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West Papua Baliem Trek & Festival

DEPARTS:
July 31, 2010#

COST PER PERSON:
\$5995*

INCLUDES:

- Return airfare from Australia to Jayapura (via Bali)
- Internal flight and transfers in West Papua
- All accommodation: double or twin share (single supplement available on request)
- Most meals
- Experienced Canadian guide.
- Local English-speaking guide, cook and porters
- West Papua village fees, tips, travel permits and entrance fee to the Baliem festival.

* Price is subject to change due to currency fluctuations or increases in flight or other costs.

Actual departure date depends on the date of the Baliem Festival which is determined by the locals.



Imagine trekking in one of the most remote and spectacular parts of the world; imagine staying in villages and experiencing culture and food that have not changed in thousands of years; imagine witnessing hundreds of tribespeople dressed in brilliantly colourful traditional costumes.

Imagine no more because Icon Adventures' West Papua Baliem Trek and Festival has all this and more!

After a night in Bali we fly to Jayapura and then onto Wamena in West Papua. Here we begin our six day trek through the Baliem Valley among local people. We'll stay in their villages, either camping or in guest houses. The end of the trek will be celebrated with a pig feast ceremony prepared just for us.

The culmination of the trek is nearly two days at the amazing Papua Baliem Festival where local tribes come together for dancing, mock war ceremonies and many competitions.

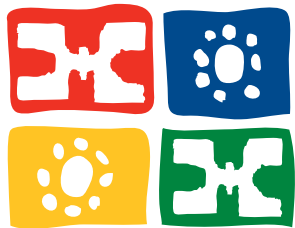
A once-in-a-lifetime trip that shouldn't be missed. This tour of one of the world's last remaining frontiers is led by Elizabeth Menzies, renowned artist and Papuan expert.



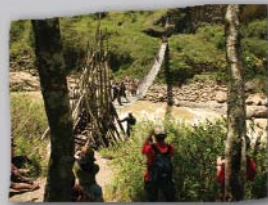
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Itinerary

Date	Activity	Overnight
SAT July 31 DAY 1	After arriving from Australia at Denpasar airport in Bali, we'll transfer to the Ada Bungalow hotel in Kuta. Meet with the tour leader, Elizabeth Menzies, for a pre-trip briefing. The rest of the day is free.	Ada Bungalow hotel, Kuta Bali
SUN August 1 DAY 2	Our flight to Jayapura is late at night so we can store our luggage at the hotel while we enjoy a free day in Bali. About midnight we proceed to the airport.	On plane
MON August 2 DAY 3 (L,D)	Upon arrival at Sentani Airport, Jayapura (around 7am) we will meet our guide then check-in for our next flight to Wamena (40 minutes). From Wamena airport we'll be transferred to our hotel at Baliem Pilamo. Lunch will be served in the hotel. The rest of the day is free. Dinner will be at Mas Budi restaurant.	Baliem Pilamo hotel, Wamena
TUES August 3 DAY 4 (B,L,D)	After having breakfast at the hotel, we will travel by vehicle with all our gear and our porters to Yetni River, the starting point of our trek. We will pass through the Kurima district, where the guide will show our travelling permits to the local police. We then cross the Baliem River by a metal suspension bridge and start hiking up the hill. For the entire trek we will be able to enjoy the spectacular panorama of the south Baliem river gorge. A lunch box will be served to us on the way. The first day's trek is four to five hours. In the afternoon there will be time to enjoy Hitugi village. Dinner and overnight stay is at a local guest house.	Guest house, Hitugi village
WED August 4 DAY 5 (B,L,D)	After breakfast we continue to hike down to Syokosimo village (1.5 hours). On the way we'll see another small village, sweet potato cultivation and the Mugi river. We'll rest at Syokosimo then continue hiking to Userem village (2.5 hours) through hilly terrain. A lunch box will be served on the way. Overnight camping in tents on the school grounds.	Camping, Userem village
THUR August 5 DAY 6 (B,L,D)	After breakfast we continue another five hours through spectacular scenery to Wesagalep. A lunch box will be served on the way. Overnight camping in tents on the school grounds.	Camping, Wesagalep village
FRI August 6 DAY 7 (B,L,D)	After breakfast, we'll hike down for about two hours to the Baliem river then cross the suspension bridge. Then we'll hike up another two hours to Wamarek Village. Lunch will be served on the way. Overnight camping in the village.	Camping, Wamarek village
SAT August 7 DAY 8 (B,L,D)	Today we hike back towards Wamena via Klise village (Four to five hours). Lunch will be served on the way. Dinner and overnight at a local guest house.	Guest house Klise village
SUN August 8 DAY 9 (B,L,D)	This morning, before leaving Klise village, we enjoy one of the highlights of the trek with a performance of traditional dancing and singing. Then we will have a pig feast ceremony and we'll be able to see traditional cooking of the Dani people with sweet potato, vegetables and pork baked together in an underground pit. After lunch we'll hike to meet our transport (about two hours) and then transfer back to Baliem Pilamo hotel at Wamena.	Baliem Pilamo hotel, Wamena
MON August 9 DAY 10 (B,L,D)	After breakfast at the hotel, we'll drive to the Baliem Culture festival to see this annual tribal event. Several hundred tribespeople will be dressed in traditional dress and we'll see their dances and mock war demonstrations. You'll get some outstanding photos today! Later in the afternoon, we will drive back to Baliem Pilamo Hotel for the night.	Baliem Pilamo Hotel, Wamena
TUES August 10 DAY 11 (B,L,D)	We enjoy another day at the festival. Overnight at the Baliem Pilamo hotel.	Baliem Pilamo Hotel, Wamena
WED August 11 DAY 12 (B,L,D)	After breakfast at the hotel we transfer to the airport to catch our flight to Jayapura. We then drive to Lake Sentani where we'll have a boat excursion to visit Ayapo village and Assey Island, where you can see traditional bark cloth paintings. After about two hours, we return to the shore for lunch at Yogwa restaurant, which is usually fresh fish. After lunch we'll visit the Anthropological Museum at Cendrawasih University in Abepura for a short visit before driving to Jayapura. Overnight at the very comfortable Swiss Bell Hotel.	Swiss Bell hotel, Jayapura
THUR August 12 DAY 13 (B)	After breakfast we'll transfer back to the airport to catch your flight back to Denpasar, Bali and onward to Australia.	Home!



