

KOKODA TREK ITINERARY

walk the footsteps of our soldiers



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Walking the Kokoda track involves hiking 96 kilometres over the beautiful Owen Stanley ranges, revealing glorious mountain landscapes whilst walking through diverse and beautiful rainforest, crossing pristine rivers and experiencing the varied traditional cultures of the people who live on the track.

The track can be at times strenuous and difficult, particularly when wet, but with appropriate preparation and the support provided by an experienced Australian guide and local porters, this trek will be an amazing life experience that you will never forget.

Just as the diggers formed a brotherhood on the track so will you with your fellow trekkers as we encourage you to work as a team to motivate and support each other over the arduous track. Of a night time around the fire we encourage games and entertainment to create a relaxed and fun atmosphere where you can get to know your local porters and other team members. You will meet people from all walks of life and be truly bonded by your experience.

INCLUDED:

- Return flights from Australia
- 10 Days / 9 Nights
- Passionate, experienced Australian Guides
- 8 weeks pre training
- All Meals prepared using local produce
- Nutritious snack pack
- Fully Qualified trek Doctor on trip and much more!





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DAY 1 / ARRIVAL DAY PORT MORESBY

Your Australian guides meet you at the airport and convey you to your hotel The Sogeri Lodge. This night involves a comprehensive trek briefing and delicious dinner at the lodge.

DAY 2 / KOKODA TO DENIKI - 3 HOURS TREKKING

Pick up from the hotel at 5.00am and conveyed to the domestic airport. We then take a PNG flight from Port Moresby to Popondetta and complete the journey to Kokoda overland. We walk up to Kokoda village to meet the local villagers where you will be introduced to your local porters and support staff. We inspect the remarkable Kokoda museum, monuments and memorials. Lunch by the river at the beautiful Hoi village and then onto Deniki. Enjoy the spectacular views over the Kokoda valley where you spend your first night on the track.

DAY 3 / DENIKI TO ALOLA - 6 HOURS TREKKING

A highlight of today is spending time paying your respects at the Isurava war memorial. This memorial was opened in August 2002 to commemorate the incredible ultimate sacrifice made by courageous men such as Butch Bisset and Bruce Kingsbury in the vicious four day battle fought there. Lunch here then walk to Alola village to spend the night and enjoy the magnificent views down the valley.

DAY 4 / ALOHA TO TEMPLETONS CROSSING 1 - 8 HOURS TREKKING

Trek down to Eora creek village with a fascinating inspection of Japanese trenches, ammunition, armoury and mountain gun site along the way. Lunch at Templeton's II. Overnight camping at Templeton's 1. Named in honour of Captain Sam Templeton revered by his men who lost his life fighting the Japanese north of Kokoda. Excellent campsite for a refreshing swim.

DAY 5 / TEMPLETONS CROSSING 1 TO KAGI - 8 HOURS TREKKING

Trek to Kagi via the Kokoda gap, ascending Mt Bellamy the highest point on the track. Onto the Myola 1 airfield and hospital site. Inspect the Myola ammunition dump still containing wartime Australian mortars, grenades and mines. Lunch here and then onto Naduri where we meet the last remaining Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel. Then onto Kagi where we spend the night experiencing traditional village life.

DAY 6 / KAGI TO MENARI - 7 HOURS TREKKING

Today's highlight is trekking up Mission Ridge and Brigade Hill, scene of another famous ferocious battle. We have lunch at the monument on Brigade Hill and then start the big down hill trek for a refreshing swim in the river near the picturesque Menari.

DAY 7 / MENARI TO NAURO - 6 HOURS TREKKING

After leaving Menari and walking up a steep saddle the rest of the day is relatively easy with a swim and lunch at the brown river then up to the Nauro village campsite.

DAY 8 / NAURO TO UA-ULE CREEK - 7 HOURS TREKKING

Today we trek over the Maguli Range, down to and across Ofi creek and then up the loribaiwa ridge, scene of more vicious fighting. We have lunch in view of the Kunai grass area which was the southern most point of the Japanese advance on the Kokoda track. We then walk down to Ua-Ule creek rest house where we finish our day by having a refreshing swim in the beautiful rock pools.



