



DAY/DATE

FROM/TO

Adventure Kokoda Trek Itinerary

Kokoda to Owers Corner

<p>Day 1 Monday</p>	<p>To Port Moresby</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flight arrangements as advised by travel agent • Arrive PNG: Met at airport by Adventure Kokoda staff • 2.30 PM: Check into Kokoda Trail Motel at Sogeri • 5.30 PM: Introductions - Trek Briefing • 7.30 PM: Dinner
<p>Day 2 Tuesday</p>	<p>Port Moresby – Kokoda – Kovello - Hoi</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.30 AM: Reveille • Charter aircraft from Port Moresby to Kokoda airstrip • Inspect the site of the first battle on the Kokoda plateau including the memorials and museum. Battlesite briefing - Trek Leader • Trek to Kovello village (approx one hour) for a Kovello cultural welcome • Trek to bush campsite at Hoi (about 30 minutes)
<p>Day 3 Wednesday</p>	<p>Hoi campsite to the Isurava Memorial via Deniki and Isurava village</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.15 AM: Trek Leader's Daily Briefing • Trek to the abandoned village of Deniki where the second battle of the Kokoda campaign was fought. Battlesite briefing – Trek Leader • Trek to the Isurava Memorial via the original wartime trail between Deniki and the Isurava battlesite. • Battlesite briefing at the Memorial – Trek Leader. This has been described as the 'battle that saved Australia' – it is the area where Private Bruce Kingsbury was posthumously awarded the first Victoria Cross on Australian territory • Camp at the Memorial
<p>Day 4 Thursday</p>	<p>Isurava to Abuari Village via Alola</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.30 AM: Dawn Service at Isurava War Memorial • 7.15 AM: Trek Leader's Daily Briefing

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trek down to Eora Creek then climb to Abuari which is on the eastern side of the range that was defended by the 53rd Militia Battalion. • Visit the waterfall area where Lt Col Key and the HQ Staff of the 2/14th Battalion were captured and executed. • Camp in Abuari village - this is the one of the most traditional villages along the track because nobody visits this side of the range. Panoramic views back to Isurava and Alola.
Day 5 Friday	Abuari Village to Templetons Crossing via Eora Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.15 AM: Trek Leader's Daily Trek Briefing • Trek via Japs track to Eora Creek. Battlesite briefing – Trek Leader. • This was the scene of chaos and tragedy after the fall of Isurava and Abuari as wounded Australians were sent limping and crawling up the track whilst their mates fought a series of desperate delaying defensive battles to give them time. Some were given morphine and left behind to fight to the finish. It was also the site of the last major battle before the Australian's recaptured Kokoda on 2nd November 1942. • Inspect the Japanese position overlooking Eora Creek. • Battlesite Briefing at Eora Creek • Trek to campsite at Templeton's Crossing
Day 6 Saturday	Templetons Crossing to Bomber campsite via Militia Ridge, Mt Bellamy and the Eora Valley Lookout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.15 AM: Trek Leader's Daily Briefing • Trek via the original wartime trail up to Militia Ridge and follow the track near Mt Bellamy- the highest part of the Kokoda Trail. • Cross to the Eora Valley lookout which offers spectacular view back down Eora Valley towards Kokoda. Strategic Briefing – Trek Leader • After leaving the gap we enter the moss forest area – this is mother nature's wonderland – birds of paradise, giant pandanus trees, numerous varieties of palm trees, fern colonies, fungi – it is difficult to imagine that this was the scene of such a desperate battle in 1942. • Follow the Bert Kienzle track to Lake Myola. Lake Myola is an extinct volcanic plateau. It was the major logistic base for the Australians during the campaign. Trek Leader Briefing on the critical significance of Myola to the campaign. • Optional trek to a US Army P40 aircraft wreck. • Proceed to Bombers campsite
Day 7 Sunday	Bombers campsite to Efogi Village via Lake Myola, Kagi and Launumu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.15 AM: Trek Leader's Daily Briefing • Follow the original wartime trail to Lake Myola No 2. • Visit an abandoned Australian mortar position – live mortar rounds, grenades, firing caps stacked four high and covered in 62 years of moss growth • Trek to Kagi via the Kagi Gap – views to Port Moresby.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trek to Luanumu village then onto campsite at Efogi
Day 8 Monday	Efogi to Agulogo via Mission Ridge, Brigade Hill and Menari	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.15 AM: Trek Leader's Daily Briefing • Inspect the small village museum which contains Australian and Japanese mortars, machine guns, rifles, bayonets and bullets – boots with bones still in them. • Climb Mission Ridge via original wartime trail. This ridge was defended by the 2/27 Battalion during the battle for Brigade Hill. The Diggers refer to it as 'Butcher's Ridge' because of the carnage during the battle on 8/9 September 1942. • Continue on to Brigade Hill for a battlesite briefing by Trek Leader. Inspect the former gravesite that contains the remains of 72 Australians who were killed in the battle. • Trek to Menari village then climb the Menari Gap. Continue down the ridge to campsite at Agulogo
Day 9 Tuesday	Agulogo to Ofi Creek via Nauro Village, the Maguli Range and Engineers Ridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.15 AM: Trek Leader's Daily Briefing • Trek through the Nauro swamp area – cross the Nauro River and climb up to the village of Nauro. • Cross the Maguli Range and descend via Engineer's Ridge to the campsite at Ofi Creek -
Day 10 Wednesday	Ofi Creek to Imita Base Camp via Ioribaiwa Range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.15 AM: Trek Leader's Daily Briefing • Climb Iorabaiwa Ridge – this is as far as the Japanese got in the advance towards Port Moresby. They received direct orders from Tokyo to withdraw from here – they could see the searchlights at Port Moresby from this position. • Battlesite briefing and inspection of the Japanese defensive position. • Proceed down the ridge and along Matama Creek to the campsite at Va Ule Creek.
Day 11 Thursday	Imita Base campsite to Owers Corner then to Port Moresby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.15 AM: Trek Leader's Daily Briefing • Climb Imita Ridge where the Australians were ordered to hold at all costs and fight to the death if necessary as it was the final obstacle between the advancing Japanese and their objective at Port Moresby. • Cross the Goldie River and climb to Ower's Corner. A 25-pound Artillery gun has been relocated to this site. They were used to fire over the Australian position on Imita Ridge to the Japanese position on Iorabaiwa. Battlesite briefing by Trek Leader • Visit Bomana War Cemetery for a final briefing on the campaign. Meet the heroes we speak about during the trek at the various battlesites. • Dinner and presentations at the Kokoda Trail Motel
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Day 12
Friday

Tour of Port Moresby
Depart Port Moresby –
flight arrangements as
advised by travel agent

- **7.00 AM:** Breakfast
- **9.00 AM:** Visit PNG Art – purchase souvenirs
- **10.00 AM:** Tour of Port Moresby
- **1.30 PM:** Check-In at Port Moresby airport.



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