



CARSTENSZ PYRAMID EXPEDITION 2018 TRIP NOTES





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Expedition Notes

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In 2018 Adventure Consultants will lead several expeditions to Carstenz Pyramid - located in the heart of the Jayawijaya Mountain Range in the Indonesian territory of Irian Jaya, which is now called Papua.

This chain of limestone mountains spans the equatorial island of Papua from Irian Jaya or Western Papua (formerly Dutch New Guinea) in the west, through to Papua New Guinea in the east. At 4,884 metres/16,023 feet, it is the highest peak in Australasia and one of the most remote of the 'Seven Summits'.



The mountain was first climbed in the 1960s by an expedition led by Heinrich Harrer, of the Eiger North Wall fame, along with New Zealand author and climber, Philip Temple.

Carstenz appears as a mysterious and relatively unvisited climbing objective, flanked with glaciers and rising like a shark's fin out of the midst of the jungle.

This expedition has the attributes of a classic rock climb combined with a rare cultural experience. It is a journey of discovery and achievement, and most likely your best chance of experiencing this part of the world and standing on the summit of this exotic peak.

The Route

We will climb the mountain via the North Face, in a long day from the base of the peak to the summit and back. The guides will attach fixed rope to the most difficult sections of the route to enable quick access to the summit ridge and a rapid descent afterwards.

Some of the terrain can be climbed without ropes and is little more than scrambling, but other sections will require the ropes fixed over technical rock slabs. In addition, some parts of the razorback summit ridge, while technically straightforward, are very exposed and there is even a three wire bridge to negotiate (right).



The mountain is coarse limestone, which provides excellent friction for climbing boots but can be particularly rough on ungloved hands.

The route is suitable for climbers of modest experience as long as they have some recent fixed rope experience, or are prepared to undertake some training prior to departure.

Access to the Mountain

The approach to the mountain involves flying from Denpasar (Bali) to the town of Timika (or if logistics dictate, via Nabire) in Western Papua. We fly by helicopter directly to our Base Camp at 13,000 feet (4200 metres). We rest and acclimatise over 3 days/nights before attempting the climb to the summit of this elusive peak. The Base Camp is at a very high elevation to fly to but our options are limited for access. Helicopter access will enable us to avoid many days of difficult jungle trekking and arrive fresh and ready for the climb.

After the climb we walk back to Sugapa in four days, allowing us our full 'jungle experience' and fly out to Nabire, followed by another flight back to Denpasar (Bali) for a well-earned rest after the climb.



Being close to the equator, the weather pattern is the same all year round with generally clear skies until midday and then a heavy downpour in the afternoon. During the walkout, we must pass through and sometimes stay in

very remote villages, which your guides will make financial donations to for permission and safe passage. They are some of the most remote villages on earth and expedition members are expected to respect the local customs and realise itineraries may change to accommodate the locals. Cannibalism has not been practised for several years. The toughest two days of the trek are through the jungle in thick deep mud and are very physical. Despite this, the jungle trek out experience is not to be missed for those seeking a true adventure into the heart of a remote and wild part of the world!

Please be aware that many companies offer shorter expeditions and will promise to 'smuggle' you through the Freeport Mine, or get a permit to travel through the mine. These methods are illegal at best or dangerous, and sometimes a combination of both. We

encourage you to consider carefully your selected operator as many people have been detained by the mine for 10 or 12 days only then to have to walk out for another four days.

Itinerary

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Day 01 Arrive Denpasar (Bali). Expedition briefing & gear checks
Day 02 Day in Bali, gear checks and contingency for lost baggage recovery
Depart for Timika in the evening or early the next morning
Day 03 Arrive in Timika, Western Papua. Overnight in hotel
Day 04 Early morning helicopter flight to Carstensz Pyramid Base Camp (4,200m)
Day 05 Acclimatisation day
Day 06 Acclimatisation day
Day 07 Summit climb on Carstensz Pyramid and return to Base Camp
Day 08 Spare summit day or hike to Glacier near East Carstensz Peak
Day 09 Trek out over New Zealand Pass, 3,700m (7-9hrs)
Day 10 Trekking through open meadows to camp near the jungle, 3,200m (9-10hrs)
Day 11 Trekking through jungle (8-10hrs)
Day 12 Trekking to Suwamggwa (9-11hrs)
Day 13 Motorbike to Sugapa then onward flight to Nabire
Day 14 Contingency day for flight delays
Day 15 Flight back to Denpasar, Bali. Trip ends

Note: Due to the intricacies of operating in Indonesia **the itinerary may change at any time.** We will use the best option available which may require trekking into the mountain if necessary.

