

Trobriand Islands (Kiriwina), Milne Bay Province, Papua New Guinea

One of the most culturally intact destinations in the South Pacific — the Trobriand Islands offer an extraordinary window into a matrilineal society that has shaped its own cricket, its own exchange economy, and some of the finest woodcarving in the world.

Tender (no pier)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

PGK (Papua New Guinea Kina)

Kiriwina & Tok Pisin

Expedition-style port

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ship anchors offshore; 15–20 min ride to Kaibola Beach or Losuia jetty

Best For: Cultural immersion, woodcarving shopping, snorkeling, village walks

Walk to center: Villages are immediately adjacent to landing sites; no transport needed

Don't Miss: Trobriand cricket match, decorated yam houses, ebony woodcarvings at the landing market

Getting around: Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Trobriand Cricket Match** — This is unlike any cricket you've seen.
 - Village & Yam House Walk** — Walk through traditional villages like Kavataria near Losuia or Omarakana, home of the paramount chief.
 - Kalopa Burial Cave** — A sacred limestone cave containing ancestral skeletal remains — a rare and sobering window into Trobriand
- traditions of honouring the dead.

 - Kaibola Beach Day** — Stunning white sand beach on the north tip of Kiriwina with calm turquoise water and healthy coral just offshore.
 - Snorkeling the Reef** — Coral health around the Trobriand Islands is exceptional — the reefs are largely unspoiled.

BEST WALKS

- Kaibola Beach to Kavataria Village** ~1 km one-way | Easy | 20–30 min — From the beach landing, follow the sandy path south through coconut palms into Kavataria village.
- Losuia Jetty & Government Station** Flat walk | Easy | 15–20 min loop — If your tender lands at Losuia, the small government station, hospital, and a local market are all within a short walk.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		83°	78°	26d
Jun		82°	77°	26d
Aug		81°	77°	22d
Sep		81°	76°	24d
Oct		83°	77°	24d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:58AM–5:52PM · Jun 6:07AM–5:44PM · Aug 6:05AM–5:54PM · Sep 5:49AM–5:52PM · Oct 5:32AM–5:49PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring small Kina notes. There are no ATMs or card machines on the island. Exchange Papua New Guinea Kina (PGK) onboard your ship before going ashore. Bring 5, 10, and 20 Kina notes — locals can't easily change large bills. Some sellers may accept Australian or US dollars at a reduced rate.
- Dress modestly in villages. Cover shoulders and knees when walking through village areas — a sarong or light wrap is ideal. Swimwear is fine on Kaibola Beach, but put clothes back on before entering any village.
- Woodcarvings are exceptional — declare them. Trobriand ebony woodcarvers are among the best in PNG. Buy what speaks to you, but note that raw wood items must be declared at Australian and NZ customs. Many ships will fumigate purchases onboard — ask crew.
- Eat on the ship. There are no restaurants, cafes, or food stalls on the island. The one local exception: vendors sell fresh coconuts (kulau) — safe to drink and refreshing. Do not drink any tap water ashore.
- Apply DEET and sunscreen. Malaria is present in PNG (daytime cruise visit risk is low but real). Use a DEET-based repellent. The tropical sun is fierce — hat and high-SPF sunscreen are essential.
- Skip the candy and cash for kids. Handing out sweets or coins encourages begging and causes harm. If you want to give something meaningful, bring school supplies (pencils, notebooks) or basic first aid items and give them to a teacher or the village chief to distribute.

Trobriand Islands (Kiriwina), Milne Bay Province, Papua New Guinea — Port Map

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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Kaibola Beach A white-sand beach on Kiriwina's north coast with clear turquoise water and reefs just offshore.
- 2

Omarakana Village The traditional seat of the Trobriand paramount chief, known for its decorated yam houses and canoe carving.
- 3

Losuia Market A twice-weekly market near the airstrip where villagers sell garden produce, earth-oven food, and local carvings.
- P

Cruise port / terminal