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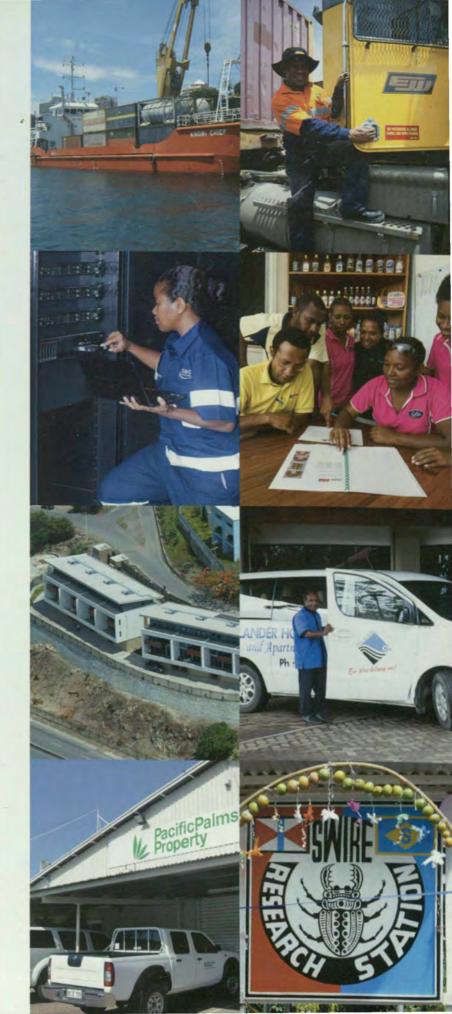


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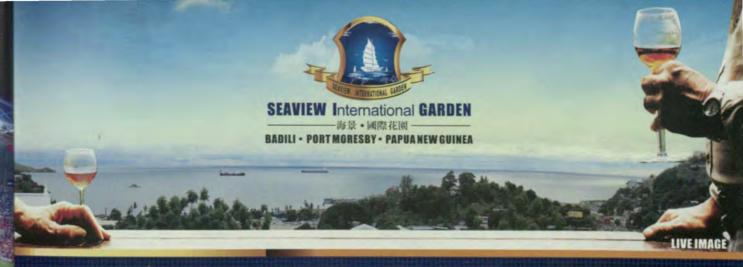




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Message from the Office of the Chief Executive Officer

Welcome Aboard

Part of the airline's focus this year is to improve services on our domestic sector. In the recent schedule changes which came into effect in May, additional routes were introduced which provided for more direct flights between ports such as Rabaul/Hoskins/Lae every Monday and Thursday with a return service via the same. Flights to the highlands' ports of Wapenamanda, Tari and Mendi have been increased while the Port Moresby/Buka route has direct services on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

The upgrading of the cabins for the Boeing fleet commenced with P2-PXW during its scheduled C Check from May to June. Both business and economy classes will be upgraded with brand new seats which will include in-seat screens. Business class passengers will enjoy the comfort of full flat seats especially on the Asian routes.

Air Niugini has joined eight other airlines to feature the next generation seat-centric inflight entertainment – RAVE system – on its Boeing fleet. This unique system allows each seat to operate independently, so a failure in one seat will not impact another. The new IFE system offers a wider range of selections from early releases to classics, popular TV programs and even games. P2-PXW is expected to re-enter service towards the end of June (2013), while P2-PXV departs for its C Check and upgrading of its cabins in July and returns to re-enter service in August.

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Acting Chief Executive Officer





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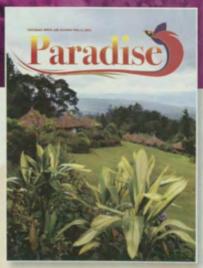






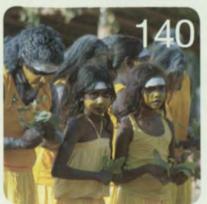


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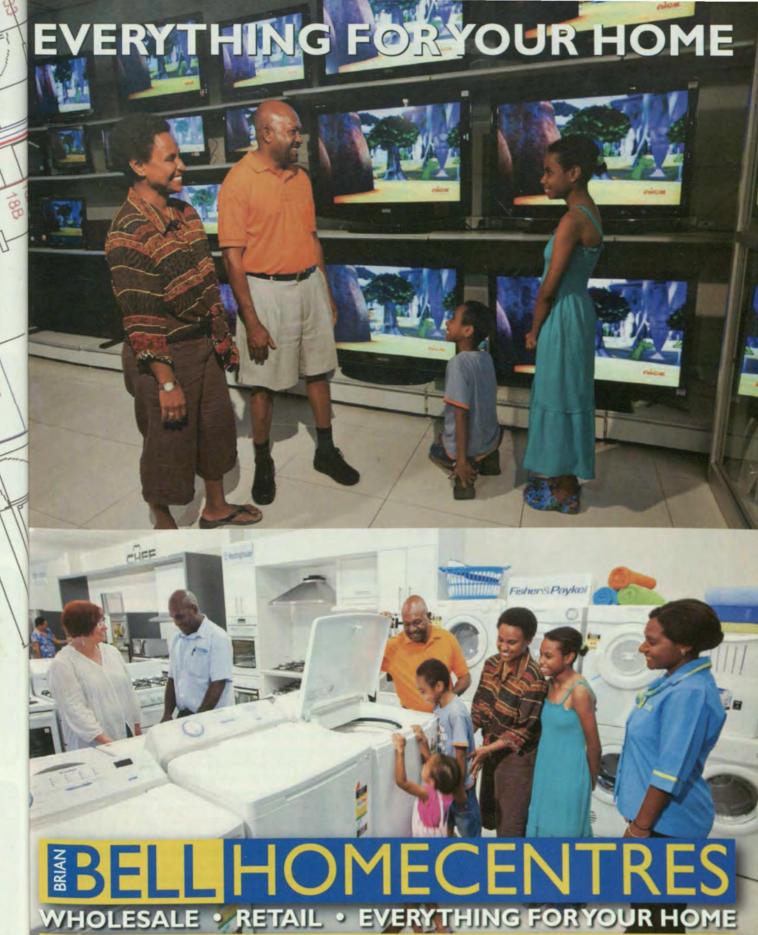
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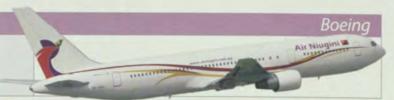
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Length: 59.94m Wing span: 47.57m Range: 8100km

Cruising speed: 857kph

Power plant: 2x PW4000 Normal altitude: 11000 - 12000m Standard seating capacity: 214 Number of aircraft in fleet: 3



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Length: 39.5m Wing span: 35.79m Range: 8100km Cruising speed: 857kph Power plant: 2x CFM56 - 7826 Normal altitude: 11300m Standard seating capacity: 158 Number of aircraft in fleet: 1



B737-700

Length: 33.6m Wing span: 35.79m Range: 6370km Cruising speed: 830kph Power plant: 2x CFM56-7B22 Normal altitude: 11300m Standard seating capacity: 122 Number of aircraft in fleet: 1



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Length: 35.528m Wing span: 28.076m Range: 3000km Cruising speed: 780kph Power plant: 2 x Rolls Royce Tay 650 Normal altitude: 11000 m Standard seating capacity: 98 Number of aircraft in fleet: 6



DASH 8-Q400 NextGen

Length: 32.8m Wing span: 28.4m Range: 3000km Cruising speed: 670kph Power plant: 2x Pratt & Whitney PW150 A
Normal altitude: 7500mStandard seating capacity: 74
Number of aircraft in fleet: 3



DASH 8-Q315

Length: 25.7m Wing span: 24.4m Range: 1700km Cruising speed: 510kph Power plant: 2 x Pratt & Whitney PW123E Normal altitude: 7500m Standard seating capacity: 50 Number of aircraft in fleet: 3



DHC-8-202

Length: 22.25m Wing span: 25.89m Range: 1800km Cruising speed: 550kph Power plant: 2 x Pratt & Whitney PW123D Normal altitude: 7600m

Standard seating capacity: 36 Number of aircraft in fleet: 4

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DHC-8-100

Length: 22.25m Wing span: 25.89m Range: 1800km

Cruising speed: 500kph

Power plant: 2x Pratt & Whitney PW121 Normal altitude: 7600m Standard seating capacity: 36 Number of aircraft in fleet: 2



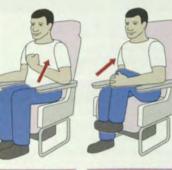
Your wellbeing

These exercises are designed to encourage a safe way to enjoy movement and stretch certain muscle groups that can become stiff as a result of long periods of sitting. They may be effective in increasing the body's circulation and massaging the muscles. We recommend you do these exercises for three or

four minutes every hour and occasionally get out of your seat and walk down the aisles if conditions allow. Each exercise should be done with minimal disturbance to other passengers. None of the following should be performed if they cause pain or cannot be done with ease.









ANKLE CIRCLES

Lift feet off the floor: Draw a circle with toes, simultaneously moving one foot clockwise and the other foot counter clockwise. Reverse circles. Do each direction for 15 seconds. Repeat if desired.

KNEEL IETS

Lift leg with knee bent while contracting your thigh muscle. Alternate legs. Repeat 20-30 times for each leg.

SHOULDER ROLL

Hunch shoulders forward, then upward, then backward, then downward using a gentle circular motion.

ARM CURI

Start with arms held high at 90° angle elbows down, hands out in front. Raise hands up to chest and back down alternating arms. Do these exercises in 30 second intervals.

(NEE TO CHEST

Bend forward slightly. Clasp hands around left knee and hug it to your chest. Hold stretch for 15 seconds. Keeping hands around knee, slowly let it down. Alternate legs. Repeat 10 times.

FORWARD FLEX

With both feet on the floor and stomach held in slowly, bend forward to walk your hands down the front of your legs towards your ankles. Hold stretch for 15 seconds and slowly sit back up.











OVERHEAD STRETCH

Raise both arms straight up and over your head. With one hand grasp the wrist of the opposite hand and gently pull to one side. Hold stretch for 15 seconds. Repeat other side.

SHOULDER STRETCH

Reach right hand over left shoulder. Place left hand behind right elbow and gently press elbow towards shoulder. Hold stretch for 15 seconds. Repeat other side.

NECK ROLL

With shoulders relaxed, drop ear to shoulder and gently roll neck forward and to the other side, holding each position about 5 seconds. Repeat 5 times.

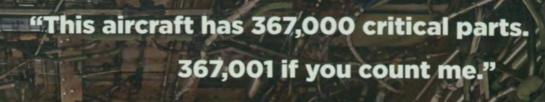
FOOT PUMPS

Foot motion is in three stages.

 Start with both heels on the floor and point feet upwards as high as you can.

2. Put both feet flat on the floor.

3. Lift heels high, keeping balls of feet on floor. Continue these three stages with continuous motion in 30 second intervals.



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Benedict Oraka - Executive Manager, Maintenance Control.

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Your health inflight

At Air Niugini we care about your comfort and safety. We have included the following information about your health in-flight that we hope you will find helpful and useful.

When you are flying you can be seated and be inactive for long periods of time. The environment can be low in humidity and pressurised up to an altitude of 2240 metres above sea level. Unlike other forms of transportation, air travel allows for rapid movement across many time zones, causing a disruption to the body's "biological clock". Although these unique factors do not pose a health or safety threat to most passengers, there are guidelines you can follow that will improve your comfort level, during and after a flight. We hope the following recommendations will help you have a more pleasant flight today and in the future.

Blood Circulation/Muscle Relaxation

When you're sitting upright in a stationary position for a long period of time, several things can happen.

The central blood vessels in your legs can be compressed, making it more difficult for the blood to get back to your heart.

The long inactivity of your body muscles in this position can result in muscle tension, back aches or a feeling of excessive fatigue during, or even after, your flight.

A stationary position inhibits the normal body mechanism for returning fluid to your heart, and gravity can cause the fluid to collect in your feet. This results in swollen feet after a long flight.

Studies have concluded that prolonged immobility may be a risk factor in the formation of clots in the legs (DVT - deep vein thrombosis). Particular medication and medical conditions may increase the risk of formation of clots if associated with prolonged immobility.

Medical research indicates that factors which may give you an increased risk of blood clots in the legs include:

- Former or current malignant disease
- Blood disorders leading to increased clotting tendency
- Personal or family history of DVT
- ♦ Immobilisation for a day or more

- ♦ Increasing age above 40 years
- ♦ Pregnancy
- Recent major surgery or injury, especially to lower limbs or abdomen
- ♦ Oestrogen hormone therapy, including oral contraceptive
- ♦ Dehydration
- ♦ Heart failure
- ♦ Trauma
- ♦ Varicose veins
- ♦ Obesity
- ♦ Tobacco smoking

Recommendations

 If you fall into any of these categories or you have any concern about your health and flying, Air Niugini recommends you seek medical advice before travelling. of

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◆ Follow our in-flight exercises programme.

Jetlac

The main cause of jetlag is travelling to different time zones without giving the body a chance to adjust to new night-day cycles. In general, the more time zones you cross during your flight, the more your biological clock is disturbed.

The common symptoms are sleeplessness, tiredness, loss of appetite or appetite at odd hours.

Recommendations

- ♦ Get a good night's rest before your flight.
- Arrive at your destination a day or two early, to give your body a chance to become more acclimatised to the new time zone.
- Leave your watch on home time if you're staying at a destination less than 48 hours. Also try to eat and sleep according to your home time.



- Change your watch to the local time if your stay is longer than 48 hours, and try to eat and sleep in accordance with the local time.
- On longer stays, try to prepare in advance, adjust your meal and rest times to be closer to those of your destination.
- Try some light exercise go for a brisk walk, or do some reading if you can't sleep after arrival at your destination. It generally takes the body's biological clock approximately one day to adjust per time zone crossed. Fly direct to minimise flight time. This allows you to relax more upon arrival.

Cabin Humidity/Dehydration

Humidity levels of less than 25 percent are common in the cabin. This is due to the extremely low humidity levels of outside air supplied to the cabin. The low humidity can cause drying of the nose, throat, eyes and it can irritate contact lens wearers.

Recommendations

- Drink water or juices frequently during the flight
- Drink coffee, tea and alcohol in moderation. These drinks acts as diuretics, increasing the body's dehydration.
- Remove contact lenses and wear glasses if your eyes are irritated.
- Use a skin moisturiser to refresh the skin.

Eating and Drinking

Proper eating and drinking will enhance your comfort both during and after your flight.

Recommendations

- Avoid overeating just prior to and during the flight. It is difficult to digest too much food when the body is inactive.
- Drink coffee, tea and alcohol in moderation. These drinks act as diuretics, increasing the body's dehydration.

Cabin Pressurisation

It is necessary to pressurise the outside air drawn into the cabin to a sufficient density for your comfort and health.

Cabins are pressurised to a maximum cabin altitude of 2440 metres. It is the same air pressure as if you were at an elevation of 2440 metres above sea level. The cabin pressure and normal rates of change in cabin pressure during climb and descent do not pose a problem for most passengers. However, if you suffer from upper respiratory or sinus infections, obstructive pulmonary diseases, anaemias or certain cardiovascular conditions, you could experience discomfort. Children and infants might experience some discomfort because of pressure change during climb and descent.

If you are suffering from nasal congestion or allergies, use nasal sprays, decongestants and antihistamines 30 minutes prior to descent to help open up your ear and sinus passages. If you have a cold or flu or hay fever your sinuses could be impaired. Swollen membranes in your nose could block your eustachian tubes-the tiny channels between your middle ear chamber. This can cause discomfort during changes in cabin pressure, particularly during descent.

Recommendations

- If you have a pre-existing medical condition that warrants supplemental oxygen, you can order from us. Please give at least seven days notice before travelling.
- ◆ To "clear" your ears try swallowing and/or yawning. These actions help open your eustachian tubes, equalizing pressure between your ear chamber and your throat.
- When flying with an infant, feed or give your baby a dummy during descent. Sucking and swallowing will help infants equalize the pressure in their ears.

Motion Sickness

This ailment is caused by a conflict between the body's sense of vision and its sense of equilibrium. Air turbulence increases its likelihood because it can cause movement of the fluid in the vestibular apparatus of the inner ear. If you have good visual cues (keeping your eyes fixed on non-moving object), motion sickness is less likely to occur.

Recommendations

- When weather is clear and you can see the ground, sea or horizon, you are less susceptible to motion sickness.
- You can buy over the counter medications but we recommend that you consult your doctor about the appropriate medications.

