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P.I. Travel Newsletter

Introduction

The middle of 2006 has been a busy year for PIT. We have been handling and fixing three major filming crews namely, BBC of the United Kingdom, MC4 of France, and Fourth Density of the United States.

Apart from the Film Crews, we have quite a number of tourists who were interested in our products. The tourists were mainly from America, Russia, Australia and Holland. We are sure to receive some from Italy and Switzerland in late 2006 and at the same time hoping that the year 2007 will be the busiest.

The BBC Filming

The BBC did some filming on Trobriand style Cricket in the Trobriands with the theme of the film being "Last Man Standing". The French filming crew MC4 had been filming in Tari the different Bird of Paradise like the Lawes Parotia, Blue Bird of Paradise and the King of Saxony along the Tari gap, Aluakambe and Tikipi in and around the Tari Gap area

The Fourth Density

The Fourth Density crew were also filming along the Tari Gap the forest canopy, forest floor and filming different Huli traditional music and the instruments.



Donnaventura

Another filming is also to take place in the Highlands of PNG, where 8 female participants will travel to a remote location and their experience and contact with local cultures will be screened on the Italian TV channel produced by Donnaventura. The shooting is to take place between the 19th - 26th October, 2006.

Simmons African-American Group Tour

A group of 27 African-American that consisted of 24 female and 3 male members toured the Buka Islands and Bougainville for 5 days in July this year. The group left with satisfaction and achieved the prime objective of traveling to PNG for cultural experiences.

In Rabaul, two nights were spent to witness the Baining Fire Dance and do village study and community interaction.

"We will return in 2008 to visit Morobe Province with new group members" said Stan Simmons, the Tour Organizer.

Russian Inbound Tourism

This year has seen us handling 2 lots of FITS traveling into PNG for general sightseeing and diving. Language has been a bit of a challenge to us however we were able to overcome this with

the assistance of an interpreter Mr. Peter Mirino. Mr. Mirino is an officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs & Immigration who spent 6 Years in Russia Studying at the Moscow University.

PIT Webpage

We currently have two webpages in operation; www.pacificinternationaltravel.com and www.pacificinternationaltravel.com.pg

The former was designed and is hosted in Japan while the latter in PNG. This has inevitably resulted in an increased traffic to our site since March 2004.

At this time of writing, about 1000 persons have accessed our sites. Meanwhile updating for 2007 products is planned to be launched by the end of November this year.

Peregrine Birding tour/ Australia

A group of twelve came to PNG and traveled to Kiunga, Port Moresby, Mt Hagen and the Waghi Valley Simbu Province.

Among the group were 4 serious Australian bird watchers and the remaining were non-bird watchers from Holland.

Due to different interest groups traveling at the same time, has put us into difficulties in logistics and with PNG's basic infrastructure and non-dedicated and well trained hospitality establishment, has resulted in PIT receiving clients dissatisfaction and claiming refund for some basic services.

Although the refund claim was promptly processed, the matter was unfortunately misreported on PNG's 2 daily newspapers.

The misreported news was biased as the benefit of giving our comments or our side of the story was overlooked.

Peregrine Birding Tour-Australia is on our mailing list and we are keeping this wholesaler updated on PNG.

New Products

There will be new tour destinations promoted and marketed.

Tari-Warili Lodge and Ambua Lodge for Birding, trekking and the Huli culture.

Trobriands- Buita Lodge stays and homestay family hosts. Our first client to participate in the homestay is from Switzerland. He would be staying at the Okaiboma village from the 05th - 08th of December, 2006.

Kokoda Trail trekking

Initial planning works are underway to develop Kokoda Track Tours in Association with local guides and operators from the Kokoda Trail.

Enquiries for Kokoda Trail Trekking are encouraged to contact us.

PI Moves into new premises

We have now moved from the old office of the Squash Club Building suite 3-5 at Taurama due to the Landlord POSF making plans to demolish the building. Our new location is at Konedobu, Munidubu Street, next door to PNG Printing.

As for our new contact details, we still have the same e-mail address and postal address. The new telephone numbers are listed below;

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Membership affiliation

Our 2006 membership are with the South Pacific Tourism Organisation in Fiji and PNG Travel Industry Association.

2007 membership is anticipated for increased memberships with other global organisations as well.



Entrance to Warili Lodge, Tari Southern Highlands Province

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