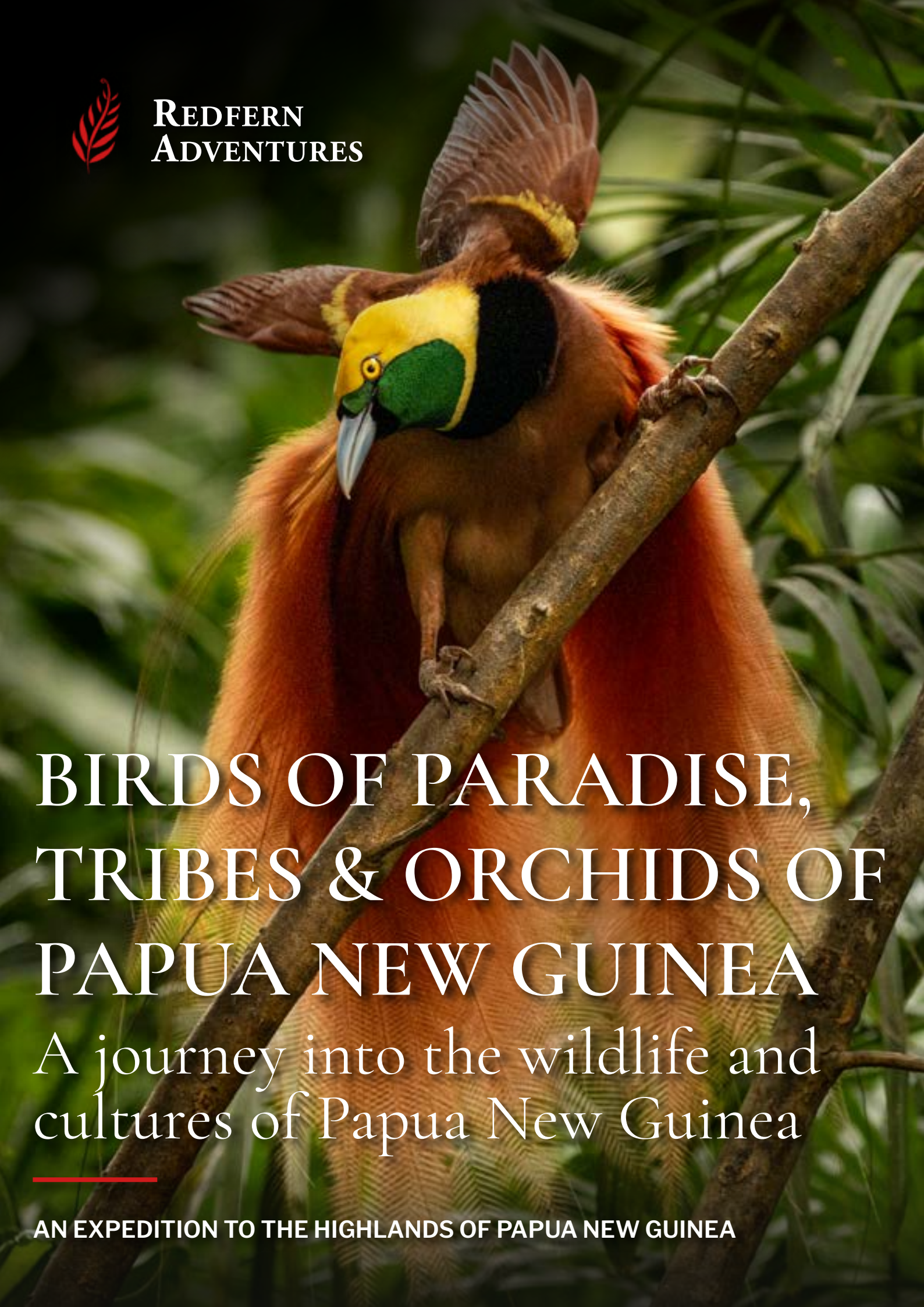


REDFERN ADVENTURES

BIRDS OF PARADISE, TRIBES & ORCHIDS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

