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Australian ordinary passport holders require a visa to enter Papua New Guinea (PNG) as a tourist. This can usually be obtained on arrival at major airports including Jacksons (Port Moresby), Gurney (Alotau), Tokua (Rabaul) and Mt Hagen. A visa on arrival (VOA) is free of charge and usually allows entry into PNG for up to 30 days. When applying for a VOA, travellers should be able to present their passport (with at least one blank page and 6 months validity, 6 months beyond intended stay is recommended), documentation confirming their ability to financially maintain themselves during their stay and tickets for their onward destination. The VOA system will be suspended from 30 October 2018 to 30 November 2018 due to the APEC meeting. Those visiting PNG on a cruise ship may not require a visa and should contact their cruise line for further information. Additional conditions may apply to minors. Travellers are recommended to contact a PNG mission on the details below for further information and to ensure their specific circumstances make them eligible to receive a visa on arrival in PNG.

Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Thu, 1st November 2018.

Exercise a high degree of caution in Papua New Guinea (PNG) because of high levels of serious crime. Reconsider your need to travel to Tari in Hela Province due to ongoing violent tribal clashes. Reconsider your need to travel to Porgera township in Enga Province in the northern highlands. See Safety and security.

Port Moresby will host the annual APEC Economic Leaders Week from 12-18 November. Expect traffic disruptions and reduced services. On 15 June 2018 PNG authorities declared a State of Emergency in Mendi, following civil unrest and violence. Avoid large crowds and public gatherings as they may turn violent. See Safety and security. There is a persistent high level of crime, particularly in Port Moresby, Lae, Mt Hagen and other parts of the Highlands. Armed robberies, car-jackings and burglaries occur, often in locations frequented by Westerners. See Safety and security. Violent crime is particularly frequent in parts of the Highlands, Oro Province, Central and Southern Bougainville, and Lae. See Safety and security. Car-jacking is common, particularly in Port Moresby and Lae. Lock your car doors and windows at all times. Be particularly alert after dark. Consider using a security escort or travelling in a convoy at night. See Safety and security.

You could encounter sexual assault, including gang rape. Foreigners have been targeted. Be alert to possible threats and have appropriate security measures in place. Be particularly alert if you're female. See Safety and security. Australian officials in PNG adopt heightened security measures while travelling, at home, at work and in public places. See Safety and security. Flying in PNG carries greater safety risks than flying in Australia. See Local travel. Wet season is October to May. Flooding and landslides occur and have resulted in deaths. Roads can become impassable. Check with local sources on the condition of roads and the likely impact of rain before you travel. See Natural disasters. The World Health Organization (WHO) has reported Vaccine-Derived Polio Virus (Type 1) cases in parts of PNG. Ensure you're vaccinated against polio. See Health.

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Papua New Guinea at www.smartraveller.gov.au.

Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to PNG. Vaccination against hepatitis B should be considered by frequent or long stay travellers. Vaccination against typhoid should be considered particularly when travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene. Care with food and beverage selection is recommended.

There is a high risk of malaria in PNG; dengue fever and sporadic transmission of the zika virus also occurs, thus insect avoidance measures and anti malarial medication may be necessary depending on a travellers itinerary; pregnant women should consider postponing travel to PNG. Vaccination against Japanese encephalitis may be recommended depending on your itinerary.

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations, including a recent annual influenza vaccination. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures. Australians travelling to PNG should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips.

Papua New Guinean Representation

See application form for the address of each mission.

Consulate-General of PNG, Sydney
Tel: (02) 9283 9020
Web: www.kundusyd.org

High Commission of PNG, Canberra
Tel: (02) 6273 3322
Web: www.pngcanberra.org

Consulate-General of PNG, Brisbane
Tel: (07) 3221 7915



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Time Differences between Papua New Guinea and Australia

Papua New Guinea is Greenwich Mean Time +10 hours. Daylight saving time is not observed. The applicable time zone in PNG is called Papua New Guinea Time (PGT).

