

THE TRUE NORTH IS A BIG HIT IN PAPUA! HUGE WELCOMES AND PERFECT CONDITIONS



The True North has nearly completed the first "Adventures in Paradise" season and things could have not got off to a better start!

The welcomes received everywhere have been simply overwhelming! Some of the villages that we visited have not seen a cruise ship since the seventies and others have never had the

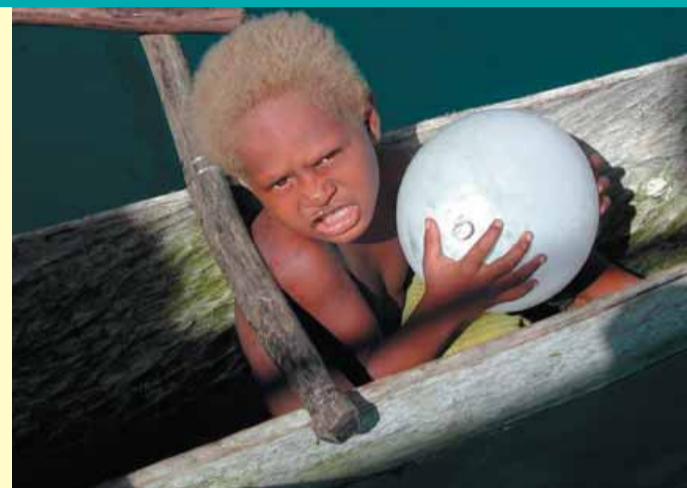
opportunity to welcome a tourist before! Yet despite the sometimes surprise at seeing the True North on the horizon, everyone that we encountered was determined to ensure that we would come back again - soon!

"You can go anywhere you want and do anything you want to - you are most welcome" said Boston, the head man at Mansava village.

The cruising conditions have been calm and each destination has presented a range of opportunities for our expedition boats - endless beach and island

environs, abundant coral reef and mighty river systems! And, the ship's helicopter has proved to be an ideal vehicle when it comes to impenetrable jungle and rugged mountain ranges - try not to leave home without one!

Then, each night everyone has returned to the comfortable surrounds of the True North - if you're going to pioneer tourism, this is the way to do it!



THE NEXT BIG THING

Forget all the negative stories that you have heard about Papua New Guinea! This place will be the 'next big thing' in tourism!

The hospitality of the local people needs to be experienced to be believed and the security problems that we hear about in the media are obviously very much confined to the more densely populated urban areas - places that are not included in the True North's itinerary!

Mosquitoes were also not that evident! Sure, on the longer walks, when you ventured deep into the jungle, it was advisable to take the normal precautions (long sleeves, long pants and repellent) but generally annoying insects were more noticeable in their absence!

The spectacular natural vista was also impressive - stunning mountains shrouded in cloud, dense jungle with incredible diversity in species, smouldering volcanoes and pristine islands that have yet to appear on any postcards!

The fascinating adventures of explorers that have come before and, the courage and sacrifice of those that endured the hardship of war adds even more uniqueness to a destination that is still largely undiscovered!

ADVENTURES IN PARADISE!

HERE ARE SOME QUICK IMPRESSIONS FROM OUR FIRST EVER CRUISE IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA!



THE HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR PNG TRIP WERE:

- Snorkeling & swimming everyday!
- The helicopter flights - especially to the Kokoda Memorial and around Rabaul.
- The cultural 'sing songs' and the PNG love of colour and flowers.
- True North comfort, hospitality and dining.
- The resort stay at Madang and the trip to Goroka.

The experience was completely different especially seeing how the people live. The health and freedom of the local people and their hospitality, was most impressive.

Jacky Dickson

TO BE ON THE FIRST ADVENTURES IN PARADISE CRUISE WAS VERY EXCITING.

Papua New Guinea is simply fascinating and to be on the 'new' True North with the luxury and the helicopter is definitely the way to go! Five star adventure and I always felt part of a group even though I was travelling alone. Sometimes there were so many things to do, it was hard to chose which activity! The friendliness of the local people was outstanding! I have never seen such a happy and welcoming people!

Patsy Patten

ADVENTURES IN PARADISE - A MORE DESCRIPTIVE PHRASE OF THE TRUE NORTH'S MAIDEN VOYAGE IN PNG COULD NOT BE PENNED!

Certainly an adventure that will remain in our hearts and minds! Travelling above, through and around spectacular mountain ranges, pristine islands and active volcanoes and, visiting the moving Kokoda Trail memorial were all highlights of our wonderful pioneering expedition to this truly fascinating and wild part of the world! Right on Australia's doorstep! Fantastic!

Cath & Wayne Robinson

SOMETHING NEW



There wouldn't be too many places left in the world where you could discover new tourism experiences almost every day!

Here is a snap shot of some of the amazing things that we have come across since arriving in PNG:

- A village where a performance by the local children's choir moved passengers to tears.
- World War II wrecks including a submarine, ships and several planes.

EVERY TRIP!

- Pristine coral reef immediately adjacent to the beach!
- Jungle walks to see the rare goldie bird of paradise, hot springs and crystal clear fresh water pools.
- The mighty Papuan black bass - our best effort so far yielded 5 of these monsters in a single day (apparently quite a few more proved to be more than

a match for their enthusiastic adversaries!)

- Daily breathtaking heli flights!
- Culture and people from another world!
- Numerous snorkeling and dive sites that rival even the revered Rowley Shoals (now that's saying something!)
- Canoe trips in volcanic fiords!

Don't miss out - interest in our 2006 Adventures in Paradise season is very strong and you will need to book early to ensure your preferred departure date and cabin style!