



LAE CRUISESHIP TOUR

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LAE is Papua New Guinea's second largest city, situated at the mouth of the Markham River. It is the connecting point of the famous 'Highlands Highway' and has important harbor facilities and a busy airport second only to Port Moresby. Established during the early 1920s mainly as a supply base for the Wau goldfields, Lae has played an important role in the history and growth of Papua New Guinea.

In effect, history has somewhat repeated itself here as Lae is once again playing a role as supply base for gold exploration, this time for the second largest underdeveloped goldmine in the world being built on Lihir Island.

It was Lae's importance as a deep water port that was instrumental in its development: First in the gold rush days and then as a strategic base for the Japanese in World War II.

Some of the heaviest fighting of the war took place in and around Lae. Thousands of troops were killed and injured. Each year relatives and loved ones, and some, who fought on the battlefields, come to pay their respects, Japanese, Australian and American alike.

There is a well-tended cemetery and fine memorial to those Australians who fell in defense

of what was then the Australian territory of New Guinea. Japan visitors also ensure the memorial is on the "Places to See" list in the same way as they do Pearl Harbor in Honolulu.

It was also from Lae that in 1937 the pioneer American aviator Amelia Earhart took off on one of the final legs of her round the world flight. She never made it. Lae was the last place to farewell the famous adventurer.

Modern day Lae is an attractive tropical city, well serviced by department stores, banks, travel agencies and an infrastructure of small traders and specialty craft and artifact outlets.

LAE CITY - HALF-DAY TOUR (MINIMUM 100 PAX/NO MAXIMUM)

08:00 AM SHIP ARRIVES AT WHARF.

08:30 AM COMMENCE HALF DAY TOUR WITH DRIVE TO LAE MARKET. (Lae market consists of sellers from the nearby islands, the coasts, the inland people of Morobe and the Highlanders. Mixture of vegetable and other produce from the coast and highlands are sold at this market. Not only colorful as it would be but the environment of Lae makes the market one of the best in modern towns and cities).

08:45 AM ARRIVE AT LAE MARKET.

09:00 AM DEPART LAE MARKET FOR BOTANICAL GARDEN. (The botanical garden is located in the center of the city. Considering the location of this botanical gardens in a most industrial and commercial city, gives an impression of the natural bush land. As is and where it is, it beautifies the Lae city. Flowers, orchids, trees, butterflies and the habitats makes this a most want to explore botanical gardens. Walk along pathways under the canopy of the large flowering trees will give a cool atmosphere).

09:15 AM ARRIVE AT BOTANICAL GARDEN.

09:45 AM DEPART BOTANICAL GARDEN FOR WILDLIFE HABITAT. (The Wildlife Habitat Are the Lae's University of Technology grounds and is the best in the country. Pools with fish, crocodiles and river turtles, cassowary. Different species of birds, glooming orchids and other flowers catch the attention of visitors. A souvenir shop has on display different species of butterflies, carvings, and books and maps featuring Papua New Guinea and many other interesting items. This is a must see sight making it the point of attraction in Lae.

10:15 AM ARRIVE AT WILDLIFE HABITAT

10:45 AM DEPART WILD LIFE HABITAT FOR VISIT TO A TRADITIONAL LOCAL VILLAGE FOR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES. (This is a village right on the beachfront, with traditional local village setting. Cooking over fire, baking of sago cakes and daily village life can be witnessed here. It is also a village where a large Japanese cargo vessel drifted ashore after encountering engine problem during the WW2. The vessel is large and long. Part of the wreck is in the sea while the other part is covered with earth and only the beam and other parts are visible. Enjoy the traditional Singing as a Welcome to the village from the villagers. It is an interesting village to visit as you will learn more history as older man who are willing to reveal their historical moments of first European contact, the war etc.

11:15 AM ARRIVE AT THE LOCAL VILLAGE.

11:45 AM DEPART LOCAL VILLAGE FOR MT. LUNAMAN

12:00 AM ARRIVE AT MT. LUNAMAN (Mt. Lunaman is the highest peak in the city overlooking the ocean. The peak was used as a watch point during the war and sending signals from here of sighting of enemy ships nearing the Lae harbor).

12:15 PM DEPART MT. LUNAMAN FOR WHARF

12:30 PM ARRIVE AT WHARF AND BOARD SHIP.

COST: US\$42.00 NET PER PERSON.

ALL SHIPS ESCORTS JOINING THE TOUR, ARE FREE OF CHARGE.

CHILDREN 15 YEARS OF AGE & BELOW ARE FREE OF CHARGE.

The above cost includes tour transportation, English speaking guides and entry fees to all sights of visit, cultural activities and government taxes.

A Complimentary bottle of water will be provided for each participant.

** The morning half day tours can be repeated in the afternoon starting at 1:00 pm. Timings and our routing will be made available if and when required *

LAE & SURROUNDS - FULL DAY TOUR (MINIMUM 100 PAX/NO MAXIMUM)

08:00 AM SHIP ARRIVES AT WHARF

09:00 AM COMMENCE FULL DAY TOUR WITH DRIVE TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF LAE CITY AND VISIT DIFFERENT LOCAL VILLAGES. (Villages visited will be along the coast as well as villages inland. The inland peoples traditions are slightly different to the coastal people. Each village visited will entertain passengers with their different traditional cultural performances. Morobe Province is one of the areas in PNG where most entertaining cultural performances can be witnessed).

09:30 AM ARRIVE AT FIRST VILLAGE.

10:00 AM DEPART FOR NEXT VILLAGE. (This drive leads to the Markham Valley. The Markham Valley is a vast valley, which stretches right to the east toward Goroka and towards the North to Madang. This valley holds a large section of cattle ranges. The Markham River, flows right through the valley and some villages are set along the river side to give ease access to water. This is the biggest of all valleys in PNG. Crops such as peanut, taro, and banana are produced here in the valley in large quantities).

11:30 AM CONCLUDE THE TOUR HERE AND DRIVE BACK TO LAE FOR LUNCH.

12:30 PM ARRIVE AT LAE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL AND HAVE LUNCH. A bottle of beer, glass of wine or soft drink is included in the lunch, (A Traditional Singing will entertain the passengers during lunch)

13:30 PM DEPART LAE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL FOR MT. LUNAMAN.

13:45 PM ARRIVE AT MT. LUNAMAN

14:00 PM DEPART MT. LUNAMAN FOR LAE MARKET

14:15 PM ARRIVE AT LAE MARKET

14:30 PM DEPART LAE MARKET FOR BOTANICAL GARDENS.

14:45 PM ARRIVE AT BOTANICAL GARDENS.

15:15 PM DEPART BOTANICAL GARDENS FOR WILDLIFE HABITAT

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16:15 PM DEPART WILDLIFE HABITAT FOR WHARF

16:45 PM ARRIVE AT WHARF AND BOARD SHIP.

COST: US\$79.00 NET PER PERSON.

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NOTE: Selected villages will be visited on the full day tour of which names of the villages and other information will be advised closer to the time of visit.