



BAIA SPORTFISHING LODGE

KIMBE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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2019 INFORMATION SHEET

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Would you like a stress free trip? We strongly recommend you read this useful information sheet for your benefit. It should answer most commonly asked questions any may prevent some major hiccups.

BAIA LODGE

BEST MONTHS FOR BAIA LODGE

We are closed during the Wet Season of December through to the end of March. Best months are May to November. Once you have selected a month, you will then be provided with a few dates of when the fishing should be at its best.

MINIMUM NUMBER OF GUESTS REQUIRED TO MAKE BOOKING

We require 4 guests to make booking. In the event you are 3 or under please pls suggest dates. We will then try to match you up with another group or notify you when we find more people.

MAXIMUM CLIENTS PER LODGE

- 12 Guests Baia Lodge

MINIMUM STAY REQUIRED FOR TRIP

- 4 Nights Baia Lodge

WHERE IS BAIA LODGE?

Baia Wilderness Lodge is on the largest Island off mainland Papua New Guinea. The Island is called New Britain which has two Provinces namely East and West New Britain. Kimbe is the main town and is also the capital of West New Britain.

HOW TO GET TO BAIA:

From Cairns, an approximate one and half hour plane ride to Port Moresby, the Capital of PNG. From Brisbane, flight time is approximately 3hrs. A connection flight from POM is a one hour journey to Kimbe (Hoskins Airport). Upon arrival at Hoskins Airport in Kimbe, you will be met and transferred to the Liamo Reef Resort.

The next morning we travel to Baia by sea or there is also the possibility of traveling half way by road and half by smaller vessel. Either way, the journey to Baia Lodge will take around 4.5 hours. That afternoon we begin fishing.

The next four or more days you will be based at Baia Lodge fishing the several river systems that are within 15min to an hour from the Lodge for Black and Spot Tail Bass, Mangrove Jack, Jungle Perch, GT and other estuarine species. Access to these areas is with our purpose built 6 meter sport fishing vessels.

On the final day there is the opportunity to have an early morning fish and then back to the Lodge around 10am to have an early lunch and prepare for the trip back to Kimbe (Liamo Reef Resort).

Inshore Blue Water fishing can be done off the lodge at any time using the Baia sport fishing boats however to target the bigger off shore species, our 35 foot Game Boat, is also available at an additional charter cost.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AT BAI A LODGE/GREAT FAMILY GETAWAY:

- Sport fishing both fresh and salt water is the key activity at the Lodge.
- Village Tours to meet the friendly Baia people.
- Bush trekking and bird watching
- Kayak reef and river tours
- Fantastic snorkelling on nearby reefs
- Swimming in the cool freshwater natural springs

FOOD AT BAI A SPORTFISHING LODGE

Meals are both Western and Asian style cuisine and of course fresh seafood is always part of the menu. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU HAVE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES OR DON'T EAT ANY PARTICULAR FOOD. The lodge is not near any shops so menu cannot be changed once at the lodge.

DRINKS AT BAI A SPORTFISHING LODGE

We do not store drinks at the lodge. We require guests to pre-order and prepay for their drinks. Drinks payment is payable when final balance due. An order form will be emailed to you to complete. Terms and conditions on the order form. Please order for day and evening

consumption and for trips there and back. You do not need to order drinks whilst you are at Liamo Reef Resort. BYO SPIRITS AND WINE PERMITTED AT THE LODGE ONLY.

ROOMS AT BAIA SPORTFISHING LODGE

Rooms are large and very comfortable as twin share; however each person may have their own room when possible. All rooms have fans and 240 outlets throughout the building. Flushable toilets, hot water, and all the comforts of home make Baia Lodge a fantastic place to escape and experience a unique piece of paradise and spectacular tropical angling.

MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE AT BAIA LODGE

Coverage is only available when out at sea in certain places. There is no mobile coverage at the lodge or in the rivers. Please take care with data roaming whilst in PNG as some customers have encountered hefty bills upon returning home.

FOR PHOTOS OF BAIA SPORTFISHING LODGE

www.baiafishingpng.com/gallery or www.facebook.com/baiasportfishingpng.

Like our Facebook page and share your Baia fishing photos after your trip.

CLOTHING & MEDICATION

We recommended clothing as follows:

- 2 x long sleeve fishing shirts and pants if required.
- 3 x shorts
- 3 x T shirts
- 3 x underwear
- 1 x cap
- 1 pair of sandals or sandshoes
- 1 x rain jacket
- Sunscreen & Sunglasses
- Insect repellent
- Malaria preventive medication

Please visit your Doctor at least 6 weeks prior to your journey and he will recommend what medication is required for malaria. It will most likely be Doxylin. Please note, when taking this medication you can be prone to sunburn. Sunscreen highly recommended. Note the doctor may recommend every vaccination under the sun! We leave it to your discretion to decide what to but it is not as bad as what they make it out to be.

