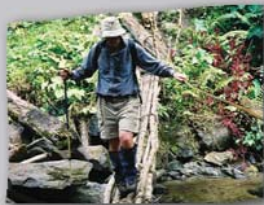


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# Kokoda Track Trek

**DEPARTS:**  
**July 12, 2010**

**COST PER PERSON:**  
**\$4350\***

## INCLUDES:

- Return airfare Brisbane to Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea (please contact us if you wish to leave from Cairns)
- Australian host
- All accommodation: twin share while in Port Moresby (single supplement available on request)
- Road transfers and return flight from Kokoda to Port Moresby
- Trekking and village fees
- Camping and cooking equipment except for sleeping bag, sleeping mat, backpack and personal gear
- All breakfasts (including in Port Moresby) and all meals while trekking
- Local trekking guide, porters and camp staff

A personal porter to carry your pack can be arranged for \$600\* per person (maximum pack weight of 20 kg)

\* Price is subject to change due to currency fluctuations or increases in flight or other costs.

The Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea is one of the world's greatest hiking trails. It starts 50 km east of Port Moresby at Ower's Corner and climbs up and over the majestic Owen Stanley range to end 96 kilometres later at Kokoda.

You'll walk through lush rain forest, climb steep mountains, trek along high ridges and down through deep valleys and by the time you get to Kokoda, you'll be expert at crossing rivers by pole and rope bridges! You'll also visit remote communities and experience the culture of the people of the PNG highlands.

A good level of fitness is required for this trek, although mental strength is just as (if not more) important than physical stamina.

### A short history of the Kokoda campaign

The Kokoda Track is best known for the fierce fighting between Australian and Japanese forces in World War II.

On July 21 1942, Japanese forces landed on the north coast of New Guinea with the aim of capturing the capital, Port Moresby, which is on the south coast and within striking distance of Australia.

A small contingent of Australian soldiers encountered the invading Japanese army at Kokoda, where they were pushed back along the track by a better-equipped and better-trained force that outnumbered them by at least five to one. They bravely held the Japanese at Isurava until reinforcements could arrive from Port Moresby.

From there the Australians staged a fighting retreat all the way back to Imita Ridge, which is the first hill on the Kokoda Track. Finally after many weeks of savage fighting, the Japanese had lost a large proportion of their troops and could no longer supply those that were still on the front line.

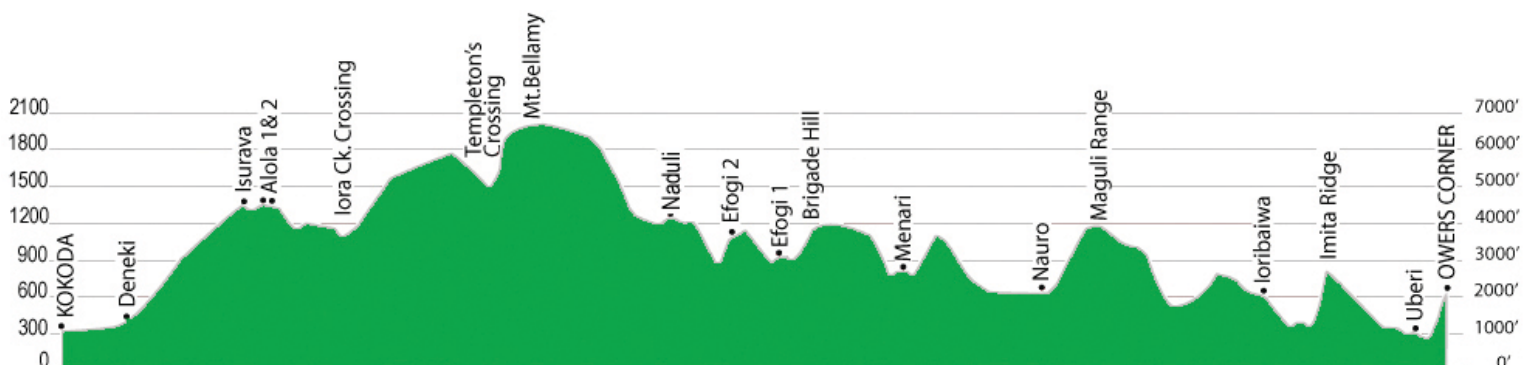
The Australian army went on the offensive driving the Japanese back along the track and fighting many more bloody battles to finally defeat them seven months later at their landing grounds on the north coast of Papua New Guinea. Many of the Australian soldiers who died during the campaign are buried at the Bomona war cemetery near Port Moresby.

