



Morobe & Madang Provinces

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Best of Activities

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Why Go?

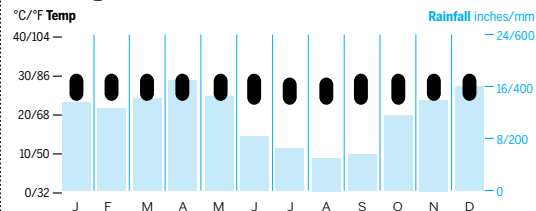
Geographically speaking, Morobe and Madang are similar – both rise from azure seas off Papua New Guinea's northern coast into a series of thickly forested hills towards imposing mountain ranges. Both also offer plenty of scope to grab a snorkel and banana boat your way to palm-lined bays and coral islands.

Lae grew up hard through a notorious 1920s gold rush. In the 1940s Lae was invaded by the Japanese and bombed by the Allies. Grappling with growing pains and wrapped in razor wire, modern Lae is now a booming economic and industrial hub – a crucible of PNG's rapid social change.

Madang, situated on a small peninsula jutting into a tranquil harbour, is far more relaxed and prettier than bustling Lae. Despite facing occasional *raskol* (bandit) issues in modern times, Madang has retained much of its carefree disposition to match its postcard vistas, easily accessed coral reefs and fascinating wreck dives.

When to Go

Madang



Jun–Sep The dry season offers the best visibility for divers in Madang.

Jun–Aug During the Lae–Finschhafen area's wet season there can be lots of rain.

Late Oct The Morobe show draws *singsing* groups from around the country.



Morobe & Madang Provinces Highlights

- 1 Diving the wrecks and carnage of WWII or snorkelling over the psychedelic reefs around **Madang** (p92).
- 2 Paying your respects to the fallen at the War Cemetery, and watching Anga warriors dance at the Morobe Show in **Lae** (p84).
- 3 Catching a wave on the clean **Ulingan Bay** break opposite the Surf Club in **Tupira** (p99).
- 4 Bouncing in a banana boat as it speeds along the **Huon Gulf Coast** (p89) to your very own Robinson Crusoe hideaway.
- 5 Watching leatherback turtles scramble ashore at **Kamiali Wildlife Management Area** (p89) under a full moon.
- 6 Witnessing the beetle-bejewelled *singsings* of the isolated **Simbai** (p101) villages high in Bismarck Range.