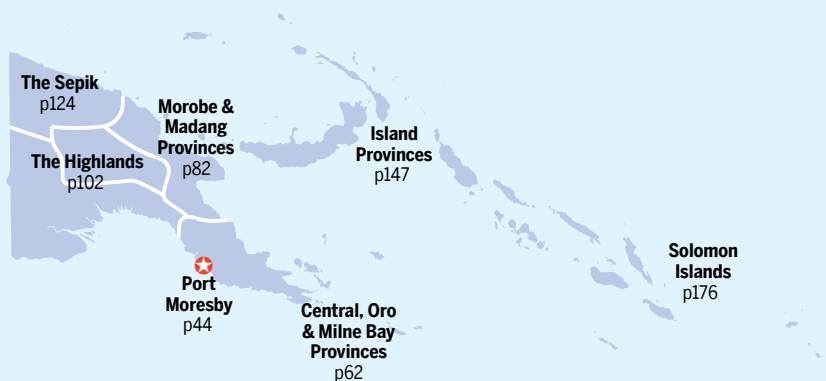


On the Road





Port Moresby

POP 364,000 / AREA 240 SQ KM

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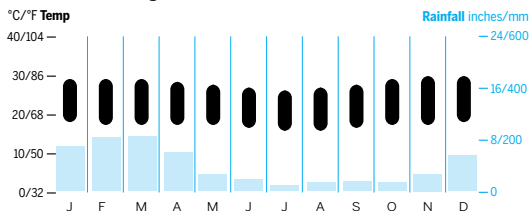
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Squeezed between the dusty hills and the deep blue sea, gritty Port Moresby is unlikely to be most travellers' idea of an enchanting capital. A spread-out collection of neighbourhoods, the city illustrates the stark divide between PNG's haves and have-nots. Modern office buildings in Town and Waigani and a glitzy marina full of yachts contrast with squatter shantytowns, without electricity or running water, that cling to the hillsides and scruffy marketplaces where barefoot higglers from nearby villages sell their modest wares.

Expensive, dangerous (or so many expats will tell you) and not easily walkable...it's easy to see why many visitors are tempted to spend as little time here as possible. But as Moresby's charms reveal themselves – a superb museum, a beautiful green space in the corner of the city, friendly locals, a gourmet meal after weeks in the provinces – the city may well grow on you.

When to Go

Port Moresby



Year-round Hot
year-round; average highs between 28°C and 32°C.

Dec–May Wet
season with hotter, rainier days.

Jun–Nov Dry
season, with slightly lower temperatures.