



PACIFIC ARIA – FEBRUARY 21, 2016

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## VISITORS INFORMATION

### MADANG PAPUA NEW GUINEA



DALLMAN PASSAGE & MADANG HARBOUR

## WELCOME TO MADANG PASSENGERS FROM THE PACIFIC ARIA

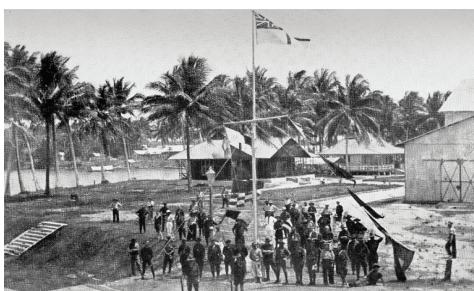


Madang township (Pop. Est. 50,000) shares its name with the Madang Province (Pop. est. over 500,000) making it the third largest Province in Papua New Guinea. With over 173 languages, the Province is the most culturally, linguistic and geographic diverse in the world. Madang was initially colonized by the Germans in late 18th Century and annexed by the British following WW1. The Commonwealth of Australia assumed a mandate from the League of Nations for governing the former German territory of New Guinea in 1920. It was administered under this mandate until the Japanese invasion in December 1941 brought about the suspension of Australian civil administration.

The name of the territory (TAPNG) was changed to Papua New Guinea. In 1973 it was given self government and finally on 16 September 1975 it obtained full Independence and remains a sovereign nation within the Commonwealth with Queen Elizabeth II as Head of State represented by a PNG Governor-General elected by the PNG Parliament.

There are 22 Provinces, plus the National Capital District and the Autonomous Region of Bougainville. Each Province has an elected governor with the exception of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville which has an elected President. Each Province has between 2 to 25 local level governments. In 2015 PNG celebrated 40 years of Independence by hosting the South Pacific Games, the Pacific Forum, Melanesian Spearhead Group and other significant events. In 2018 PNG will be host nation to the APEC meeting to be held in Port Moresby whilst other smaller meetings will take place in Madang and Rabaul.

In the past the backbone of the Madang Province economy was based on agriculture, (copra, cocoa some coffee and tourism.) In more recent years sugar, timber, fisheries have increased revenue for PNG. The Ramu Nickel Mine located at Kurumbukari and Basamuk is now full production, Marengo Mining is exploring the copper sulphate deposits around Yandera. Heritage Oil drilled for gas in the Begesin



area and failed to find commercial quantities. Of particular interest is the Bio-fuel being produced at Kulili Plantation on Kar Kar Island which provides the island with all the fuel required to be self sustaining with some bio-fuel now being exported to the mainland.

Madang has become a major educational centre in



PNG with various tertiary institutions including  
**PNG Nautical College, Madang Teachers College, Lutheran School of**

**Nursing IMR and the Divine Word University** considered to be one of the best University in PNG with over 3000 students with campuses in Mt Hagen, Rabaul, Port Moresby and Wewak. In 2016 the first intake of students enroll in the Medical Faculty.

In recent years there has been a large influx of Chinese who today own almost all the supermarkets and stores in Madang all selling mainly Chinese goods. The few remaining stores include **Andersons, M&S Tsang and Madang Butchery** which is well worth a visit as they manufacture German & European small goods in a very modern store beside Anderson Supermarket. One of the new major Chinese stores was burnt to the ground over the New Year period.

### CURRENCY EXCHANGE & BANKS

The Banks in Madang include **ANZ, Westpac, Bank of South Pacific** and the **National Development Bank** all centered in township.



Being Sunday, banks will be closed but currency exchange facilities will be available at the Madang Resort front office. **Vendors selling handicraft and artefacts have been advised to accept Australian currency on the basis of K2 = \$1.** The hotels in Madang include the historic **Madang Resort** (formerly Hotel Madang) the oldest hotel in PNG, **Kalibobo Village Coastwatchers Motel, Smugglers Inn, Madang Lodge, Madang Star International Hotel.**

## COURTESY BUSES



Madang Resort, will be operating complimentary transfers from the wharf to the hotel at regular intervals for the convenience of Pacific Aria passengers.

The **Madang Resort** and **Kalibobo Village** is located approx 1km from the wharf and a shuttle bus operates every hour or as required to provide transport for

passengers from the Pacific Dawn. There is an Olympic size salt water pool and 15 acres of gardens – you are invited to walk through the resort or ask the staff for guided tour by electric cars.