LAUNDRY

Hand wash laundry service is done daily by the staff at the Lodge

DONATIONS TO VILLAGES & SCHOOLS

Remote areas are rarely funded by government so any donation would be a great help for the villages and schools. If you wish to make a donation to the local schools or villages, here are a list of items that the locals find very valuable and useful. Thank you for your donation.

- Stationary – Pencils, Sharpeners, Pens
- Children Books
- Sport Balls – Volleyball, Soccer, Rugby
- Torches
- AA Batteries
- Solar Kits
- Fishing Hooks – Small to Large
- Fishing Line – 100lb
- Clothing
- Panadol & Medicine

AVERAGE SIZE OF BLACK BASS & SPOTTAIL ANGLERS CATCH

Average size bass is around 20 pound with max sizes captured up to 45 pounds.

FISHING GEAR

Rod: A solid rod around 5.5 to 6 feet with plenty of back bone and rated at 10 to 15 kg .

Reels: Loaded with 30 to 50lb braid. Best reels include Daiwa Lexa, Abu Revo's, Calcutta 300 & 400, Curado 300, Abu 6500 & 7000, and most of the solid quality bait caster reels. Similarly, medium sized quality spinning reels will be fine.

Leader: 50lb to 70 lb fluoro carbon leader is also required and it may be a good idea to have some wire when targeting the bigger bass and toothy pelagics.

Lures: Popular surface lures with the Bass are the Rapala skitter pops and tango dancer or similar in all colours. Imitation surface frogs are also good.

Medium and deep diving minnow type lures such as the DUO Realis and jerk baits, Rapala Xraps, Rapala Bara Mags, Storm Deep Barra, Salmo Perch, B52's. Halco Scorpions 125, Poltergeist 90 and similar is also good.

A selection of surface lures should also be included in the tackle box. We find the mullet, black/gold, Red and Silver, and natural colours are effective with darker and more contrasted lures the better choice. If you have done a lot of Barra fishing, it's all similar lures but with an upgrade on hooks and split rings.

For the inshore pelagic, deep divers around the reefs work well and medium to large poppers for the GT's. Wire trace is recommended for the razor gang species. Smaller skirted lures from 3" to 6" are great for Tuna, Wahoo, Sailfish and Small Marlin.

Fly fishermen can use from 8 to 12 weight but 10 weight as an average is fine. Small clouser type flies from 2" to 4" always work well when the white bait are running. Surface flies up to 6" will also work well particularly with the Spot Tail Bass. If you want to target the smaller species also like Jungle Perch, Tarpon and Jacks then a 4 to 6 weight will also provide a lot of fun with a range of small flies both sinking and surface. Larger flies 6" to 8" with wire when targeting the offshore Yellowfin Tuna, GT, Spaniards, and Sails etc.

Rod tube lengths - If you have domestic flights within Australia please check with your Airline what the maximum length is permitted as some guests have encountered problems.

PLEASE PACKAGE YOUR RODS WITHIN STRONG & STURDY ROD TUBES TO AVOID DAMAGE WHEN FLYING. Air Niugini accepts your average rod tube size. If you require more information please contact Air Niugini baggage as per details below.

LURES

BLACK BASS LURE SUGGESTIONS

90mm – 100mm Length

		
<p>CULTIVA BAITES TANGO DANCER https://www.motackle.com.au/cultiva-baits-tango-dancer.html</p>	<p>Barra classics - Green https://www.motackle.com.au/classic-120mm-barra-limited-edition.html</p>	<p>FCL Labo https://fishhead.com.au/fcl-labo-d-1b/</p>
		
<p>RAPALA X RAP https://www.rapala.com/rapala/lures/x-rap-series/x-rap/X+Rap.html</p>	<p>RAPALA X-RAP SUB WALK https://www.rapala.com/rapala/lures/x-rap-series/x-rap-subwalk/X+Rap+SubWalk.html</p>	<p>RAPALA SKITTER-POP https://www.rapala.com/rapala/lures/skitter-series/skitter-pop/Skitter+Pop.html</p>
		
<p>STORM THUNDA BARRA https://www.fishingtackleshop.com.au/products/storm-thunder-barra-fishing-lure.html</p>	<p>KILLER LURE RIVER RATS https://www.motackle.com.au/killalure-flat-rat-2-75mm-10ft.html</p>	<p>DUO LURES www.baiafishingpng.com/lures</p>

BLUE WATER LURE SUGGESTIONS

120mm to 150mm in length

		
<p style="text-align: center;">HALCO ROOSTA POPPER https://www.motackle.com.au/halco-roosta-popper-large.html</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NOMAD CHUG NORRIS https://www.motackle.com.au/cultiva-baits-tango-dancer.html</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OCEAN BORN FLYING PENCIL https://www.motackle.com.au/ocean-born-flying-pencil-sinking.html</p>
		