A journey into the wildlife and cultures of Papua New Guinea

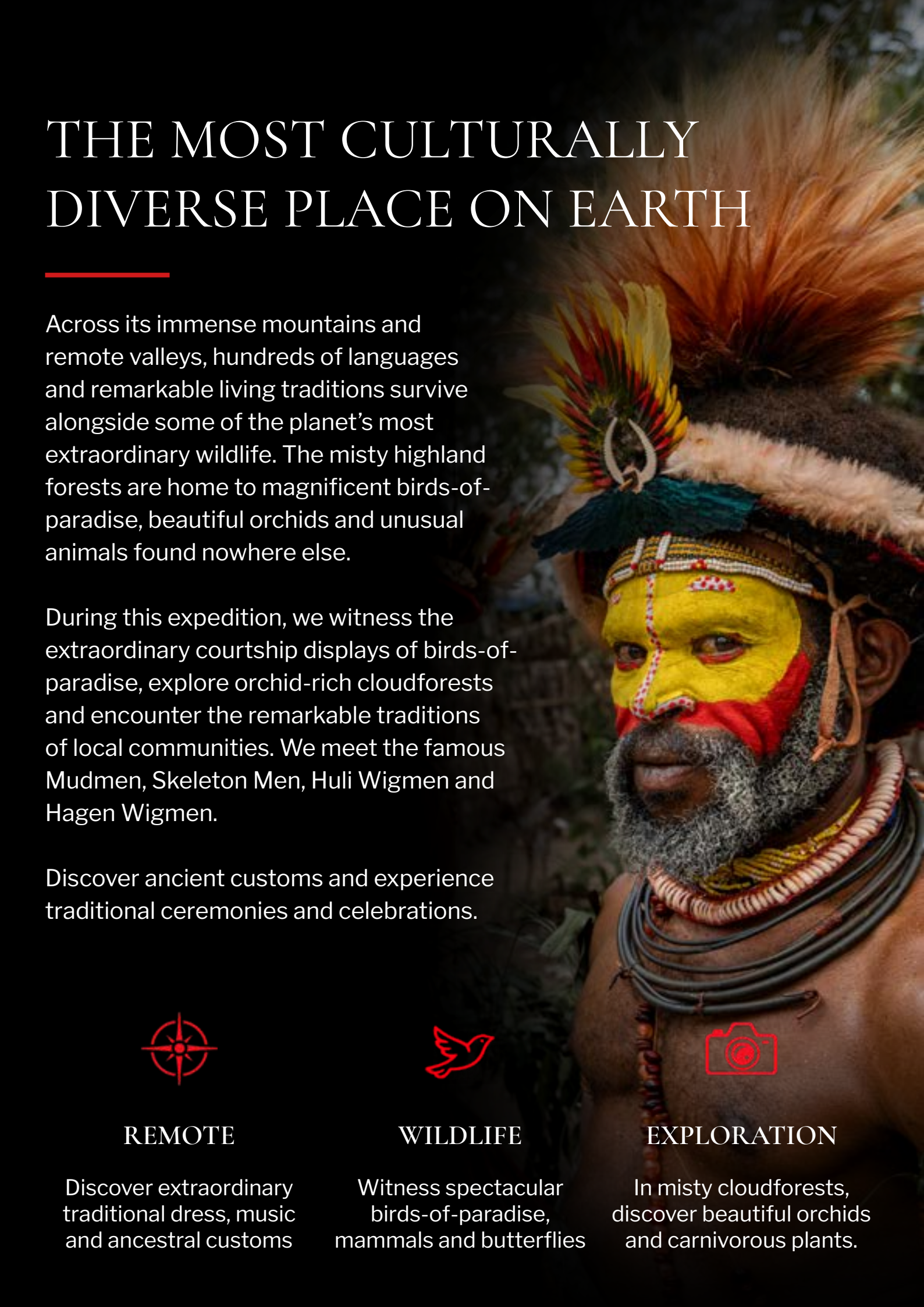
AN EXPEDITION TO THE HIGHLANDS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

THE MOST CULTURALLY DIVERSE PLACE ON EARTH

Across its immense mountains and remote valleys, hundreds of languages and remarkable living traditions survive alongside some of the planet's most extraordinary wildlife. The misty highland forests are home to magnificent birds-of-paradise, beautiful orchids and unusual animals found nowhere else.

During this expedition, we witness the extraordinary courtship displays of birds-of-paradise, explore orchid-rich cloudforests and encounter the remarkable traditions of local communities. We meet the famous Mudmen, Skeleton Men, Huli Wigmen and Hagen Wigmen.

Discover ancient customs and experience traditional ceremonies and celebrations.



REMOTE

Discover extraordinary traditional dress, music and ancestral customs

WILDLIFE

Witness spectacular birds-of-paradise, mammals and butterflies

EXPLORATION

In misty cloudforests, discover beautiful orchids and carnivorous plants.