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Live to travel: travel to give

Our philosophy

At Icon Adventures we are serious about responsible travel. We aim to respect the culture of the communities we visit and protect the unique environments in which they live. Above all, we want to ensure that your travel experience is unforgettable for all the right reasons.

Our team receives ongoing training to ensure high levels of environmental care. From off-setting carbon emissions to packing-out rubbish, our aim is to minimise the environmental impact of your visit.

We recognise that we have an opportunity to make a positive economic impact on the communities we visit. We always choose locally owned operators/suppliers who employ local people and offer reasonable working conditions and payment to local staff.



Icon Adventures supports a number of outstanding local community projects which promote environmental conservation, education and sustainable economic development.



Extra information

Vaccinations: Please consult your nearest travel doctor for the most up-to-date recommendations for vaccinations for travelling to West Papua. Your travel doctor may also recommend that you take anti-malarial medication.

Essential items to bring: Comfortable hiking boots, backpack, sleeping bag rated to zero degrees Celcius and sleeping mat. Sunscreen is very important because the clear air of the highlands can quickly lead to sunburn. If you are taking certain anti-malarial tablets, these can make your skin more sensitive to the sun. A broad-brimmed hat is also very important.



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Booking form

To secure your spot on the West Papua Baliem Trek & Festival, please complete this form and fax it to: **07 3103 4606**

Or post to: **Icon Adventures, PO Box 1121, Toowoomba QLD, 4350**

For booking information or specific enquiries about this itinerary, please contact **James Holden** on **0403 418 263**.



A percentage of profits from this tour goes to our local projects

West Papua Baliem Trek and Festival @ \$5995* per person (twin share)

Please advise me of single supplement or business class options

PASSENGER 1

PASSENGER 2

FIRST NAME

SURNAME

HOME ADDRESS

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DATE OF BIRTH

TELEPHONE

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EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER

SIGNED: PASSENGER 1 PASSENGER 2

DATE

Please send your deposit of \$1500 per person to secure your booking

Payment options (please tick preferred option):

Cheque: Please make cheques payable to Discover Africa (postal address is at the top of this form).

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