

ARCADIA EXPEDITIONS to Papua New Guinea

[Arcadia Expeditions](#) is a very particular travel company specializing in expert-led immersive historical and cultural journeys to some of the world's most inspiring and exotic destinations. Each of their expeditions tells a story, with an expert team of leading academics and local guides ensuring travellers with an experience like no other.



Sudan, Meroe Pyramids. Photo curtesy of Arcadia Expeditions

The innovative company was created less than a year ago by David Adams, a renowned documentary maker and investigative journalist, and David Mannix, a

leading travel industry professional. The two realised that if they combined their experiences in the right way, they could create a new style of expedition travel completely different to what other travel businesses were offering. This new way of seeing the world is based on immersive storytelling that gives discerning travellers the opportunity to go deeper, to become more engaged and to have first-hand experiences and intellectual exchanges that contribute to their lifelong learning. On each expedition, Arcadia is taking tangible steps to reduce its negative environmental impacts while increasing its positive social and economic impacts. This is travelling with a sense of purpose.

On [their website](#) you can find a summary of these unique expeditions, including Arcadia's new expedition to Papua New Guinea. ***Arcadia's new 16-day expedition explores the culture of PNG in depth, venturing off the beaten track to three of the country's most fascinating regions – the Sepik River, the Highlands and the Coral Sea. Led by renowned archaeologist Dr Ben Shaw, this journey follows age-old trading routes and features immersive experiences with colourful tribal groups.***



Papua New Guinea, Sepik River. Photo courtesy of Arcadia Expeditions

Led by archaeologist and PNG specialist Dr Ben Shaw, Arcadia's *'Voices on the Wind: 60,000 Years of Culture & Trade'* expedition tells the story of the most culturally diverse country on the planet through the lens of the ancient trading routes that connect those cultures. Through interactions with various tribes and local academics, the story is told by the people of Papua New Guinea. Travellers hear first-hand tales of innovation, resilience and adaptation that help enrich their understanding of this unmatched cultural melting pot.

Insider access to the most unforgettable and thought-provoking local experiences have been curated exclusively by Arcadia for their guests. In a world first, they have arranged for two communities who are part of the ancient Kula Trading Ring exchange system to conduct negotiations and a Kula ceremony for the groups on idyllic Dobu island. Travellers will visit the famed Huli Wigmen in a highland village completely off the tourist trail, allowing for an authentic and immersive experience which includes a traditional *mumu* feast with the villagers. Groups gain special access to a new archaeological dig site on the Sepik River and join the curator of the National Museum & Art Gallery in Port Moresby for a behind-the-scenes look at some of the most rare museum collections.

Arcadia Expeditions Co-Founder, David Mannix says an expedition of this nature has never been seen before in Papua New Guinea. "Trade amongst the various cultures of PNG has taken place over 2500 generations. Our expedition visits some of the country's most dramatic landscapes to bring together a fascinating anthropological story that has never been told to travellers".

Mannix adds: "We have limited our group size to 12 for this expedition, allowing for a more intimate experience with the remote tribes and villages we will visit. We stay in PNG's best luxury lodges such as Rondon Ridge and Tawali Resort, and have incorporated a wealth of unforgettable experiences, from seeking out Birds of Paradise with expert nature guides to snorkelling the crystal clear waters of the Massim Archipelago."

This 16-Day expedition is priced at USD\$17,460 per person and has set departures from 3rd – 18th November 2021 and 2022 that are limited to just 12 travellers. The expedition is also available for private departures with a flexible range of dates available in 2021 and 2022. For more information, visit the Arcadia Expeditions website: www.arcadiaexpeditions.com or call +612 83198762 (International) or 1300

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