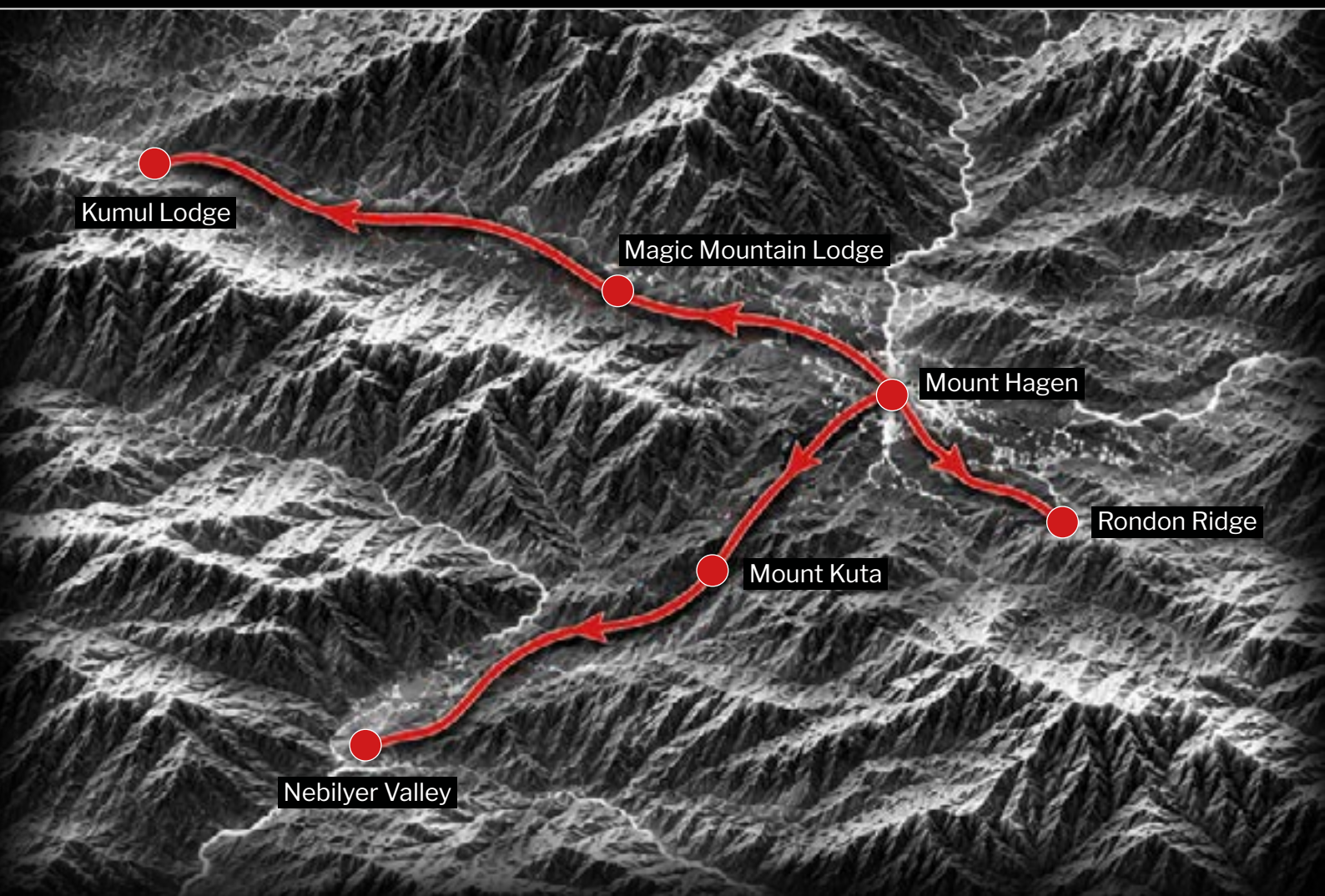
WHERE WE GO

Simplified itinerary



1. Port Moresby
2. Mount Hagen
3. Varirata National Park

Route may vary depending on weather conditions



EXPEDITION SNAPSHOT

DATES

***Only* 10 weekdays** required. Each trip starts on a Monday and ends on a Friday (so you can travel during weekends before / after the trip)

2027

Sept 13th – Sept 24th, **2027**

2028

Sept 11th – Sept 22nd, **2028**

DURATION

12 Days / 11 Nights

START POINT

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

END POINT

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

PRICE

US $4,550 per person

All-inclusive (from start to end)

DIFFICULTY LEVEL

Easy – Suitable for most travellers. Optional longer excursions. No special fitness or skills required

GROUP SIZE

Up to 10 participants

ACTIVITIES

Birdwatching, wildlife photography, nature walks, cultural encounters and village visits

ACCOMMODATION

Comfortable lodges and hotels with shared twin or double room. Single upgrade at extra cost

Prefer different dates?

We can organise a private, bespoke trip to fit your schedule and preferences.



EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

BIRDS OF PARADISE

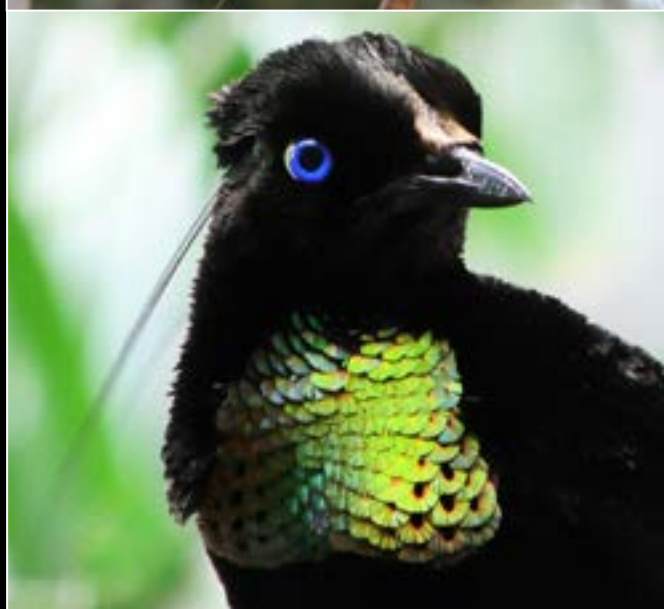
Papua New Guinea is home to some of the most spectacular birds on Earth. We venture into the Highlands in search of up to **thirteen** magnificent species (listed below). Accompanied by expert local guides, we visit specialist hides and secluded forest locations, hoping to witness the extraordinary courtship displays and fascinating behaviour of these remarkable birds.

