



Walindi Plantation Resort offers a number of exciting land tours exploring West New Britain. If you are interested in any of the tours below or would like to check availability and prices, please speak to our Tour Guide or our friendly staff at reception. We ask that you give us a day or two's notice so that guides, transportation and access to areas can be organized for you.

Please note that every attempt will be made to satisfy your request, however there are times when tours may not be available for reasons beyond our control. All of the sites we visit outside of Walindi property are customary land and all access and entrance fees are organised by Walindi. As you will be visiting someone else's property, and walking through their gardens and living areas, we ask that you respect their privacy and there may be times throughout the year when locals will perform customs to commemorate births, marriages, anniversaries and deaths at which time access may be restricted. Weather conditions and road accessibility may also impede access to certain sites.



## casualbirdwatching

Casual birdwatching tours are available for amateur enthusiasts. A couple of different sites located close to the resort can be visited in search of New Britain's endemic species. Birdwatching at dawn or dusk can be very rewarding at these sites with over 50 bird species recorded and over half of them Bismarck Archipelago endemics. Some of the most common birds seen include the iridescent green male and red female Eclectic parrots, the endemic Blue-eyed Cockatoo and Blyth's Hornbill.

Best time to visit:

- Birdwatching tours are best suited for the early morning, between 5:30 and 7:30am or late afternoon, between 3:30 and 5:30pm when the birds are most active.
- Trips vary in duration between one to two hours depending on the sightings.

Included:

- Transportation to and from the site (between 5-15 minute drive each way)
- Driver and birdwatching guide
- Entrance fees
- Binoculars and spotting scope

Please bring:

- Insect repellent
- Camera
- Comfortable shoes
- Water

Notes:

- For seasoned birdwatchers, tours can be organized to further sites on request.
- For more information on these specialized birdwatching tours please see the Birdwatching section of this booklet.



## educationtour

For those with an interest in local education, research and conservation, Walindi Resort offers a guided trip to three educational facilities within the area, Mahonia Na Dari Research and Conservation Centre (est. 1995), the Max Benjamin Elementary School (est. 2011) and the Walindi Primary School (est. 2015). For additional information on each of these establishments, please see the appropriate sections of this booklet.

All proceeds from these visits go towards the education programs conducted within these three establishments.

Best time to visit:

- After school hours and on weekends.
- Tour varies in duration between 30 minutes to one hour.

Included:

- Transportation to and from the sites (about 5 minute drive each way)
- Driver and guide

Please bring:

- Camera
- Insect repellent
- Water

Notes:

- Any donations to the research centre or the schools will be greatly appreciated by the establishments and the community.



## fireflies

For a quick after dinner jaunt, visit the firefly trees just on the edge of Walindi Plantation. You will be delighted by a wonderful light show where the minute beetles flash in synchronous or pulsing waves of light.

Best time to visit:

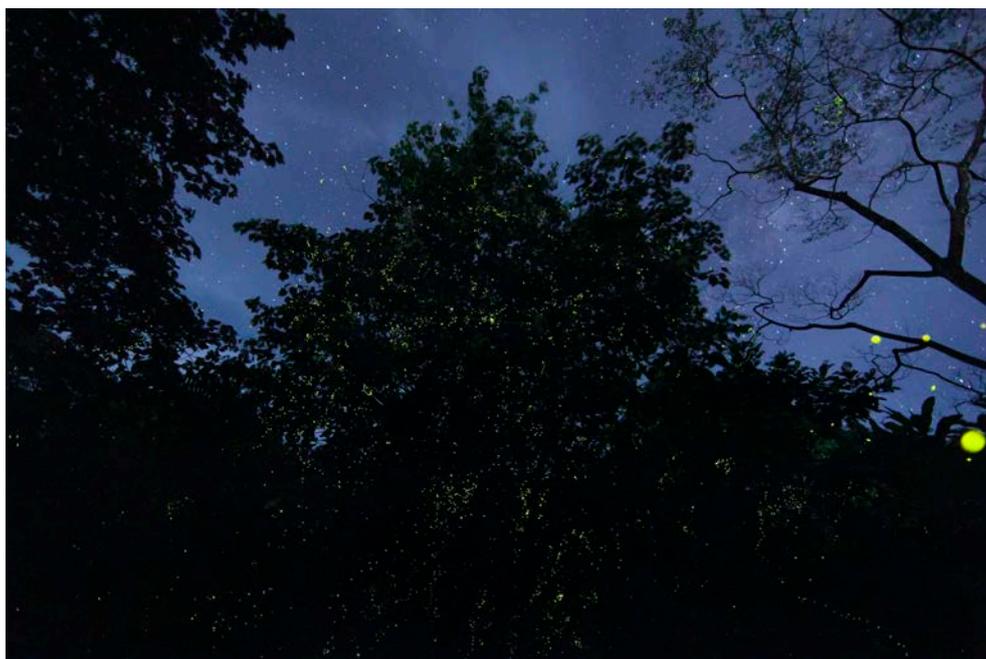
- This trip only operates at night, departing the resort at approximately 8:30pm (after dinner)
- Generally takes 20-30 minutes

Included:

- Transportation to and from the site (five minute drive each way)
- Driver and guide
- Entrance fee

Please bring:

- Insect repellent
- Camera (photos can be tricky to take)



## hotriver

Hidden in the West New Britain tropical rainforest, just 50 minutes drive from Walindi Resort, runs a thermal river. It is a wonderful emerald green stream with swirling pools and mini waterfalls, fed by a volcanic spring. Due to its volcanic source, the river is naturally rich with minerals and high in sulphur, so a brief soak in its waters will leave your skin and hair feeling soft and silky smooth. The water temperature is around 43° Celsius (around 110° Fahrenheit).