DAY 9 / UA-ULE CREEK TO OWERS CORNER - 6 HOURS TREKKING

After numerous river crossings we trek the long steep climb up Imita Ridge and then down the golden stairs to the Goldie River where we cool off with a swim. After this we climb a steep hill to our final destination, Owers Corner, where we walk shoulder to shoulder together under the famous Kokoda arch.

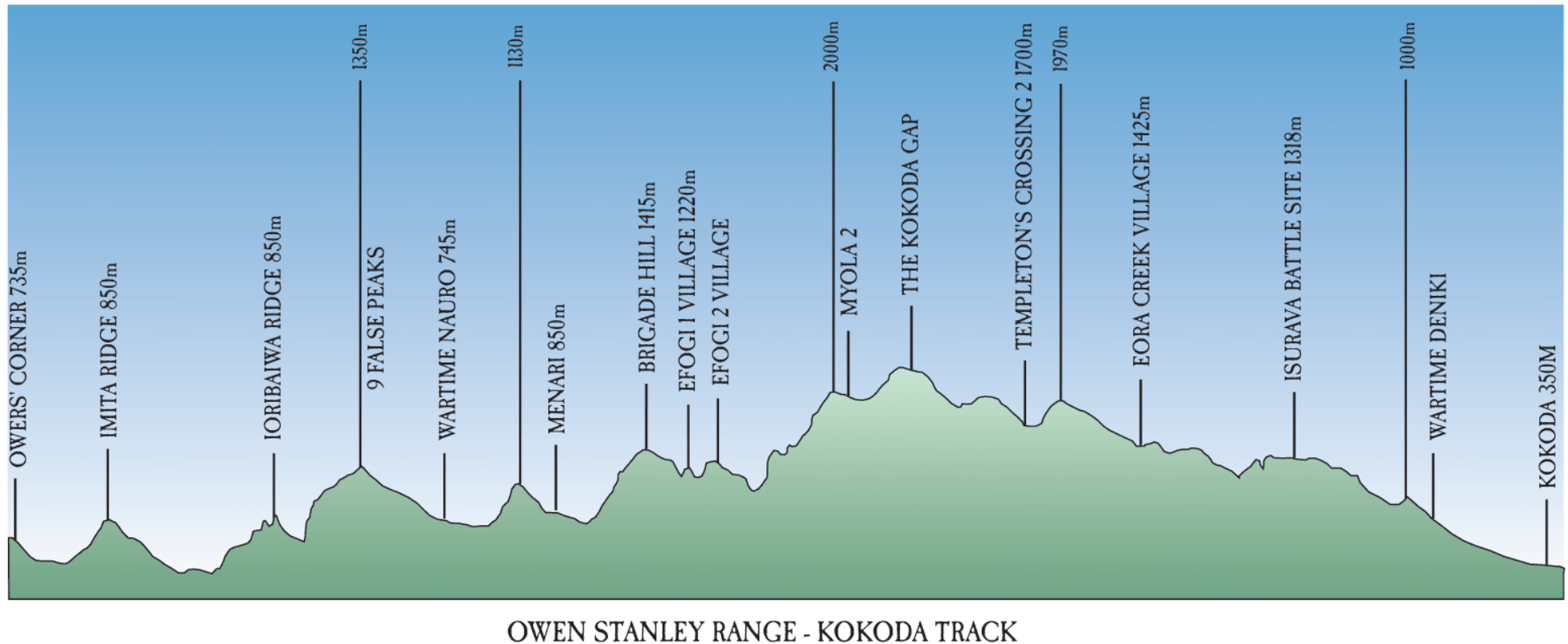
At this location we have a well deserved delicious lunch with cold drinks whilst you reflect upon the last eight days. We then board a bus to the Bomana war cemetery where we pay homage to all those brave men who lost their lives on the track. We then travel back to our hotel in Port Moresby.

Tonight we have a presentation dinner and celebration with our porters and support staff from our trek.

DAY 10 / DEPARTURE DAY

You are away for a total of 9 nights, 7 of those being spent on the track.

Please see below for a cross sectional map of the track



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