Note: early starts are essential to witness the magnificent displays. Sightings are highly likely but cannot be guaranteed.

1. Brown Sicklebill
2. Black Sicklebill
3. Blue Bird-of-Paradise
4. Raggiana Bird-of-Paradise
5. Lesser Bird-of-Paradise
6. Ribbon-tailed Astrapia
7. Princess Stephanie's Astrapia
8. Magnificent Bird-of-Paradise
9. King-of-Saxony Bird-of-Paradise
10. Superb Bird-of-Paradise
11. Lawes's Parotia
12. Crinkle-collared Manucode
13. Short-tailed Paradigalla







TRADITIONAL CULTURES

The Highlands of Papua New Guinea are home to an astonishing diversity of cultures, languages and ancient traditions. Throughout our journey, we encounter the famous Huli Wigmen, Hagen Wigmen, Mudmen and Skeleton Men and Women.

We discover extraordinary ceremonial dress, colourful body decorations, traditional dances and fascinating ancestral customs, experiencing the remarkable cultural richness of communities that continue to preserve their unique living traditions.





ORCHIDS & CARNIVOROUS PLANTS

The lush mountain forests of Papua New Guinea support an extraordinary diversity of plants, including beautiful tropical orchids and remarkable carnivorous species. We explore orchid-rich gardens and natural forest habitats, searching for exquisite flowers and unusual botanical treasures. Highlights include the spectacular tropical pitcher plant *Nepenthes maxima*, whose extraordinary traps have evolved to capture insects.



EXTRAORDINARY WILDLIFE

Beyond its famous birds-of-paradise, Papua New Guinea's Highlands harbour an extraordinary diversity of endemic wildlife. We search for colourful parrots, unusual honeyeaters, beautiful kingfishers and other fascinating forest birds. We may also glimpse elusive mammals, including cuscuses, tree kangaroos and other remarkable marsupials.



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

Experience the warmth, hospitality and remarkable traditions of Papua New Guinea's Highland communities. We visit traditional villages and enjoy extraordinary cultural encounters, from colourful ceremonial performances and ancestral dances to traditional music, storytelling and fascinating local customs. These memorable experiences offer a wonderful opportunity to meet local people and discover the rich cultural heritage of this extraordinary country.



GETTING THERE & AWAY

GETTING THERE

Fly to Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (POM). International flights are available via major Asia-Pacific hubs, including Singapore, Brisbane, Cairns and Manila. Connecting services are operated by Air Niugini, Qantas and other regional airlines, depending on your departure point.

We recommend arriving in Port Moresby one day before the expedition begins, allowing time to rest and providing a buffer before our domestic flight to Mount Hagen on the first day.

GETTING AWAY

Our expedition ends in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (POM).

International departures can be arranged for Day 12 of our itinerary, however, we recommend booking flights for the following day if possible, allowing additional flexibility in the event of domestic flight delays.

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY

Extend your adventure with an unforgettable journey to spectacular islands, snorkel on beautiful coral reefs or visit the Baining fire dancers!

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EXPEDITION DIFFICULTY

EASY

Suitable for most travellers. Optional longer excursions. No special fitness or skills required.

DAILY ACTIVITIES

Short forest walks, birdwatching from hides, village visits and cultural encounters.

WEATHER

Tropical conditions in the lowlands. Cooler conditions in the highlands.

MOBILITY

Guests must be able to walk distances of a few kilometres / miles unaided.

PACE

Early starts for birds-of-paradise, often around 4–5 am. A flexible itinerary with time to relax between excursions.

This is an adventure in a remote environment. Flexibility and a sense of adventure are essential!

OUR SPECIALITY

Papua New Guinea is a Redfern Adventures speciality.

Over two decades of leading expeditions across New Guinea, we have developed an exceptional understanding of this extraordinary island, its remarkable wildlife, remote landscapes and diverse cultures. More than a decade of experience in the Highlands has allowed us to refine every aspect of this expedition.

Through years of working closely with local communities, traditional leaders and specialist guides, we have established unique relationships that open doors unavailable to most other tour operators. These relationships allow us to arrange exceptional cultural encounters, private ceremonies and traditional sing-sings, offering opportunities to experience the extraordinary traditions of Papua New Guinea in ways that conventional tours simply cannot match.

Our extensive local knowledge also gives us access to specialist birdwatching locations and secluded hides, providing outstanding opportunities to observe some of the world's most spectacular birds-of-paradise and their remarkable courtship displays.

Every element of this expedition has been carefully developed and refined through years of exploration, from the selection of wildlife locations and cultural experiences to the logistics, accommodation and expert local support.







Join us and discover Papua New Guinea through the experience, expertise and unique relationships that make Redfern Adventures truly different.

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

From the spectacular birds-of-paradise and misty mountain rainforests of the Highlands to extraordinary tribal ceremonies, colourful cultures and beautiful orchids, this expedition reveals the remarkable natural and cultural wonders of Papua New Guinea.

