dryer and dual voltage power supply. Facilities on board include indoor and outdoor dining areas, spacious dive deck with hot showers, Nitrox facilities, camera table and ample storage area, TV, DVD and CD player, library and free laundry service. The vessel has 2 inflatable tenders, life jackets, 2 x 220v generators and 2 Bauer compressors. Telita's state of the art navigation system and stabilisers ensure safe and comfortable cruising. Navigational aids include: Compass, GPS, Radar and Depth sounder.



## Tours

Experience the true cultural and historical nature of this unique and exotic land with a tour of Mt Hagen or, step back in time for the ultimate in trekking adventure - The Kokoda Track. Mount Hagen is the capital of the Western Highlands. The Produce Markets attract people from all over the province and villagers come to town dressed in their traditional, tribal dress. The colourful meeting place is one of the largest in PNG and has an amazing selection of highland bilums on display.



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The Kokoda Track. (also known as Kokoda Trail ) is one of the world's great historical treks. Following in the footsteps of the WWII soldiers, the 96km trek can be quite challenging, both physically and emotionally. En-route you will be rewarded by spectacular scenery, exotic birdlife, butterflies, flora and fauna. Overnight accommodation is in village guest huts or camping out. All food (ration packs), equipment, guides and porters are included. The highly trained guides have a wide knowledge and understanding of local customs and conditions and regard your comfort and safety to be of the utmost priority.

Dive Adventures strongly recommend that you have a complete medical check up and embark on a suitable fitness program prior to the trek.

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