

Unparalleled Diversity....



Papua New Guinea is one of the most diverse populations on earth with over 700 different languages spoken in a country with a population of around 5 million people.

There are many different and exotic cultures within Papua New Guinea and it is a land of traditional people living a subsistence lifestyle. People live in small villages and are dependent on subsistence farming. Women are responsible for the day to day work such as gardening and caring for young children.



There is much diversity between the cultures in Papua New Guinea, for example there is the colourful [Huli](#) tribe who inhabit the southern highlands and Hela Province of Papua New Guinea. Colourful clay is used for traditional body decoration by the [Huli's](#). In contrast the young men of the [Sepik](#) region undergo painful skin cutting on their backs. This is a symbol of strength and power to resemble the much worshiped water spirit (crocodiles) of the Sepik.

The cultural shows and festivals of Papua New Guinea are a way for the proud local people to showcase their traditional customs and beliefs through dance and "sing sings". This also provides a wonderful opportunity for tourists to see the many different cultures of Papua New Guinea all come together in an array of colour and passion.

Our wilderness lodges are positioned throughout Papua New Guinea, each providing comprehensive [touring programs](#), enabling our guests to experience the diverse cultures of this amazing country. Our experienced and knowledgeable local guides will ensure you are taken care of as they teach you about the varied cultures Papua New Guinea has to offer.

A Birders Paradise...



The island of New Guinea has one the richest and most varied avifauna in the world. The 708 bird species identified so far for the islands include 578 land and freshwater species, 40 sea birds and 90 migrants from countries to the North and South.

The non-perching birds include cassowaries, birds of prey, megapods, pigeons and doves, cuckoos and coucals, owls and frogmouths, lorries and lorikeets, parrots, cockatoos, kingfishers and hornbills.

The perching birds include cuckoo-shrikes and trillers, shrikes, thrushes, logrunners, babblers, warblers, fairy-wrens, fantails, monarchs and robins, whistlers and pitohuis, honeyeaters, finches, starlings, mynahs, orioles, drongos, wood swallows, butcherbirds, bowerbirds and Birds of Paradise.

There are 43 known species of Bird of Paradise on our planet, 38 of these are found in Papua New Guinea. The extent of the millinery trade of the last century significantly affected the populations of these beautiful birds and as a result, all species of Bird of Paradise in Papua New Guinea are now protected and it is illegal to take their plumes out of the c



country. The major threat to their existence now, is commercial logging and the clearance of their habitats and rainforests for gardens as the country's population grows.

[Ambua Lodge](#) is a world renowned birding destination with over [217 different species](#) recorded in the area. The Lodge offers early morning birding tours to all guests visiting the lodge as well as day and night birding tours to avid birding groups.

[Rondon Ridge](#) has almost [180 species of birds](#) in the surrounding forests and is also home to many Bird of Paradise species. Rondon is fast becoming a popular birding facility and also offers early morning bird walks through the Lodges' rainforests as a part of the regular touring program.

[Karawari Lodge](#) with [229 recorded species](#), also offers early morning birding by riverboat along the Karawari river. Several species of Bird of Paradise are resident as well as many other lowland and waterbird species.

[Bensbach Wildlife Lodge](#) has [191 recorded bird species](#) and offers a unique glimpse of massive flocks of migratory birds as well as species endemic to the area.

Western province is home to over 50% of New Guineas total bird population. [Lake Murray](#) is one of the best bird watching areas in the Province. In addition to a host of migratory birds, several [birds of paradise species](#), pelicans, hornbills, eagles, parrots and numerous other birds have been sighted. Click on the link for comprehensive [listings of the birds](#).

Experienced and knowledgeable local birding guides are available at all of our lodges to escort birding tours.