1	Day 1	Port Moresby to Mount Hagen
2	Day 2	Kumul Lodge & Mudmen
3	Day 3	Birds-of-Paradise & Huli Wigmen
4	Day 4	Mount Kuta & Orchid Gardens
5	Day 5	Bowerbirds & Hela Spirit Dance
6	Day 6	Waghi Valley & Skeleton Men
7	Day 7	Munaga Village & Birdwatching
8	Day 8	Birds-of-Paradise & Pinza Village
9	Day 9	Mount Kuta & Hagen Wigmen
10	Day 10	Return to Port Moresby
11	Day 11	Varirata National Park
12	Day 12	Departure



DAY 1 | ARRIVAL IN THE HIGHLANDS

Our expedition begins in Port Moresby, the capital of Papua New Guinea. We board a domestic flight to Mount Hagen, travelling into the heart of the country's spectacular Highlands, where immense mountain ranges, lush valleys and ancient rainforests create some of the most extraordinary landscapes in the Pacific.

On arrival, we meet our experienced local expedition team and travel to Magic Mountain Lodge, our base for exploring the remarkable wildlife and cultures of the Highlands.

Situated amid beautiful mountain scenery, the lodge provides excellent opportunities for birdwatching. Depending on our arrival time, we may explore the surrounding forest and visit specialist birdwatching hides, searching for extraordinary species such as the Brown Sicklebill, Black Sicklebill, Princess Stephanie's Astrapia and King-of-Saxony Bird-of-Paradise.

As evening approaches, we settle into our accommodation and prepare for the remarkable adventures ahead, including early morning excursions to witness the spectacular courtship displays of Papua New Guinea's birds-of-paradise.

Overnight: Magic Mountain Lodge.







DAY 2 | BIRDS OF PARADISE & MUD MEN



We begin our day exploring the magnificent montane forests surrounding Kumul Lodge, one of Papua New Guinea's most celebrated birdwatching locations. The lodge's feeding stations attract an extraordinary variety of Highland birds, offering wonderful opportunities to observe and photograph species at close range.

Among the highlights is the spectacular Ribbon-tailed Astrapia, whose males possess extraordinarily long white tail feathers. We also search for colourful parrots, including Brehm's Tiger Parrot and Stella's Lorikeet, alongside unusual honeyeaters and other remarkable Highland specialities.

Later, we visit Pogla Village to encounter the famous Mudmen, whose extraordinary clay masks and traditional performances are among the most distinctive cultural traditions of Papua New Guinea. We learn about the history and significance of these remarkable customs and enjoy a memorable introduction to the cultural richness of the Highlands.

We return to Magic Mountain Lodge in the afternoon, with further opportunities for birdwatching around the lodge and its surrounding forests.

Overnight: Magic Mountain Lodge.





DAY 3 | BIRDS OF PARADISE & HULI WIGMEN

We begin our day with an early morning excursion into the beautiful Nebilyer Valley, exploring secluded forest habitats in search of some of Papua New Guinea's most spectacular birds-of-paradise.



Accompanied by our expert local guides, we visit specialist birdwatching locations, hoping to encounter the magnificent Raggiana Bird-of-Paradise, the extraordinary Magnificent Bird-of-Paradise and the unusual Crinkle-collared Manucode. With luck, we may witness elaborate courtship displays and fascinating behaviour, providing wonderful opportunities for wildlife observation and photography.



Later, we enjoy an extraordinary cultural encounter with the famous Huli Wigmen, renowned for their elaborate ceremonial wigs, colourful face paint and magnificent feathered headdresses. We discover the traditions surrounding their distinctive appearance and enjoy a traditional drum dance that offers an unforgettable insight into their cultural heritage.

After a remarkable day combining spectacular wildlife and extraordinary living traditions, we return to Magic Mountain Lodge for the evening.

Overnight: Magic Mountain Lodge.





DAY 4 | BIRDS OF PARADISE & ORCHIDS



We begin our day with an early morning excursion to the forests of Mount Kuta, visiting specialist birdwatching hides in search of some of Papua New Guinea's most extraordinary birds-of-paradise. Among our principal targets are the magnificent Blue Bird-of-Paradise, Lawes's Parotia and Superb Bird-of-Paradise, each renowned for their spectacular plumage and elaborate courtship displays. We may also have opportunities to encounter the elusive Short-tailed Paradigalla.

After our morning birdwatching, we visit Rondon Ridge Lodge for lunch. We then visit the lodge's fascinating Bates Haus Museum, which houses an extraordinary collection of traditional artefacts from the remote Sepik region.

Later, we visit a specialist local orchid garden to admire an impressive variety of beautiful tropical orchids. We also search for the spectacular carnivorous pitcher plant *Nepenthes maxima*, which grows naturally in the surrounding forests. We return to Magic Mountain Lodge after a wonderful day devoted to the extraordinary birds and botanical treasures of Papua New Guinea's Highlands.

Overnight: Magic Mountain Lodge.







