



Carstensz Pyramid 2012

January 17 - February 5, 2012

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Expedition Notes

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In 2011 Adventure Consultants will lead an expedition to Carstensz 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 span 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 16,023 feet (4,884 metres) 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 Eiger North Wall fame along with New Zealand author and climber Philip Temple.

Carstensz appears as a mysterious and relatively unvisited climbing objective, flanked with glaciers and rising like a shark's fin out of the mist 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 are even two or three exciting *Tyrolean Traverses* to negotiate (right).



The mountain is coarse limestone, which provides excellent friction for climbing boots but can be particularly rough on un-gloved 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 Nabire in Papua. After a fixed wing flight to Sugapa (or sometimes Illaga) we then hike for six days through the jungle to Base Camp at 13,000 feet (4,200 metres). After the climb we walk back to Sugapa in four days and fly out to Timika or 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 walk in 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.

Please be aware that many companies offer shorter expeditions and will promise to 'smuggle' you through the Freeport Mine, fly you out via helicopter 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.

20 Day Itinerary

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Day 01	Arrive Denpasar (Bali). Expedition briefing & gear checks.
Day 02	Early morning flight to Timika (or Nabire) in Papua. Onward flight to Sugapa, or overnight in hotel.
Day 03	Fixed wing flight to Sugapa (2100m).
Day 04	Hire porters and prepare for trek.
Day 05	Short day trekking down river through villages to Suwamggwa (5hrs).
Day 06	Trekking through jungle, camp at 2200m (7hrs).
Day 07	Trekking through jungle, camp at 3200m (9hrs).
Day 08	Trekking through open meadows, camp at 3600m (6hrs).
Day 09	Trekking through open meadows, camp at foot of New Zealand Pass. 3700m (5hrs).
Day 10	Climb up to Larson Lake and over New Zealand Pass (4400m) to BC, 4250m (4hrs). Rest for afternoon and prepare for the climb.
Day 11	Summit day, return to base camp.
Day 12	Spare summit day or hike to Glacier near East Carstensz Peak.
Day 13	Spare day for weather contingency
Day 14	Short day trekking out over New Zealand Pass, 3700m.
Day 15	Trekking through open meadows to camp near the jungle, 3200m (9hrs).
Day 16	Trekking through jungle (8hrs).
Day 17	Trekking to Sugapa (8hrs).
Day 18	Fly to Timika (or Nabire).
Day 19	Flight back to Denpasar, Bali
Day 20	Depart from Denpasar, Bali

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 even require using a helicopter to access Base Camp if necessary.

Meeting Point

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

The Expedition Fee

The cost of the expedition is **US \$18,500 per person** ex Bali, Indonesia.

This fee includes the following:

- All domestic flights from Denpasar (Bali) to Papua and return
- Return fixed wing flight from Timika or Nabire to Sugapa
- Accommodation (twin share) ex Bali before and after the trek/climb
- 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 three night's accommodation and meals in Timika or Nabire (in case of delay)
- Porterage for up to 15 kgs of personal equipment from Sugapa to Base Camp and return

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 rescue insurance
- Any rescue costs or costs of early departure from the expedition
- Customary gratuities to guides, porters and expedition staff
- Personal domestic excess baggage costs
- Hotel accommodation and meals in Bali
- Accommodation in Timika or Nabire, beyond the 3 nights
- Costs for delays that are beyond the control of the expedition

Deposit

A non-refundable deposit of US \$2,000 is payable to secure a place on the expedition.

Balance

The balance of US \$16,500 is payable 90 days prior to the start date.

Cancellation & Refund Policy

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

- A Cancellations outside of 60 days of the departure date incur 50% of balance payment.
- B For cancellation made within 60 days of the departure date there will be no refunds.

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 USD account:

**Bank of New Zealand
Offshore Branch
Wellington
New Zealand**

for the account of **Adventure Consultants Limited**

Account #: **1000-594771-0000**

Swift Address: **BKNZ22**

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 4 members and 1 Adventure Consultants guide (plus local guides) and a maximum size of 8 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.

Marketing

While the official name of the expedition will remain the "Adventure Consultants' Carstensz Pyramid Expedition __ 2012", you can for personal marketing purposes use another name if it will assist you in any way. You will also be completely free to enter into personal agreements with sponsors or supporters if you wish.

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 Indonesian authorities who issue the climbing permits require the passport photos to have a red background. Thus we need one scanned copy of your passport photo with a red background and the other passport photos can be a normal passport photo which we need for our files and your arrival meet and greet.

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, whom 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 the expedition please request an application form and forward to us along with your climbing résumé and the deposit.

If you require more information please contact us at:

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