



The Resort

Lissenung Island Resort, a 20-minute boat ride from Kavieng in New Ireland Province, is the ideal base for a PNG diving adventure. Situated only two degrees south of the Equator in the South Pacific, the water averages a balmy 28-30° Celsius (82-86°F).

The Resort is located on a small private island with tall coconut palms and a beautiful white sandy beach. Think of your own Pacific hideaway with all the necessities provided for an enjoyable stay: Comfortable bungalows with airy verandahs, great meals and, of course, fantastic diving!

Dietmar Amon, the Austrian owner, started this small resort in 1996 and runs it with his Australian wife Ange. Together with a handful of local staff, these experienced Divemasters and Instructors will ensure that even the little things are taken care of. The personalised service and the relaxed and familiar atmosphere are just two of the factors Lissenung Island Resort is famous for.

Four bungalows housing two rooms each are spread out over the island, providing maximum privacy. The bungalows are built in traditional style from local materials, with big, open windows and high ceilings, set above the ground, to allow for maximum airflow.

The six Standard Rooms have private bathrooms, while the two Budget Rooms share a bathroom, which is located between the two rooms. Each room features a ceiling fan, fly-screens, mosquito nets, a large desk with natural light (important for photographers) and cupboard space. After diving, the large verandah invites you to relax in comfortable chairs.

The 24-hour electricity supply in each room allows re-charging the batteries to your camera and other electronic equipment. Free WiFi access on the island offers our guests the opportunity to stay in touch with friends and family, albeit at "island speed".

The dive boats depart every morning at 8.30am, whisking the divers out to the many fascinating dive sites. Well-maintained and regularly serviced dive equipment, including dive computers, can be hired through the fully equipped dive shop. Experienced dive guides will accompany you on every dive and point out the weird and wonderful this area has to offer.



The main house offers comfortable chairs on a sandy floor and it is here where cold drinks and delicious meals, prepared by our experienced cooks, await you. Fresh seafood, such as fish, crabs and crayfish (lobster) feature high on a daily changing menu that offers two options for lunch and dinner respectively. Most special dietary requirements can be catered for on request. Wine, beer and softdrinks can be purchased. Spirits are extremely hard to buy anywhere in PNG, so guests are welcome to bring their own duty-free spirits (there are plenty of mixers).

You can easily circumnavigate the whole island in 10-15 minutes. It is covered with tropical vegetation providing plenty of shaded areas to escape the tropical sun, and also offers a small but very pretty white sand beach perfect for swimming and relaxing. Lissenung Island has the nicest beach of all dive resorts in PNG and the best house reef!

If you are dreaming of a beautiful Pacific island, where you can relax and dive and get the illusion that you are alone on the planet, Lissenung is the ideal place for such a dream. The sunset can be watched from a deck-chair, right on the beach, with a glass of good wine in hand.

The Diving

It is the unique location of the tiny little islands between the open South Pacific Ocean and the Bismarck Sea that has created an underwater wonderland.

The change of tides can produce some strong currents, which flush clear waters from the deep sea over the abundant reefs and through tiny passages. It is during those currents that the pelagic action is happening and you can expect to see Sharks, Tunas, Mackerels, huge schools of Jacks and Barracudas and with some luck schooling Eagle Rays and Mobula Rays. However, the diving is very varied and also includes wall, wreck and muck diving and ensures that every diver leaves the island a happy diver! Our dive guides are experts in picking the right dive spots at the right time.

Last but not least, there is a great bonus feature: Located just off the beach is a fantastic house reef where you can do free shore diving while staying at Lissenung Island Resort and when booking morning boat dives! Interesting for day dives (for free as many as you like before 6pm) as well as night dives (night dives are guided on request and will be charged locally). Well over 350 different species of fish can



be found just here – this is more than double the number of species in the whole Caribbean!

Diving here is year-round, with January to March subject to sudden rainsqualls and thunderstorms. Typically tropical, these storms are often replaced by blue skies that return as quickly as they departed. Best months are usually April to June and September through to early January.

A typical day at Lissenung

7.00-8.30am Breakfast
8.30am Boats depart for 2 morning dives
1/1.30pm Lunch (this basically happens whenever the boat returns from diving)
2.30pm-late 3rd boat dive, free shore-diving on the house reef or time to relax
7.00pm Dinner
8.30pm Night Dive

Sample dive sites

Echuca Patch

This is a large ridge rising from 45m (150ft) to within 12m (40ft) of the surface and is situated in the open ocean just outside Kavieng. A Korean fishing boat, the 'Der Yang', lies on its starboard side close to this ridge. This point is a magnet for Barracudas and Jacks.

The Bottleshop

Around the pylons of a slipway in the Kavieng harbour is probably the best muck-dive in the area. Through the years an amazing selection of bottles, cans and tires have created a perfect environment for critters. The weird and wonderful such as Ghost Pipefish, Demon Stinger, Allied Cowries, Nudibranchs and Shrimps, Octopus, Pipefish and many more are abundant here. This dive is a must for the serious macro photographer.

