

# MOA JOURNEYS



## Extraordinary Papua New Guinea

August 27–September 8, 2017



Join us from August 27 to September 8, 2017, for a spectacular journey to Papua New Guinea, where you'll experience one of the most culturally and environmentally diverse regions in the world. Museum of Anthropology curator Dr. Carol E. Mayer will guide you through the dramatic Highlands Region, home of the iconic bird of paradise, and then take you on a journey along the mighty Sepik River which winds its way through some of the most breath-taking scenery in the world.

Dr. Mayer has worked in the South Pacific for the past 20 years, and for ten of these she has been drawn to Papua New Guinea, building the finest collection of Pacific arts in Canada. Her most recent exhibit, *In the Footprint of the Crocodile Man: Contemporary Art of the Sepik River*, is on view at MOA until January 31, 2017, and an accompanying publication is available at the MOA Shop.

### Itinerary

#### Sunday, August 27, 2017

Upon arrival in Port Moresby, you will be met and transferred to the Airways Hotel. This evening, you will enjoy a welcome dinner and look ahead at the itinerary to come.

**Overnight: AIRWAYS HOTEL (Meal - D)**

#### Monday, August 28, 2017

Today you will enjoy a full-day tour of this vibrant capital city, including a visit to the National Museum and Art Gallery, PNG's Parliament buildings, and the spectacular Port Moresby Nature Park where you will first encounter examples of PNG's most iconic wildlife.

**Overnight: AIRWAYS HOTEL (Meals - BLD)**

### **Tuesday, August 29, 2017**

In the morning, you will be met and transferred to your Air Niugini flight Port Moresby to Mount Hagen. Mount Hagen Town is in the upper Wahgi Valley, a valley with some of the oldest evidence of agriculture in the world. Perched high on Mount Kuta is Rondon Ridge, with unbelievable views of the Wahgi Valley. After lunch, you'll take a guided afternoon nature walk around the trails at Rondon Ridge.

**Overnight: RONDON RIDGE (Meals - BLD)**

### **Wednesday, August 30, 2017**

Enjoy a full-day tour featuring the unique culture and tradition of the Melpa people who live near the Mount Hagen City which is the business heart of the Papua New Guinea highlands, supplying a number of important industries, such as tea and coffee. A comprehensive touring program takes you on a journey through the traditions and customs of the Melpa People. We will also experience a small sing-sing in Mount Hagen in addition to the full-day tour.

**Overnight: RONDON RIDGE (Meals - BLD)**

### **Thursday, August 31, 2017**

This morning you will fly to Karawari and transfer to the comfort of the Sepik Spirit. Enjoy lunch on board the Sepik Spirit before you begin your voyage of discovery to local villages. Inspired by the local architecture of the *haus tambaran* or spirit house, the Sepik Spirit has a truly unique design.

**Overnight: SEPIK SPIRIT (Meals - BLD)**

### **Friday, September 1, 2017**

After breakfast you will leave the ship for a full-day tour and a picnic lunch to the remote Black Water Lakes. Visit villages where the people are prolific carvers and artisans, specializing in many interesting items such as masks, elaborately carved hooks, ancestral figures, hand drums, baskets, bilums, and gourds.

**Overnight: SEPIK SPIRIT (Meals - BLD)**

### **Saturday, September 2, 2017**

After breakfast you will leave the Sepik Spirit for a full day to visit Palembei village, the only village with two magnificent Spirit Houses. Here, you will gain some insights into village life, be able to spend time appreciating the architecture, sit with the carvers as they create some of the finest work to be found along the Sepik. You will have also the opportunity to walk through the long grass that leads to the gardens where the food for the village is grown. At the end of this day you will have many memories to take back to the Sepik Spirit.

**Overnight: SEPIK SPIRIT (Meals - BLD)**

### **Sunday, September 3, 2017**

After breakfast you will tour Mindimbit and later meet up with the Sepik Spirit at the Krosmeri Junction for lunch. Later, enjoy the cruising back to the Karawari area.

**Overnight: SEPIK SPIRIT (Meals - BLD)**

### **Sunday, September 4, 2017**

Savour an early breakfast before your transfer to Karawari airstrip and a flight by charter aircraft to Tari over some of the most rugged and impressive landscapes in the world. The country between Ambua and the Sepik region is an amazing array of jagged limestone that seem to rise and drop at impossible angles. Located at 2100 meters (7000 feet) in the Southern Highlands of Papua New Guinea, Ambua Lodge is situated in the homeland of the Huli clan. Explore the landscape with an afternoon guided nature walk through the alpine forest looking for the exotic bird of Paradise.

**Overnight: AMBUA LODGE (Meals - BLD)**

**Monday, September 5, 2017**

Enjoy two full days of cultural touring at Ambua Lodge. In contrast to the Sepik people whose art is manifested in ceremonial and decorative carvings, the Huli highland people employ as their art body decoration, face painting and wigs decorated with feathers, flowers, and moss. The Huli culture is one of the most vibrant intact and colourful to be experienced anywhere.

**Overnight: AMBUA LODGE (Meals - BLD)**

**Tuesday, September 6, 2017**

Enjoy another day in the spectacular highlands at the gorgeous Ambua Lodge.

**Overnight: AMBUA LODGE (Meals - BLD)**

**Wednesday, September 7, 2017**

Today you will fly from Tari to connect with Air Niugini for Port Moresby. You will be met in Port Moresby and transferred to the Airways Hotel. Tonight, we will celebrate the final night of our tour with a farewell dinner and a final chance to say our goodbyes to the new friends we met on the tour.

**Overnight: AIRWAYS HOTEL (Meals - BD)**

**Thursday, September 8, 2017**

This morning, you will transfer to your outgoing international flight **(Meal - B)**

**Includes**

- Accommodation in hotels and cruise as mentioned above.
- Sightseeing and private sing-sing in Hagen.
- Entrance fees.
- Transportation/transfers.
- Internal flights and charter flights.
- Gratuities to porters, waiters, cruise staff, guides, drivers.
- Meals as indicated above.
- Services of an Adventures Abroad tour leader.

**Does not include**

- International flights.
- Travel insurance.
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary.
- Gratuities to the Adventures Abroad tour leader.

**Tour price**

CAD \$13,900 per person sharing a twin.

CAD \$1500 single supplement (may not be available for the Sepik Spirit portion of the tour).

(\$1000 deposit required; non-refundable and non-transferrable once the tour is 'guaranteed. Additional \$1000 pre-payment payable at 9 months prior to tour start date.)

To book, contact Adventures Abroad: [sales@adventures-abroad.com](mailto:sales@adventures-abroad.com) or 1-800-665-3998.

## Accommodations

**Airways Hotel**



**Rondon Ridge**



**Sepik Spirit**



**Ambua Lodge**

