

ITINERARY

TRADITIONAL OUTRIGGER SAFARI/ CULTURAL ENCOUNTER

6 nights / 6 days

(November through April each Year)

DAY 1 (Monday departing Port Moresby at 6am to Tufi)

On arrival at Tufi you will be taken to the Resort, introduced to your trekking guide who will assemble gear and outrigger, pack the gear into dry bags, and then after the debriefing and a nice hot breakfast a paddle will commence to the first guesthouse. This paddle commences the beginning of the exploration of this amazing volcanic tropical fjord system. Breakfasts and dinners along route will be based on “local food” primarily fish, bananas, root crops, and fruit for dinners; coffee/tea, fruit etc for breakfasts. For lunch there will be an assortment of dry food that will be brought on this tour such as nuts, energy bars, cookies supplemented with local fruit. You will be sleeping inside the simple thatched guesthouses along the way so we suggest for more comfort you may want to bring a matt, small mosquito net and sleeping bag. If you do not wish to bring such things the items can also be hired prior to departure. (The village guesthouse stays afford personalized relationships and family interaction with the locals.) The first village to paddle is a short distance so day 1 is an initiation day to the fjords of Tufi and the local people.

DAY 2

Today we further paddle up the fjords, visiting exquisite waterfalls plunging into the sea, and exploring mangrove river systems and inlets. Bird sighting is common ranging from frigate birds, reef egrets, sea eagles, cocomos, and kingfishers. Water visibility along the shoreline exposes corals, sponges, and fish particularly when the breaks afford snorkeling in these clear warm waters. (The snorkeling is in calm water and suitable for a beginner.) Tonight we will spend our night at the Guesthouse of Garewa. This village guesthouse has the most exquisite setting sitting on the point looking out over the ocean. Two beautiful beaches at your back door step to swim or snorkel in.

DAY 3

After breakfast another paddle begins to Jebo Village which is a superbly situated guest house right on the beach with access to the fjord and beautiful waterfalls. Relaxing day to spend with the Jebo villagers, traditionally fish and have a great coconut drink and more snorkeling and swimming on a pristine reef.

DAY 4

Today the continuation down the coast to Siu guesthouse so it is an early start on the ocean by 6am. Siu fjord is typically different as the water rises high to the edge of the fjord foreshore. It is a lovely grassland, with wild orchids and a place to relax and enjoy the nature.

DAY 5

The journey back to the resort begins which can be a full day or a ½ day paddle returning up the coast to the resort. We suggest ½ day back to Garewa then the next morning onto Tufi.

DAY 6

Arrival mid morning at the resort. This afternoon you can chill out and enjoy the luxury of a hot shower and cold drinks and time for relaxing. Overnight Tufi Resort for a morning departure on Sunday.