



# PAPUA NEW GUINEA

## Croc your world

Face your fears – of large reptiles, obviously – when you witness the spectacle of the Ambunti Crocodile Festival on the mighty Sepik River.

For most of us, the crocodile isn't an animal with which we want to cross paths, but in Sepik lore it's an important symbol of strength, power and manhood. Be a part of the Ambunti Crocodile Festival on this tour of PNG, and immerse yourself in a unique cultural experience.

It might be your one and only chance to smile at a crocodile and live to tell the tale.

## **Day 1 Wewak**

At a welcome dinner in Wewak, you'll have the chance to meet your fellow travellers.

Overnight: New Wewak Hotel, Deluxe Rooms

## **Day 2 Ambunti**

Depart Wewak and make your way to Ambunti. By evening, the main Sepik River will be seething with herons, cormorants, wild ducks, egrets, kites and more than a thousand species of water birds. Check into your lodge before enjoying a half-day tour to Meno, Tongijamp Yesan and Mayo, remote communities within the Eastern Sepik. In the evening, there's an option to go crocodile spotting on the river.

Overnight: at Ambunti Village Hut

## **Day 3 Sepik River Crocodile Festival**

You'll spend all of today experiencing the Crocodile Festival. Start with an early morning trip to Wagu Lake, where you will have the opportunity to see the bird of paradise. From there, return to Ambunti where the local tribes will display their unique cultures in competition with each other.

## **Day 4 Sepik River Crocodile Festival**

Enjoy the festival until noon when you depart to visit traditional villages Malu and Avative, both known for the fishing and unique burial grounds.

Overnight: camping with first-class camping gear and private cook

## **Day 5 Sepik River Crocodile Festival**

Today at the festival you'll witness a series of dugout canoe races and performances by sing-sing groups from different villages. You may have the opportunity to visit the haus tambaran or 'spirit house', which, as the name implies, is the home of the spirits of ancestors, progenitors, crocodiles and other animals. Upstairs in these houses, carvers and other artisans sit next to their creations.

Return to the lodge this evening

## **Day 6 Middle Sepik**

Visit Palimbe, Yenchan and Kanganamun in the Middle Sepik. These villages, with their haus tamarans and custom practices, have stood firm against the invasion of Christianity. The villages are also home to well-known artists who make carvings. In the afternoon, return to Pagwi for a transfer back to Wewak.

Overnight: New Wewak Hotel, Deluxe Rooms

## **Day 7 Depart**

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flight back to Port Moresby.

## **Inclusions**

- Six nights' accommodation
  - Breakfast daily and all meals when in the Sepik
  - Transportation via motorised canoe
  - Fuel
  - Village accommodation
  - Festival entrance
  - Vehicle transfers to and from Wewak
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## **Exclusions**

- International/domestic flights not mentioned in the itinerary
- Transfers to wharf
- Meals and beverages not mentioned above
- Visas
- Personal travel insurance
- Expenditure of a personal nature such as drinks, souvenirs, laundry, tipping, etc.