## SIGHTSEEING

All scheduled sightseeing tour and cruises must be booked aboard the Aria prior to the ships arrival in Madang. We regret that tickets cannot be sold in Madang on your arrival, this applies to all published village tours, cruises including the Mini Cultural Show at the Sagen Aben Park at the Madang Resort

## ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO SEE MADANG & THE ENVIRONS



There are Public Motor Vehicles (PMV's) that operate privately. They can be secured directly from the owner/driver at the gate of the wharf (PMV or

private cars are not permitted within the wharf area). It should also be noted that only authorized buses will be permitted to visit villages staging cultural events. Please note that you will be expected to pay for village fees which range from K5-K10 per village, per person. Rental cars are available from AVIS, Hertz, Budget and some Private Companies. The Madang Visitors Bureau at the wharf may assist you with these details. The MTS Youth Ambassadors of Madang will be at the wharf also to assist you with information and guidance around Madang. Look for the Yellow T Shirts for the selected Ambassadors!

## VILLAGES

There are numerous villages within the Township known as the Bel area after the language spoken. Siar, Riwu, Malmal, Mauswara, Rempi and Nobnob along the North Coast road and Yabob, Bilbil,

Amele, Haya on the South Coast an inland. Dependent on how far you want to go, the North Coast Road goes to Bogia and the Ramu River, the Ramu Highway goes to Lae and the Highlands. We do not recommend you proceed past Bilbil Village due to current road conditions.

## HARBOUR CRUISES



Harbour Cruises can be organized with local operators in Banana Boats, at your own risk. Again, you will be required to pay K5-K10 for stopping at the various islands for snorkeling or swimming.

## DIVING & SNORKELING

Diving is available from Niugini Dive Adventures and should be booked in advance on the ship. NDA is located at the entrance of the Madang Resort.



## ATTRACTI0NS WORTH VISITING

Alexishafen Catholic Mission at Sek, the Divine Word University Campus, Haus Tumbuna (Museum), Various schools in the township including Holy Spirit & Tusbab, including of course the Islands and villages who will make visitors welcome HAUS KIBUNG (Museum).

Located opposite Laiwaden Oval on Modilon Road, the Haus Tumbuna is in the stages of being upgraded after major maintenance. You will see exhibits of early German Colonization, Nicholay Mikloucho-Maclay, pictures of WW2 and a wide range of Madang & Sepik carvings. The Entrance Fee is K10 (\$AUD5) per person.

# SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN



## SHOPPING

Shopping in Madang is limited to Super Markets which include Andersons, Madang Butchery, Best



Buy, Papindo, M&S Tsang. In addition there are numerous Chinese Stores. The most sort after items in Madang are Bilum Bags, Sepik Carvings, traditional handicraft and paintings. Throughout the township you will see vendors eagerly waiting to sell you the wares. Both CWA and Madang Resort have Haus Carvers where you can purchase direct from the carvers themselves.

## BANKS

the four banks will be closed on Sunday.

## CHURCHES

You are welcome to attend church services. The Catholic Cathedral 0800 | Lutheran 1000 (all English services) | Anglican 0800 | Riwo Catholic Pisin 0900 (Pisin) | SDA (Saturdays) 0800

## MADANG YOUTH AMBASSADORS



During your visit you will see young people from various tertiary institutes wearing bright yellow T Shirts identifying them as "Ambassadors for Madang". These are students from Madang Teachers College, DWU and other schools who are volunteering themselves to show you around Madang. Take advantage of them to learn more about Madang, they are eager to help!



## SECURITY

A lot has been said about the security in PNG. In Madang we enjoy a peaceful society and whilst some incidents happen Madang remains one of the safest towns in PNG.

As a means of improving our security, the Australian Federal Police Advisors are working closely with the Madang Police to ensure the crime rates remain low. During your visit you may witness some of the Australian Federal Police working alongside the PNG Constabulary. When walking about, take precaution not to carry large amounts of cash in bags, leave your passports aboard the ship and just take a little of time to secure any valuables.

## CLEAN UP OF MADANG

Like most towns in PNG we experience the wrath of the plastic bag and bottles. Prior to the visit of the Pacific Aria & Pacific Eden a massive clean-up campaign will undertaken by members of the community and youth groups/ In 2016 this may not be possible due to the closure of the markets.

## MADANG TOWN MARKETS

One of the normal attractions to Madang is to visit the Town Markets. On this occasion the Town Market is closed resulting in a proliferation of



smaller markets scattered throughout the town. The Japanese Government are funding the construction of a new Town Market expected to be opened in April 2016.

## ELIZABETH SOWERBY ORCHID GARDENS



We regret this has been closed due to an illegal occupant we are hopeful it will be re-opened in the near future.