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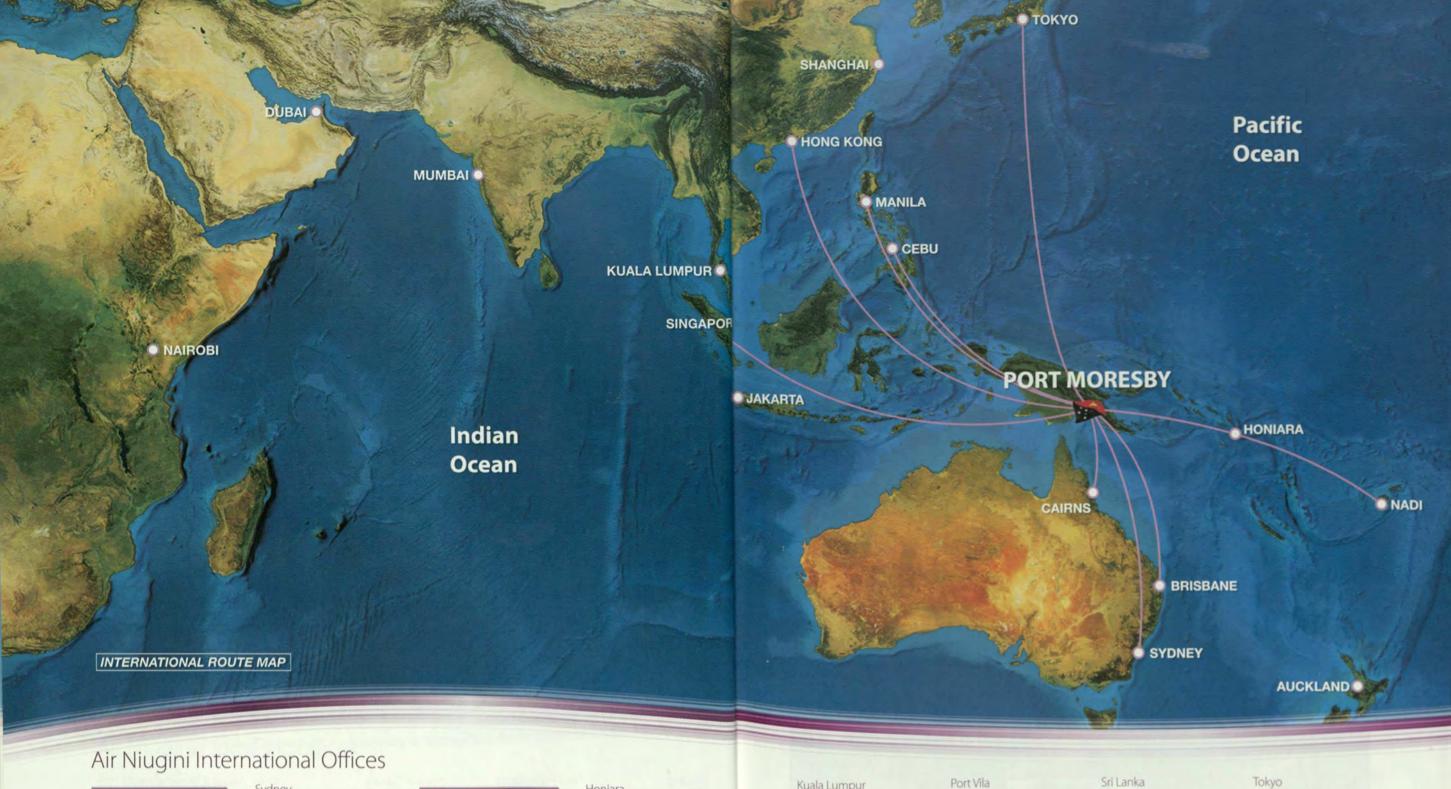
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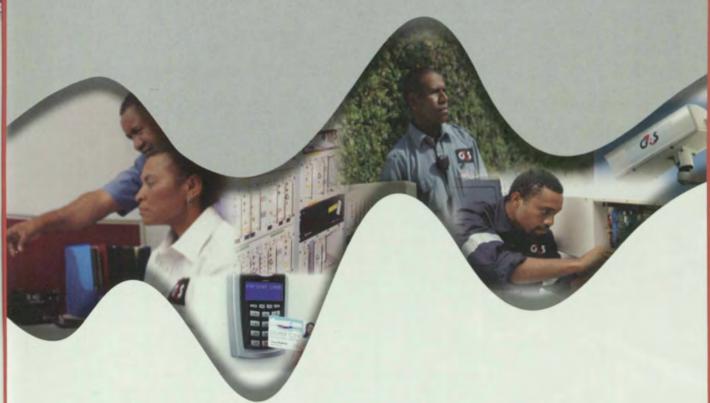
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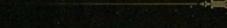


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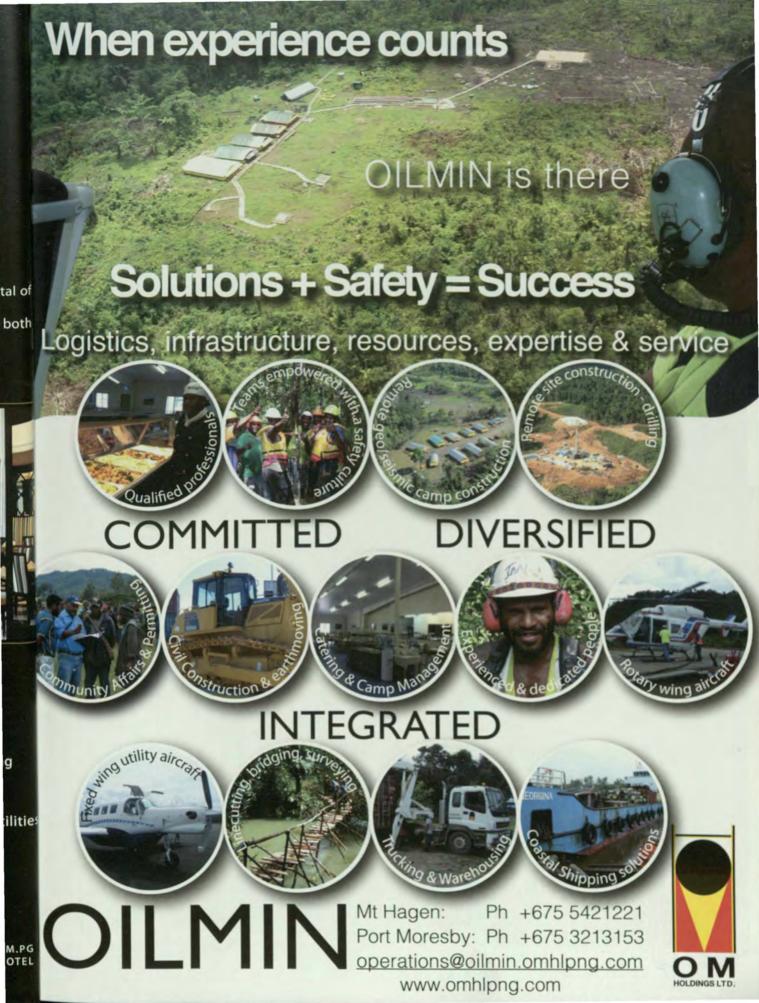
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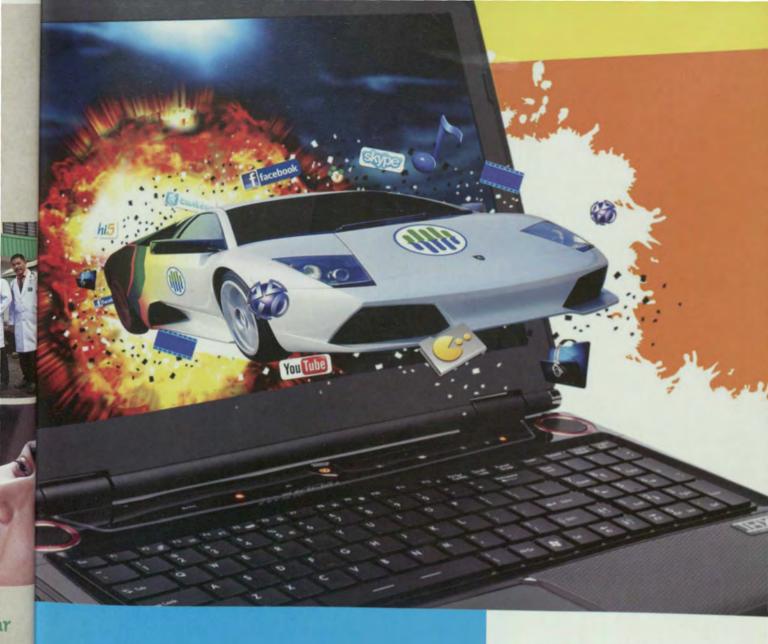
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PNG'S WONDERWALL

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sk anyone who has visited or lived in Papua New Guinea, they'll tell you it's a country of ethnic, anthropological and environmental wonders.

But a series of new discoveries along the Hindenburg Wall in Western Province has put the global scientific world in a spin.

The sheer scale of the Hindenburg Wall is enough to take your breath away. Extending 50 kilometres through the Star Mountain Range, it's a series of almost vertical limestone walls leaping from the canopy of the tropical sub-alpine rainforest up to two kilometres high in some places. Add to this, its remote location and climate.

This great wall of PNG is situated in a wild and woolly part of the country, even by PNG's standards. Here, you can count on one hand the number of fine days in a year - it boasts the country's highest rate of annual rainfall of more than 10,000 millimetres. The climate and topography cause major headaches for pilots in the air, while on ground level, massive landslides are frequent along with earthquakes, making trekking just as dangerous. So, the Hindenburg Wall region has been almost impenetrable - shrouded in mist as well as mystery - until now.

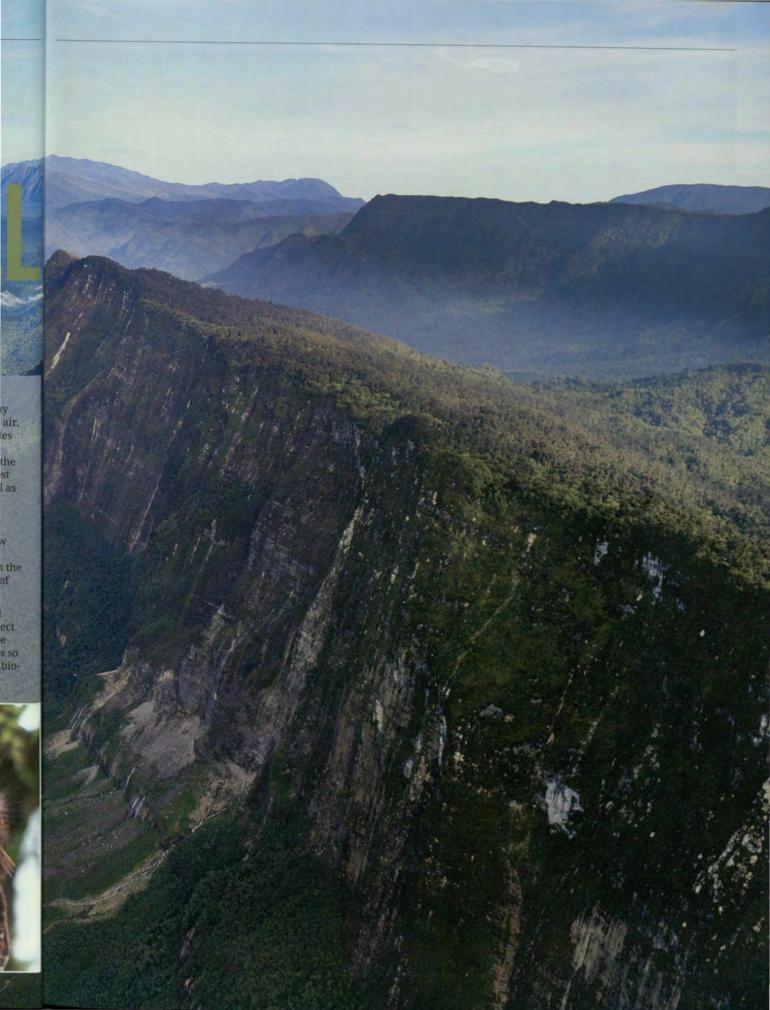
BIOLOGICAL MEACH

A group of international and Papua New Guinean scientists has just spent four weeks in the region and lifted the lid on the previously unknown biological wealth of the area.

More than 80 new species of plants and animals have been discovered and project coordinator Nathan Whitmore, from the Wildlife Conservation Society, even goes so far as to say it could be one of the most biodiverse places on the planet.









to get more documentation. It's high up on the list of global The survey used traditional ecological fieldwork techniques at varying altitudes. But Whitmore says what excited them the

most was viewing the footage from the camera-traps they'd set up. "One camera filmed a succession of native rats moving past that got bigger and bigger and bigger, until we saw a giant rat the size of a small dog!"

As well as the new rat species, the cameras also captured what could be the world's smallest wallaby, weighing about one-anda-half kilogrammes.





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A formal scientific report on the findings should be finalised by early next year.









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By Jeremy Eccles



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COMING OFF A NEATLY REGULATED

cruise boat at Rabaul and entering the much less predictable world of the Tolai in East New Britain (ENB) can only be described as culture shock.

This is their world - well, it has been for the last 300 years since they came over from New Ireland - and it operates at their speed.

I came to call the flavour of my week in pursuit of masks, mask-makers and ceremonies for which those masks were created as 'Just in time'!

Boy, was it exciting!

The masks were central to the visit because the Queensland Art Gallery in Australia had collected many of them from the Tolai, Sulka, Pomio and Baining peoples of East New Britain for its big Asia Pacific Triennial exhibition, running from December 2012 to April 2013. But how would those masks look on their big white walls?

Surely, the absence of a lithe male dancer

inside that mask, bringing it to life, could be fatal to its vitality?

Also, as I discovered, the viewing of the mask apart from its ceremonial purpose especially by women - could be culturally inappropriate.

For it seems that most of the characters portrayed in the dances I saw - the Tolai Tubuans, the Baining Akip, the Sulka Nunu and Hemlaut figures - are female. But they're all danced by men.

Preserving those male secrets in each village's Haus Tambuan is essential to the mystique, especially as a ceremony that's intended to encourage fertility almost certainly originated in a tribal matriarchy. The men don't want the women recovering time ! that power!

There are also 'dances' associated with male initiation and virility - such as the Baining night fire dances and the Tolai whip dance. These all require preparation in the of and in the water sweat

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'in the jungle' beforehand - abstention from sex, ingestion of and coating with native herbs to avoid the pain, and, in the case of the fire dance, avoidance of water. For it is water that makes you sweat and in the fire, the boiling of sweat on your skin could be fatal.

As you can see from the images, Baining man wearing their giant, strangely Donald Duck-like masks do get right into the fire. When asked how this design came about, I was variously told that it was based on "what the ancestors looked like before", and "they were found in the river".

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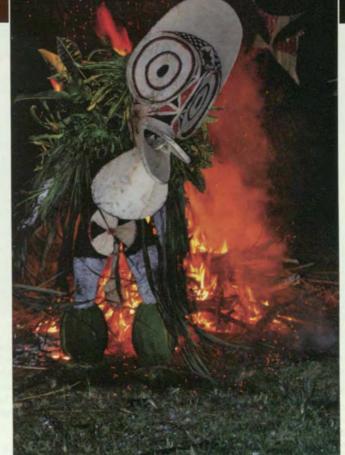
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That does sound possible - for both duck and platypus would be found there with those beaks. But there's nothing Disney about the dancers when they emerge grotesquely from the forest to the call of the mightily thumped bamboo drums and insistent singing.

a Nunu For the dark of the night in the Baining hills - where the original inhabitants of East New Britain were pushed by the invading Tolai - is pretty absolute. No electricity there.

Weirdly, a magazine called Psychology Today, published a recent article by an American professor declaring that the Baining people were "the most boring in the world" because their need to work flat out to survive on their riarchy. remote peanut and cocoa gardens leaves absolutely no covering time for play. Tell that to the young boys - 10 and up, I was told - who joined the dance in its later stages to test out their manhood in the fire. They seemed to have a very healthy regard for 'play'.

> But then we had paid for the ceremony. Under normal circumstances, I was told it would be undertaken for







seasonal reasons, initiation of young men or in celebration of good things like overproduction in the gardens - many reasons for a party.

And, interestingly, the Baining of the Aram clan are very keen to make things more mainstream. We disappeared down a muddy dirt track to find our fire dance. But they'd like to build a cultural house

and dance ground up on the tarmac that might be marginally easier for tourists to find. "We want to share our culture," they explained. And it would certainly retain more authenticity on Baining land than taking it down to Kokopo or Port Moresby as 'entertainment'.

The fire dance was arranged in advance for us by Kokopo Tours - an operation that's

involved with the annual Warwagira Mask Festival which takes place in ENB every July. But we also tracked down mask-maker Albert Torong lazing by a fire at his Iatapal village.

Within half-an-hour, he'd found two dancers and a group of musicians to give us a pera-pera dance wearing what looked like rival male and female masks...the female much more dangerous!

Later, travelling around on the extensive network of pot-holed roads, we'd encounter ceremonial dances at a village funeral, school graduation events, at the OISCA national agricultural training college and at a vocational school end-of-term.

Seeing young teenagers whip each other was a little surprising - but the primary school chairman insisted it was an important part of a young man maturing in the community.

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As you may have gathered, the infrastructure exists for travelling around the ENB hinterland in a hired 4WD - though there are absolutely no signposts to guide you. A local driver is necessary. But everyone will helpfully point to landmarks



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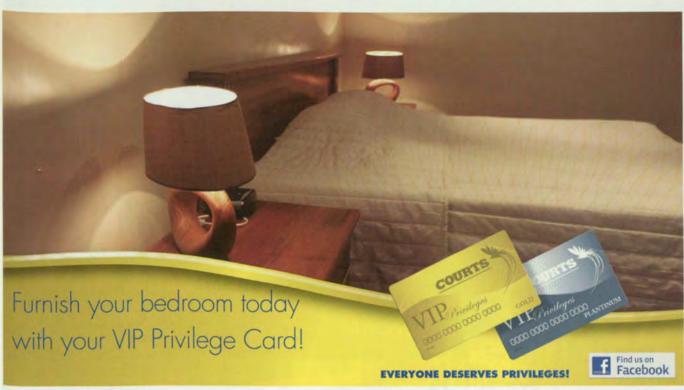
. But narks like the site where four Fijian missionaries were eaten on 6th April 1878. They explained that the missionaries just turned up at a bad time when food was short!

And at the funeral, the sight of conically-masked Tolai Tubuans falling to their knees and being 'whipped' with strings of shellmoney (that they then took home as their fee - shell-money is still the currency here) was justified, once again, as a necessary male action against the 'wild women' of the tribe.

Down by the sea, Kokopo - the town that reasserted itself as the provincial capital after Rabaul was snuffed out by volcanic dust in 1997 - is both friendly and hospitable, its waterfront lined with at least half a dozen resorts encouraging visitors to both eat and stay.