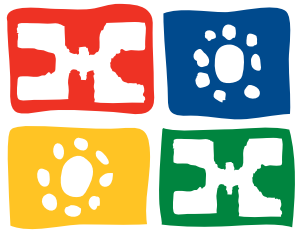


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# Itinerary

Date	Activity	Overnight
<b>Monday July 12</b> <b>DAY 1</b> <b>(breakfast on plane)</b>	Fly from Brisbane to Port Moresby. Our local man in Port Moresby will meet us at the airport. Transfer to the Sogeri Lodge near the start of the track. On the way we will visit the Bomona war cemetery. Briefing in the evening on what is come over the next seven days.	<b>Sogeri Lodge Sogeri</b>
<b>Tuesday July 13</b> <b>DAY 2 (B,L,D)</b> <b>Approx 10 km</b>	Early start for Ower's Corner and the start of the track. At Ower's Corner you'll get a first look at the Owen Stanley Range! Trek down to the Goldie River and then up Imita Ridge. This is the first of many steep climbs on the track. The path is on a parallel ridge to the Golden Staircase, which was built by Australian soldiers during the campaign. Imita Ridge was the last point that the Australian army retreated to when they were trying to stop the Japanese capturing Port Moresby. From here we climb down and make our way along Ua Ule Creek. The track follows the creek, crossing it many times. Then we have a short climb part way up lorabaiwa Ridge to lorabaiwa village. We'll continue up lorabaiwa Ridge, which was the furthest point reached by the Japanese army. There is also a section of original wartime track and trench emplacements that were recently discovered. Down to Ofi Creek and then up the Maguli Range. This section is the steepest and hardest so far with many false peaks and is the first real test of your stamina! Down to the village of Nauro for the night. Views over the Owen Stanley Range to Mount Victoria.	<b>Ua Ule Creek Kokoda Track</b>
<b>Wednesday July 14</b> <b>DAY 3 (B,L,D)</b> <b>Approx 14 km</b>	Continue on through flat, swampy country to the base of the Nauro saddle. A morning climb up and over the Nauro saddle to a mountain pass above Menari Village. Down to the village of Menari for the night.	<b>Nauro village Kokoda Track</b>
<b>Thursday July 15</b> <b>DAY 4 (B,L,D)</b> <b>Approx 12 km</b>	This morning we have a steep walk up to Brigade Hill. This is another very challenging climb, but well worth it for the views of the Owen Stanley Range from the top. Brigade Hill was one of the major battles of the campaign during the Australian army's fighting retreat from Kokoda. Wave after wave of Japanese soldiers advanced up Mission Ridge to the Australian positions on Brigade Hill leading to terrible carnage on both sides. Down to Efogi No 1 village, the largest settlement on the track then a short, steep climb up to Efogi No 2 village before heading up to the hill-top village of Naduli for the night.	<b>Menari village Kokoda Track</b>
<b>Friday July 16</b> <b>DAY 5 (B,L,D)</b> <b>Approx 15 km</b>	This morning, if we are lucky, we will meet one of the last surviving fuzzy wuzzy angels, Ovuru Ndiki. Then after a last look at views of steep valleys clad with rainforest and high mountains in the distance, we'll start our climb of Mount Bellamy through a beech forest to the junction with the track to Myola. We finally climb to the top of Mount Bellamy, the highest point on the track and pass through the wide Kokoda gap to descend to the Eora River at the camp at Templeton's Crossing No 1.	<b>Naduli village Kokoda Track</b>
<b>Saturday July 17</b> <b>DAY 6 (B,L,D)</b> <b>Approx 13 km</b>	The track continues onto Templeton's Crossing No 2 and then to the Eora Creek campsite. There was a major battle fought here. The Japanese dug in on the western bank of the Eora Creek and were finally forced out of their positions by the Australians in one of the last great bayonet charges of the war. Icon Adventures are one of the few companies allowed to take trekkers to see the remains of the Japanese trenches and gun emplacements above Eora Creek where many artifacts still remain. We climb up to the village of Alola and then it's a short walk to the Isurava battle ground, where we will stay for the night.	<b>Templeton's Crossing No.1 Kokoda Track</b>
<b>Sunday July 18</b> <b>DAY 7 (B,L,D)</b> <b>Approx 15 km</b>	Isurava was where the first major battle of the Kokoda campaign was fought. The vastly outnumbered Australians held the Japanese for four days before staging a fighting retreat along the track once reinforcements had arrived from Port Moresby. We'll spend some time at the war memorial before descending to Hoi and then it's a flat walk to the end of the track at the village of Kokoda.	<b>Isurava Kokoda Track</b>
<b>Monday July 19</b> <b>DAY 8 (B,L,D)</b> <b>Approx 17 km</b>	After spending the night in a lodge at Kokoda, our last walk is to the airstrip where we catch a morning flight back to Port Moresby and if it is clear, we'll be able to retrace our steps back across the Owen Stanley range.	<b>Kokoda village</b>
<b>Tuesday July 20</b> <b>DAY 9 (B)</b>	Transfer to Port Moresby airport for morning flight back to Brisbane	<b>Hideaway Hotel Port Moresby</b>
<b>Wednesday July 21</b> <b>DAY 10 (B)</b>		<b>Home</b>