<p style="text-align: center;">RIVER2SEA DUMBBELL POP https://www.motackle.com.au/river2sea-dumbbell-pop.html</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SAKU STICK DOG - SINKING https://www.motackle.com.au/saku-stick-dog-sinking.html</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HALCO LASER PRO https://www.boatsandmore.com.au/shop/fishing/lures/halco-laser-pro-190-dd-2m/</p>

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Lodge and camp is situated in isolated areas of the West New Britain coast, and in extreme emergencies the quickest way out is by helicopter. It is compulsory to acquire some kind of travel and medivac insurance which may save you a lot of inconvenience and expense should an unfortunate situation occur.

PLEASE EMAIL A COPY OF YOUR TRAVEL INSURANCE OR SUPPLY A COPY WHEN CHECKING IN AT LIAMO REEF RESORT.

VISA TO PNG

YOU MUST APPLY FOR A VISA WITH VIA THIS LINK: <https://evisa.ica.gov.pg/evisa/account/Apply>

Where To Apply

Applications can be lodged online; or at any Papua New Guinea Diplomatic Post or Mission prior to travel; or upon arrival at Jacksons International Airport, Port Moresby. You are responsible for ensuring that you have the appropriate visa or right to obtain a visa on arrival in Papua New Guinea prior to commencing your travel. There may be adverse consequences if you attempt to enter Papua New Guinea without authority.

How To Apply

Complete the Online Application or Application for Entry Permit (Form 1);

<https://evisa.ica.gov.pg/evisa/account/Apply>

Pay the **US\$50*** online lodgement fee (if applicable); and

Provide a copy of your passports bio data page.

*All MSF and online lodgement fees are levied in US Dollars and converted into Australian Dollars (using the published conversion rate) prior to finalisation of application registration. The total fees payable will be provided by the system prior entering payment details in the e-Visa portal or you will be advised by the ICA officer when submitting your application in person.

If you require an address for the visa, please use:

Liamo Reef Resort – Kimbe International Hotel

Po Box - 94, Kimbe, West New Britain Province,

Papua New Guinea 0621

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Note to film crews – you are required to obtain a special filming Visa. Please enquire with your nearest PNG consulate. <http://pngembassy.org/migration.html#11>

BOOKINGS WITH AIR NIUGINI

We can book your flights with Air Niugini from either Brisbane or Cairns to Port Moresby connecting same day onto Hoskins. From all other destinations you need to arrange bookings yourself. Booking flights Baia Sportfishing is optional and you can choose to book your on flights if you wish.

Please note, connection times are in most cases very tight. It has been like that for years and the majority of the time you can connect within the short time frame. However do take note, there are at times you may miss your connecting flight due to Air Niugini flight schedule changes, delays or cancellations. This is of no fault on our behalf. We highly recommend travel insurance for any disruptions to your trip.

If you wish to arrive a day before to Port Moresby and fly out the next day to Kimbe we can arrange flights for you however hotel bookings in Port Moresby are at your responsibility. You can find accommodation online. We recommend, Airways Hotel, Gateway Hotel which is 5 minutes to the airport. Otherwise Holiday Inn, Crown Plaza is some other suggestions Port Moresby.

When flying with Air Niugini we suggest you **check in early and request a seat at the front** of the plane so you can get out quickly to process customs. If you do not feel confident that you will make it for your connecting flight, please ask a flight attendant and/or ground staff if they can assist in quicker process to domestic check in counter situated in the International terminal.

In all our flight bookings **we book same day connecting flights with the tight connections** permitted by Air Niugini unless you state otherwise.

LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE WITH AIR NIUGINI

International flights –

Business Class: 30kgs (66lbs) per person,

Economy Class: 20kgs (44lbs) per person,

Domestic flights - 16kgs (35lbs) per person

+ Hand Luggage approx 7 kg

<http://www.airniugini.com.pg/a-tion-faqs/>

Air Niugini PNG contact for any information regarding general baggage services Telephone: + 675 327 3644

Fax: + 675 327 3207

Email: baggage@airniugini.com.pg

Telex: POMLLPX

NOTE: Extra baggage allowances are given for golf and dive gear, not fishing gear.

USEFUL INFORMATION - ARRIVING IN PORT MORESBY – TRANSFERING TO DOMESTIC AIRPORT

CHECKING IN FOR DOMESTIC FLIGHT FROM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Once you have your luggage and have gone through customs proceed to the INTERNATIONAL CHECK IN AREA to check in for your DOMESTIC FLIGHT. YOU DO NOT NEED TO GO TO DOMESTIC TERMINAL TO BOOK IN YOUR LUGGAGE. DO THIS THE INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL. You will see a sign stating your check in queue. Once you have checked in, exit out of the International Airport and turn right. Walk down the pathway to domestic terminal. (Only a few minute walk). Take the second entrance to domestic terminal and proceed through two security checks until you have reached the domestic lounge.

