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## Kokoda Trek Itinerary

<p>Day 1 Thursday</p>	<p>Fly to Port Moresby</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flight arrangements as advised by travel agent</li> <li>• <b>1.30 PM:</b> Arrive PNG</li> <li>• <b>2.30 PM:</b> Check into Sogeri Lodge</li> <li>• <b>3.30 PM:</b> Issue backpacks – check gear</li> <li>• <b>5.30 PM:</b> Trek Briefing : Introductions,</li> <li>• <b>7.30 PM:</b> Dinner</li> <li>• <b>8.30 PM:</b> Kokoda Documentary</li> </ul>
<p>Day 2 Friday</p>	<p>Port Moresby – Kokoda – Kovello -</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>6.00 AM: Breakfast – final checks</b></li> <li>• Bus to Port Moresby airport = flight to Kokoda</li> <li>• Inspect the site of the first battle on the Kokoda plateau including the memorials and museum.</li> <li>• Trek to campsite at Kovello village – about one hour from Kokoda.</li> </ul>
<p>Day 3 Saturday</p>	<p>Kovello village to the Isurava Memorial via Deniki and Isurava village</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6.00 AM: Breakfast</li> <li>• <b>7.00 AM: Daily Trek Leader's Briefing</b></li> <li>• Via the battlesite at the abandoned village of Deniki where the second battle of the Kokoda campaign was fought. Break for lunch</li> <li>• Trek to the Isurava Memorial, which was officially opened, by Prime Ministers Howard and Somare on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle in August 2002.</li> <li>• This has been described as the 'battle that saved Australia' – it is the spot where Private Bruce Kingsbury was posthumously awarded the first Victoria Cross on Australian territory</li> <li>• Camp at the Memorial</li> </ul>

Day 4 Sunday	Isurava to Eora Creek via Alola village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6.00 AM: Breakfast</li> <li>• <b>7.00 AM: Daily Trek Leader's Briefing</b></li> <li>• Trek via Back Creek and RAP Rock to Alola village.</li> <li>• This was the track junction between between the rear of the 39<sup>th</sup> Battalion and the 53<sup>rd</sup> Basttalion at Abuari on the Eastern Ridge</li> <li>• Trek down to Lala Creek then rest area at top of ridge for lunch break.</li> <li>• Trek down to norther side of Eora Creek which was defended by a large Japanese force during the Australian advance to contact. Inspect the Japanese defensive position with views down over the Australian postion at Eora Creek.</li> <li>• Trek down to Eora Creek crossing then onto campsite at the abandoned Eora Creek village site.</li> </ul>
Day 5 Monday	Eora Creek to Maneva Campsie on Militia Ridge via Templeton's Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6.00 AM: Breakfast</li> <li>• <b>7.00 AM: Daily Trek Leader's Briefing</b></li> <li>• Trek from Eora Creek to Templeton's Crossing. Lunch break and swim</li> <li>• the area that takes us half-a-day day to trek through took the Australians 17 days to fight through during the Templeton's Crossing campaign. A force of Japanese had been left to fight to the death in this area. They were so desperate they cannibalised both Australian and their own soldiers who had been killed. It was one of the most desperate and gruesome actions during the Kokoda campaign</li> <li>• Steep climb up the original wartime trail onto Militia Ridge. Trek via the ridge to campsite at Maneva</li> </ul>
Day 6 Tuesday	Maneva Campsite to Efogi village via Kagi village and the Kagi Gap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6.00 AM: Breakfast</li> <li>• <b>7.00 AM: Daily Trek Leader's Briefing</b></li> <li>• Trek along the crest of Militia Ridge to the crest of the Owen Stanley Range east of the simmit of Mt Bellamy. Enter the moss forest - this is 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.</li> <li>• Trek down the southern side of the Kagi Gap. Spectacular views to Port Moresby on the horizon. This is where the Japanese observed the lights of their objective in 1942.</li> <li>• Continue via the abandoned wartime village site of Kagi towards today's village for lunch.</li> <li>• Follow ridge down to Efogi River then climb to Launumu villafe (also known as Efogi 2).</li> <li>• Trek down to Elome Creek then a short climb to campsite at Efogi village.</li> </ul>
Day 7 Wednesday	Efogi village to Agulogo via Brigade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6.00 AM: Breakfast</li> <li>• <b>7.15 AM: Daily Trek Leader's Briefing</b></li> </ul>

	Hill, Menari village and the Menari Gap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspect the small village museum which contains Australian and Japanese mortars, machine guns, rifles, bayonets and bullets – boots with bones still in them.</li> <li>• Climb Mission Ridge that 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.</li> <li>• Inspect the former gravesite area that contains the remains of 72 Australians who were killed in the battle.</li> <li>• Descend down the southern spur to a log crossing Vabuiagi Creek. Stop at the creek for lunch and a swim</li> <li>• Short climb to Menari Village. This is the site where Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Honner held his first parade with the remnants of the 39<sup>th</sup> Battalion after the battle for Isurava.</li> <li>• Descend to crossing at Emune Creek then climb to the Menari Gap.</li> <li>• Trek down to the campsite at Agulogo</li> </ul>
Day 8 Thursday	Agulogo to Ofi Creek via the Brown River, Nauro Village, Majuli Range and Engineers Ridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6.00 AM: Breakfast</li> <li>• <b>7.15 AM: Daily Trek Leader’s Briefing</b></li> <li>• Trek through the Nauro swamp area – cross the Brown River and climb up to the village of Nauro. Lunch break in Nauro village area.</li> <li>• Continue climb to the crest of the Maguli Range – via a number of false crests.</li> <li>• Trek down via Engineers Ridge to the campsite at Ofi Creek – one of the best jungle swimming holes on the track.</li> </ul>
Day 9 Friday	Ofi Creek to Imita Base Camp via Ioribaiwa Range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6.00 AM: Breakfast</li> <li>• <b>7.15 AM: Daily Trek Leader’s Briefing</b></li> <li>• Climb Iorabaiwa Ridge – this this was the furthestest point reached by the Japanese in their advance towards Port Moresby. From here they received direct orders from Tokyo to withdraw to the beachheads of Buna and Gona.</li> <li>• Proceed down the ridge and along Matama Creek to the junction of Va Ule Creek for lunch and a swim.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Descend to the Imita Base Campsite</li> </ul>
Day 10 Saturday	Imita Base campsite to Owers Corner then	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6.00 AM: Breakfast</li> </ul>
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	to Sogeri Lodge	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>7.15 AM: Daily Trek Leader's Briefing</b></li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Check into Sogeri Lodge for a shower and freshen up</li> <li>• Bus trip to Bomana War Cemetery.</li> <li>• Return to Sogeri Lodge for a presentation dinner.</li> </ul>
Day 11 Sunday	Tour of Port Moresby Depart Port Moresby – flight arrangements as advised by travel agent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>7.00 AM:</b> Breakfast</li> <li>• Timings and activities as advised by your trek leader in accordance with your itineraries</li> <li>• Flight from Port Moresby to Casirns, Brisbane or Sydney</li> </ul>

