

PAPUA NEW GUINEA



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Capital: Port Moresby **Time:** GMT + 5

Background: The eastern half of the island of New Guinea - second largest in the world - was divided between Germany (north) and the UK (south) in 1885. The latter area was transferred to Australia in 1902, which occupied the northern portion during World War I and continued to administer the combined areas until independence in 1975. A nine-year secessionist revolt on the island of Bougainville ended in 1997, after claiming some 20,000 lives. **Location:** Southeastern Asia, group of islands including the eastern half of the island of New Guinea between the Coral Sea and the South Pacific Ocean, east of Indonesia

Map References: Oceania

Area: total: 462,840 sq km land: 452,860 sq km water: 9,980 sq km

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

Terrain: mostly mountains with coastal lowlands and rolling foothills

Natural Resources: gold, copper, silver, natural gas, timber, oil, fisheries

Nationality: *noun:* Papua New Guinean(s) *adjective:* Papua New Guinean

Ethnic Groups: Melanesian, Papuan, Negrito, Micronesian, Polynesian

Religions: Roman Catholic 22%, Lutheran 16%, Presbyterian/Methodist/London Missionary Society 8%, Anglican 5%, Evangelical Alliance 4%, Seventh-Day Adventist 1%, other Protestant 10%, indigenous beliefs 34%

Languages: English spoken by 1%-2%, pidgin English widespread, Motu spoken in Papua region *note:* 715 indigenous languages

Economy: Papua New Guinea is richly endowed with natural resources, but exploitation has been hampered by the rugged terrain and the high cost of developing infrastructure. Agriculture provides a subsistence livelihood for the bulk of the population. Mineral deposits, including oil, copper, and gold, account for 72% of export earnings. Budgetary support from Australia and development aid under World Bank auspices have helped sustain the economy. In 1995, Port Moresby reached agreement with the IMF and World Bank on a structural adjustment program, of which the first phase was successfully completed in 1996. In 1997, droughts caused by the El Nino weather pattern wreaked havoc on Papua New Guinea's coffee, cocoa, and coconut production, the mainstays of the agricultural-based economy and major sources of export earnings. The coffee crop was slashed by up to 50% in 1997. Despite problems with drought, the year 1998 saw a small recovery in GDP. Growth increased to 3.6% in 1999 and may be even higher in 2000, say 4.3%.

Industries: copra crushing, palm oil processing, plywood production, wood chip production; mining of gold, silver, and copper; crude oil production; construction, tourism

Currency: 1 kina (K) = 100 toea

Railways: 0 km

Highways: total: 19,600 km paved: 686 km unpaved: 18,914 km (1996 est.)

Waterways: 10,940 km

Airports: 492 (1999 est.) **Airports - with paved runways:** total: 19 2,438 to 3,047 m: 1 1,524 to 2,437 m: 14 914 to 1,523 m: 3 under 914 m: 1 (1999 est.) **Airports - with unpaved runways:** total: 473 1,524 to 2,437 m: 13 914 to 1,523 m: 58 under 914 m: 402 (1999 est.)

Visa: Required by all. Up to 60 days for tourists. Up to 12 months for business trips with 60 days maximum per stay. Details of renewals or extensions are available from the Embassy or High Commission.

Duty Free: The following may be imported into Papua New Guinea by persons over 18 years of age without incurring customs duty: 200 cigarettes or 200g tobacco; 1 litre

of alcoholic beverages; goods up to a value of Kina250 (Kina100 for persons under 18 years of age) excluding radios, tape recorders, television sets, video cameras, video tapes, and record players.

Health: A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required for travelers over one year of age arriving from infected areas. A cholera vaccination certificate is not a condition of entry. However, cholera is a risk in this country and precautions are advisable. Malaria risk exists all year throughout the country below 1800m (5760ft). All water should be regarded as being potentially contaminated.

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