

# Papua New Guinea

## Travel Facts



### US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens reconsider travel to Papua New Guinea due to crime, civil unrest, and piracy. Exercise increased caution due to kidnapping, unexploded ordnance, inconsistent availability of healthcare services, and potential for natural disasters.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

### US Embassy/Consulate

+(675) 321-1455; EMER: +(675) 7200-9439; US Embassy Port Moresby, Douglas Street, adjacent to the Bank of Papua New Guinea, PO Box 1492, Port Moresby, NCD 121, Papua New Guinea; ConsularPortMoresby@state.gov; <https://pg.usembassy.gov/>

### LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

### Telephone Code

675

### Local Emergency Phone

Fire: 110; Police: 000

### Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Papua New Guinea: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, yellow fever, typhoid, Japanese encephalitis, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza.

<http://www.who.int/>

### Climate

Tropical; northwest monsoon (December to March), southeast monsoon (May to October); slight seasonal temperature variation

### Currency (Code)

Kina (PGK)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

240 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): I



Type I

### Major Languages

Tok Pisin, English, Hiri Motu, some 839 indigenous languages

### Major Religions

Protestant and Roman Catholic

### Time Difference

UTC+10 (15 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); note: Papua New Guinea has two time zones, including Bougainville (UTC+11)

### Potable Water

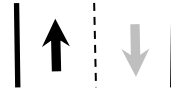
Opt for bottled water

### International Driving Permit

Suggested

### Road Driving Side

Left



### Tourist Destinations

Varirata National Park; Rainforest Habitat in Lae; Port Moresby (includes Parliament House, Boman War Cemetery, National Museum & Art Gallery); Kokoda Track; Tari Basin; JK McCarthy Museum

### Major Sports

Rugby, cricket, soccer, Australian football, basketball

### Cultural Practices

People will often point with their chins instead of their fingers.

### Tipping Guidelines

A tipping culture does not exist. Tips are neither required nor expected.

### Souvenirs

Woven billum bags; tribal masks; wood-carved storyboards, spirit boards, and drums; inlaid wooden bowls; woven baskets

### Traditional Cuisine

Mumu — pork, sweet potato, rice, and vegetables cooked in an earth oven filled with hot coals or stones

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