



EAST NEW BRITAIN

East New Britain, the largest of Papua New Guinea offshore islands is part of the Bismarck Archipelago. It is renowned for its fishing, diving and caving and for its spectacular fire dance. The Province has many historical sites dating back to the German administration era and World War II. Rabaul provided an ideal strategic location to WWII to base fleets and ammunitions during the historical war era for both the Australians and the Japanese. Hence, war relics are found in most parts of Rabaul in the province. Underground dug tunnels are still accessible to date and submarine remains are spotted during visits.

Due to the twin volcano eruptions in September 1994 the provincial capital of Rabaul has now moved to nearby Kokopo. The once beautiful Rabaul town is 10 feet under the ashes, remains of old historical building tops can be seen at few areas and colorful frangipani have grown in many parts of Rabaul hence the people of Rabaul celebrate the Frangipani festival annually.



Things to do

▶ Diving and Snorkelling:

In Simpson Harbour there are World War II boat and plane wrecks, good walls, and the Beehives (a small group of craggy islands) to explore. At Tavui Point is Submarine Base where Japanese subs pulled right up to the edge of the reef. Its superb for snorkelling on the flat coral beds and along the edge of the 75m drop off, which is also good for diving. Most resorts can arrange dive trips.

▶ Climb a Volcano:

The island of New Britain is dominated by both active and dormant volcanoes, some of them bellowing great clouds of black ash-laden smoke. All the volcanoes, except Tavurvur, can be climbed. Be aware that heavy rain can make the ground slippery and cause landslides. Vulcan is best tackled on the northern side, and deep fissures can make it a difficult climb.

▶ Canoeing:

Tours in Kokopo can arrange for paddling experiences around the Duke of York Islands.

▶ Fishing:

Sport fishing for blue and black marlin, sail fish and dog-tooth is good in the waters around New Britain and the Duke of York Islands.

The Blanche Bay area is good for casual line casting, Boats operate from Rabaul and hotels and guesthouses can organize trips.

▶ Swimming:

Beaches near Kokopo are good. Hotels in Rabaul have pools and there are good beaches at Pila Pila and Ratung villages in Talili Bay north of Rabaul.

Things to see

- ▶ Kokopo
- ▶ East New Britain Historical & Cultural Centre
- ▶ Vunapope Catholic Mission
- ▶ Bitapaka War Cemetery
- ▶ Malmaluan Lookout
- ▶ Japanese Barge Tunnels
- ▶ Rabaul
- ▶ Tunnels and war relics
- ▶ Duke of York Islands

Wharf/ Port Information

Port Details:

Location	LAT: 04° 12.13'S LONG: 152° 10.36'E
Chart Reference	AUS 680

Wharves:

Berth	Length	Width	Water Depth (Below LAT)	Deck Height (Above LAT)
Berth 1 Blanche St	122m	12.12m	7.9m	2.8m
Berth 2 Bay Road	152m	15.2m	10.2m	2.8m

Tourism Office

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Opening Hours

Monday	08:00 - 16:00	Thursday	08:00 - 16:00
Tuesday	08:00 - 16:00	Friday	08:00 - 16:00
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