

Explore northern lowlands

Outdoors break

5 days/4 nights

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We begin our exploration of West Papua's northern lowlands around the provincial capital Jayapura with two relaxed half a day's excursions highlighting the historic importance of Lake Sentani. Early next morning, we set out to our secluded Muaib jungle camp in pristine alluvial lowland forest for a three days' exploration of its rich and colorful biota. Showcasing a forest wallaby, two large-bodied marsupial cuscuses, a man-sized flightless cassowary, two megapodes, a delightful crowned pigeon, and a whopping six species of bird-of-paradise, this place has everything to make for an exciting first introduction to New Guinea's exquisite wildlife.

When?

Possible year-round, but most certainly best from June to November.

Scheduled departures

Please enquire for details on our upcoming departures.

Physical effort

Reasonable physical fitness and good agility are required for this tour which plies some challenging terrain.

Tour summary

Day 1 > Sentani and Lake Sentani.

Day 2 > Sentani and northern lowlands.

Day 3 > Northern lowlands.

Day 4 > Northern lowlands and Sentani.

Day 5 > Sentani.

Tour description

Day 1 > Sentani and Lake Sentani Morning arrival at Jayapura's Sentani Airport on overnight domestic flight from Jakarta or alternative gateway. We shall soon set out to visit the little-known rock paintings of nearby Lake Sentani and immerse ourselves in the rich history of this scenic area, which may well have been linked by trade to mainland Southeast Asia as early as 5,000 years ago. The Sentani area gained archeological fame due to the large number of prehistoric bronze artifacts that have been recovered there, all of which date from the first few centuries since the beginning of date count and therefore are being associated with the height of an Asian plume trade. Most bronzes are now in museums of course, but some are still held as heirlooms in traditional ownership. After lunch in town, we shall visit one of Sentani's tribal chiefs, called Ondoapi in this cultural area, for a firsthand dekho at his bronze collection. We shall end the day with a relaxed excursion through grasslands and patchy secondary forests around the lake, enjoying magnificent views of the precipitous Cyclops Mountains to the north. Dinner and overnight in Sentani hotel.

Day 2 > Sentani and northern lowlands We shall enjoy a nocturnal breakfast in our Sentani hotel and set out on the two-hour's drive to our drop-off point west of the Cyclops Mountains. After arrival here around dawn, we shall hike all day toward our secluded Muaib jungle camp at c. 10 m elevation in pristine alluvial primary forest, enjoying a packed lunch en route. Along the walk, wacko hornbills, majestic cockatoos and noisy lorries may fly overhead as we familiarize ourselves with some of the more conspicuous forest birds. After dinner at camp, a nocturnal foray in the vicinity could bring us up close with a weird-looking frogmouth, a pleasantly confiding forest wallaby, the White-striped Dorcopsis, or cuddly arboreal marsupials like the Common Spotted Cuscus and Black-spotted Cuscus. Overnight at camp.

Day 3 > Northern lowlands Wake up to a true day in paradise as we shall be spending most of this morning at known display sites of consecutively the Twelve-wired, Lesser and King Bird-of-paradise, soliciting sightings of the more mobile Pale-billed Sicklebill in between. Moreover, while sitting quietly in the forest, admiring the full array of display postures of these most magnificent of feathered life forms, we also stand an excellent chance of seeing other hot stuff like Northern Cassowary or one of the megapodes casually walking by. After lunch back at camp, we shall hike all afternoon through riverine forest where it should not take long before we feast our

eyes on a party of delightful Victoria Crowned Pigeons as they lift off with clapping wing beats from the forest floor to alight in nearby emergent trees. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and overnight at camp.

Day 4 > Northern lowlands and Sentani Following breakfast and a final morning excursion, we shall have an earlier than usual lunch at camp and hike back to our pick-up point where vehicles stand by to transport us to Sentani. Dinner and overnight in Sentani hotel.

Day 5 > Sentani We shall enjoy breakfast in our Sentani hotel and transfer to Sentani Airport for the first morning flight to Jakarta or alternative destination.

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