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## Live to travel: travel to give

### Our philosophy

At Icon Adventures we are serious about responsible travel. We aim to respect the culture of the communities we visit and protect the unique environments in which they live. Above all, we want to ensure that your travel experience is unforgettable for all the right reasons.

Our team receives ongoing training to ensure high levels of environmental care. From off-setting carbon emissions to packing-out rubbish, our aim is to minimise the environmental impact of your visit.

We recognise that we have an opportunity to make a positive economic impact on the communities we visit. We always choose locally owned operators/suppliers who employ local people and offer reasonable working conditions and payment to local staff.

Icon Adventures supports a number of outstanding local community projects which promote environmental conservation, education and sustainable economic development.

### Kokoda trek projects and sponsorships

#### • The Kokoda Trek Foundation

The Kokoda Track foundation promotes education, health and sporting initiatives for the communities living along the Kokoda Track. Icon Adventures continues to support the foundations with regular donations.

#### • Camp Quality Kokoda Trek.

In May 2010 we will host our first fund-raising trek for Camp Quality. This trek will be a major fundraiser for the charity, which supports the families of children diagnosed with cancer. For more information contact Julie Sampson at [Julie.Sampson@campquality.org.au](mailto:Julie.Sampson@campquality.org.au)

#### • McGrath Foundation Kokoda Trek.

The McGrath Foundation supports women diagnosed with breast cancer by funding specialist breast care nurses around Australia. Our special trek in June 2009 helped raise funds towards this very worthy cause.

For more information visit the McGrath Foundation's website: [www.mcgrathfoundation.com.au](http://www.mcgrathfoundation.com.au)



## Extra information

### Essential items to bring

• Waterproof and comfortable walking boots • backpack • broad-brimmed hat • sunscreen • sleeping bag • sleeping mat • lightweight plate, cup and cutlery • large plastic bag for keeping gear dry • waterbottles or Camelbak

### Suggested items to bring

• Quick-drying sports towel • headtorch • strong insect repellent such as Bushmans • high energy snacks

### Suggested reading

Excellent books on Kokoda are:

Patrick Lindsay – *The spirit of Kokoda*

Paul Ham – *Kokoda*

Bill James – *A field guide to the Kokoda Track*

### Vaccinations

Please consult your nearest travel doctor for the most up-to-date recommendations for vaccinations for travelling to Papua New Guinea. Your travel doctor may also recommend that you take anti-malarial medication.

### Travel insurance

Travel insurance (including comprehensive medical cover) is compulsory for this trek. We recommend World Nomads (see our website for more information).

### Passport and visa

Your passport will need at least six month's validation past the date of the trek. A visa is required to visit Papua New Guinea.

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# Booking form

To secure your spot on the Kokoda Track Trek, please complete this form and fax it to: **07 3103 4606**

Or post to: **Icon Adventures, PO Box 1121, Toowoomba QLD, 4350**

For booking information or specific enquiries about this itinerary, please contact **Chris Ramsey on 0439 208 303.**

**A percentage of profits from this tour goes to our Kokoda projects and sponsorships**



**Kokoda Track Trek (departs July 12, 2010) @ \$4350\* per person (twin share)**

**Please advise me of single supplement or business class options**

PASSENGER 1

PASSENGER 2

FIRST NAME .....

SURNAME .....

HOME ADDRESS .....

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DATE OF BIRTH .....

TELEPHONE .....

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EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME .....

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SIGNED: PASSENGER 1 ..... PASSENGER 2 .....

DATE .....

**Please send your deposit of \$1000 per person to secure your booking**

Payment options (please tick preferred option):

**Cheque:** Please make cheques payable to Discover Africa (postal address is at the top of this form).

**Direct deposit:** Discover Africa Icon, BSB: 013 533, account number: 480 560 778 (ANZ, Bendigo). Please use your surname and the code K120710 as the reference when making a direct deposit.

**Credit card:** We accept credit card payments over the phone. Please call 03 5441 8811 (a small fee applies).

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