Diving and day trips to the tropical paradise on the off-shore Duke of York Islands are alternatives to cultural expeditions. There's also a lot of military history about including the immaculately maintained Australian war cemetery at Bita Paka.







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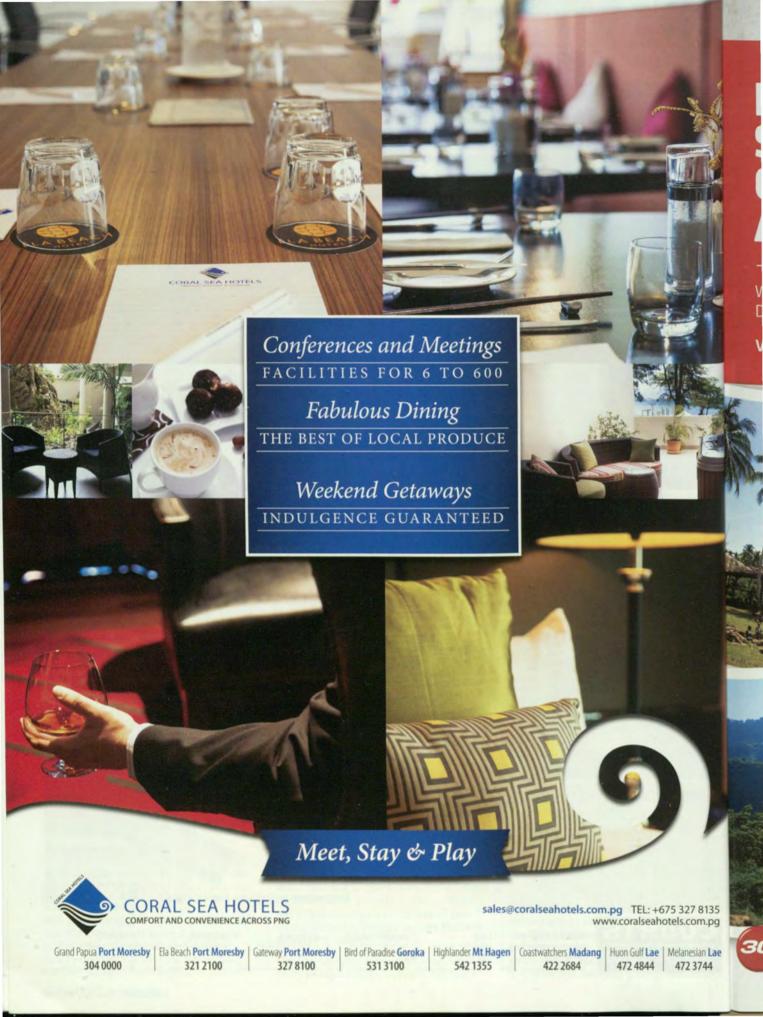
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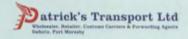


































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PORT MORESBY'S PACIFIC GAS WRECK

By Don Silcock





Shipwrecks are special places hidden as they are under the waves and only accessible to those who have the training, necessary skills and equipment to visit them.

Divers love wrecks as they nearly always offer something special. Sometimes, it's because the wreck has remained remarkably intact and become a microcosm of a distant moment in time.

Other times, it's because the local conditions have turned the ship into an artificial reef that teems with marine life and sometimes, if you are really lucky, it's both.

The wreck of the Pacific Gas in Bootless Bay, 10 nautical miles south-east of Port Moresby, is such a combination and in the right condition, is one of the best diveable shipwrecks in the country.



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It was built by the Kanawa Dock Company as a liquefied gas carrier for its owners -

The ship went into service as a merchant ship transporting gas between Japan, Taiwan and Singapore under charter to Esso with liquefied gas stored in two large cylindrical, refrigerated vessels, located in the middle section of the ship.

The Nanayo Maru was subsequently sold to Australian company Liquefied Gas Carriers

in 1972. It was renamed Pacific Gas and then put into service transporting gas between Australia and PNG for Boral Gas until 1980, when it was assessed as being at the end of its effective operating life.

As part of its de-commissioning, the gas storage vessels were removed and installed on dry land at the Boral Gas facilities in Port Moresby and Lae.

The hull of the ship was subsequently sold to a group of enterprising Port Moresby businessmen, led by prominent politician

Sir Hugo Berghauser, who planned to run it aground on Ela Beach and convert it into a seafood restaurant cum nightclub. Unfortunately for Sir Hugo and his partners, permission to ground the Pacific Gas was refused by Port Moresby's town planner and the ship ended up moored in the harbour until June 1986.

After several missed deadlines to remove the vessel because of its poor condition, the Harbours Board issued a final ultimatum to remove the ship within 14 days.



Halstead and the Pacific Gas

Bob Halstead is probably best known for his role in pioneering the live-aboard dive industry in Milne Bay, aboard his boat the Telita. But he actually started his diving business in Port Moresby back in 1976 with his wife Dinah, and they both played a pivotal role in the final resting place of Pacific Gas.

Tropical Diving Adventures catered for both local and tourist divers and concentrated on the reefs of Bootless Bay for its open water dives. In 1978, Bob enlisted the help

Two condemned ex-government vessels - the MV Parama and the MV Jade - were towed out to sea and scuttled, but together Bob and Dinah and the Sub-Aqua Club were able to get them sunk in Bootless Bay, adjacent to Horseshoe Reef.

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Bob tried to get Horseshoe Reef declared as the first marine park in PNG. He received strong support from the PNG government, all the way up to cabinet level. But a lack of funding eventually derailed the idea, so in true Halstead fashion, Bob made a "Unilateral Declaration of Marine Park" by just telling everybody it was a marine park.

This apparently worked just as well as a formal declaration.

When Bob heard about the final ultimatum from the Harbours Board, he approached Sir Hugo and ultimately was able to convince him that the best solution to the problem of what to do with Pacific Gas was for it to join the growing list of wrecks in Bootless Bay!



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This is how Bob described the actual sinking of the Pacific Gas:

"Pacific Salvage cleaned up the vessel and towed it out to a spot I had marked in the shelter of Horseshoe Reef with the stern in 40 metres of water. We moored the ship and Ian Short, a local commercial diver and explosives expert, planted the explosive charges which worked perfectly and sank the Pacific Gas in just 12 minutes.

"The bow hit the bottom first giving it a ding, and then the rest of the vessel sank perfectly upright with the stern in 43 metres of water.

"At the same time, we started operating Telita in Milne Bay and moved our operation from Bootless so we actually missed out on many of the benefits of the sinking - but it is a wonderful dive and I am proud of it."



Diving the Pacific Gas

Lying as it does on a slope and with the stern in 43 metres of water, the logical way to dive the wreck is to descend the mooring line to the bow in 18 metres of water. There is a lot to see around the bow, but it's best to save this for the end of the dive as there are some significantly good things to see down deeper!

The bridge area and the stern where most of the real action is and the main wheelhouse is a great area to explore because all the glass in the wheelhouse was removed prior to the sinking, which allows the resident population of snapper, sweetlips, puffer and angel fish to roam around at will.

Plus, it's easy and relatively safe to squeeze in through the open doorways and enter the wheelhouse itself as there are no doors to worry about closing on you once inside.

The area to the rear of the wheelhouse has much to see, with its derricks and handrails rich in soft corals and the Tubastrea hard coral, but by now you are in around 30 metres of water and your bottom time and

air supply have to be monitored carefully as the best bit is still to come.

Descending further towards the stern presents a superb view back up the whole length of the ship and if you swim past the stern in open water at about 40 metres you can take in the tremendous vista of the wreck. The angle that the wreck lies at makes the descent fairly easy once the depths around the stern have been sampled, as you simply head back up to the wheelhouse and then up to the bow.

If you have enough air left, it's well worth exploring around the coral encrusted winch and hatches at the bow as there is quite a variety of critters such as ghost pipe-fish and leaf scorpion fish to be found in that area.

It's still about 22 metres in this area, so whilst your bottom time may have expanded, your remaining air has not and I am always anxious to ensure I have enough to complete the extended safety stop on the mooring line I inevitably incur.

Once I am at five metres and know that all I have to do is wait out my stop, I can relax and settle down to look back down on the wreck and watch the schooling jacks, snapper and sweetlips reclaim it again after the temporary visitors have departed.





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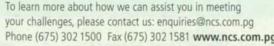
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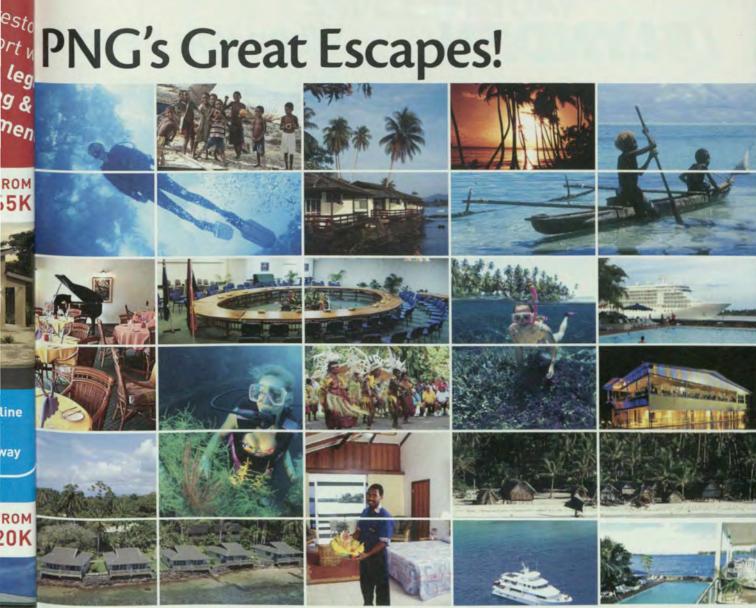
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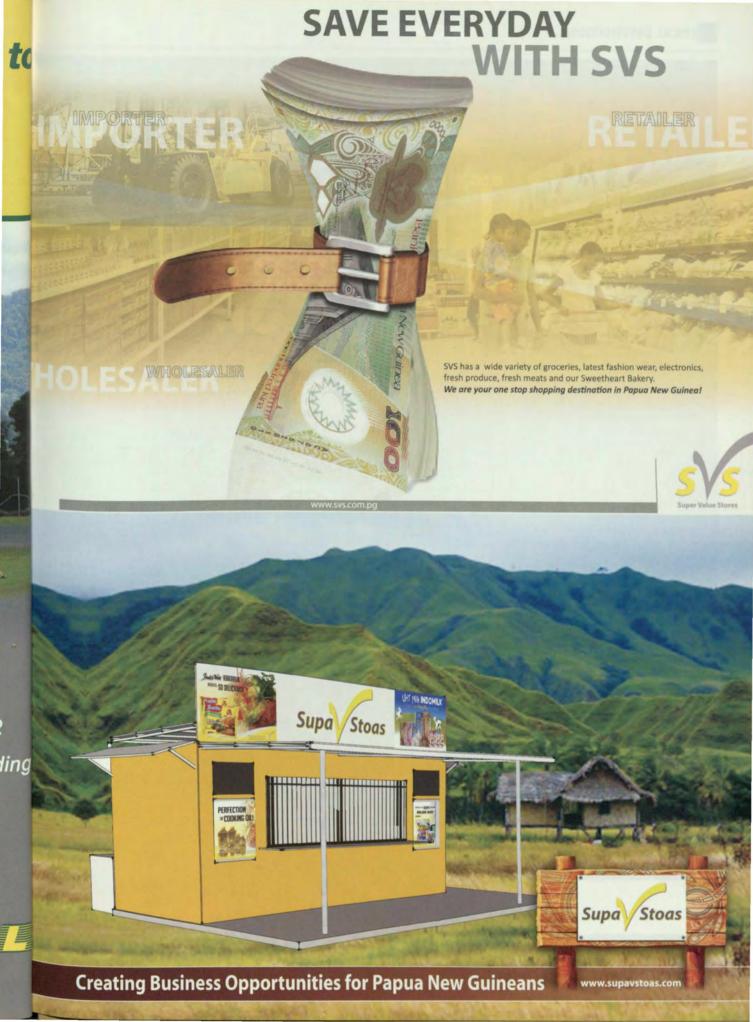
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and exclusive to PNG. Starting in August, the great tribal gatherings known as the sing sings start happening and while most people have heard of the Mt Hagen sing sing, its country cousin, the Enga Show, is quite simply not on the map.

How do you describe a sing sing? Try a sea of tribespeople in make-up as grand as a thousand Lady Gagas whooping their hearts out and bouncing up and down trying to outdo the tribe beside them.

It's a little bit like Mardi Gras meets military parade with the Flintstones thrown in. They're unique to PNG and are the greatest expressions of this country's

It is a three-hour drive over a rotten road but traversing stunning limestone valleys over high altitude passes and across boiling rivers that kayakers dream of.

I stayed at Wabag Lodge, run by businesswoman Margaret Potane. Pragmatic and particularly helpful, she is the go-to girl of the province as well as being the main organiser of the show.

Over dinner, Margaret told me how Engan culture is unfailingly open, accommodating and how tourists are much safer here than the rest of the country. She also told me

of a number of her clansmen killed in a tribal fight a fortnight before. Next day, we started with a visit to the Enga Cultural Centre. Practically new and particularly well curated, it's a must-see because it gives you such a good crash course on the people of the province - Engans - who number the largest number of speakers of any native language in PNG.

Known as the "Last Province" because it was the last region to have white contact, traditional ways are fast disappearing but still widespread.





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At the goal posts at one end, the famous nosted Mudmen stalked their way around the ry line. Down the middle was a troupe of e main poys hammering on drums made of plastic parrels as uniformed chaos reined.

Off to the opposite corner, it looked like something was burning down - it was actually a traditional Engan medical ceremony. One fellow had volunteered to be 'sick' for the demonstration and lay on a bed of leaves while a pig was bludgeoned for his benefit and sent, still twitching, to the fire. The crowd loved it, which explains the Enga Show's essential difference. While other events cater for international tourists (with accompanying price tags: the Mt Hagen Show for example costs around 150 kina, the Enga Show costs only 2 Kina), the Enga show is totally unsanitised PNG culture for PNG people.

Make no mistake; this part of PNG is still largely undeveloped, meaning my Western senses were shocked. But I wasn't about to jump in and save piggy. I'd already been desensitised to his plight after seeing the bride price ceremony earlier.

Off to the side of the healing ceremony were stalls selling show souvenirs, except there wasn't one piece of plastic. Everything from iridescent bird feathers to possum pelts and hand-woven bags and stone axes, all using locally sourced materials from the jungle around them.

Next to that was an ingenious elder, an expert in the art of bridge building. He'd whipped up a stick bridge that went over the barbed wire fence of the stadium.

Over that bridge were bands of entrepreneurial kids running side show games fleecing showgoers of coins before being chased by the police.

I walked in a big circuit again and again, taking in this unheard of event for hours as the traditional dancing was replaced by a concert headlined by PNG pop sensation Leonard Kania, who performed to an estimated crowd of 9000 partying like it was their New Year's Eve - not bad for a town of 4,000 people.

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To a man, they assured me that Enga was safe for tourists, so much so that if there were a tribal war to break out overnight, I could safely watch it from the sidelines. Based on this, I spurned the courtesy bus and started walking back to my hotel 30 minutes away.



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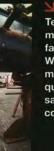
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MADANG: THE ATTRACTION REMAINS

By John Wright

Watching the women of Bilbil firing their pots by the shores of Astrolabe Bay, it is easy to forget that they were once seafarers; traders who plied New Guinea's north-east coast long before foreigners arrived with ambitions that would change the coastal village life forever.

You can get to Bilbil on an organised tour from Madang, from where it is a popular day-trip destination. When you get there, the women will be waiting for you, shaping, decorating or firing the artefacts they're famous for, or else sitting on the ground with their pots before them, willing you silently to buy one. Pushiness is not the PNG way. And, most likely, you will get to meet Mr T, the villager who seems to control what goes on during these tourist visits, a man with an urbane wit and world view wisdom that can throw you off if you're not expecting repartee in fluent English in a modest provincial PNG village. He will tell you about the pots and how they're fashioned from clay and water and sand, he'll get some of the women to demonstrate the skill and, if there isn't a fire going already, he'll get someone to make one and throw in a few pots in a demonstration that will bring a new meaning to the term 'hand-fired'. ining, oil resource m desig constru



These Bilbil clay pots, with their distinctive glossy red and black finish, are among the best artefacts you can buy in PNG. You will find that they are not only good value for money, but despite their apparent brittleness, you can ship or carry them home quite safely. Bubble wrap and cardboard are the essential items and people in Madang are experts in their use.

you will not be sorry for the exchange.

What the busy Mr T might not have time to tell you or what you might not catch if you're busy looking at the village scene around you, is that these distinctive pots, used for cooking and a host of other things, are part of Bilbil's deep tradition.

Bilbil villagers, formerly an island people, used sea-going, two-masted canoes to trade

right along the north-east coast between Karkar Island (Morobe Province) and West New Britain by the Vitiaz Strait, which was sighted by Abel Tasman in 1643.

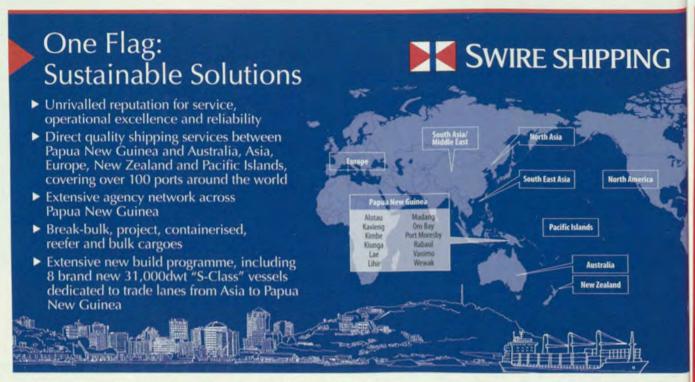
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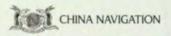


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scientist Nicholai Mikluho-Maklai (Nicholas Miklouho-Maclay) visited and stayed for a while in the 1870s. They barely paused with the arrival of the Germans in the mid-1880s, and not even World War II and the bombing and destruction of Madang (both by the Japanese and the Allies) put an end to the tradition.

