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# UNFORGETTABLE HESTORY IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA







### Journey back in time to discover the intrigue and wonder of Papua New Guinea's incredible past. From our ancient Melanesian history to our impassioned modern politics leading to our Independence, September 16th 1975 – Papua New Guinea is a Pacific Island nation like no other. Find out how the world first reached us – from the early European explorers, missionaries and settlers, to our German, British and Australian colonization. Remember with us the chaos of the World Wars that saw the emergence of our national heroes whose sacrifices will never be forgotten. Time travel in Papua New Guinea, we have a million different stories we want to share with you.



# VISIT OUR MUSEUMS

There are several museums in Papua New Guinea that offer great depth and insight into our nation's history.

The most renown being the National Museum and Art Gallery located in our capital city Port Moresby. Wander through the awe-inspiring collections, where you will see a careful curation of objects from the various provinces of Papua New Guinea. The earliest collection is by Sir William MacGregor and dates back to the 1800s during early British colonial administration. The museum was built on Independence Hill in 1975 and opened to the public in 1977. It is also the national center for anthropology, archaeology, natural history, contemporary arts, research and conservation.

#### Opening hours:

Monday to Friday, 8.30 am to 3.30 pm and 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm on Sunday. Private tours can be arranged.

For more information, visit: www.museumpng.gov.pg

#### Other recommended museums to see:

- Haus Independens: Down Town, Port Moresby
- Massim Museum: Alotau, Milne Bay Province
- JK McCarthy Museum: Goroka, Eastern Highlands Province
- Take Anda Museum: Wabag, Enga Province
- Kokopo War Museum: East New Britain Province
- New Guinea Club Rabaul Museum: East New Britain Province
- Somare Museum: Wewak, East Sepik Province



### **HISTORIC SITES AND ATTRACTIONS**

#### **PRE-HISTORY "TUMBUNA TAIM"**

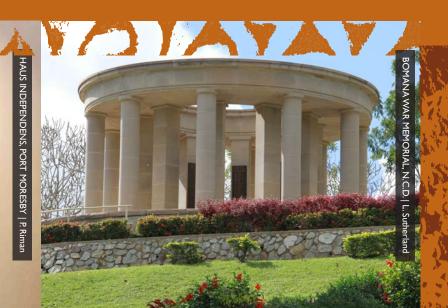
In our Papua New Guinea Tok-pisin language, we refer to the time of our ancestors as 'Tumbuna Taim'. Our culture is a true testament to the intense pride and reverence we have for tradition and our ancestors. As such, there are many places in Papua New Guinea that have special 'tumbuna' heritage value to us.

Kuk World Heritage Site: Located in the Western Highlands Province, Kuk is famous as an archaeological site of discovery where some of the world' first agricultural gardening implements were found, dating back over 10,000 years. Kuk is also on the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites.

Sepik 'Tambaran' or Spirit Houses: These special structures are unique to the people of the Sepik River in the East Sepik Province. They are a dwelling for ancestral spirits where only the initiated may enter to commune with the dead.

Skull Caves of Milne Bay: Not for the easily spooked, this place - situated along the beautiful Eastern coast of Milne Bay Province, is a reminder of Milne Bay's fierce tribal warfare and cannibal past.

**Salt Ponds of Enga:** Salt was a highly valued commodity in the Highlands region and was traded widely in the past. Traditional salt extraction and production in Enga Province is a fascinating process and is still practiced today.



# **WORLD WAR TWO**

The New Guinea Campaign (1942-1945) was one of the major military battles of World War II. Approximately 216,000 Japanese, Australian and American soldiers, sailors and airmen died during this campaign. The two territories were combined into the Territory of Papua and New Guinea after World War II, which later was simply referred to as 'Papua New Guinea'.

Although Papuans and New Guineans served as local militia and labourers during World War II, there are no records available as to the exact number of natives who were casualties of war. Despite this, our nation pauses to remember many of our nameless war heroes on Remembrance Day every July 23rd, especially the 'Fuzzy' Wuzzy Angels'.

Monuments and relics are found throughout the country, symbolizing a thousand tragic and heroic stories of the second world war.

Recommended World War II monuments to see:

- **Remembrance Park:** Ela Beach, Port Moresby
- Isurava Memorial: Kokoda Track, Northern Province
- Bomana War Cemetery: National Capital District
- Lae War Cemetery: Morobe Province
- Bitapaka Cemetery: East New Britain Province
- Montevideo Maru Memorial: Rabaul, East New Britain Province
- Rabaul Japanese War Memorial: East New Britain Province
- Battle of Milne Bay Memorial: Alotau, Milne **Bay Province**
- Coastwatchers Lighthouse: Kalibobo, Madang Province
- Mission Hill Memorial: Wewak, East Sepik Province
- Wom Memorial: Wewak East Sepik Province
- Japanese Peach Park: Wewak, East Sepik Province

# **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS INTO PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

#### **Travel Visas**

We have a Visitor and Tourist visas available.

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