'Kate' & 'Pete' Bombers

For the aircraft enthusiast we have two more plane wrecks in the Kavieng harbour. These Japanese torpedo bombers are resting in about 12m (40ft) on sand. On and around the planes you may find Nudibranchs, Cleaner Shrimps and Crocodile Fish.



Albatross Passage

Our Signature Dive Site!!!! At an incoming tide this narrow passage is like fish soup. Eagle Rays, Mobula Rays, big Dogtooth Tunas, Barracudas, plenty of Grey Reef Sharks and loads of other fish can be seen here on almost every dive. The wall itself is overgrown with big fan corals, black corals and sponges and this is the home for small creatures like Nudibranchs, Leaf Scorpionfish and Pygmy Seahorse. In our opinion Albatross is the best dive in the Kavieng area and a must for every visiting diver.

Peter's Patch

Peter's Patch is the south-eastern tip of a very large reef system in Steffen Strait, the main shipping entrance into Kavieng. With incoming tide this spot attracts lots of pelagic fish such as Tunas, Jacks, Sharks and Barracudas and during the whole dive a school of Batfish will most likely accompany you. Peter's Patch is another must-do dive in Kavieng.

Turtle Conservation

New Ireland has been populated by humans for almost 40,000 years, and sea turtles and their eggs have been a traditional food source ever since. Due to population growth as well as the obvious well-known threats of fishing nets and plastic pollution, the local turtle population is under serious threat and declining rapidly. We therefore initiated our Turtle Conservation Program in 2013 in order to protect the remaining turtles as well as educate the local population about turtle and environmental protection.

From mid-September till the end of February each year, we travel to two nearby islands daily to beat local poachers to the nests, and hence protect the eggs. We check for new turtle tracks that weren't there the day before, follow them to locate the nest, then dig up the eggs carefully. They are carefully transported to Lissenung, where they are placed in special nesting boxes.

It takes approx. 60 days for the turtles to emerge from the nest, and the little hatchlings are released immediately, although measurements are taken, and the hatchling success rate is established. Releases typically happen between mid/late-November till the end of April, and our guests are encouraged to participate, both in the egg collection as well as the release of the hatchlings.



Other Activities

Snorkelling

About 2/3 of Lissenung Island is surrounded by a beautiful reef. The best place to start is in front of the dive shop where you turn left immediately and follow the reef. This area is a conservation zone and there is a multitude of fish. For a small charge, you can also join one of the dive boats for the morning, as many of the dive sites also offer fantastic snorkeling.

Surfing

Close to Lissenung Island are some fantastic surf spots, such as Ral Island, Eruk, GoGo's, Lemus, Nusalamon, Bangatan Island and Senta Pass. Surfing at these spots requires some experience, as all of these are reef breaks and inexperienced surfers can easily get hurt. Our surf guide Simon will check the conditions every morning and will bring you to the best breaks of the day. If you don't have your own board you can hire one from us for a small charge.

Fishing

We offer trawling, casting and bottom fishing on one of our three boats. The tours include the boat trip, guide, beverages & snacks on board, hand lines, fishing rods, lures and bait. Please note that lost lures will be charged to you at cost price. If you are interested in Sport or Game Fishing, we are happy to organize this for you with a professional company in Kavieng.

Visit Eruk Island

You can visit Eruk Island, home of all our local staff. There you can have a guided tour, visit the church and the local community school as well as experience a typical PNG island village. A small fee of PGK 33.00 per person goes to the two schools for books, chairs, tables and general upkeep as they receive hardly any government funding.

Island Village Tour

If you are interested in WWII history we can show you some islands where you still can see bunkers and gun emplacements of Japanese origin. We also visit other villages where you can have a look at village life on an island in PNG. Bring your snorkeling gear to have a cooling off dip along the way. This can be a half or full day trip.

Mainland Tour

You start in the morning in Kavieng with a drive along the scenic Bulominsky Highway. Along the road you will stop at Cathy's Guest House and hand feed her tame freshwater eels. Further down you will visit the wharf of the Poliamba oil



palm plantation and then arrive at the Fissoa mission station. Here you will enjoy a picnic lunch and a swim in the freshwater creek before returning to Kavieng.

Visit Kavieng

If you would like to have a look at Kavieng, check out the shops or maybe buy some souvenirs we can arrange a boat trip for you. Every Saturday early morning we also have a trip to the local market at 6.30 am.

How to get there

International flights are currently operated by Air Niugini only due to Covid-19. Please check the Air Niugini website www.airniugini.com.pg for details.

Air Niugini and PNG Air operate domestic flights to Kavieng.

Technical details

- 1 x 26ft fiberglass Ozycat, 10ft beam, 2 x 140HP Suzuki 4-stroke outboard engines, max 10 guests, canopy, ladder, Oxygen
- 1 x 27ft fiberglass boat, 1 x 140HP Suzuki 4-stroke outboard motor, max 6 guests, center console, canopy, ladder, Oxygen
- Compressors: 2 x Poseidon PE250-TE (240l/min each)
- 50 aluminum tanks, DIN/INT valve
- 12 sets rental gear
- UWATEC dive computers
- 240V/50Hz Electricity, 24-hours, Australian Power Points
- Free WiFi access
- Credit Cards accepted: VISA & MasterCard

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