DAY 5 | BOWERBIRDS & HELA SPIRIT DANCE

We begin our day exploring the magnificent forests surrounding Mount Hagen, visiting a specialist birdwatching location in search of the remarkable MacGregor's Bowerbird. This unusual species is renowned for its extraordinary courtship behaviour, with males constructing elaborate, towering bowers built from sticks around the stems of saplings, often decorated with moss and other natural materials to attract females. We hope to observe the fascinating courtship dances of these remarkable birds.

After our morning birdwatching, we travel to Rondon Ridge for lunch, enjoying beautiful views across the surrounding Highlands.

After lunch, we visit a charming orchid garden showcasing some of the beautiful and unusual orchids found throughout the region.

We also visit a local seller specialising in traditional woodcarvings and masks.

In the late afternoon, we enjoy another extraordinary cultural experience as we witness the Hela Spirit Dance, performed at night around a fire by members of the Huli community. Featuring elaborate ceremonial dress, magnificent feathered headdresses, traditional music and rhythmic movements, this remarkable performance offers a fascinating insight into the traditions and spiritual heritage of the Huli people.

We return to Magic Mountain Lodge after another memorable day exploring the extraordinary wildlife and cultures of Papua New Guinea.

Overnight: Magic Mountain Lodge.













DAY 6 | SKELETON MEN & MOGKAI TRIBE

After several early mornings exploring the forests in search of birds-of-paradise, we enjoy a more relaxed start to the day, with time to appreciate the beautiful surroundings of Magic Mountain Lodge.

For those wishing to enjoy further birdwatching, we have the option of visiting any of the three specialist hides situated close to our accommodation. These offer wonderful opportunities to observe remarkable birds-of-paradise, including the Brown Sicklebill, Black Sicklebill, Princess Stephanie's Astrapia and King-of-Saxony Bird-of-Paradise.

Some of these magnificent birds (especially Princess Stephanie's Astrapia) can even be observed from the lodge's breakfast area, where we may enjoy our morning coffee while watching birds-of-paradise visiting nearby feeding stations!

Later, we journey into the spectacular Waghi Valley, travelling through beautiful mountain scenery and traditional Highland communities to reach Avi Village. Here, we experience one of Papua New Guinea's most extraordinary cultural traditions: the remarkable Skeleton Men.



With their bodies painted in striking black-and-white skeletal patterns, these performers create an unforgettable spectacle. We discover the fascinating stories and traditions associated with their distinctive appearance and witness captivating performances featuring traditional dances, rhythmic movements and elaborate body decorations.



Subject to confirmation, we may also have the extraordinary opportunity to witness a traditional sing-sing performed by the women, children and elders of the Mogkai tribe. Adorned in spectacular feathered headdresses and colourful ceremonial dress, the women perform beautiful traditional songs and rhythmic drum dances.

Our visit also provides opportunities to meet members of the local community, learn about their customs and experience further traditional performances arranged especially for our group.

After an extraordinary day celebrating the remarkable cultural heritage of the Highlands, we return to Magic Mountain Lodge for the evening.

Overnight: Magic Mountain Lodge.





DAY 7 | BIRDS OF PARADISE & MUNAGA



We begin our day with another early morning excursion into the magnificent forests surrounding Mount Hagen, visiting specialist birdwatching hides in search of some of Papua New Guinea's most spectacular birds-of-paradise. Our principal targets include the magnificent Raggiana Bird-of-Paradise and the remarkable Superb Bird-of-Paradise, both renowned for their extraordinary courtship displays. With luck, we may witness these beautiful birds performing their elaborate dances, offering wonderful opportunities for observation and photography.

Later, we travel to Munaga Village, where we enjoy a fascinating introduction to the traditional customs and cultural heritage of the local Highland community. We discover the significance of traditional courtship ceremonies, learn about ancestral customs and enjoy performances that have been passed down through generations.

Among the highlights is the opportunity to experience traditional Highland flute music, an important part of the region's cultural heritage. We learn about the significance of these distinctive instruments and the role of music in local ceremonies and community life.





We may also meet local artisans and traditional artefact sellers, who offer a fascinating variety of handcrafted objects, including intricate woodcarvings, ceremonial masks, traditional spears and other items reflecting the rich cultural heritage of the Highlands.

Our local friends at Munaga Village may also demonstrate their traditional bows and arrows, which are still sometimes used to hunt cuscuses at night. We may have the opportunity to visit traditional homes, learn about everyday village life and discover the subsistence farming practices that continue to sustain the local community.

After another memorable day combining exceptional birdwatching with fascinating cultural encounters, we return to Magic Mountain Lodge for the evening.

Overnight: Magic Mountain Lodge.









DAY 8 | BIRDS OF PARADISE & PINZA

We begin our day with an early morning birdwatching excursion, with two possible destinations depending on our sightings during the preceding days. We can venture into the beautiful Baiyer Valley in search of the magnificent Lesser Bird-of-Paradise, a spectacular species whose elaborate courtship displays can be particularly challenging to observe in their full glory.

Alternatively, if we have not yet enjoyed satisfactory views of the extraordinary King-of-Saxony Bird-of-Paradise, we may visit a peak on Rondon Ridge. This remarkable species is renowned for the two enormously elongated ornamental head plumes of the males, which are waved dramatically during their elaborate courtship displays.