So these Bilbil clay pots go back a long way, which is one reason why Madang pushes them and the village as a tourist attraction and why, in a fast-changing world, visitors are usually only too keen to get out and see something real and beautiful made by hand in the traditional way.

Village visits, in fact, are an important part of the tourism economy of this provincial capital, which has a population of about 35,000-40,000 or 8-10 percent of the provincial total. Organised tours out of the town often include sing sings and other cultural elements and are an important revenue source for local communities.

Some have called Madang the prettiest town in the Pacific, and if you ignore the minefield of potholes in town and other visible evidence of neglected and decaying infrastructure, you might be tempted to agree. Certainly, it would have been a beautiful town in the colonial, pre-World War II days, perhaps the equal of Rabaul before its volcanic eruption in 1994.

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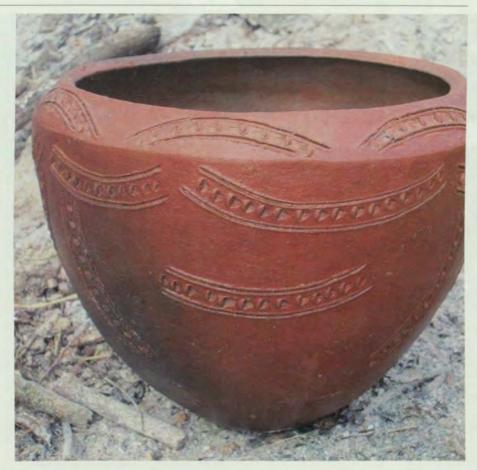
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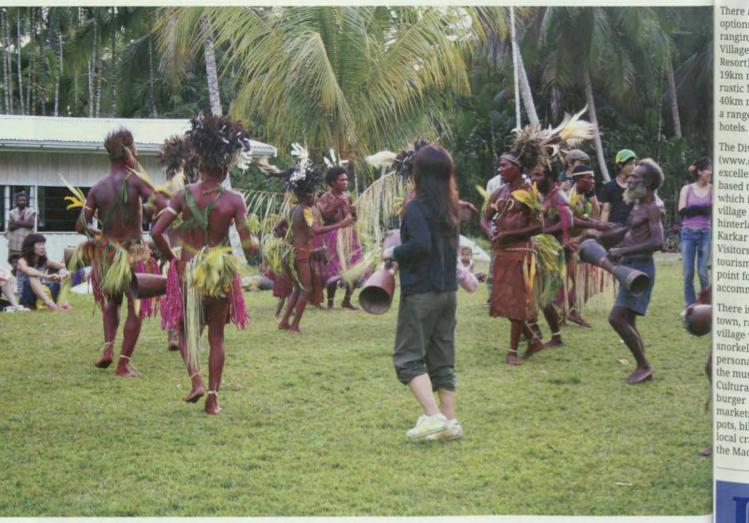
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Despite the ravages of World War II, there are surviving remnants of the colonial legacy in Madang, including the town lagoon and the splendid avenue of trees along the coastal roal that runs North past Machine Gun Beach to the Coastwatchers Lighthouse.

The old German cemetery in the middle of town might in many other places have been afforded the respect of periodic maintenance. but it was sadly neglected when last I saw it, along with the rest of the CBD. This is not to sa that Madang lacks beauty. This town - one of the most relaxed and atmospheric in PNG and also one of the best situated - has an almost indefinable but completely beguiling tropical charm and it has long been a magnet for both domestic and international tourists.

It also has PNG's oldest and most famous hotel, the Madang Resort (a guesthouse in the German colonial era), which has been owned and continually extended and refurbished by the Barter family since 1976. Occupying the tip of the town peninsula, about 500 metres from the CBD and facing Madang Harbour, the resort features extensive gardens, four swimming pools and, under construction early this year, a leisure park, lagoon and sandy beach.

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There are many other accommodation options in Madang and its environs, ranging from the upmarket Kalibobo Village (part of, and adjacent to, Madang Resort) and the classy Jais Aben Resort, 19km north of Madang, to the quiet and rustic Malolo Plantation Resort, about 40km north of Madang on the coast, and a range of town guesthouses, lodges and

The Divine Word University in Madang (www.dwu.ac.pg) has published an excellent guide to nature and communitybased tourism projects in the province which includes details of more than 20 village guest houses on the coast, the hinterland ranges and islands including Karkar and Krangket. The Madang Visitors & Cultural Bureau (www. tourismmadang.com) is a good starting point for information about activities and accommodation.

There is a lot to do in this lovely tropical town, ranging from bushwalking and village visits (including sing sings) to snorkelling, diving and fishing. My personal favourites? In town, don't miss the museum at the Madang Visitors & Cultural Bureau, or an Asian meal or burger at the Madang Club. The town markets are a must if you're looking for pots, bilums and other artefacts, and the local craft outlet at the entrance to the Madang Resort is great value.

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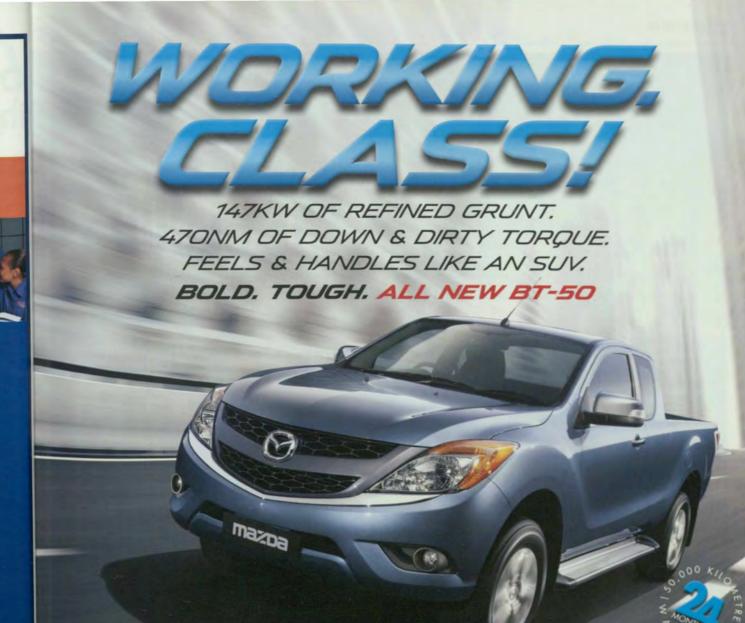
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Being in the Highlands means there is no guarantee there will be sunshine every day, but even in the rain, Ambua Lodge is still a very special place. By John Brooksbank



AT AN ELEVATION OF 2100 METRES,

almost 7000 feet in 'old' units, Ambua Lodge can be a bit cold. But don't worry - there is endless hot water and for the softies, the beds have the creature comforts of quilts and electric blankets.

Even if rain can be expected most afternoons, mornings are invariably clear exposing the panorama over the Tari valley that spreads out below the hotel.

More than 40 kunai thatched roundhouses spill down the hillside, surrounded by perfectly manicured lawns and beautiful gardens bursting with colour provided by all sorts of flowers including high altitude orchids and rhododendrons.

Some of the roundhouses look out into the surrounding bush whilst others take in the vista across the Tari valley that stretches to the horizon. These accommodation units, based on local traditional designs, are connected by a network of solid paths that thankfully are lit at night, ensuring that no one gets lost going back to their rooms.

At the centre of the main lounge and dining area is a wood burning stove, the radiating heat providing a cosy atmosphere on some of those cool nights.

Latest additions to the establishment, the only commercial hotel in the province, include a large conference centre and a double storey block of more conventional air-conditioned guest rooms.

One can lie in bed to the sound of rainforest birds calling to each other and also the rush of running water from the nearby Wara Wata creek that gushes down a gully next to the lodge. This waterway's energy is not wasted either, its year-round flow drives two hydros that generate electricity for the lodge.





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A local lodge employee, Epi, informs me that a waterfall on the creek is *klostu lik-lik*, which as anyone who has spent any time in the country knows is a totally indeterminate distance. Anyhow, we follow a track cut into the side of the gully that steadily drops down with a reasonable grade in a series of tight switchbacks.

The path is solid but treacherously irregular underfoot, being surfaced with rough moss-covered stones.

Some 20 minutes later, we arrive at a pool at the base of the smaller of the two waterfalls within the grounds of the lodge - a magnificent spout of water jetting out of the hillside, framed by lush green undergrowth.

We could have walked another 10 minutes to a traditional cane suspension bridge over the rushing stream but the afternoon rain had started and the thought of having to walk back up the switchback path to the lodge was uppermost in the mind.

Ambua has a number of other walking tracks within its boundaries that lead to the hydro generators, another cane suspension bridge and another larger waterfall which, although not clearly signposted, are well known by all the staff.

Managed for the last five years by the knowledgeable Dobiam Kope, the lodge is part of the group of adventure or ecohotels owned by Trans Niugini Tours that also includes Karawari Lodge on the Sepik River; Bensbach Wildlife Lodge in the Fly River floodplains; Malolo Plantation Lodge, outside Madang; Rondon Ridge Lodge in Mount Hagen; and the Sepik Spirit, which in effect is a floating lodge.

The company is also planning to construct a fishing lodge on the shores of Lake Murray in the Western Province .

Dobiam says although the LNG Project construction that has been underway for the past three years has provided some additional custom for the lodge, as do occasional government visitors, the hotel still relies primarily on tourists, the majority coming from the USA, and some from Europe but virtually none from Australia.

The lodge is about 20 minutes' drive from the Tari Gap, the highest point on the road between Tari and the Southern Highlands' capital, Mendi, and has a panoramic view across the Tari valley.

On a clear day, Tari township, capital of Hela Province, can be seen in the middle distance whilst on the far horizon, limestone white scars across a hillside mark the location of the Hides ridge where production wells for the PNG LNG project are being drilled.

What is immediately noticeable about Ambua, apart from its extensive use of kunai grass thatch, timber and pit-pit blind for building construction is the absence of any large fences or gates. The boundary of the property, similar to the Huli practice seen throughout Hela Province, is marked by a deep trench, or barat, topped with a simple fence of sharpened stakes.

As manager, Dobiam says, "real security comes from the people, our local community" and it's clear this relationship seems to work very well with many of the hotel staff also coming from villages in the immediate area.

One can drive to Ambua, or drop in by helicopter or fly directly to their own airstrip, constructed just down the ridge line from the lodge. It's long enough for small aircraft including Twin Otters to land

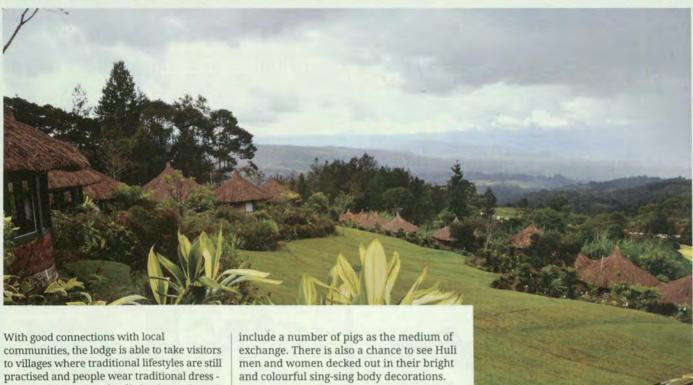
The lodge, which first opened its doors in 1985, has more than 30 staff who look after the 58 rooms, many equipped with two beds, so the establishment can cater for larger groups when necessary.

For guests wanting to travel around the local area, there are drivers and guides on hand to take them to places of interest in the region, be it cultural, birdwatching or just bushwalking between villages.





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An amazing 217 species of birds have been recorded in the area, including 13 species of Birds of Paradise, so it's not surprising that birding tours tailored just for twitchers are a speciality.

One of the lodge's employees, David Kirali, also looks after his own orchid farm along with his wife and family.

The farm, which has received some support from resource developer Oil Search Limited, currently has about 43 different varieties of local orchid species from various genera including; Dendrobium, Bulbophyllum, Coelogyne, Grastidium, Eria, Dilpocaulobium, Calanthe and Agrostophyllum. This small enterprise is also a must-see for any visitor to Ambua.

If one is brave enough to get out from under the warm covers just after dawn, the Lodge location offers a panoramic view of the morning clouds lying in the Tari and surrounding valleys below, leaving just the higher ridge lines poking through, waiting for the rising sun to evaporate them.

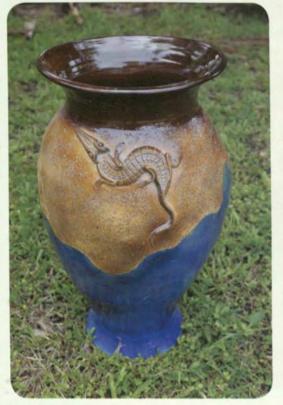
Reading the responses from other travellers who have stayed at Ambua, it is clear that although perhaps viewed as being a bit expensive for some, everyone enjoyed the experience as being very 'different' from their home countries.

The lodge and its related family

establishments have been added to the worldwide itinerary options provided by the prestigious travel company, Abercrombie & Kent. Getting to Ambua Lodge is not difficult; there are daily Air Niugini flights to Tari where you will be picked up at the airport or alternatively, Trans Niugini Tours flies their own aircraft to Ambua on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, connecting also to some of their other locations such as Karawari Lodge. So no excuse - go lodge at Ambua!







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By Euralia Paine

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Annie De Brouwere is one person who does what she loves. When she opens her pottery shop at 9am on Mondays, she is in the midst of beauty. Beauty, moulded from the humble clay. You only need to see the elegant creations in her shop in Port Moresby to know that she is living her dream.

Annie's Pottery brings to life the unique designs and patterns found in various cultural groups around Papua New Guinea. The diversity of fauna and flora in PNG is the inspiration behind the designs on the pottery. Blended with motifs originating from the coast to the highlands, the pottery pieces make great gifts or showpieces on any mantle.

There is quirkiness about Annie's pottery that's vintage Papua New Guinean. Amid the plethora of pottery, the irony is not lost on how fragile life and nature are.

You can find casseroles with crocodile handles, two green frogs kissing on a canister, geckos leaping under a lampshade and a Trobriand island girl swaying over a voluptuous vase.



Papua New Guinea motifs featured on the pottery include kundu drum-shaped salt and pepper shakers, Highlands hut and limepot jewellery storage container amongst others. Mosquito coil holders, toothpick holders and 'a circle of friends' candle holders are unique creations of Annie's Pottery.

Not surprisingly, the most popular and highly sought after pottery design features the Bird of Paradise. The brilliant Bird of Paradise appears most impressively on tall or round vases, fruit bowls and cake platters. But you can have it designed on cups or any item you want it on.

Annie got into the pottery business by chance. She was invited by a friend who was trying to revive the pottery shop abandoned by the Madang Provincial Government. They formed a partnership in 2000. After nine years, she bought out her friend's shares in the company and moved to Port Moresby.

"Before my friend asked me to be her partner, I would help her organise little shows at the pottery shop to introduce the products to Madang," she said. "I'd never done pottery before but I just loved the stuff."

Her keen interest paid off when she found a gifted potter from Okapa called Jimmy Amamao.

Jimmy used to work at the Port Moresby Arts Centre in Waigani. He was asked to go to Madang and work on a casual basis twice in 2000. On the third trip, he was offered a full time job with the pottery shop.





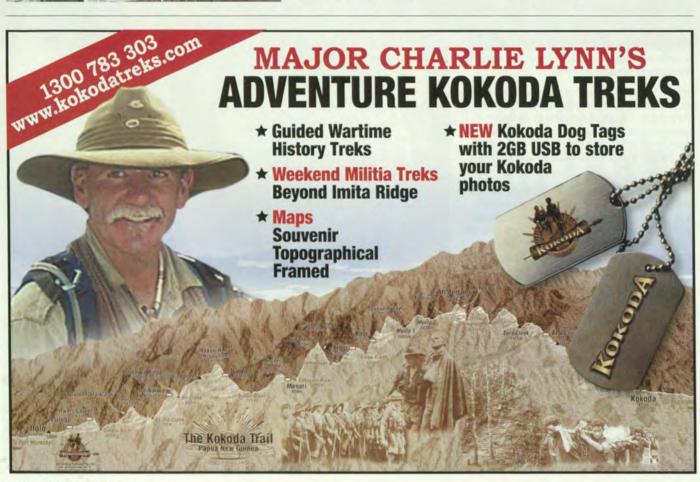
Annie said: "We moved from Madang to Port Moresby at the end of 2009. I got a place at the Cheshire Homes with assistance from my husband Bob and my friend Susan Chang. Susan actually suggested the place to me when she met me and learnt I was Bob's wife, the 'pottery lady'. I set up shop here in Port Moresby in January 2010."

Jimmy is the craftsman who creates the pottery products and Annie is the marketing and sales person. This combination has paid off. "I am fortunate that I have a supportive husband," Annie said. "I enjoy what I do and pottery is my passion. It is truly satisfying to see something that I imagine become a reality in the palms of an artist."

Annie's Pottery specialises in stoneware products. The shop has four potter's wheels and one kiln. The clay for the pottery is brought in from Australia in the form of dough and kneaded much like bread until all the air is released. Jimmy then moulds the various shapes on a potter's wheel. The items are left to dry for a day or two, depending on the size.