NOTE – 100 ML LIQUID POLICY APPLIES FOR DOMESTIC FLIGHTS. PLS CHECK WITH AIR NIUGINI FOR GUIDE LINES ABOUT ALCOHOL PURCHASED DUTY FREE.

IN THE EVENT YOU MISS YOUR CONNECTING FLIGHT

If you have an international Air Niugini ticket and you missed your flight due to Air Niugini's fault, they will supply accommodation and meal in Port Moresby. (If travelling with Airlines PNG, Qantas, please check with the airlines on their conditions or go to customer service desk). Go QUICKLY (otherwise there may be a long wait to get your accommodation voucher) to the CUSTOMER SERVICE DESK in either

INTERNATIONAL or DOMESTIC TERMINAL to obtain an accommodation and meal voucher. If you can request hotel, ask for Airways, Crown Plaza, Holiday Inn or Gateway. These are the best in town. A courtesy bus will be arranged for your accommodation.

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Should you have any problems whilst in Port Moresby or you miss your connecting flight please call:-

Riccard Reimann - MD	(675) 727 38 801
Liamo Reef Resort	(675) 7391 1918
Tiana Reimann - Bookings	(675) 7364 5694
Tiana Reimann – WhatsApp	(61) 498 173 196
Ramona Reimann-Southon – MD Liamo Reef Resort	(675) 7324 7965

TO MAKE CALLS WITHIN PNG AND TO OVERSEAS

A cheap way to make calls within PNG and to overseas is to purchase a Sim Card from Digicel (they have a booth in International and Domestic). Prices are very cheap. At times they even give them for free.

If you do not have a mobile on hand, ask if Customer Service can call on your behalf or direct you to the pay phone.

SEE YOU AT HOSKINS AIRPORT, LIAMO REEF RESORT BUS WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU²

WHAT'S ON IN PNG

<http://www.papuanewguinea.travel/eventscalendar>

CONTACTS FOR RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION:

Reservations Officer | reservations@liamoreefresort.com

Sugu Muthukrishnan | Operations Manager | operations@liamoreefresort.com

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Like our Facebook page – www.facebook.com/baiafishingpng

HOW TO MAKE A BOOKING

A minimum of 4 people required to make booking. If less than 4 people please advise of dates and we can see if you can join another group.

A minimum of 4 nights required at Baia Lodge or River Camp to make booking.

1. Confirm date availability with Baia Sport Fishing. Please note dates are not fully confirmed until airfares are paid and dates agree with Air Niugini availability.
2. Complete this booking sheet online:
Please note, Air Niugini charges hefty fines for any changes made after ticketing. It is important to ensure **names are submitted as per passport.**
3. An invoice will be emailed upon receiving booking sheet. Please pay deposit/airfare to confirm booking using account details on invoice. No bookings are held or airline tickets are purchased unless a non-refundable deposit & airfare is paid. A deposit of \$800/\$2000 per person + airfare (as quoted on booking sheet) is required to secure your booking. Sorry we cannot hold bookings unless deposits are paid.

All direct deposit payments please quote BOOKING # found on proforma invoice.

4. Optional Economy Return Airfares are booked either from Brisbane, Cairns or Sydney to Pom/Hoskins. Please state on your booking sheet if you do not want airfares included. DO NOT BOOK ANY OTHER CONNECTING FLIGHTS UNTIL YOU HAVE YOUR CONFIRMED PNG TICKET. Sorry we do not accept credit card payments. If you wish to pay credit card please organise your own airfares with Air Niugini direct.
5. Please advise at time of booking if you require use of fishing gear and any special dietary requirements. Please note fishing lures are not supplied. **You need to bring your own lures.**
6. **PAY FOR YOUR TRAVEL INSURANCE AT TIME OF BOOKING** (you will need to find your own insurance company). Please email a copy of your policy to be on hand in the event of an emergency. Cancellations fees/ non-refundable deposit are to be claimed your travel insurance.

7. **Six weeks prior to trip** – FULL PAYMENT TO BE PAID. As we need to pay land owners we cannot keep your dates secured if full payment is not received on the due date.
8. **1 month prior to trip** – see doctor for malaria medication
9. PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE
 - PASSPORT OR VISA FEES
 - TRAVEL INSURANCE – COMPULSORY
 - LOST OR DAMAGED TACKLE
 - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (UNLESS PRE-ORDERED AND PAID)
 - ITEMS OF A PERSONAL NATURE