Sorong & Rainforest bird watching

4 Days – 3 Nights

Sorong Regency and the area beyond offers many adventures into the rainforests of Papua where you will find nature and jungle at its best. We will take you to look for the Lesser Bird of Paradise, King Bird of Paradise and 12-Wired Bird of Paradise. Also you have the chance to see the cassowaries.

If you are interested to explore the rainforests in Sorong Regency the closest site is about 1.5 hours drive by a four wheel jeep from Sorong and a 1.5 hours trek through low-land forest to the base camp. You need to be fit for this trip.

Day 1: Sorong -Trek in Lowland Rainforest (D.)

From Sorong town we will head into the rainforest of Sorong Regency towards Klasow valley. We need to use a 4WD jeep which takes us in about 1.5 hours to the valley. The road is in bad condition. The jeep will drop us on the side of the road and from here we need to continue by foot through the rainforest, real jungle. When it rains, the path can be muddy and there may be leeches. Also when it rains you will need to cross over some small rivers. We advice you to wear high waterproof boots. Along our trek you will be able to hear the sounds of birds such as kingfishers, cockatoo and hornbills. It is about 1.5 hours walk over mainly flat terrain, before we will reach our base-camp. Our base camp is a small jungle village from local people. Local people stay here only to work on their gardens and sell them back in Sorong city. We will stay in a simple cabin. In the afternoon we have time to explore the rainforest. If lucky, we will see the cassowary, the second heaviest living bird that looks a bit like the ostrich or emu. The cassowary is a native to the tropical forests of New Guinea.

Day 2: Lesser Bird of Paradise and King Bird of Paradise (B.L.D)

We need to wake up early in the morning, before sunrise. You can have tea or some coffee before we start our trek to the display tree of the Lesser Birds of Paradise. This is about 1 hours walk and requires a climb uphill. The birds play high in the trees, so make sure to bring your own binocular. Along the way we have the chance to see butterflies and other bird species. The local guide will also show you several species of tropical plants that the indigenous people use as a herb for traditional medicines and which wood kinds that are used to make hunting gear or to construct local houses. Today we also have a chance to see the Kind Bird of Paradise, just close to our base-camp.

Day 3: 12-Wired Bird of Paradise - Back to Sorong (B.L)

We will go deeper into the jungle where we have the chance to see the 12-Wired Bird of Paradise. On our way we can find several insect species, other birds, reptiles as well as marsupials that live in this valley. After lunch we will head back to the main road. We will look out for wild flowers in the jungle, they might have butterflies on them that search for nectar. The jeep will take us back to Sorong. You will stay in Swiss Bel Hotel, which is the best hotel in Sorong. A nice reward after spending the days under primitive conditions.

Day 4: Transfer to Airport (B)