After creating designs on each piece, glazing and firing the products follow. Just as an artist uses a canvas to paint, Jimmy uses the pottery item to draw his patterns, motifs or characters. No one item is the same as the next. Each piece is individually handcrafted and patterned. This is where the true beauty of Annie's Pottery lies.

Apart from sales at her Cheshire Homes shop, Annie sells her products at the duty free shop at Harbour City, Port Moresby; the Brian Bell shop in Lae; the annual Lioness Art & Crafts Show in Lae; and at the Orchid Show in Port Moresby.



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to take away mementoes from Papua New Guinea.

Just recently, the shop received a request from the organisers of the 2013 Oceania Billiards and Snooker Championships held in Port Moresby to create trophies and prizes for winners. Last February, Annie and Jimmy spent one week in Sydney attending Maketi Ples, a trade exhibition organised by PITIC (Pacific Islands Trade & Invest) which brought together artisans from around the South Pacific. Pacific Islands Trade & Invest is the region's lead export facilitation, investment and tourism promotion agency and is an arm of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat based in Suva, Fiji.

This was the first overseas trip for Jimmy and an opportunity for Annie's Pottery to expose its unique works of art.

Ideally, Annie would like to develop a good corporate clientele base in Papua New Guinea who can place regular orders for pottery pieces as gifts, or showcase her pottery products in boardrooms and office foyers. She has no doubt that Jimmy can live up to a client's expectation and mould to a customer's requirement.

unique pottery products to take pride of place in corporate offices."

This would be a goal worth achieving. For now though, this demure Yule Island girl who gave up radio journalism to pursue her dream. And her eye for the finer things in life has certainly found a niche in the PNG art world.

Annie's Pottery is open on Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm. If you want to make arrangements to see her pottery on Saturday, she can be contacted by phone on +675 7682 8586 or +675 7248 4848; or by email on annies.pottery.png10@ gmail.com



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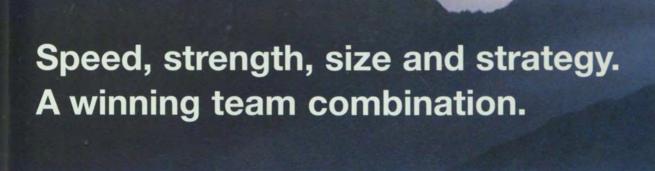


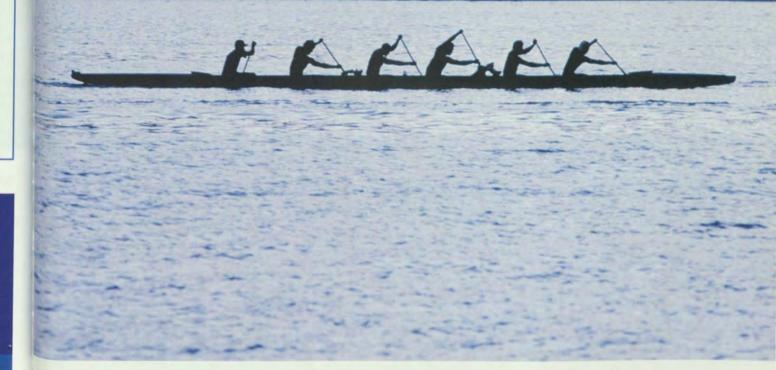












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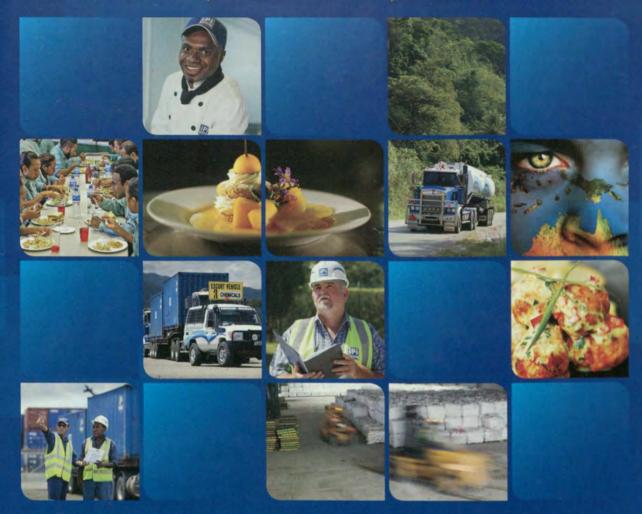
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Lead author, Ricardo Tapilatu, a PhD student with UAB and an Indonesian native, says he expects these programmes to "increase hatching success to 80 percent or more."

Scientists estimate that out of a thousand leatherback hatchlings, only one survives. As hatchlings, leatherbacks must pass a gauntlet of hungry birds, insects, fish and invasive species in order to reach feeding grounds.

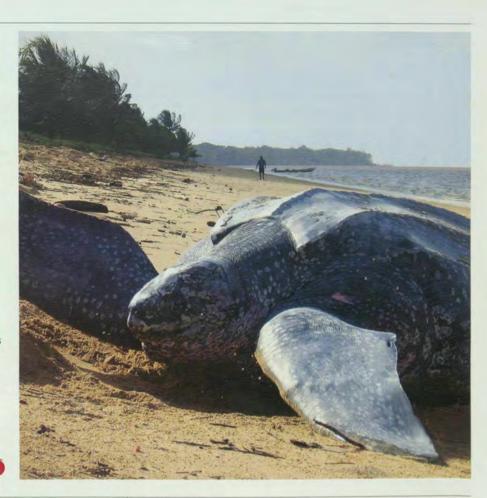
"The leatherback is one of the most intriguing animals in nature and we are watching it head towards extinction in front of our eyes," Wibbels says.

Older than the dinosaurs - and having survived numerous extinction events - leatherbacks are also one of the world's greatest travellers.

Leatherbacks laying in the western Pacific have been tracked travelling from Indonesian New Guinea to feeding grounds off the U.S. West Coast, some 11,265 kilometres (7,000 miles).

Leatherbacks are also capable of diving an incredible 1,200 metres (4,200 feet) after their primary food source; jellyfish.

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RARE CANINE The Singing Dogs of New Guinea

By Jeremy Hance (mongabay.com)

rarely seen canine has been photographed in the wild, likely for the first time. Tom Hewitt, director of Adventure Alternative Borneo, photographed the New Guinea singing dog during a 12-day expedition up a remote mountain in Indonesian Papua.

Very closely related to the Australian dingo, the New Guinea singing dog, so named for its unique vocalisations, has become hugely threatened by hybridisation with domesticated dogs.

"When we reached [our guide and cook] the guide proclaimed 'dog," Hewitt writes in a blog entry about his trip up Mandala Mountain.

"This took me quite by surprise and it took three explanations by him for me to understand. But sure enough, above us on the rocky outcrop in the bush, there was a dog - the guide seemed as bemused by it being there as we were.



This is arguably the first time the dingo-like canine has been photographed in the wild. Photos: Tom Hewitt

"We watched it for around 15 minutes as it continued to watch us. It seemed as curious as we were but not particularly scared or nervous. What stood out was how healthy it looked upon closer examination with binoculars."

Hewitt's sighting is the first report ever of a New Guinea singing dog in the region. Described as looking like foxes due to their reddish coats, the dogs are known for an ability to climb trees. "At the time of the sighting, we were in a dramatic, wide valley with 4,000-metre peaks and limestone walls with waterfalls on either side," Hewitt continues.

"We spent a total of four days camping in this valley and there was regular contact with a number of exciting animals: cuscus, possums and even tree kangaroos were seen as well as many unidentified ground nesting birds living in the swamp grass.



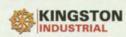
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"One species of bird of paradise was heard in the lower forest, but not seen. There were a few highland flowers and grasses and occasional groves of an ancient cycad species - primordial in every respect."

No one knows how rare the New Guinea singing dog has become, but in addition to being imperiled by breeding with domestic canines, the species is also hunted by locals. It is killed as a competitor and often eaten. Almost nothing is known about its life in the wild.

There are no active conservation programmes working to protect the species in New Guinea, however, there are a number of groups in the U.S. - including New Guinea Singing Dog International and the New Guinea Singing Dog Conservation Society - that promote establishing a strong captive population as an insurance policy against extinction on the island.

Just over 200 New Guinea singing dogs are found both in captivity and outside New Guinea, but the population is severely inbred.



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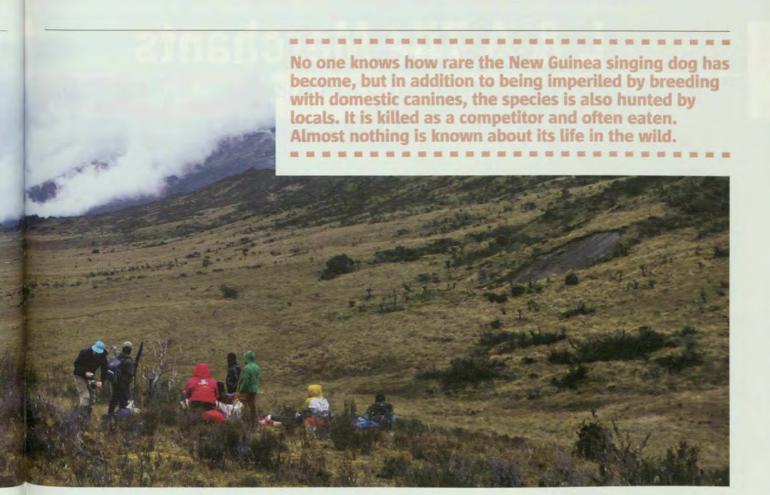


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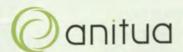
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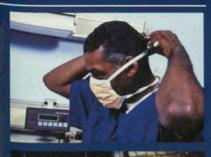
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Breakfast for the Brain

By Chef Lance Seeto

Tomato, bacon and vegetable break

hen it comes to instinctually eating healthily, humans have much to learn from every other living creature on the planet. Animals, insects, plants and sea life eat to live and reproduce, not live to eat.

Every living creature is genetically programmed to seek out nutritious foods to keep their body in optimal health but yet we ignore and circumvent what Mother Nature had intended.

We mostly eat to fill our belly with the cheapest and most filling foods that offer little nutritional benefit to our bodies. No other mammalian creature puts themselves on this path to destruction and no other species is so clueless as to how to eat for optimum nutrition to minimise disease until it is too late.

Breakfast is a classic example. You get up in the morning, you rush to get ready for work or pack your bags for the airport and rush out the door without eating a nutritional breakfast. Perhaps, you grab something fast at the drivethru of a passing fast food restaurant. ci

If you're a frequent flyer, you might be lucky to eat a little tinned fruit, some sugary cereal with full cream milk, a stack of pancakes drowned in maple syrup or the typical high fat English fry-up of bacon, eggs, hash browns and sausages from the airport lounge.

Unfortunately, when it comes to being healthy and feeding your brain with nutrition, none of these options is a great way to start your day and absolutely none helps to sharpen your mind or improve your cognitive function. If you totally skipped breakfast and started the day on an empty stomach, chances are your blood-sugar levels are dangerously low and you're a moody SOB in need of an instant sugar fix! We've all had those days when we just can't seem to concentrate. And while there's no magic pill to make us smarter, there are some foods that have been shown to improve brain function, protect against age-associated cognitive decline and encourage focus and clarity.

The next time you order that greasy big breakfast, think about what your brain needs as well as your stomach, and include more of the superfoods at the start of the day.



Who said you can't eat fish for breakfast? While it may seem strange for Western cultures to be eating something fishy so early in the day, many other older civilisations still do.

The essential fatty acids found in oily fish like salmon, trout, herrings, pilchards and sardines are rich in Omega-3 fats which are essential for the development and maintenance of the brain tissue.

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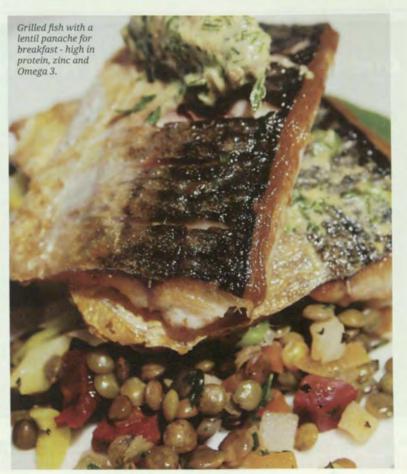
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Coconuts throughout the South Pacific and South East Asia and have been mistakenly known as high in saturated fats that clog arteries and bad for you. The truth is the medium chain fatty acids found in coconut oil are rare in nature and highly health beneficial. Unlike the bad saturated long chain fatty acids, the oils in coconut are quickly digested, producing energy and feeds the brain with essential fats for cellular health. The lauric acid in coconut oil also strengthens the immune system like human breast milk, and the caprylic/capric acid contains the oil's anti-fungal, anti-viral and anti-bacterial properties.

Blueberries and Acai berry

High in antioxidants and a rich source of vitamin C, both blueberries and Acai berries have been shown to guard against short-term memory loss and are said to aid coordination and balance.





Pumpkin Seeds

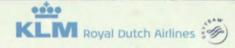
Another rich source of omega-3 oils and essential zinc, they help to maintain the part of the brain that keeps sensory function intact.

Dark Chocolate

Chocolate lovers can rejoice in knowing that a few pieces of premium dark chocolate provides lots of memory-improving anti-oxidants, whilst milk chocolate will help improve motor functions and reaction times.











Avocado, parsley and lemon baquette spread with extra virgin olive oil...food for the brain.

Avocado

Like coconut, the avocado pear is mistakenly thought by some as high in cholesterol and fats. But this fruit is an excellent source of mono-unsaturated fatty acids including potassium, Vitamins E and B and fibre. The health benefits far outweigh their higher calorie count and said to contain compounds that facilitate blood flow to the brain.

Eat more tomatoes

The health benefits of the Mediterranean diet are well known with the powerful antioxidant, lycopene, in tomatoes said to help protect against the kind of free radical damage to cells which occurs in the brain including dementia and Alzheimer's.





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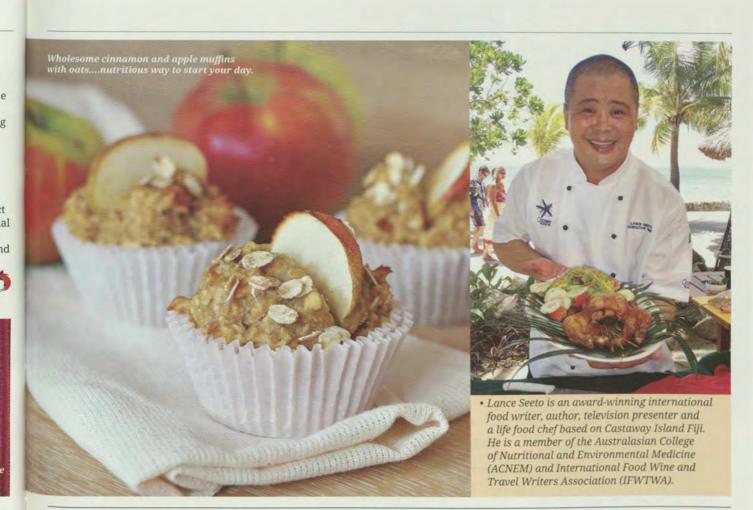
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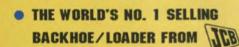
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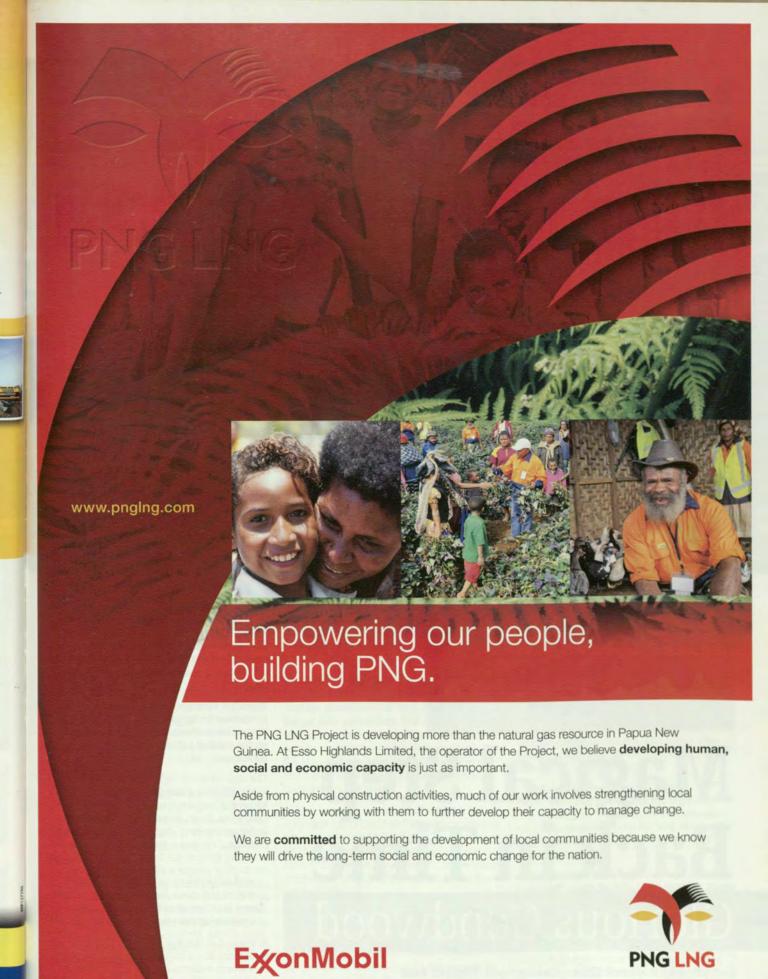








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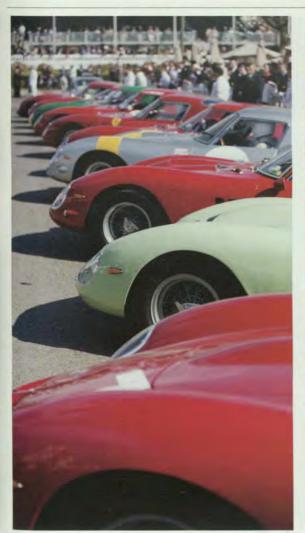
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motoring and motor racing,
Damien Reid thought he had
seen it all until he made it to Goodwood for
the Revival. Walking through the gates is
admission to a world that stopped 50 years
ago.