PNG, 12 noon, Winter (Jun) = Perth 10am; Adelaide, Darwin 11:30am; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 12 noon.

PNG, 12 noon, Summer (Dec) = Perth 10am; Darwin 11:30am; Brisbane 12pm; Adelaide 12:30pm; Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 1pm.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Papua New Guinea: +675

To Dial Australia Call: 00 61 <City> <Number>

Australian Reverse Charges Direct:
0007 61001

Available only from dedicated phones at Port Moresby, Lae and Mt Hagen Airports.

Travelex Card Services:
Call the US on (00 1) 954 838 8294

Visa Global Assist:
Call the US on (00 1) 303 967 1090

MasterCard:
Call the US on (00 1) 636 722 7111

American Express Travellers Cheques:
Call Australia on (00 61) 2 8223 9171

Airlines:
Qantas - 308 3200
Air Niugini - 327 3444

Emergency Services:
Police - 000 Fire - 110 Ambulance - 111
The Emergency numbers are for Port Moresby only and may not have English speaking staff.

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _ _ _ _ _

Name: _____ Passport #: _ _ _ _ _

Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _ _ _ _ _

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _ _ _ _ _

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in Papua New Guinea

Australian High Commission, Port Moresby

Godwit Road (Waigani)
PORT MORESBY NCD

Tel: (+675) 325 9333
Tel: (+675) 7090 0100
Fax: (+675) 325 9239

Web: www.png.embassy.gov.au

Australian Consulate General, Lae

Level 4, Nambawan Supa Haus
2nd Street, Top Town
LAE, MOROBE PROVINCE

Tel: (+675) 7999 5300

Australians may also obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61 2) 6261 3305.

Australians in Papua New Guinea are strongly advised to register their presence with the High Commission in Port Moresby or directly with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade via the Internet at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances

Duty Free limits when entering Papua New Guinea:
 Alcohol: 2 L.
 Tobacco: 250 cigarettes or 250 g of tobacco products.
 Perfume: Up to 1 L or 500g.
 Other Goods: Up to a value of K1,000 (K500 if under 18 years).

Please go to www.customs.gov.pg for further details on PNG customs and duty free regulations. Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products.

Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

Electrical Socket: Australian
 Voltage: 220-240 volts
 (same as Australia)
 Modem Plug Type: USA

Source: Korjo Travel Products.

To purchase electrical/modem adaptors, or for further information on this matter, please view the Korjo adapter guide at www.korjo.com.au.



Australian Socket

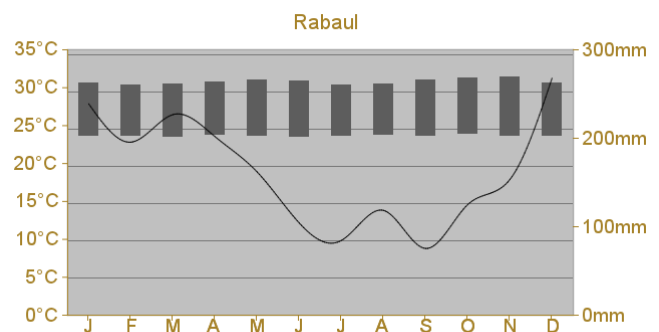
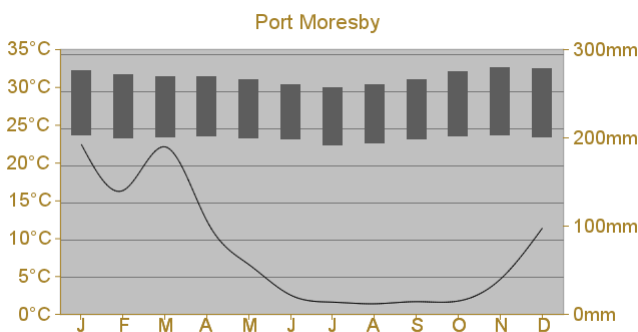
Duty Free limits when entering Australia:
 Alcohol: 2.25 L.
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.
 Other Goods: Up to a value of \$900 (\$450 if under 18 years).

