

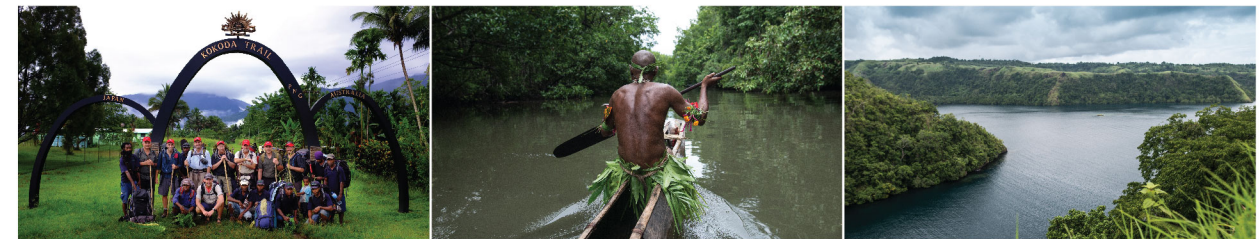
ORO (NORTHERN) PROVINCE

Sandwiched between the Solomon Sea and the Owen Stanley Range, the mountainous Oro Province contains coastal flatlands and several active volcanoes. The climb to the summit of Mt Lamington (1585m) offers fine views over the area and, for many visitors, is a highlight of their stay. Another highlight for walkers is the Kokoda track once used by the early goldminers. Oro is known for the bitter fighting between the Japanese and Allied troops during the World War II. The capital of Popondetta services the large palm oil industry. Towards the east, Tufi station has excellent diving in magnificent natural fjords. Clay pots and tapa cloths are the area's craft.



Things to do

- ▶ **Diving and Snorkelling:** Tufi at Cape Nelson has exceptionally clear waters, abundant fish and beautiful corals in its fjord-like rias. There are easily accessible wrecks and reefs with drop-offs, hammerhead sharks and moray eels, Wanigela, on Colligawood Bay, has great places for snorkelling and can be reached by boat from Tufi.
- ▶ **Canoeing:** Outrigger canoes are available from many of the guesthouses around Tufi and are an ideal way to explore. For a close-up of river life, you can canoe down the Embogo River.
- ▶ **Trekking and Walking:** Kokoda and its guesthouses are about a two-hour drive from Popondetta, Guides and information on the Kokoda Trail are available there. Mt Lamington volcano (1585m) can be climbed from Sasembatta Mission, and the views are superb. Get permission and guides from one of the local villages. The Tufi area also has many walks around the rias.
- ▶ **Fishing:** Bendora Fishing Lodge offers fishing adventures from a scenic location.



Things to see

- ▶ **Popondetta:** The town services the large oil palm industry and there are banks and airline offices, supermarkets and a bakery. There is a memorial to the victims of the Mt Lamington eruption in 1951, as well as a war memorial with a map of key battle sites.
- ▶ **Butterflies:** The province's symbol is the Queen Alexandra birdwing butterfly- the largest in the world with a wingspan of 30cm. You can see the birdwing, and three similar species, at Ondahari Village, about 40minutes north of Popondetta
- ▶ **Arts and Crafts:** Tapa cloth, beaten from the bark of the paper mulberry is made at U-Aku on Collingwood Bay. You can buy it at Popondetta, St Christopher's Diocesan Office, just before the Oro Guesthouse Ph: +675 629 7127, and the Vocational Centre.
- ▶ **War relics and sites:** Most sites are scattered around Popondetta, Buna and Gona on the coast, so take a local guide.
- ▶ **Tufi Resort:** On the north shore and Camoa village and its front beach on the south offer an excellent destination for small vessels and are already visited by exploration ships. The depth inside the fjord is very deep so vessels must anchor outside in a position exposed to heavy eastern winds.
- ▶ **Cape Nelson** is one of the most scenic areas in Papua New Guinea and Tufi, at its tip, is well known for its fjord like topography.

Wharf/ Port Information

Port Details:

Location	LAT: 08° 50.0'S LONG: 148° 30.00'E
Chart Reference	AUS 520/385

Wharves:

Berth	Length	Width	Water Depth (Below LAT)	Deck Height (Above LAT)
Berth 1 Main Wharf	70m	12.2m	11.4m	2.82m
Berth 2 Small Ships	23m	12.1m	10.5m	2.5m
Barge Ramp	Width 6m Grade 1 in 12			

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