

Encounter Overland adds to programme.

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Encounter Overland has launched an itinerary to a remote part of Papua New Guinea.

The 15-day package includes 10 days in regions which have no external communication, staying in huts, churches and schools.

The operator classes the Irian Jaya Adventure trip as "very challenging", as it crosses remote jungle, coastal swamps and dense forestry.

The itinerary, featured in Encounter's 2000-01 brochure, costs #830 excluding international flights.

The 64-page programme features 59 tours ranging in duration from six days to 34 weeks.

Other new itineraries include a 13-week West Africa Explored tour, which takes in 11 countries including Benin, Mauritania, Nigeria and Cameroon.

The package, which departs from Casablanca, Morocco, and finishes in Accra, Ghana, starts at #2,080.

Encounter has doubled sales through the trade in the past three years and 50 per cent of UK business is now through agents.

Agents are paid a minimum 12.5 per cent commission.

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