There's a story going around that a gentleman bought tickets to the Goodwood Revival and when he arrived, he parked up the back of a giant paddock filled with classic cars.

The sight of stunningly beautiful Jaguars, Aston Martins, Ferraris, Rolls-Royces, Maseratis and more was overwhelming and over a few hours he was firmly ensconced in the atmosphere that only Goodwood can produce. Overhead, Spitfires and Lancaster bombers strafed the fields in a dramatic air display; people walked past in period costumes and vendors on the streetside sold food and souvenirs from mobile outlets that looked as though they came straight out of the 1940s.

At the end of the day, after drooling over something like a thousand finely polished cars worth millions of dollars, it was time to leave.







As he pulled out of the driveway he noticed a flood of people coming from across the road and it was only then that he realised he'd never actually made it to the entrance but instead, spent the entire day walking around the public car park.

With just under 50,000 people through the gates on each of the three days it's entirely believable, especially when you consider that only pre-1966 cars are allowed to use the public car park while the rest use park 'n ride systems and are bussed in on pre-'66 model buses.

To gain entrance to the pits and paddock, you obviously need the right pass, but you can also only enter if you're dressed in the appropriate pre-1966 attire. That's the great thing about Lord March's dream - nothing is left to chance.

In order to submerge yourself in the full ambience of Goodwood, everything must fit in with the period but the effort is worth it a thousand times over because nothing compares to the sights, sounds, smells and the buzz of attending a post World War II day at the motor races.

So, dressed in moleskin trousers, braces,

flannelette shirt with cravat, tweed vest and jacket and a broad brim fedora, more than 140,000 people over the course of the weekend stepped through the gates and into the Goodwood time machine.

On the other side, security police waved the well-behaved guests through from their vantage points behind Ford Zephyr and Jaguar Mk2 police cars. Out of sight from the police, mock gangs of Mods and Rockers faced off against each other comparing the Harley Davidsons of the Rockers to the multi-mirrored inner-city motor scooters favoured by the Mods.

In the distance, the sound of a Glenn Millerstyle jazz band could be heard entertaining recently-returned World War II troops and all this was before we'd reached the main area of the venue. So authentic, it was near impossible to spot any resemblance to the modern day.

The Goodwood Revival came about in 1998 after the phenomenal success of the Festival of Speed hillclimb which Lord March began six years earlier on his property and it attracted 30,000 people at its first event. He then wanted to resurrect the famous race track on his property which had been home to the British Grand Prix in the immediate post-war era and saw the likes of Fangio, Moss, Brabham, Gurney and Salvadori take part over the years.

The track officially opened in 1948 and hosted Britain's first post-war motor race but was eventually retired in 1966 as faster cars outgrew it during a time when fatalities were on the rise and safety was being championed for the first time, most notably by Jackie Stewart.

These days Sir Jackie revels in the experience and was one of the big name drivers piloting a Silver Arrows Mercedes while his contemporary, Stirling Moss, lapped the circuit in an immaculate BMW 328 Mille Miglia.

The amazing thing about Goodwood is that it has remained faithful to an era that many thought was impossible to recreate given the demands of modern day corporate hospitality, sponsorship and safety.

The 3.8-km circuit is devoid of large gravel traps, high catch wire fencing and Armco fences that are a must for new circuits.



With the exception of one chicane that was part of the original track just before the start/finish line, it has also resisted the temptation to be dotted with the slowing down devices. And unlike Silverstone, which was also built around an airfield using the perimeter roads, the Goodwood layout you see cars racing on today is exactly the same as it was in 1948.

Dangerous, fast and exciting; it has its own safety mechanisms in place to keep drivers under control, that being their own fear and acres of grass across the infield to spin off.

There's nothing quite like seeing a Mark 2 Jag entering a sweeping, fast, flat out corner in a four-wheeled drift chased by a tiny BMW 1600 which is defying the laws of physics as it three wheels it through the same corner with its inside front never touching the ground until it's pointing straight again.

Unlike today's modern pits, pitlane at Goodwood is a simple ribbon of tarmac with a large open-plan area covered by a common roof for all to use while VIP spectators get to stand on the roof. There's no individual garages with roller doors to keep spectators away or glass-fronted, multi-storey corporate boxes on top, it's all about the basics.

Away from the racing, a retro Auto Alley runs with car manufacturers displaying their "latest" models in period showrooms. Take a walk into the 1960's inspired Rolls-Royce dealership, located in March Motor Works, and you're confronted with a "new" 1962 Silver Cloud Mk2 Drophead Coupé in a lustrous black that takes pride of place on the carpet.

Attention to detail in the showroom included original vintage signage, a showroom manager in appropriate business attire and even an imposing safe in the corner.

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With a theatrical twist, only possible at the Revival, the showroom hosted glamorous













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dancing in the window to tempt potential customers through the door.

With Goodwood being the modern day home to Rolls-Royce located just around the corner, the famous British marque was also allowed to display one of its heritage cars on track with a stunning \$500,000 Mark 1 Silver Cloud Drophead Coupé forming part of the course director's entourage.

This lapped the circuit after every race, probably doubling its mileage over the space of three days, and followed in the wheel tracks of two original Ford GT40s.

Each year Goodwood celebrates several anniversaries and this time it was a four-fold celebration to honour the 50th anniversary of the AC Cobra with a onemake race for the late Carroll Shelby's most dramatic cars, the largest gathering of prewar Silver Arrows racers ever assembled, a 50th birthday tribute to the Ferrari 250 GTO and a special tribute to one of America's few F1 and LeMans heroes, Dan Gurney.

This year was the first time the famous Silver Arrows Auto Unions (we know them today as Audi) and Mercedes Grand Prix cars have been re-united on a race track since World War II, while the average value of a Ferrari 250GTO hovers around the US\$20million mark which made the grid of 20 cars worth in excess of US\$300 million.

That's not a bad turnout when you consider they only made 37 and almost all were used in competition with the most valuable on track being the ex-Stirling Moss green car, which sold last June at an auction for US\$35million.

The Goodwood Revival is so typically British that it's an event which cannot be replicated in any other country and given the constraints of modern day racing which has to take in safety and corporate entertainment issues, it cannot even be replicated at other British tracks like Silverstone.





Lord March's dedication to preserving the best of a bygone era and the fastidious attention to detail at every corner is something to be admired. After nearly 25 years covering all forms of motor racing and motoring festivals, I'm trying very hard to think of a better motorsporting event in the world and so far I'm still drawing blanks.

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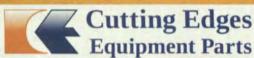
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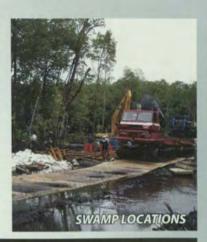
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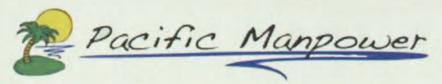


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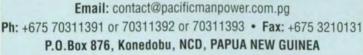
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Playing in Australia's Most Exclusive Neighbourhood By Rob Dunlop

Point Piper - an exclusive Sydney Harbour neighbourhood with only 11 streets - is not only Australia's richest suburb,

but its main street, Wolseley Road, is also one of the most expensive residential streets in the world.

THE TINY PENINSULAR SUBURB, only 0.4 square kilometre in size, has about 500 properties - mostly apartments with less than 200 houses. The median house price is a whopping AU\$8.25 million.

But that figure doesn't tell the whole story. Some price tags run as high as AU\$50 million. And many hover between AU\$10 million-AU\$20 million.

So what do you get for that kind of money? Well, apart from the passing water traffic pointing and bobbing as close as they can to your harbourside "landmark", you'll most likely get eye-popping views of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House.

For instance, Villa Veneto, with its easily identifiable Italianate villa style which Sydneysiders have nicknamed the 'The Vatican', is a five-level mansion that cascades down to a private harbour jetty. Set on 1400 square metres of tiered foreshore, the house features iconic Sydney Harbour views, six large bedrooms, a pool pavilion, sauna and gym, an art gallery and library, and a lift that carries 21 people. Oh, not forgetting the nine bathrooms, including a special one for the gardener. The Vatican last traded for \$44 million.

With such flamboyant price tags, you might expect the owners to be famous celebrity types, but they're not (although actor Russell Crowe almost succumbed).

Instead, notable residents are stars of a different kind - savvy, successful and very wealthy businesspeople.

Billionaire Frank Lowy, one of Australia's wealthiest businessmen, founder of the global Westfield shopping centre empire, owns one of the palatial waterfront homes. As does John Symond, founder of the mortgage broker company Aussie Home Loans, and politician Malcolm Turnbull. Lachlan Murdoch, eldest son of media

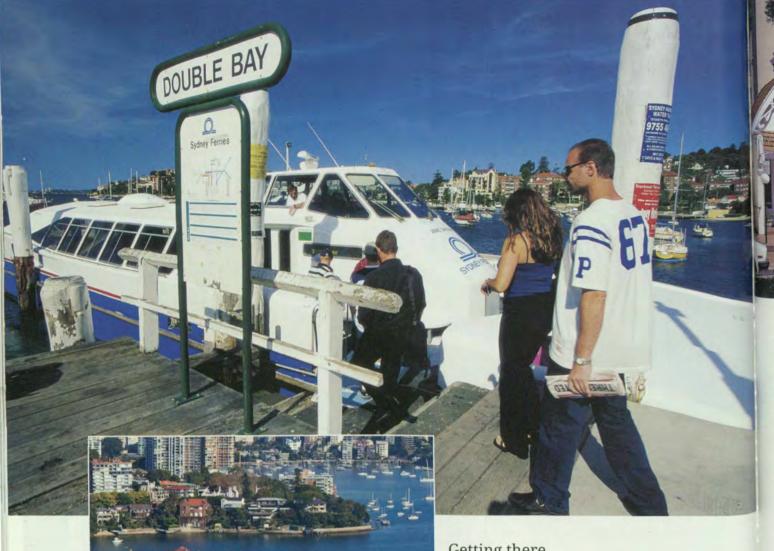
baron Rupert Murdoch, lived in Point Piper before selling for a tidy profit. Villa Veneto, aka The Vatican, was sold by the founders of a recruitment company to a dentist. Such glamour.

But poor Point Piper doesn't have any shops, cafes or swanky bars to call its own. Let's not count the members-only yacht club. So when these folks get tired of multimillion dollar views and perhaps marine décor at the club, they head down the road to the glitzy harbourside village of Double Bay, where real estate prices aren't so shabby either.

An old joke, Sydneysiders still enjoy calling the area Double Pay. And even cheekier, they don't mind swooping in to share the best parts with locals. Blame Australia's egalitarian nature.

So, here's a mini guide to enjoying Sydney's exclusive enclave, just like a local. You'll need walking shoes or access to a red Ferrari - local style.





Getting there

The best way to arrive at Double Bay is by ferry. Take the Watsons Bay service from Circular Quay, which is only one stop away and takes about 12 minutes. From the wharf, it takes about 15 minutes to walk to the edge of Point Piper.

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Beaches

Lady Martins Beach is Point Piper's own secluded cove. With head held high, access the beach from a narrow lane beside the private Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club, near the end of Wolseley Road, which is one kilometre long. The walk from the wharf, passing all the mansions, takes about 30 minutes.

Seven Shillings Beach in Double Bay has a shark-netted harbour pool with boardwalks and sunbaking pontoons. While you could paddle near the ferry wharf, most people head around the point (via the road) to the 'pool', which is officially the closest swimming beach to the city. Access is from Blackburn Gardens alongside the Woollahra Municipal Council building, at 536 New South Head Road, Double Bay, which is about a 15-minute walk from the ferry wharf.

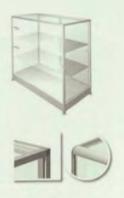
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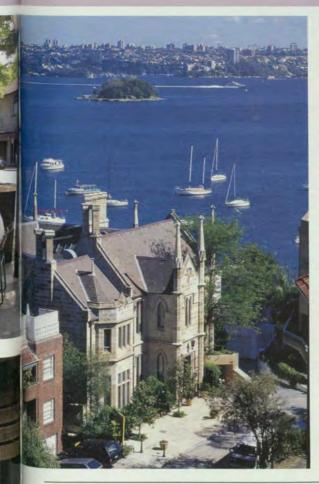
Australian 18 Footers League is a sailing club perched on the ferry wharf at Double Bay. The club flows with champion trophies and champion views, which weathered sailors and taut-skinned locals drink in.

Casual bistro lounge food and restaurant fare are on offer, including the popular seafood platter - fish, calamari, scallops, crab, prawns, oysters and mussels. The best seat in the house to soak up locals and views is outside on the deck. The club is at 77 Bay Street, Double Bay.

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Stickybeaking

The best way to satisfy your harbour mansion curiosity is from the water. Catch a ferry from Double Bay to Rose Bay (the next stop along the Wastsons Bay route), which takes you right around the peninsular of Point Piper. Although you won't get too close for a proper stickybeak, it's a great way to appreciate the magnificence. And a much safer distance to mutter about the disparity of wealth.

More

Thirst for Sydney is an iPhone app that explores Sydney's best harbourside neighbourhoods and watering holes, which includes Double Bay. The app, written by Rob Dunlop, features walking and ferry routes, photos, insider tips, bar and food reviews, and a check-in function that enables locals and visitors to meet up for drinks.

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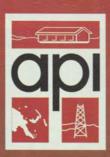
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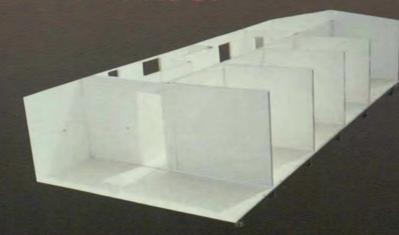
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There is none of the slick, rehearsed patter of the professional tour guide on these tours, which cost only the price of any incidental public transport and which can be booked at short notice online or through the city's Visitor Information Centre. Informality is the key, and it seems to have hit the right note.

I shared a recent tour of inner-city Paddington (architecture) and a trip on the river with a research pharmacist from Hyderabad; an insurance worker who had emigrated from Peru; a Brisbane radiologist; and two immigrants from Durban. None of them could believe the tours were free.

According to the city council, the Greeters Program has been as successful as its well-established counterparts in other world cities and has become an attraction in its own right.

In its own small way, it has contributed to Brisbane's emergence from a transit hub into a major tourism destination, and the city's marketing people have been working hard in other ways to effect the transformation.

A promotional thrust this year has been short breaks aimed at domestic visitors, and again the city seems to have struck a happy chord, highlighting experiences and attractions that pack a lot into the concept of a weekend makeover for time-poor travellers.

I road-tested some of this on a recent weekend that began with Friday night in a smart CBD hotel, dinner, a seat at a show, a walk in Brisbane's Botanic Gardens, a memorable hour at a perfume boutique and, to cap it off, lunch and a look at one of Australia's most successful wineries. And all this in less than 24 hours.





The hotel was the Royal on the Park, on the corner of Alice and Albert Streets opposite the Botanic Gardens. Itself given several makeovers since it opened in 1969 as the Parkroyal Motor Inn, this four-and-a-halfstar hotel has a name for elegance and comfort, and a \$5 million refurbishment last year won it an industry award for best hotel redevelopment.

If you like wood panelling and a leather lounge chair to go with a pre-dinner drink, this is the place for it, and dinner eaten

in the Walnut Restaurant under Egyptian crystal chandeliers completes the scene.

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An early dinner here is the perfect prelude to a show or a sporting fixture. I saw Driving Miss Daisy on my weekend, but attractions at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre this winter include the Queensland Ballet's production of Giselle (June 21-July 6), and War Horse (July 6-21). Weekend sporting fixtures in the city include a home Brisbane Broncos match (July 12) at Suncorp Stadium and Brisbane Lions AFL games at the Gabba (June 23, July 6, 13, Aug 3, 17, 25).

My Saturday started with a walk in the Botanic Gardens, which is right across the road from the Royal on the Park, followed by a short drive to New Farm's James Street, which has become something of a let's-do-coffee destination in Brisbane. Just off James Street is the boutique Libertine Parfumerie, which offers a one-hour Perfume Indulgence Masterclass for \$39.

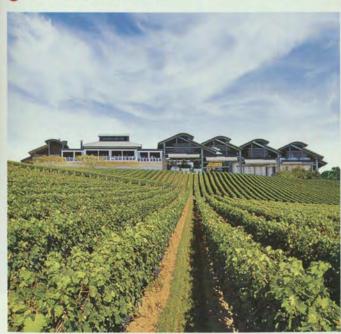
I'm not big on perfumes, but an hour spent in this little fragrance emporium almost converted me. I had no idea that musk and ambergris had anything to do with deers' testicles and whales' vomit, but you learn something every day. Dollar for dollar, this is one of the best short tourism experiences I've had in Brisbane. Do it if you love perfume.

Sirromet Winery, about a half-hour's drive out of Brisbane towards the Gold Coast, was founded in 2000 and has been busy collecting awards ever since. It does lovely lines in whites and I thought the NV Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir one of the standouts. Incidentally, Sirromet supplies wines to the smart Rondon Ridge Resort in Mount Hagen. You should not miss lunch at the winery's superb restaurant, Lurleen's.

