

KOKODA TRACK



Papua New Guinea is one of the world's most naturally beautiful countries. Soaring mountain peaks, unspoiled beaches, lush rainforests, unique flora and fauna and the cultural richness of the people combine to make Papua New Guinea an increasingly popular destination for tourists, not to mention the renowned and fabled 'Kokoda Track', home to many life-changing Kokoda Tours.

- ✓ Traverse the world-renowned Kokoda Track with a leading culturally and ecologically sensitive trek operator
- ✓ Trek South to North in the direction of the Australian Advance
- ✓ Experience and participate in moving memorial services at Isurava Battlefield and Brigade Hill
- ✓ Take in the beauty of Papua New Guinea, one of the world's least explored countries
- ✓ Stay at the 5-star Stanley Hotel & Suites whilst in Port Moresby incl. Buffet Breakfast
- ✓ Form lasting bonds and friendships with your fellow trekkers





WHAT'S INCLUDED



Departure and Return Location

Jackson's International Airport, Port Moresby

Price Includes

- ✓ 8x nights in Tent/Bivvy/Guesthouse-style Accommodation during Trek
- ✓ Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner during Trek, prepared Fresh Daily
- ✓ 2x nights in a Standard Twin Room at the 5-star Stanley Hotel & Suites, Port Moresby incl. Buffet Breakfast
- ✓ Return Airport Transfers on Arrival & Departure
- ✓ Commercial flight from Girua Airport, Popondetta > Jackson's International Airport
- ✓ Expert Australian Tour Leader(s), Wilderness First Aid
- ✓ Professionally Trained and Highly Experienced Local Ground Crew
- ✓ FREE Getaway Trekking quick-dry Walking Shirt

Price Excludes

- ✗ International and Australian Domestic Airfares & Airport Departure Tax
- ✗ All costs associated with obtaining a Passport
- ✗ All costs associated with obtaining a PNG VISA
- ✗ Travel Insurance [mandatory]
- ✗ Vaccinations and Anti-Malarial Medicines
- ✗ Personal Carrier



FREE!

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Training Walks in Victoria



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Pre-Trek Arrival Jackson's International Airport.

Arrive Port Moresby, transfer to hotel. Afternoon at leisure. Pre trek briefing and first group dinner (own cost).

Day 1 Trek from Owers' Corner – Goodwater (campsite). 3 hours.

Transfer by road to Bomana War Cemetery, containing more than 3,700 casualties of the Second World War. Continuing to Sogeri Monument before arriving at Owers' Corner where the Kokoda Track commences. Inspect the Owers' Corner Memorial as well as a 25-pound Artillery gun. Commence trek with steep descent to Goldie River. Cross river, continue through Uberi and past Dump 66 arriving at Goodwater campsite.

Day 2 Trek from Goodwater – Ioribaiwa Village. 6 hours.

Commence with steep ascent up to Imita Ridge, site of the final defensive stand by the Australians, who were told there would be no further withdrawal from this point. Commence steep descent to Ua Ule Creek, crossing many times, before arriving Ua-Ule for lunch. Complete day with challenging ascent to Ioribaiwa Village.

Day 4 Trek from Ioribaiwa Village – Nauro Village. 7 hours.

Ascend to the top of Ioribaiwa Ridge, the furthest point reached by the Japanese before they were ordered to "advance to the rear". Continue into Ofi Creek campsite, before tackling the 9 false peaks of the Maguli Range. Finish with challenging but spectacular descent into the beautiful village of Nauro, our camp for the night.

Day 5 Trek from Nauro Village – Manari Village. 6 hours.

Stunning views of mountain ranges in cloud set up the day; begin with a descent into Nauro swamp. Cross Brown River and continue along flat ground to 'The Wall' and a very steep ascent to Menari Gap. Continue to Menari, home to the last remaining Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel along the Kokoda Track. Enjoy a swim in the slow running creek and the beautiful church choir.

Day 6 Trek from Manari Village – Efogi Village 2 (Lanamau). 7 hours.

A steep climb up to infamous Brigade Hill; also referred to as 'Butcher's Hill', site of an horrific

and costly battle. Pause for Memorial Service. Enjoy beautiful views enroute to Efogi, largest settlement on Track with museum, airstrip and first aid post. Make final ascent to Efogi Village 2. Opportunity to support local economy with purchase of fruit, cans of coke, Twisties and Bilums (traditional string bags).

Day 7 Trek from Efogi Village 2 (Lanamau) – Templetons Crossing. 10 hours.

Long day commencing with steep descent into gorge and across Efogi River. Long climb to Naduri, continue to summit of Mt Bellamy, trekking through the 'enchanted moss forest', where Antarctic Beech forest, phosphorescent fungi and giant Pandanus line the track. Descend to Dump 1 via Kokoda Gap enjoying more spectacular views.

Day 8 Trek from Templetons Crossing – Isurava Battlefield. 8 hours.

Short but steep descent to Eora Creek, cross and continue to Templetons 2. Continue past numerous weapon pits, as we make our way to Eora Creek Village; site of the 'Battle of Eora Creek'. Trek along narrow and slippery tracks to Alola with spectacular views and friendly locals. Final leg into Isurava Battlefield.

Day 9 Trek from Isurava Battlefield – Kokoda Village. 8 hours.

Rise early for our Memorial Service, reflecting upon the courage, endurance, mateship and sacrifice of all soldiers during the Kokoda Campaign. Our Service is held at the Isurava Battlefield Memorial. Continue through Deniki and onto the village of Hoi with its beautiful and refreshing creek. A final 2 hour walk to the Kokoda Track Arch.

Day 10 Transfer to Kokoda Airstrip OR Popondetta for return flight to Port Moresby.

If returning to Port Moresby by private charter, transfer the short distance to Kokoda Airstrip. If connecting with commercial flight from Popondetta, leave Kokoda and transfer by road. Either way, will take about 30 minutes to fly over what took us 8 days to walk. Final dinner in Port Moresby (own cost).

Day 11 Transit Day.

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Australia. Breakfast Included

*In the event that a Guesthouse is not available, Tents and/ or Bivvys will be erected as a sleeping alternative.

Kokoda Trek Map





PREPARING FOR YOUR TREK

Here are our top tips on how to prepare yourself for the trip of a lifetime

- 1.** Don't leave training until the month before. Begin preparing at least 3 months ahead of the trek.
- 2.** Ensure you are including altitude training in your preparation.
- 3.** Don't just do small regular hikes. Add in multi-day hikes to increase stamina.
- 4.** Get to know your body and your trekking style.



Got a question?

Do not hesitate to give us a call. We are an expert team and we are happy to talk to you.

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