
A TASTE OF NEW GUINEA

KINGFISHERS AND PARROTS PLUS.....

A short introductory tour to New Guinea visiting the area around Port Moresby, the lowland rainforest area of Kiunga and the mid-montane forest around Tabubil. While we will be concentrating on getting as many species of Parrots and Kingfishers as possible we will also looking for other New Guinea specialities particularly the spectacular Birds of Paradise. A highlight of the tour will be a full day river trip through unspoilt lowland rainforest where live at least eight possible kingfishers and ten species of parrot. The huge, spectacular and rare Southern-crowned Pigeon can also be found here.

Key Species

Hook-billed, Shovel-billed, Azure, and Yellow-billed Kingfishers.
Little, Common and White-tailed Paradise-Kingfishers, Rufous-bellied Kookaburra, Vulturine, Eclectus, Red-cheeked Parrots, Yellow-capped Pygmy-Parrot, Palm and Sulphur-crested Cockatoo



Southern Crowned Pigeon, Kiunga boat cruise, White-tailed Paradise Kingfisher.

Photos: Phil Gregory

COUNTRY INFORMATION

Difficulty

Participants need to be in good health and have a reasonable level of fitness. Although this is a short tour Papua you will be visiting a variety of habitats and you should expect some rough walking along fairly steep and muddy trails. The road trip between Kiunga and Tabubil is winding and bumpy

Expect rain somewhere along the way and the more lowland areas can be hot and humid at all times of the year.

Accommodation

Accommodation throughout is in comfortable western style hotels with private bathrooms.

Please contact us for further information.

This tour can be customised.

A TASTE OF NEW GUINEA 2-Itinerary 2011

This is a short tour designed for people with limited time who would nevertheless like a New Guinea experience. It can be run consecutively with other Taste of Tours with a slight modification to allow for a longer more thorough exploration of this fascinating country.

Day 1: Arrive in Port Moresby. A short tour of the Port Moresby area is arranged for those who arrive in time to take advantage of it.

Day 2: We take the early plane over to Kiunga on the Fly River in Western Province. Located in the midst of a huge area of lowland rainforest this is a great birding destination. Palm Cockatoo, Greater Bird of Paradise, Trumpet Manucode, Flame Bowerbird and Obscure Honeyeater area all possibilities here

Day 3: Taking a boat up the Fly and Elevala Rivers we enter an area of pristine rainforest. We will be looking for 12-wired and King BoPs, Channel-billed Cuckoo, Common and Little Paradise Kingfishers, Hooded and Red-bellied Pittas, Blue Jewel-Babbler and the huge Southern Crowned Pigeon

Day 4: Full day guided birding in the Kiunga area.

Day 5: Setting off up the narrow winding road we will head towards the mining town of Tabubil in the foothills of the Star Mountains. Pesquet's (Vulturine) Parrots can often be seen flying over the road.

Day 6: Full day guided birding in the Tabubil area. Salvadori's Teal, Greater Melampitta, Magnificent Riflebird, Carola's Parotia and Obscure Berrypecker are amongst our target birds as is the crepuscular Shovel-billed Kingfisher..

Day 7: After an early breakfast we will transfer to the airport and take the morning flight back to Port Moresby for the start of our journey home.



Cost:

Ex Cairns 2010 prices AU\$3500.00
(twin share)

We can arrange international flights entering New Guinea from other destinations on request.

Please enquire if you would like any extensions to this tour

Salvadori's Teal near Tabubil,
Fly River dwelling,
The beautiful D'Alberti's
Creeper in the Star Mountains.
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