Brisbane has a lot to see in a short weekend, whether you're visiting for one night or two. The city has come a long way since World Expo 88 and while you're here you'll find the city celebrating, officially and privately, the 25th anniversary of the event that sparked the makeover it was waiting for.

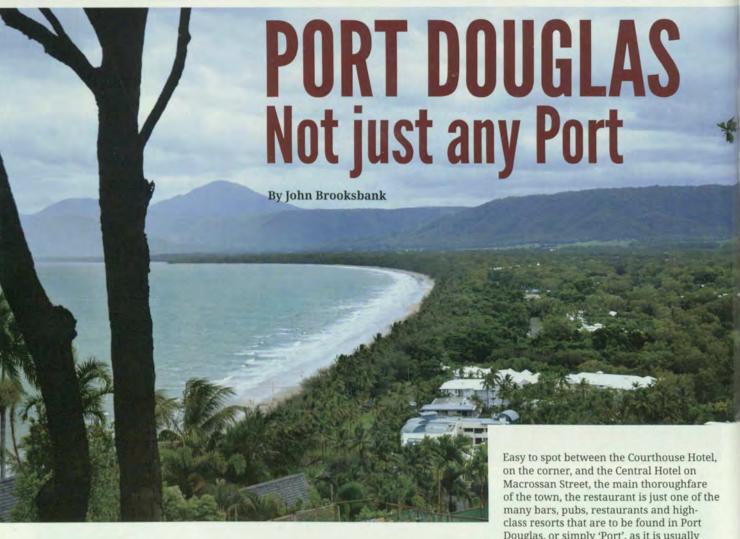


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The Iron Bar boasts low-cost furnishing, cheap lunches, night-time toad races and a staff with a real sense of humour.

True to its name, the place is clad in sheets of rusting corrugated iron, its tables and chairs are assembled from what looks like driftwood and old hessian sacks but are nonetheless extremely strong. It's different.

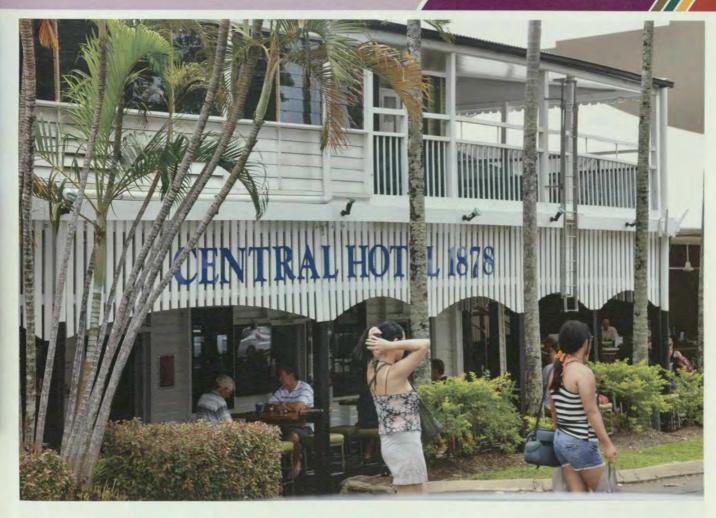


Douglas, or simply 'Port', as it is usually referred to by the locals.

Renowned as the up-market locale for tourism in far north Queensland, this picturesque ex-fishing village is just a 45-minute drive north of Cairns, along a scenic road that hugs the coast at the foot of rainforest clad-hills that come right down to the edge of the Coral Sea. The town is a joy to visit or use as a base to explore further afield.

Port is a low-rise town that, apart from the flashy residencies that adorn Flagstaff Hill, barely rises above the mangrove clad peninsula it occupies jutting out into the ocean; geography that protects the wellknown Four Mile Beach which, unlike most beaches in the region, faces south.

This orientation results in a wide sandy beach, loved by sunbathers, windsurfers and swimmers although in the wet season, a stinger net is still deployed by the resident lifeguards who patrol to protect beachgoers from the risks posed by large box or smaller irukandji jellyfish. And, in case the children ask - yes, that's why bottles of vinegar are displayed prominently along the edge of the beach as immediate first aid for stings.



At low tide, it is easy to understand why Four Mile Beach was used in years gone by as a landing ground for aircraft 'striphopping' their way to points further north, including Papua New Guinea. The full extent of the beach can best be seen from the lookout at the top of Flagstaff hill.

Macrossan is the main, some would say only street of Port and home to an eclectic collection of traditional Aussie pubs and hippy-style stores alongside the more predictable tropical clothing, T-shirt and Aussie memento shops that inhabit tourist traps.

For such a small town, there seem to be more hairdressers than you'd think might be required, even for its well-heeled transient population.

This part of the north Queensland coast was passed by James Cook in 1770, on his way to colliding with the Great Barrier Reef, just up the coast off what he called Cape Tribulation. His only direct reference to the area was a note on the Low Isles, a small coral cay and a mangrove island about 15 kilometres north-east of Port on the western edge of the main shipping channel north through the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

There is a lighthouse on the coral cay, still operating since its construction in 1878. Its light source has advanced from being generated by oil burners to kerosene, then electricity, and now solar power.

Although the lighthouse has been unmanned since 1992, the associated buildings are now used as a research station by the University of Queensland for scientists to study turtles and other marine life in the area.

The isles are part of a 200-hectare coral platform and lagoon, a perfect place to experience the Great Barrier Reef - visitors can avail themselves of a seat on sailing vessels such as SV Malaita or the Wavedancer catamaran that travel out daily.

Vessels also travel to other picturesque parts of the Great Barrier Reef such as the Agincourt, St Crispin and Opal reefs, located just a few kilometres offshore.







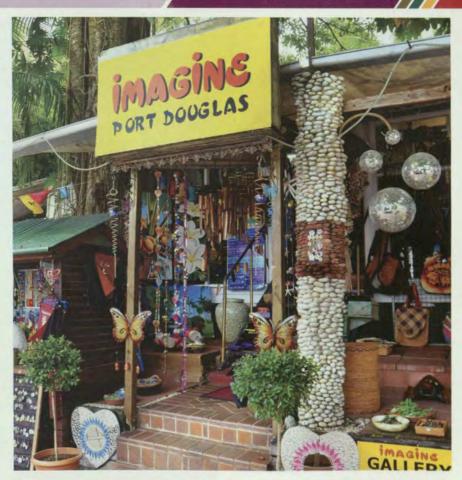
For a few short years, it was a frenetic port, a bustling commercial centre and starting point for those enterprising souls en route to Thornborough, the unofficial capital of the goldfield, reached after an 18-day bullock dray journey from the coast.

The early town had a population of at least 12,000 and was home to 40 drinking houses, so-called 'calico hotels', 14 hotels and numerous brothels servicing returning miners' various bodily needs whilst also supporting two newspapers, large European stores, Chinese emporiums and a fully staffed hospital.

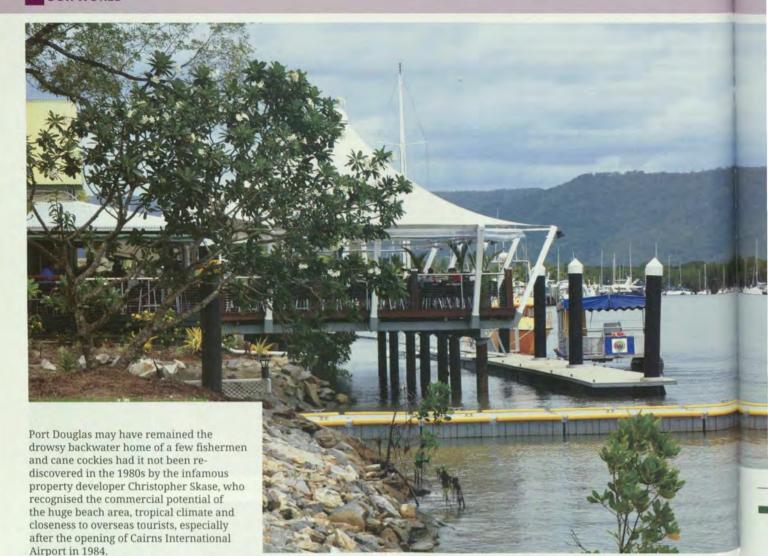
After the goldfields paid out and the town was eclipsed by Cairns in 1885 when the latter became the terminus for a railway built to the inland north Queensland towns, Port slumbered.

It remained the point of export of timber logged in the nearby forests and the increasing amount of sugar that was being grown on the alluvial coastal lowlands around the town and nearby Mossman, where a mill started operating in 1897.

After two cyclones severely damaged the town in 1911, administrative offices were moved to Mossman. The Captain Cook Highway opened in the 1930s, and the last sugar was exported from Port Douglas in 1958 and ever since has been trucked to the sugar terminal in Cairns. By 1960, the town had a recorded population of just 100.







He acquired a large tract of land along Four Mile Beach on which he developed the prestigious 5-Star Mirage Resort and golf course which opened in 1988, along with a marina in Dickson's Inlet on the north side of the peninsula and an avenue of oil palms planted alongside the road into the resort all the way from the Captain Cook Highway.

Many resorts sprang up in Port on the back of tourism interest in north Queensland generated by the Mirage complex, now the Sheraton Mirage, which the late Christopher Skase lost control of when his real estate and development empire collapsed and the rest as they say, is history.

The building of hotels and resorts to cater for visitors led to a meteoric rise in property prices in the area, a trend which has only recently flattened off.

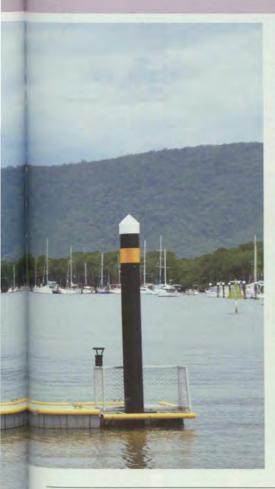
Every Sunday a colourful craft market is held under the rain trees adjacent to St. Mary's by the Sea, a quaint little Catholic chapel on the foreshore, where it was relocated from elsewhere in town when the new St Mary's church was built.

Here, a small sea of colourful stalls is available spotting a smorgasbord of locally-made goods, ranging from copper beatings to aromatic soaps, artwork, scents, flowers, clothing, jewellery, vegetables, bottled produce and a variety of decorative knick-knacks such as wind charms, didgeridoos and boomerangs. For those wanting something more interactive there are even palm readers and masseurs.

Away from the main drag and the seafront can be found residential areas, luxury apartments and resort complexes such as QT, Ridges, Pink Flamingo, Meridian, Ramada, Sea Temple, Mantra Portsea and Peppers Beach Club, to name just a few of



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the better known ones.

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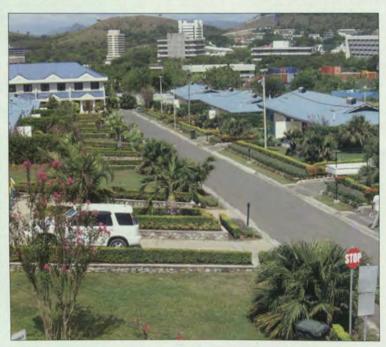


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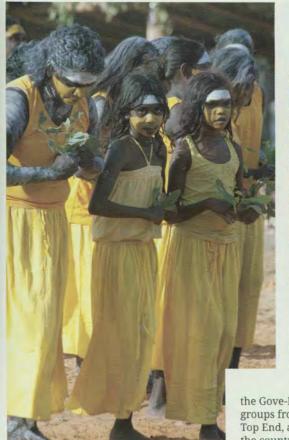
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tosses him a few fish. His jaws snap shut like a rat-trap. No matter how heavenly this scene might be, none of us is swimming

here.

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Timmy reckons he could, but we blokes would probably get eaten. Right. We climb into the four-wheel drives and wind back along a beach that's framed with pandanus and granite, then climb through stringybark and speargrass country back up to the festival.

Garma is an East Arnhemland Yolngu word meaning "both ways learning".

Some 2500 people have turned up for this, the annual festival, a four-day gathering that features visual art, storytelling, dance forums. Organised by the local Yothu Yindi Foundation, the festival draws people from

the Gove-Nhulunbuy-Yirrkala region, clan groups from across Arnhem Land and the Top End, and many visitors from the rest of the country. We non-Yolngu people range from tourists, families and politicians to earnest greenies.

The festival grounds, shaded by stringybarks, sit on an escarpment facing the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Timmy has a festival-within-a-festival called Cultural Experience happening around his campsite for those who've paid a bit more. He and other Yolngu men teach tourist tribe guys skills like how to make metal-pronged fishing spears and ceremonial poles.

Meanwhile, the women of the Burarrawanga family are instructing women visitors in how to weave mats and dilly-bags from reeds.

Garma has a pup-tent city - hundreds of fully-equipped tents have been erected for

paying guests - and is fully catered. The morning's army-scale breakfast of bacon, eggs and sausages tastes...well, let's say, industrial.

I don't see Tony woofing down the scrambled whatever but at the next table, veteran Australian actor Jack Thompson is enjoying his plateful. He tells me that this is his eleventh Garma.

Politicos are here in numbers, mainly in order to address key forums on indigenous education and economic development.

Among them I spot East Timor's Jose Ramos-Horta, federal politicians, industrialists, Aboriginal leaders and the Yothu Yindi main men, Galarrwuy and Mandawuy Yunupingu.

They're here to talk, but also to enjoy the spectacular evening dance sessions known as bunggul.





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to call it that".

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The only confrontation I witness is at 3am one morning when the bloke next door attacks my tent, beating it with his flashlight and bellowing about someone's bloody snoring. That would be mine.

There are workshops on song writing, dance, printmaking, astronomy and "ghost net" weaving - where abandoned, fishing nets (that do much damage to marine life) are reworked into baskets and useful objects.

Back at Djawa's Cultural Experience campsite I meet John Morse AO, ex-CEO of both Tourism Victoria and Tourism Australia and a long-time comrade of the Yolngu.

He sees this area as so rich in culture and landscape that he predicts "indigenous tourism in Arnhemland will one day be what safari tourism is to Africa".

Mandawuy Yunupingu, leader of the rock group Yothu Yindi and the driving force behind the Garma Festival, fears that Yolngu cultural traditions are being lost to the next generations. Thus the need for this gathering that celebrates their dance, song and ceremony. "The Garma Festival is the glue that binds this," he says.

For the rest of us, a rainbow, "bitsa" mob of Australians from anywhere, Garma is four days of both-ways learning and polemics sidelined. And people just being people.

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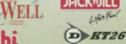








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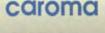


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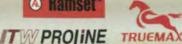






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By Susan Gough Henly



trolling beside a large pond in Kenroku'en Garden, we stop to admire an elegant stone lantern on two arching legs that has become the symbol of the pretty town of Kanazawa, one of Japan's great castle towns, located on the Sea of Japan in Central Honshu.

We walk across the eleven carefully placed red stones of the Flying Geese Bridge. A Shinto wedding party, the bride in a cloud-white headdress and kimono, is having pictures taken nearby.

It is a wintry day and patches of snow dot the mossy ground yet the landscape is serene, ethereal even, with huge conical rope formations framing the garden's large trees. Each November, workers install these ukitsuri to protect the tree branches from the heavy winter snow. Only in Japan are such prosaic measures rendered so delicately.



Kenroku'en Garden

Kenroku'en Garden is considered one of the three most beautiful gardens in Japan. It was begun in the late 1600s and expanded by various generations of the ruling feudal lords of the Maeda family, outside the gates of Kanazawa Castle.

'Kenrokuen', which means "having six factors", was given the name because of the six attributes that the Japanese believe bring out the perfect landscape of the garden: spaciousness, tranquillity, artifice, antiquity, water courses and a magnificent view.

The Maedas ruled the remote Kaga region (of which Kanazawa is the centre) during the Shogun era, when power emanated from the Edo Castle (todays' Tokyo). Rather than challenge the Shogunate in war, the Maedas poured their efforts into cultural pursuits and channelled their vast wealth from local gold mines into arts and crafts, many of which are still nationally renowned.

The name "Kanazawa" means "marsh of gold" and the castle town was famous early on for Kaga gold leaf, inlaid work and calligraphy. Indeed, the gold leaf that covers Kyoto's Golden Pavilion was produced in Kanazawa.

Being the richest domain outside the Shogunate, Kanazawa's population swelled with samurai retainers, artisans, merchants and, of course, geisha courtesans.

Since the town was located along a remote sheltered coast across the mountains from Tokyo, it was protected from being ravaged both in the feudal wars as well as during World War II, where it was spared from US bombing. As a result, its samurai and geisha districts are remarkably intact.

Indeed, the Japanese describe Kanazawa as a "Little Kyoto" because it offers an artisanal tradition akin to Kyoto's as well as beautifully preserved neighbourhoods...on a smaller scale admittedly but without the tourist hordes.

Put more accurately, while Kyoto is the much older Imperial capital of Japan, Kanazawa is probably the best-preserved major Edo (or Shogun-period) city in the country. It is also part of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network as a City of Crafts and Folk Art. In short, it is a gem that has largely been under the radar for most Western tourists.

After exploring the gardens, we cross the moat to the back gate of Kanazawa Castle, which was the epicentre of the feudal town. Most of the castle burned down in 1888 but the imposing Ishikawa Gate and Sanjikken Longhouse remain and now the site is a delightful public park.

Nagamachi Samurai District

Next, we visit the Nagamachi District where several of the chief samurai retainers of the Maeda feudal lords lived in great splendour.

We walk along the oldest canal in Kanazawa, the Onosho canal, which used to carry goods from the harbour to the castle town, before strolling the district's pretty cobblestoned residential streets, lined with mud walls which are covered with atmospheric straw mats in winter.

