Airports

Port Moresby International Airport is the gateway to Papua New Guinea. Situated about 8km away from the main town centre of Port Moresby, Mt. Hagen Provincial Airport has been declared International Port of entry because of the mining activities around the Highland provinces.

Business Hours

Commercial: Monday to Friday 4:00am – 4:00pm & Saturday 8:00am – 12:00 noon. Sunday closed.

Government: Monday to Friday 7:45am – 4:00pm.

Climate

Papua New Guinea is dominated by two seasons: Summer (November to April) and Winter (May to October). The average temperature is around 25° C. Tropical rain is common all year round. Visitors are advised to wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the conditions.

Credit Cards

Most major credit cards are accepted in Papua New Guinea, including Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and certain local credit cards.

Currency

Papua New Guinea’s unit of currency is the Kina, which is divided into 100 toea. There are K100, K50, K20, K10, K5, and K2 notes, as well as coins.

Customs requirements

Visitors are allowed to carry a certain amount of goods. The value of goods and customs clearance fees vary depending on the item. For more information, visit the PNG Customs website www.customs.gov.pg.

Dress

Informal and casual with shorts and open-neck shirts worn throughout the year. Heavy clothing is recommended for cool evenings, particularly in the highlands, where walking shoes are recommended. Female dress should always be modest.

Electrical voltage

Dc 200v and ac 240v with both 50 and 60 hertz. Electrical appliances in PNG use the Type ‘A’ plug, which is a two-pronged plug with a flat blade.

Health regulations

Certification or vaccination against yellow fever or cholera is required for travellers over one year of age coming from countries where these diseases are endemic. Visitors are advised to consult their local doctor or tropical disease clinic before departure. Visitors are strongly advised to take prophylaxis against malaria before arrival. Visitors should also be vaccinated against hepatitis A and typhoid.

Medical services

Papua New Guinea has a well-developed medical infrastructure, with hospitals and clinics available in most major towns and cities. Visitors are advised to take out comprehensive health insurance before travelling to the country.

Religion

Christian influence is predominant. Local traditional beliefs and ceremonies are maintained in remote areas; however, Christianity is the predominant religion.

Telecommunication

Papua New Guinea has a well-developed telecommunications network, with services available in most major towns and cities. Visitors can contact friends or family using local phone services or international calling cards.

Value-added tax (VAT)

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Visa requirements

A 60-day Tourist Visa is available on arrival in Port Moresby at a fee of K100. Visitors are advised to apply for a visa before travelling to the country. Visitors are advised to contact the nearest embassy or consulate before travelling to the country.

Transportation

Transportation is mainly by air. A good network of roads connects the Northern zone and the Highlands region. There is no road link between the northern zone and the capital, Port Moresby, because of the rugged nature of the terrain.