



Ecotourism Melanesia

Discover Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands

EM24 - NEW IRELAND CYCLING HOLIDAY PACKAGE FOR INDEPENDENT TRAVELLERS 7 nights ex-Kavieng (extendable)

New Ireland is truly a tropical paradise with exotic South Seas scenery and friendly Islanders waiting to greet you.

This package allows recreational cyclists to enjoy beautiful east coast of New Ireland on an unhurried ride along the 265 kilometres of sealed road between the towns of Kavieng and Namatanai. Each day involves 4 to 5 hours of cycling (at your own pace, with stops) and the rest of the day is free to enjoy swimming and snorkelling, canoeing in native dugouts, beachcombing, village visits and rainforest nature walks. In general there is no need for a guide to accompany you as there is only the one road so you can't get lost, and this corner of PNG is very safe and welcoming. Local people will trip over themselves to help you and direct you. However a guide can be arranged to cycle with you if you prefer - please enquire (extra cost). For non-cyclists there is also the option of travelling by local bus between the stops on the itinerary each day.

This package itinerary may commence and conclude any day of the week subject to suitable connecting flights.

PACKAGE COST* (rack rates):

	Group of 1	Group of 2	Group of 3	Group of 4	Group of 6+
(per person)	PGK 9400	PGK 6000	PGK 5800	PGK 5000	PGK 4400

*Prices valid till end 2013

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- Kavieng - 3 nights 3 star accommodation at Malagan Beach Resort (room only, pay as you go for meals)
- Kavieng - airport transfers
- Kavieng - full day Kavieng harbour excursion including swimming, snorkelling, walking, handline fishing (includes lunch)
- Kavieng - 3 nights guest house accommodation en route to Namatanai (includes set menu meals). Note that the cycling itinerary is subject to change depending on local conditions and availability of accommodation at each stop.
- Namatanai - 1 night 2 star accommodation at Namatanai Hotel (room only, pay as you go for meals)
- Kavieng - bicycle hire with roadside backup service on callout basis (includes loan of local mobile phone)
- Kavieng - snorkelling gear and basic fishing gear on loan basis
- Namatanai - road transfer to Kavieng
- Ecotourism Melanesia welcome kit with destination information, maps and souvenir polo shirt
- Ecotourism Melanesia tour monitoring and 24-hour emergency support

EXCLUSIONS:

- Airfares
- Excess baggage charges
- Cycling guide to accompany you on the trip (please enquire for extra cost)

ITINERARY

DAY 1:

KAVIENG

Arrive Kavieng and transfer by hotel shuttle to the Malagan Beach Resort right on the foreshore at the edge of Kavieng town. Spend the rest of today exploring this quiet South Seas town. Walk along the foreshore to the market, up to the shopping centre and have a drink at the Kavieng Club or the Kavieng Hotel, and walk back via Chinatown to the resort. Any baggage you won't be taking cycling with you can be safely stored at the resort. Bring a small backpack to wear while cycling (carry enough clothes and gear for the cycling trip but pack light)

Overnight Malagan Beach Resort, Kavieng (room only)

DAY 2:

KAVIENG (Harbour islands excursion)

08:00 Depart from the beach in front of the resort for a full day excursion around the beautiful Kavieng harbour islands by open speed boat. Troll a line behind your boat to pick up a Spanish mackerel, stop at secret snorkelling spots to enjoy the underwater world, see World War 2 relics and shipwrecks, sunbathe on the beach of a desert island, walk through pristine rainforest. Includes lunch and run-of-the island at Lissenung Island Resort.

Overnight Malagan Beach Resort, Kavieng (room only)

DAY 3:

CYLCLE FROM KAVIENG TO MUNAWAI

After an early breakfast, kit up and commence cycling around 7am. The highway is sealed, and straight and flat most of the way. Stop at roadside markets along the way to buy cooked seafood, fruit, peanuts, coconut juice etc for snacks and lunch. There are also small village shops everywhere that sell soft drinks, biscuits and other basic items. Stop at the Laraibine eel farm to see the slippery critters raised here for their meat, and stop at the Fissoa swimming hole for a dip. Arrive at Munawai mid afternoon and enjoy a bit of beach time.

Overnight village guest house, Munawai (basic home style single or twin share accommodation - linen, mosquito net and basic toiletries supplied). Includes set-menu dinner and breakfast.

DAY 4:

CYCLE FROM MUNAWAI TO KONOS

A second day of glorious seaside scenery, village stops and swimming in the many creeks that you cycle over (take care to change into dry clothes after swimming to avoid skin chafing while cycling).

Overnight village guest house, Konos (basic home style single or twin share accommodation - linen, mosquito net and basic toiletries supplied). Includes set-menu dinner and breakfast.

DAY 5:

CYCLE FROM KONOS TO RUBIO PLANTATION

Continue cycling south east down the Buluminski Highway to Rubio Plantation.

Check in at Rubio Plantation Eco-Resort, a quiet spot for surfers.
In the afternoon: beach, beach and more beach. Surfing anyone?

Overnight Rubio Plantation Eco-Resort - 2 star accommodation. Includes set-menu dinner and breakfast.

DAY 6:

CYCLE FROM RUBIO PLANTATION TO NAMATANAI

The last day of cycling today as you ride from Rubio Plantation to Namatanai towns and check in at Namatanai Hotel (just ask anyone for directions). Leave your bike in your room at the hotel and explore this quiet little seaside town on foot.

Overnight Namatanai Hotel (room only - pay as you go for meals)

DAY 7:

NAMATANAI / KAVIENG

Mid-morning today a vehicle from Kavieng will pick you and your bicycles up at Namatanai Hotel and drive you back to Kavieng. Stops can be made en route for you to revisit your favourite villages and beaches to say hi to new friends and take those photo shots you missed, or take a dip in your favourite swimming holes. Buy your lunch from shops or markets on the way.

Overnight Malagan Beach Resort, Kavieng (room only)

DAY 8:

KAVIENG / FLY OUT

Fly out of Kavieng. The early morning flight connects with same-day outbound flights to Australia and Asia.