Take the opportunity to bathe in warm waters surrounded by rich rainforest and to feel completely rejuvenated, treat your body to a natural exfoliating treatment with the special red mud found along the riverbanks. For a truly unique spa session, the hot river is a must when visiting Walindi Resort.

Best time to visit:

- Suitable as a morning trip (departing at approx. 9:00am and returning around lunch time) or afternoon trip (departing at approx. 2:00pm and returning around 5:00pm)
- Generally takes between two to three hours.

Included:

- Transportation to and from the site (approx. 50 minute drive each way)
- Driver and guide
- Entrance fees
- Towels
- A small cooler can be provided if you wish to take some cold drinks, just ask the tour leader or the staff at the bar to prepare one for you if needed

Please bring:

- Bathers/swimsuit
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Camera
- Plenty of cold water/drinks

Notes:

- Please leave all your jewellery behind at the resort in a safe place as the sulphur content in the water can sometimes stain jewellery.



## kimbetown

If you want to experience the bustle of the market place, see life on the street and browse in the local supermarkets, a trip to Kimbe is on the agenda.

Within town are the fresh produce markets where locals come everyday to sell fruit and vegetables, handmade *bilum* bags, colourful clothing and other items. You may also get a chance to visit some of the local shops including the craft store where you can buy souvenirs.

Best time to visit:

- This trip is suitable for any time of the day.
- Please note that most shops and market stalls close early on Saturdays and are closed on Sundays and public holidays.

Included:

- Transportation to and from town (approx. 25 minute drive each way)
- Driver and guide

Please bring:

- Camera
- Water
- Small denomination currency if you wish to purchase anything from the shops or the market

Notes:

- Please dress appropriately and leave all valuables at the resort.



## naturewalk

Close to Walindi Resort lies a property that offers one to three hour nature walks in unlogged forest with tall trees and welcome shade. A stunning viewpoint is accessed by a steep ten minute climb. Throughout the walk look out for the variety of birds flying around, the beautiful butterflies and moths, unique insects, array of tropical plants and flowers and check out the medicinal garden, traditional dwellings and cooking areas used by the host family.

Best time to visit:

- This trip is best suited for an early morning or late afternoon
- Generally takes between one to three hours

Included:

- Transportation to and from the site (five minute drive each way)
- Driver and local guide
- Entrance fee

Please bring:

- Appropriate footwear
- Insect repellent
- Camera
- Water



## plane wrecks

For anyone interested in plane wrecks or war history in general, the abandoned NZ4522 Lockheed Vega Ventura and B-25H Mitchell Bomber are worth a visit. In 1944 the B-25H Mitchell crash landed due to engine trouble, damaging the front nose gear and the Lockheed Vega Ventura PV1 took a Japanese 25mm bullet through the starboard engine's fuel line during a strafing run; both were considered irreparable and scrapped. A short drive to the north of Walindi, and guests can climb through the vine ridden historic aircraft that are considered the last in the world to have the original outfitting of artillery.

Best time to visit:

- This trip is suitable for any time of the day
- Generally takes between two to three hours

Included:

- Transport to and from the site (approximately 30 minute drive each way)
- Driver and guide
- Entrance fees

Please bring:

- Appropriate footwear
- Insect repellent
- Camera
- Water

Notes:

- Copies of articles outlaying the history of these two planes are available at the office.
- For those interested in World War II history, also check out the Royal Australian Air Force Beaufighter engine located to your right as you walk down from the main house to the car park.
- For any additional information on the plane wrecks or the engine please speak to Cecilie Benjamin.



## villagewalk

Take a guided walk through one of the villages adjacent to Walindi Plantation Resort and chat with those at home doing everyday household chores or sitting out the heat of the day. This is a great way to meet some of the locals and witness typical PNG village lifestyle.

Best time to visit:

- This trip is suitable for any time of the day
- Generally takes between one to two hours

Included:

- Transport to and from the village (five minute drive each way)
- Driver and guide
- Entrance fees

Please bring:

- Appropriate footwear
- Insect repellent
- Camera
- Water

Notes:

- Please dress appropriately and leave all valuables at the resort



## volcanohike

A reasonably arduous hike uphill takes you up to the top of the active Gabuna volcano crater. The innumerable species of flora and fauna you will see in the rainforest on the climb up puts New Britain and the whole of Papua New Guinea on the top of naturalists' and scientists' lists.

Starting just at the edge of Walindi Plantation, this trek takes you through lush pristine rainforest, where vast trees rise to form a dense canopy. Your route will take you on a gentle climb through the rainforest to the crater of an active volcano, on a bush track known only to local guides. On your way up keep an eye out for interesting insects, birds and plants. The route then comes out in the open scorched valley with steaming vents, volcanic rubble and hot streams.

The hike up will take approximately three hours. The walk back down (along the same route) takes approximately two to three hours. The terrain is steep and can be slippery, but it is a wonderful way to see the Island from a very different perspective.

Best time to visit:

- This trip requires a full day, departing at approx. 7:00am and returning between 2:00 or 3:00pm, depending on your fitness level and stops taken along the way.

Included:

- Local guide
- Entrance fees
- Packed lunch
- Walindi can provide a small backpack for the guide to carry your lunch, drinks and any other personal items

Please bring:

- Appropriate footwear
- Sunglasses and hat
- Insect repellent
- Camera
- Plenty of cold water

Notes:

- The local guides showing you the way are used to this terrain and climate and will do this walk quite quickly. If they are travelling too fast for your liking please just tell them to slow down.