## MADANG COUNTRY GOLF CLUB

Passengers are welcome to visit the Madang Country Club. The Golf course is available for nominal tee fees. In addition there are tennis courts, lawn bowling green and squash courts.

## MADANG RESORT AND KALIBOBO VILLAGE

Welcomes visitors from the Pacific Aria & Pacific Eden to use the 40m swimming pool and other facilities available including Kayaks, sailing boats and bikes. A buffet lunch will be available between 1200-1400 in the Haus Win Restaurant with entertainment by a Bamboo Band.

## MINI CULTURAL SHOW

The Cultural Show will be held in Sagen Aben Park adjacent to the Madang Resort. This Cultural Show is for the sole benefit of those passengers who have bought the tickets from the ship. We are unable to provide access to any one that has not purchased a ticket in advance of arrival. Access to the event will be through the main gate only and all fences will be screened off. Refreshments will be available within the park for visitors from the Pacific Aria & Pacific Eden.

If you require any further information about tours and cruises operated by MTS please pick up brochures from the foyer of the Madang Resort. We hope that many of you will return to Madang and Papua New Guinea and see more of this exciting Destination.

## THE MADANG CLUB & MADANG COUNTRY CLUB

Both welcome visitors. The Madang Club is located opposite Bates Oval, the Madang Country Club is located on the side of the Golf Course.

## APOLOGY

The Madang Township is a mess caused largely by the construction of new markets. We are embarrassed and trust you understand that the true beauty of Madang will be restored in due course when the new Markets are opened.. The Orchid Park is also closed due to illegal occupation. We are aware of these problems and expect the township to rebound to its former glory in the near future.



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# 2016 SCHEDULED EXPEDITIONS ABOARD THE KALIBOBO SPIRIT

## EASTER TO THE SEPIK

**Departure:** Mar 25 (3 Nights) \*\$2950  
Madang/Sepik River  
Sepik River  
Sepik River | Boisa Island  
Madang

## BILUM FESTIVAL ON KAR KAR ISLAND

**Departure:** Jun 04 (2 Nights) \*\$1950  
Madang/Kulili  
Sun Sun 05 – Kar Kar | Bagabag Is  
Mon Jun 07 – Bagabag | Madang

## MADANG – ALOTAU

**Departure:** Oct 15 (5 Nights) \* \$4950  
Madang | Tami Island  
Tufi  
Cape Vogel | Wagifa  
Budoya | East Cape  
Alotau

## KULA CRUISES (A)

**Departures:** Nov 05; Nov 14; Dec 03 (4 Nights) \* \$3950  
Alotau | D'Entrecasteaux Group  
Amphlettes | Kaibola  
Kaibola | Kuyawa  
Lousia

## KULA CRUISES (B)

**Departures:** Nov 09; Nov 18; Dec 07 (3 Nights) \*\$2950  
Lousia | Kaibola  
Komo | Kuduaga  
Amplette | Wagifa  
Alotau

## MILNE BAY WEEKEND CRUISE

**Departure:** Dec 11 (2 Nights) \*\$1950  
Alotau | Doini  
Samarai | Alotau

## MILNE BAY – MADANG XMAS CRUISE

**Departure:** Dec 21 (8 nights) \*\$7950  
Alotau – Budoya | Dei Dei  
Kaibola – Kitava  
Komo | Kuduaga | Kiuawya  
Amphlette Islands | Wagifa  
Wagifa | Tufi  
Tufi | Tami Islands  
Madang

## NEW YEAR SEPIK RIVER CRUISE

**Departs:** Dec 27 (6 Nights) \*\$5950  
Madang | Sepik River  
Muri Lakes | Mendam Village  
Angoram | Kambaramba  
Tambanum | Kamindimbiri  
Chamri Lanes | Aibom | Wombum  
Kopar | Boisa Island  
Madang

## OTHER MTS HOLIDAY PACKAGES

2016 Show Tours including the Madang Festival Jun 10/11 | Bilum Festival Jun 4/5 | Mt Hagen Show Aug 21/22 | Goroka Show Aug 17/18 | DWU Cultural Day Aug 22).

Niugini Dive Packages at the Madang Resort and live aboard the Kalibobo Spirit in Madang and Milne Bay Waters.

Weekly Departure Highlands tours between Madang & Mt Hagen stopping with overnights at Goroka & Mt Hagen.

Packages are also available at the Madang Resort & Kalibobo Village year round..

All tours & Cruises must be purchased on line at [info@mtspng.com](mailto:info@mtspng.com) [www.mtspng.com](http://www.mtspng.com)

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\*Includes accom, twin share, per person, all meals & tours.  
Excludes airfares, visa fees and items of personal nature.