



## Black Cat Track Papua New Guinea

### ***Sample Itinerary***

The following itinerary is recommended as a guide for planning purposes only. Track and weather conditions will inevitably determine the final journey of each individual challenge. To maintain our unblemished safety record, all trekking with Our Spirit is done during daylight hours only. Trekking at night increases the risk of injury and should only be attempted by experienced trekkers when necessary.

**Day 1 Transfer/Accommodation:** International travel to Port Moresby and hotel accommodation as per participant “travel package” arrangements.

Activity: Your Trek Leader will facilitate introductions and brief you on the journey ahead at a group briefing held at the hotel in Port Moresby once all participants have arrived (approx. 5-6pm).

### **Day 2 Transfer: Lae - Wau Village - Kaisenik**

Activity: Domestic travel to Lae as per participant “travel package” arrangements. We’ll depart Lae after an early morning breakfast then travel in PMV through the greenest mountain ridges heading towards Bulolo and down into Wau Village. On arrival in Wau Village we’ll meet with some of the locals and enjoy their cuisine, cultural welcome and ceremonial dance to get you in the tribal spirit! A few minutes down the road, we setup camp for the night in the village of Kaisenik.

Accommodation: Village Camp (tents)

### **Day 3 Walk: Kaisenik - Skindiwai**

Activity: We take a fifteen minute PMV ride from Kaisenik to the start of the Black Cat Trail where we commence our first day of intense 7-8 hours solid trekking through the wild and rugged mountain terrain.

Accommodation: Village Camp (tents)

### **Day 4 Walk: Skindiwai - Guadagascal**

Activity: Today there are many river crossings and our trekking takes us through beautiful canopied rainforests that reach up to the sky. The next village is much anticipated after another 7-8 hours on the track.



Accommodation: Village Camp (tents)

#### **Day 5 Walk: Guadagascal – Mt Tambu - Komiatum Ridge**

Activity: We travel through the village of Mubo and take in Observation Hill, Green Hill and Lababia Ridge discussing their historical significance in the overall campaign. We'll also look at the old vicars positions and observation posts with a direct view over Salamaua. Today's walk encompasses approximately 7 hours on the track.

Accommodation: Village Camp (tents)

#### **Day 6 Walk: Komiatum Ridge - Salamaua**

Activity: A relatively short trek of 4 hours brings us to the village at the end of the Black Cat Trail. Trekkers will then board locally made rafts and commence a 2 hour paddle along the Fransisco River to Salamaua.

Accommodation: Village Camp (tents)

#### **Day 7 Rest: Salamaua**

Activity: Relax and swim in the pristine tropical waters of Salamaua

#### **Day 8 Transfer: Salamaua - Lae Transfer: Lae – Port Moresby**

Activity: Sea transfer from Salamaua to Lae. A visit to the Lae cemetery puts the challenge of the previous days trekking into perspective as we pay our respects to those who made the supreme sacrifice for Australia. Domestic flight from Lae to Port Moresby as per participant travel arrangements.

Accommodation: Hotel in Port Moresby

**Day 9 Transfer:** Hotel to Port Moresby International airport or other as per participant "travel package" itinerary.