Meeting Point

The expedition will commence and conclude in Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia. Bali is served by daily connections to most international transit centres including Singapore, Hong Kong and Taipei etc.

The Expedition Fee

The cost of the expedition is **US\$22,900 per person** ex Bali, Indonesia.

This fee includes the following:

- All domestic flights from Denpasar (Bali) to Western Papua and return
- Helicopter flight from Timika to Base Camp
- Fixed-wing flight from Sugapa to Nabire
- Accommodation (twin share) ex Bali

- All meals after departing Bali and before arriving back in Bali
- Tents and group climbing equipment
- All expedition organisational requirements
- All climbing and trekking permits
- All supplies necessary to make a strong and safe bid for the summit
- All expedition staff including qualified western mountain guide(s) and local support staff
- Up to two nights' accommodation and meals in Papua prior to the climb and one night following the climb (in case of delay)
- Transport of 20kg personal equipment from Timika to Base Camp by helicopter
- Porterage for up to 15kg of personal equipment from Base Camp to Sugapa

The expedition fee does not include the following:

- International Air travel to and from Denpasar, Indonesia
- Indonesian tourist visa charges and airport taxes
- Personal clothing and equipment
- Personal travel insurance, trip cancellation insurance and medical / security evacuation insurance
- Any rescue costs or costs of early departure from the expedition
- Customary gratuities to local expedition staff, porters and guides
- Personal domestic excess baggage costs
- Hotel accommodation and meals in Bali
- Accommodation in Papua, beyond the 3 nights included
- Costs for delays that are beyond the control of the expedition

Deposit

A non-refundable deposit of **US\$5,000** is payable to secure a place on the expedition.

Balance

The balance is payable 90 days prior to the start date.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

An expedition member may cancel his/her participation on the following basis:

- Cancellations outside of 90 days will result in the loss of the trip deposit.
- For cancellations made within 89-60 days of the trip commencement date, we reserve the right to retain 50% of the balance payment.
- For cancellations within 59 days of the departure date a cancellation fee of 100% of the full fee applies.
- We strongly recommend you take out trip cancellation insurance via your travel agent.

Team members should take out private insurance if they wish to be covered against cancellation due to medical or personal reasons. This is called Trip Cancellation Insurance and can be obtained through your normal travel agent.

Payments

All payments should be made by bank transfer to the following bank and account:

**Bank of New Zealand
Offshore Branch
1 Willis Street
Wellington
New Zealand**

for the account of **Adventure Consultants Limited**

Account # **1000-594771-0000**
Account Type: **US Dollars**
Swift Address: **BKNZ22**

Note: All bank transfer charges are for the **remitter's account**.

We can accept your deposit and balance payment by credit card, plus a charge of 3% – Visa, Mastercard or Amex.

Visas

Expedition members must secure a normal tourist visa for Indonesia for the duration of the expedition either before entering the country or for some nationalities at the border as they enter. All of the special permits for travelling in Western Papua will be obtained by Adventure Consultants.

Team Membership

The team will have a minimum size of 3 members and 1 Adventure Consultants guide (plus local guides), and a maximum size of 7 members and 2 mountain guides (plus local guides).

Medical Examination

Expedition members will be provided with a medical questionnaire and asked to visit their family physician to receive a full medical examination. This information will be sighted only by our expedition doctor and treated with full confidentiality.

Advice on immunisations will be provided upon confirmation of your trip by paying the trip deposit. We send you a comprehensive booklet of pre-trip information.

Equipment List

Expedition members will be sent a list detailing all necessary clothing and equipment to be individually provided.

Documentation and Photographs

Expedition members will be required to provide a scan of their passport bio data page, their climbing résumé outlining their climbing experience, and four passport sized photographs.

The Advantages of Climbing With Adventure Consultants

Adventure Consultants is renowned for the quality of its service and strategy applied to high altitude expedition climbing. Our reputation is attributed to meticulous planning and experienced logistics coordination. We have a philosophy of investing in every expedition to offer our climbers the best possible chance of success.

We employ strong and specialised Expedition leaders and support staff, who are some of the most pre-eminent in the industry. We pride ourselves on operating with small teams and the best back-up and support available. This includes nutritious and ample quantities of food, comfortable base camp facilities, reliable communications systems and the necessary medical back up.

Many of our expedition members come to us because they have seen us in action on a previous trip and decide to opt for our level of service and proven experience. Others return because they know we do our very best to make expeditions safe and successful.

How to Join This Expedition

If you would like to join our Carstenz Pyramid Expedition, please complete our online application form on the web at <https://www.adventureconsultants.com/expeditions/seven-summits/carstenz-pyramid/book-now> and submit your trip deposit. Please also contact us if you'd like any further information or assistance in planning your trip:

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