Later, we travel to Pinza Village, the home community of one of our principal local guides, where we receive a warm traditional welcome. Through our longstanding friendships with the local community, we have the opportunity to experience a fascinating variety of traditional ceremonies, performances and cultural activities arranged especially for our group. Among the highlights are welcoming songs and (if not performed at Munaga village) a fascinating courtship ceremony. We also learn about traditional methods of resolving disputes and restoring harmony between communities, including ceremonies of reconciliation that have played an important role in Highland society for generations.

Our hosts may also demonstrate traditional games and friendly competitions, including lively tug-of-war contests, providing a wonderful opportunity to interact with members of the village and experience the warmth, humour and hospitality of the local people. There are also often artefacts, carvings, bilum bags and kina shells for sale.

Overnight: Magic Mountain Lodge.







DAY 9 | HAGEN WIGMEN, MUMU & SKULLS

We begin our day with another early morning excursion into the magnificent forests of Mount Kuta, returning to specialist birdwatching hides in search of some of Papua New Guinea's most extraordinary birds-of-paradise. Depending on our sightings during the preceding days, we may focus on the spectacular Blue Bird-of-Paradise, Lawes's Parotia or Superb Bird-of-Paradise, hoping to witness their elaborate courtship displays. Our experienced local guides will help us select the most promising locations, maximising our opportunities to observe and photograph these remarkable birds.



Later, we travel to Paiya Village, where we enjoy a fascinating encounter with the famous Hagen Wigmen, renowned for their magnificent feathered headdresses, elaborate ceremonial dress and spectacular traditional performances. We witness colourful dances and traditional sing-sings and have the opportunity to meet the Hagen chief.



During our visit, we explore traditional buildings and displays housing an extraordinary collection of cultural artefacts, including ancestral skulls, ceremonial objects, traditional weapons and intricate carvings. We also have opportunities to meet local artisans and browse a fascinating selection of traditional handicrafts, offering a wonderful insight into the artistic heritage of the Highlands.

One of the highlights of our visit is the opportunity to experience a traditional mumu feast, one of the Highlands' most cherished culinary traditions. We watch as a wonderful assortment of meats, sweet potatoes, fresh fern leaves and other local delicacies are carefully prepared and cooked over heated stones in a traditional earth oven.

As the food slowly steams beneath layers of leaves, delicious aromas fill the air, building anticipation for the feast ahead. Finally, we gather to enjoy this magnificent traditional meal, sharing in a centuries-old custom that brings families and communities together for celebrations and special occasions. It is a fitting conclusion to our experiences in the Highlands.

Overnight: Magic Mountain Lodge.









DAY 10 | FAREWELL TO THE HIGHLANDS

Depending on our flight schedule, we may have time for some final birdwatching around Magic Mountain Lodge for a last encounter with the spectacular birds-of-paradise that have made our journey so memorable.

We then travel to Mount Hagen Airport, where we say goodbye to our local friends and guides before boarding our domestic flight to Port Moresby. As we leave the Highlands behind, we may enjoy magnificent aerial views of the immense mountain ranges, deep valleys and vast tropical forests that characterise the interior of New Guinea.

On arrival in Port Moresby, we transfer to our hotel and settle into our accommodation. Depending on our arrival time, there may be opportunities to explore some of the attractions around the capital, such as the Papua New Guinea National Museum and Art Gallery (NMAG), home to a breath-taking array of cultural artefacts from across Papua New Guinea.

Overnight: Hotel in Port Moresby.



DAY 11 | VARIRATA NATIONAL PARK





We begin our day with an early morning excursion to the magnificent Varirata National Park, situated in the forested mountains overlooking Port Moresby. This beautiful protected area encompasses extensive tropical rainforests and offers exceptional opportunities to discover the remarkable birdlife of southern Papua New Guinea.

Accompanied by our expert local guides, we explore the park's forest trails and birdwatching locations in search of an extraordinary diversity of tropical birds. Among our targets are the spectacular Brown-headed Paradise-Kingfisher, tiny Papuan Dwarf-Kingfisher, colourful Eclectus Parrot, Rufous-bellied Kookaburra and beautiful fruit-doves. We also search for more unusual forest inhabitants, including the remarkable Hooded Pitohui, one of the world's few poisonous birds, the elusive Papuan Pitta and the extraordinary Growling Riflebird. A particular highlight is the possibility of witnessing the magnificent Raggiana Bird-of-Paradise at its traditional display trees. Even if we have already encountered this species in the Highlands, Varirata National Park offers another wonderful opportunity to observe its extraordinary courtship behaviour, as males gather at their display sites, spreading their brilliant orange-red plumes in an unforgettable spectacle.

The park also offers beautiful views across the surrounding mountains and valleys, providing a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the spectacular landscapes and rich biodiversity of southern New Guinea.

