

# HIKE FOR LIGHT

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## HIKE FOR LIGHT SCHOOL EXPEDITIONS

Hike for Light is an engaging, hands-on experience that takes students on an immersive journey from the classroom to the exotic destinations of Papua New Guinea and Tanzania.

With a focus on safety and educational outcomes, Hike for Light expeditions includes a social responsibility component where students fundraise to gift SolarBuddy solar lights to children in the local communities they visit.

SolarBuddy solar lights allow children to study after dusk, allowing them to better their education and work towards a brighter and healthier future.

### PARTICIPATE

Hike along world-famous tracks.

### EDUCATE

Learn about energy poverty through an interactive educational program.

### ILLUMINATE

Fundraise for SolarBuddy solar lights and hand deliver them to children in the 'Last Mile' of your hike.

# MT WILHELM & SOLARBUBDYY

## Papua New Guinea

Papua New Guinea (PNG) is an island nation full of lush landscapes, dense jungle and surrounded by vibrant coral reefs. Located in the Southwestern Pacific to the North of Australia, PNG is not only close in distance, the historical Kokoda track links our two countries forever. It's still a remote and undiscovered destination with many locals living in the traditional way of life.

### The Hike

Get set for an epic adventure as you hike for 8 days through the biologically diverse environment to the highest point in Papua New Guinea, Mt Wilhelm. This challenging and fun, non-technical hike offers spectacular views and the opportunity to meet some of the colourful business owners of the local area.

### The 'Last Mile'

The 'Last Mile' of the trip will be the culmination of your fundraising efforts, classroom learning and the celebration of finishing your physical challenge. You'll visit a local community to personally hand deliver the SolarBuddy solar lights your school has fundraised for and built together.



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# MT WILHELM & SOLARBUDDY

## Duration

8 Days

## Inclusions

- 2 nights twin share hotel accommodation in Port Moresby
- 2 nights in Betty's Lodge, Base of Mt Wilhelm.
- 3 Nights in individual tents
- SolarBuddy light delivery program day
- All transfers
- Internal Flight Port Moresby to Mt Hagen
- Australian mountaineering guide
- Local PNG head guide and group porter crew
- Personal Tent when on the mountain
- All meals on the track and in hotels
- Return transfers Mt Hagen – Betty's Lodge
- Emergency Satellite communications

## DAY 1

Upon arrival into Port Moresby you will be met by our team and visit the Bomana war cemetery. A must visit when in PNG, this cemetery is the final resting place of the allied forces that fought as part of the second world war as well as the infamous Kokoda campaign. After that, the group will be taken to a hotel in Port Moresby for a trip briefing and an early night before the adventure begins!

## DAY 2

An early start to the day as we head to the airport for our flight to Mt Hagen. Upon arrival into Hagen we will be met by our bus and taken to Betty's Lodge at the base of Mt Wilhelm. This is an adventurous 4-5 hours drive across remote 4WD tracks. The afternoon is left free to enjoy Betty's Lodge and feed on her freshly caught trout!

## DAY 3

Today we begin our walk up to Base Camp. This 4-5 hour hike takes us through the forest and up past a magnificent waterfall before emerging next to one of two high altitude lakes. This afternoon is spent resting and getting some sleep in preparation for a summit push the next day.

## DAY 4

Today is the day! Waking in the early hours of the morning we begin our ascent under torchlight towards the summit of Mt Wilhelm. This massive day will take most groups 12-15 hours and require a good level of physical fitness and mental endurance. With possible temperatures getting as low as -10°C, it is important for everyone to be well prepared for this day on the mountain. For those that make it there, stunning views await from the top of the highest mountain in PNG! From the summit we return back to base camp for a much needed rest.

## DAY 5

After a lazy morning we have a gentle walk as we slowly make our way down from Base Camp to Betty's Lodge. This 3 hour walk will be stop the legs getting stiff and to tell stories of the amazing summit day. On arrival to the lodge, a warm shower and hot meal awaits!

## DAY 6

Today we depart from Betty's and head out for our SolarBuddy project day. This day will involve travel to a local village to deliver the lights and see the impact that they are having on the community. We will have dinner in the village and get a taste of the village life.

## DAY 7

After an amazing time in the highlands, we make our way back to Mt Hagen for a flight back to Port Moresby. Upon arrival into Port Moresby we have a short city tour before heading back to the comfort of our hotel for a nice meal and a celebration dinner for the team.

## DAY 8

You will be transferred to the airport for your international flight back to Australia after another unforgettable On Track Expedition.