We see several large Nagaya-mon entrance gates, which used to house servants above, and we peek into the pretty gardens that surround large gabled residences, now popular with Kanazawa's elite.

Our curiosity is sated at the samurai residence, Nomura House, where we can explore inside to admire the Edo artefacts of the Nomura family, who lived here for ten generations.

The house has ceilings made from Japanese cypress and exquisite paintings on sliding door panels, while the garden features a 400-year old Japanese bayberry and a meandering stream surrounded by ancient rocks.



Higashi Chaya Geisa District

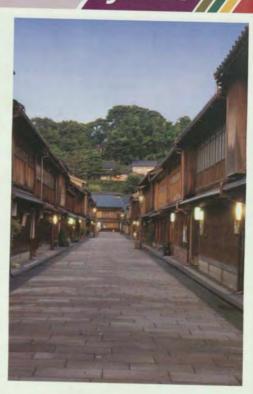
Next, we cross the old stone bridge over the Asano River to Higashi Chaya, the most prominent of Kanazawa's geisha or entertainment districts, now designated among Japan's cultural assets.

These were off limits to the samurai class but were patronised by rich merchants and artisans who competed to spend obscene amounts of money on parties.

It feels like we are transported back in time to the Edo Period as we wander a car-free streetscape lined with two-storey wooden tea houses or chaya (as the geisha houses are called), decorated with fine latticework and illuminated by traditional street lamps.

There are about 50 geisha still working in Kanazawa today and if you are lucky you might see a white-faced, doll-like girl slipping into one of these establishments to dance, perform on traditional musical instruments, and play drinking games.

If you want to go inside, Shima Teahouse (also a museum) and Kaikaro Teahouse are open to the public.



Gold Leaf Artisans

On a side street, we visit Sakuda Gold and Silver Leaf Company to learn more about one of Kanazawa's major artisanal industries. Kanazawa produces 99% of Japanese gold leaf, gold and silver inlays in metalwork and gold-thread embroidery, as well as high-quality lacquer ware traditionally decorated with gold dust.

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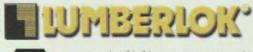


















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Ohi Ware Museum and Tea Ceremony

We are also privileged to visit the Ohi Ware Museum and shop of tea ceremony master potter, Ohi Chozaemon Toshiro. As the tenth generation of his family to craft the finest Japanese tea ware, he is a perfect example of the artisanal tradition that is alive and well in Kanazawa.

Tenth generation, as he is called, has also received a Person of Cultural Merit award from the Emperor. We are fortunate to be invited to a tea ceremony...the meditative 'way of tea'...by his elegant septuagenarian wife, Yoko San.

Her white kimono sprinkled with silver blossoms heralds springtime, just like the delicate sweets that accompany the green tea in Tenth Generation's exquisite bowls.

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Omi-cho Market

Kanazawa is renowned for an array of gourmet delicacies due to its location on the Sea of Japan. The best place to see these is at the Omi-cho Market, which has also been in operation since the Edo period.

Kanazawa's prime winter delicacy is the snow crab and we marvel at boxes upon boxes of them at the many fish merchants.

Other specialities include jumbo shrimp, yellowtail, mackerel, unique Kaga vegetables and smooth, sweet sake.

The city is also famous for its tea with gold flakes, considered to be good for the health and vitality. If that is anything to go by, Kanazawa's vibrant traditional culture has a long life ahead.





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By Ken Hoppen

A LONG TIME AGO on the Fijian island of Beqa there lived a famous story teller. The people of his village clamoured for his stories, and it was customary for people to bring him something in exchange for one of his exciting tales.

One day, he asked the people to bring him the first thing that they found the next day.

One warrior went out hunting for eels but the first one that he grabbed proved to be a spirit god in the shape of an eel. The warrior began to take the eel back to the storyteller but the eel-spirit pleaded for its life and offered the warrior many gifts in return.

The warrior refused all the offers until the eelspirit offered the gift of fire.

This interested the warrior and so he dug a pit as he was instructed, lined it with stones and fired them until they were white hot.

The eel-spirit then told the warrior the secrets and not without trepidation he walked onto the stones. To his surprise, he found no pain from the heat and his skin was not affected.

Since then, all of the men of the village of Sawau have been able to walk on the hot coals,

The firewalkers of Beqa conduct a weekly walk on the hot coals at Beqa Lagoon Resort, located on the island itself, and just north of the village of Sawau. Many of the workers at the resort come from this small village.

On the day of the walk, the area is prepared early and the men fire the stones for about seven hours. In the final preparations, the stones are smoothed and then the men take turns in walking over them, stopping in the middle unperturbed, smiling and going on their way.

I approach the pit at the end of the performance and in the tropical sun, I can't get closer than a couple of metres away. The heat is stifling.

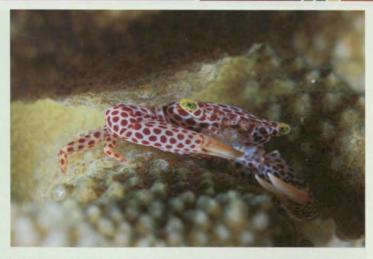
Interestingly, if you have a burn and it is touched by one of the firewalkers, it is supposed to heal very quickly. I have now met several locals who have tested this for themselves with positive results.

The firewalking display is just one activity that Beqa Lagoon Resort conducts on a regular basis for its guests.

From yoga and massage treatments, to school visits in the local village, surfing, volleyball, kava ceremonies and more, there are a lot of things to do here.

But probably the most popular is scuba diving.







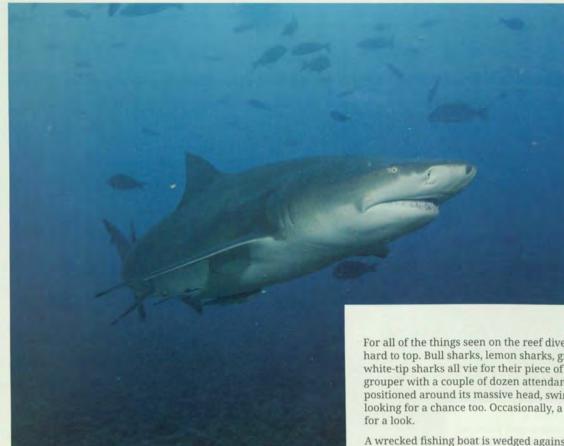
The reefs of Beqa Lagoon, which surrounds this island, are known worldwide for their colour and diversity. Up to three dive boats leave daily for the local sites and diving off the beach provides interesting diving too.

Sites such as the Seven Sisters, Carpet Cove, Fantasea, can be dived again and again, but it was the Golden Arches that proved to be a personal favourite.

Ranging over several bommies, we swam through arches covered with yellow soft corals, littered with colourful fish swarming around them. Angelfish vied for space alongside butterflyfish with small colourful anthias clouded around them all.

A small grey reef shark patrolled the gutter between two of the bommies and a gold coloured slingjaw wrasse hunted over the coral heads. A week's diving here is not enough.





For all of the things seen on the reef dives, the shark feed is still hard to top. Bull sharks, lemon sharks, grey reef, blacktip and white-tip sharks all vie for their piece of the action. A large giant grouper with a couple of dozen attendant small golden trevally positioned around its massive head, swim around the outside looking for a chance too. Occasionally, a tiger shark will come by

A wrecked fishing boat is wedged against the reef wall, offering a different aspect to look at for the dive. But the size and number of sharks hold the attention.

The resort itself is excellent with large, spacious rooms, some with two bedrooms and a lounge. There are views over the strait back to the main island and amenities include a good swimming pool and an excellent dining and bar area.

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The staff members are friendly and obliging; nothing seems too hard for them.

backdrop, there are few who could visit here and not hope to return some day in the future.

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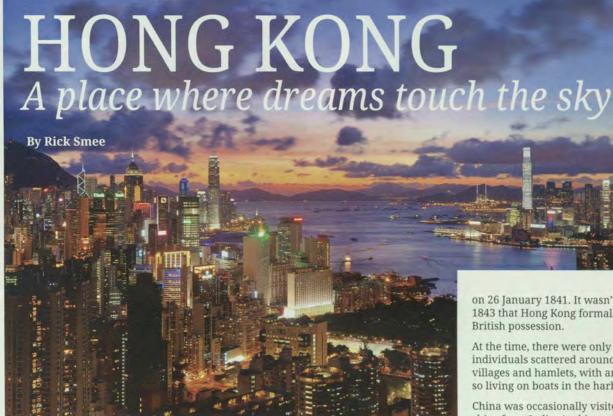
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Lantau is the largest of Hong Kong's 234 islands and the gateway to a unique world of fun and excitement. The new airport is one of the busiest and home to the world's largest passenger terminal.

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It is a far cry from the old Kai Tak where people used to queue up for a table at one of Kowloon's rooftop restaurants in order to enjoy the action of incoming jets.

Artefacts unearthed at around 100 sites in the territory and Pearl River Delta suggest the islands of Hong Kong has been inhabited since about 4,000 BC.

The first Europeans didn't arrive until the early fifteenth century. Then, as now, it was trade which drove Hong Kong. The pace of life was leisurely and things did not begin to change until the Union Jack was unfurled on 26 January 1841. It wasn't until 26 June 1843 that Hong Kong formally became a British possession.

At the time, there were only about 3.600 individuals scattered around twenty villages and hamlets, with another 2,000 or so living on boats in the harbour.

China was occasionally visited by trading ships from India, Arabia and Persia but Hong Kong remained a sleepy backwater.

A good way to look at Hong Kong is from its four major points - Hong Kong Island, Kowloon, New Territories and Outlying Islands. From the outset, both Britain and China were satisfied with the terms of the Treaty of Nanking, which was duly signed on 29 August 1842.

Britain wanted access to trade with China and through gunboat diplomacy, forced it to abolish the monopoly trade system and cede the island of Hong Hong to Britain in perpetuity.

At the time, Heung-Gawng (Fragrant Harbour) was not much more than a backwater, but it did provide the British with a deep, well sheltered, strategically located harbour.







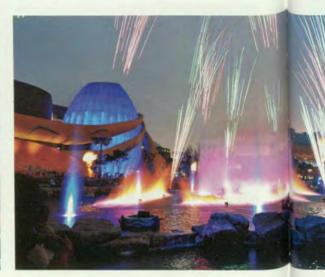


Hong Kong Island

A trip to Victoria Peak is a must and a ride to the summit on the old peak tram is an experience not to be missed. The striking panorama of the South China Sea, reveals jagged, verdant mountains while breathtaking vistas sweep downward past gleaming high rise apartments and office towers on to Kowloon, beyond to Macau and mainland China. I headed for Lan Kwai Fong, Hong Kong's premiere dining and entertainment destination, while Charlie made his way to more familiar surroundings in Cat Street in search of antiques.

More than 230 islands, most uninhabitated, are scattered across the waterways. Aberdeen was once a small fishing village, a haven for pirates and smugglers but today, many come simply to sample the delights of floating restaurants.

The inhabitants of Hong Kong are known internationally as fearless gamblers and many in the recent past have proved the veracity of this belief by taking a swim in the harbour during warmer weather.



HONG KONG



Repulse Bay is renowned as Hong Kong's finest and most popular beach,: shark nets have been laid at 29 beaches in the region. Just across Deep Water Bay is Ocean Park, situated on a hilly peninsula and is well known as the foremost theme park in Hong Kong. If anyone ever doubted the dynamism and creative genius which is Hong Kong, this is the place to visit.

Kowloon

Kowloon is the gateway to an astounding duty-free world that is simply without peer. It is a 21st century Aladdin's Cave. Items such as jade, gold, pearls, silk, ceramics and porcelain, electronic goods, embroidery, clothing and accessories, lacquerware, arts and xrafts are ready to delight and seduce any casual browser.

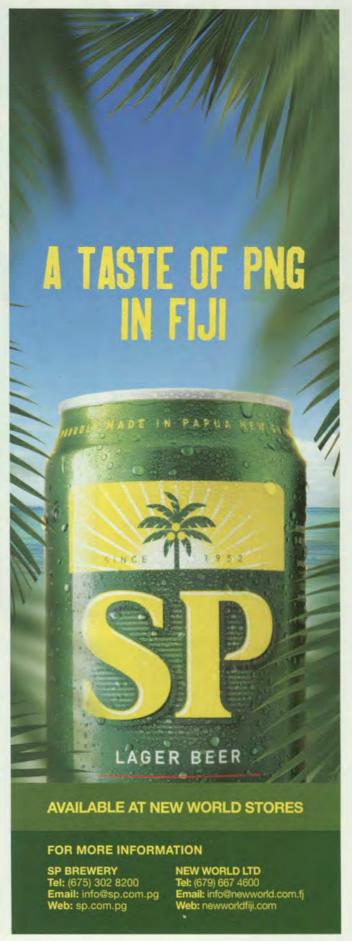
Antiques are a hot item within the Hong Kong commodity markets but so-called 'Authenticity Papers' should be treated with caution and are often best put to other uses.



The best advice is, "take your time, enjoy the experience and hope that you will feel the same about your purchase tomorrow". ATMs are readily available and credit cards are widely accepted but cash is still king. Designer goods are available almost everywhere but doing one's homework is essential. Made to measure suits can be a great aquisition with fabrics avalable from Italy, England and France, to name a few.

To obtain an extra pair of trousers is standard procedure and always appreciated in cases of emergency or mis-hap. But a bargain is not a bargain if you get home and find it doesn't fit, or has no buttonholes, possibly a sleeve missing, or it falls to pieces. Rather than risk any unpleasantness, I purchased a Chinese Opera on CD for my ex-mother in law, pre-set to very loud.

There is so much to see and do in Hong Kong. Kowloon has a Space Museum, Chinese Antiquities Gallery, Historical Pictures Gallery and many more. In the old days, it was known as the Kowloon Walled city, with its crumbling, tightly packed walls, steaming sweat shops, gambling dens and a plethora of illegal dentists (about 100) and their screaming patients. How I used to love that place.







New Territories

The area known as the New Territories covers about 307 square miles (796 sq kilometres) and is still a breathtaking world of delightful pockets of rustic, verdant beauty. Although the influx of immigrants has caused a little of its beauty to fade, visitors are often stunned by these quiet places not far from the teeming crowds of Central Hong Kong.

Glorious Budhist and Taoist temples add their beauty to an ancient world where the remnants of walled villages lay peacefully alongside beautiful tracts of isolated countryside and walking trails. High on the hills to the northwest of Sha Tin sits the Ten Thousand Buddhas Monastery, where 1300 gilded, ceramic Buddhas were donated by worshipers.







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Outlying Islands

Lantau with its precipitous peaks, peaceful monasteries and white sandy beaches is a great getaway and attracts many weekend visitors, as does Disneyland or the many facilities at the new international airport. Nearby Lamma Island is Hong Kong's third biggest and has the undoubted virtue of no cars.

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In April this year, eight young Papua New Guineans including two females departed Port Moresby to commence their 18-month cadet pilot training programme in Coffs Harbour, New South Wales, Australia. The eight are Konrad Malai, Abel Kanego, Kemoa Tapua, Tom Ealevanamo Manjin, Eric Langtry, Lionel David, Cassandra Aisa and Bernice Watinga.

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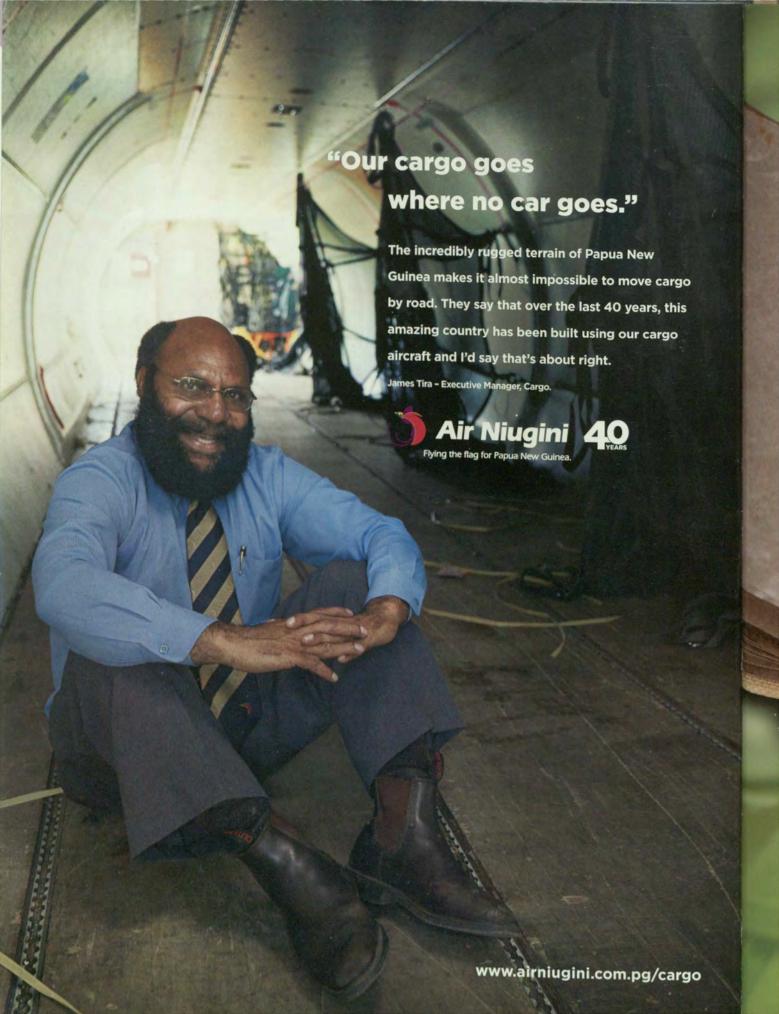
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