Later, we return towards Port Moresby, where we may visit the city's Adventure Park, home to a remarkable collection of native birds and other wildlife, including species that are difficult to encounter in the wild. We aim to time our visit to coincide with the birds' feeding session, when a dazzling array of colourful birds-of-paradise gathers at the feeding stations, offering extraordinary opportunities to admire their magnificent plumage at close range. After so many early mornings spent patiently searching for these elusive birds in the remote forests of the

Highlands, it is a rather surreal experience to see so many relatively tame birds-of-paradise together in captivity.

We may also visit the beautiful Port Moresby Nature Park (home to a wonderful collection of cassowaries, fruit bats, Victoria crowned pigeons, tree kangaroos and wallabies) or browse a local handicraft market for traditional carvings, masks and other artefacts from across Papua New Guinea.

As evening approaches, we return to our hotel for our final dinner together in Papua New Guinea, reflecting on the extraordinary birds-of-paradise, remarkable wildlife and unforgettable cultural encounters that have made our expedition so special.

Overnight: Hotel in Port Moresby.

DAY 12 | FAREWELL TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

We enjoy a final breakfast together before bidding farewell to Papua New Guinea. Depending on individual travel arrangements, we then transfer to Port Moresby's Jacksons International Airport for our onward flights, or to your chosen hotel if you are extending your stay in this extraordinary country.

End of Expedition.



OTHER ADD-ON TRIP OPTIONS

Extend your adventure in Papua New Guinea by joining a Redfern Adventures trip to one of the following destinations. These specialist journeys can be arranged on request, with flexible departure dates and customised itineraries tailored to your interests, travel plans and available time. Please contact sales@redfernadventures.com for further information and pricing.

SEPIK RIVER CANOE EXPEDITION

Journey by canoe along the legendary Sepik River, visiting remote villages renowned for their extraordinary art and ancient traditions. Explore magnificent Spirit Houses adorned with spectacular carvings, meet artisans creating elaborate masks, shields and ceremonial objects, and experience colourful traditional sing-sings. Encounter the remarkable Crocodile Clan, whose initiated men bear intricate scarification resembling crocodile scales!





CULTURES AND WILDLIFE OF NEW BRITAIN

Witness the extraordinary Baining Fire Dancers, famed for towering bark masks and dramatic dances through flames. Discover the volcanic ruins of Rabaul, climb Mount Tavurvur and explore fascinating WWII relics, including Japanese tunnels, bunkers and aircraft wrecks. Encounter remarkable birdlife, snorkel vibrant coral reefs and visit megapode nesting grounds, where locals hunt for prized eggs each morning and cook them in boiling geothermal hot springs.

EXPLORE NEW IRELAND

Discover the spectacular island of New Ireland, where lush tropical rainforests meet pristine beaches and turquoise coral seas. Explore traditional villages renowned for their extraordinary Malagan carvings. Enjoy exceptional snorkelling and diving among vibrant coral reefs, home to beautiful tropical fish, sea turtles and an extraordinary diversity of marine life.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ All accommodation throughout the itinerary (shared twin or double room)
- ✓ All meals and non-alcoholic drinks
- ✓ Expert expedition team and professional guides
- ✓ All activities and excursions as per the itinerary
- ✓ All ground transport and domestic flights during the itinerary
- ✓ All permits, permissions and entry fees
- ✓ Basic medical kit and emergency communication equipment

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- ✗ International flights to the start point and from the end point
- ✗ Travel insurance
- ✗ Passport and travel documents (e.g. visa, if required for your nationality)
- ✗ Pre- and Post-expedition accommodation
- ✗ Tips and gratuities (optional)
- ✗ Alcoholic beverages
- ✗ Souvenirs
- ✗ Personal expenses
- ✗ Optional single room upgrade

Please Note:

Papua New Guinea is a country of extraordinary natural beauty, but its road infrastructure remains limited, and journeys can sometimes be long, slow and uncomfortable. Roads are often rough or muddy, and travel times can be unpredictable. However, these journeys take us through spectacular Highland landscapes and provide access to remarkable wildlife habitats and remote communities. Participants should be prepared for extended road travel and approach these journeys with patience and flexibility.

Observing birds-of-paradise in the wild is an unforgettable experience, but it requires patience and a little luck! Many excursions involve very early departures, often around 4:00–5:00 am, to reach specialist hides before the birds begin displaying, generally between 6:00 am and 10:00 am. These are wild animals, and sightings can never be guaranteed. Some mornings may reward us with spectacular displays, while others may offer only fleeting glimpses or no sightings at all. Participants should approach these encounters with realistic expectations and a sense of adventure.



GENERAL INFORMATION

PASSPORT & VISAS

A valid passport is required. Visa requirements vary by nationality. Please check entry requirements.

WHAT TO BRING

We provide a detailed list of recommended clothing and equipment.

INSURANCE

Comprehensive travel and medical insurance is mandatory.

HEALTH

Vaccinations and malaria prevention may be recommended. Consult a travel health professional for advice.

CLIMATE

Daytime temperatures range from 18°C to 30°C (65°F to 86°F) (cooler at higher elevations).

PHOTOGRAPHY

Endless opportunities for landscapes and wildlife. Bring macro, wide-angle and telephoto lenses.

"In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks."

— John Muir



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