For further details on Australian duty free allowances and other customs restrictions please go to www.homeaffairs.gov.au.

Papua New Guinean Holidays 2018

01 Jan:	New Years Day
30 Mar:	Good Friday
31 Mar:	Easter Saturday
02 Apr:	Easter Monday
11 Jun:	Queens Birthday
23 Jul:	National Remembrance Day
26/27 Aug:	National Day of Repentance
16 Sep:	Independence Day
25 Dec:	Christmas Day
26 Dec:	Boxing Day

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Papua New Guinea



Source: PNG National Weather Service. For 5 day local forecasts please go to www.bbc.co.uk/weather.

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Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 2.31 Papua New Guinean Kina
 1 Papua New Guinean Kina (PGK) = 0.43 Australian Dollars

With 19% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) will buy 1.94 Papua New Guinean Kina
 1 Papua New Guinean Kina (PGK) will cost 0.52 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 19% Margin" adds 19% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These currency rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

Currency Cheat Sheet

K5		= \$2.58 AUD		This cheat sheet uses the "With 19% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.				
K10	=	\$5.15 AUD	K100	=	\$51.52 AUD	K1,000	=	\$515.16 AUD
K20	=	\$10.30 AUD	K200	=	\$103.03 AUD	K2,000	=	\$1,030.31 AUD
K30	=	\$15.45 AUD	K300	=	\$154.55 AUD	K3,000	=	\$1,545.47 AUD
K40	=	\$20.61 AUD	K400	=	\$206.06 AUD	K4,000	=	\$2,060.62 AUD
K50	=	\$25.76 AUD	K500	=	\$257.58 AUD	K5,000	=	\$2,575.78 AUD
K60	=	\$30.91 AUD	K600	=	\$309.09 AUD	K6,000	=	\$3,090.93 AUD
K70	=	\$36.06 AUD	K700	=	\$360.61 AUD	K7,000	=	\$3,606.09 AUD
K80	=	\$41.21 AUD	K800	=	\$412.12 AUD	K8,000	=	\$4,121.25 AUD
K90	=	\$46.36 AUD	K900	=	\$463.64 AUD	K9,000	=	\$4,636.40 AUD
						K10,000	=	\$5,151.56 AUD

Notes and Coins of Papua New Guinea

The legal currency of Papua New Guinea is the Kina, which is abbreviated using the symbol "K" (for example K20). The subunit of the Kina is the Toea, of which there are 100 in every Kina. The following units of currency are the most common in Papua New Guinea but other versions and denominations are also in circulation. Pictures are not to scale. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised not to take the below images with them when travelling.





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About Papua New Guinea

Full Name:	Independent State of Papua New Guinea. (Papuanigini)	Significant Dates:	1500's AD - Trade begins with China and the Malay Empire. 1526-46 - Portuguese and Spanish map and name Papua (frizzy) and New Guinea (after Guinea in Africa). 1884 - Germany takes possession of North East quarter. Southern coast annexed by Britain. 1902-1906 - British New Guinea becomes the Territory of Papua under Australian administration. 1914 - Australia occupies German New Guinea. 1942 - Japan invades the north and advances south. 1942-1945 - New Guinea campaign in which Australian and allied forces battle the Japanese Imperial Army. 1961 - First Indigenous elections held. 1975 - Full independence from Australia.
Independence:	16 September 1975 (from Australia).		
Size:	462,840 sq km (double the size of Victoria).		
Population:	6.3 million (30% the size of Australia). Port Moresby 250,000; Lae 123,000; Madang 32,000; Mount Hagen 28,000; Wewak 28,000.		
Religion:	Protestant 70%, Catholic 27%, sometimes intertwined with traditional indigenous beliefs.		
Language:	Tok Pisin (English creole), Hiri Motu and English (business and government) are official languages. Over 800 indigenous languages.		

