

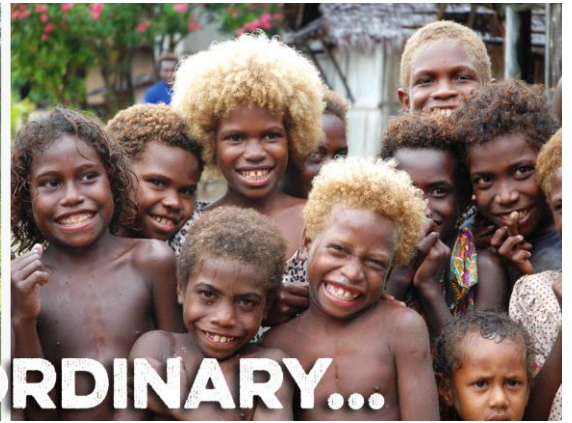
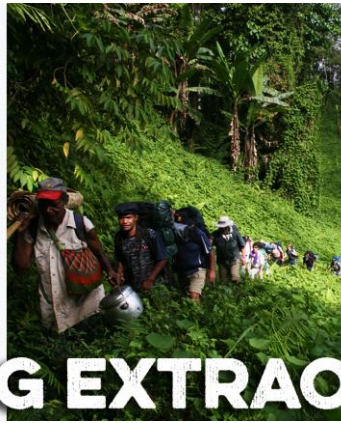


## Papua New Guinea

The Kokoda Track



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## Itinerary

## Papua New Guinea • Kokoda Track

**11 Days • 10 Nights**

Port Moresby – Kokoda – Alola – Templeton's one – Kagi – Mt. Bellamy – Menari Village – Naoro Village – Wa-ule creek – Owers corner – Port Moresby

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk one of the most famous tracks in the world
- Understand what Australian soldiers endured during WWII
- Amazing terrain and river crossings (great swimming)
- Walk through the most pristine rain forests in the world
- Wonderful people with beautiful singing voices
- Undertake something that will push your body and spirit to new levels

### TOUR ESSENTIALS

Tour Style	Trekking Adventure
Tour Start	Port Moresby
Tour End	Port Moresby
Accommodation	Camping, Hotel, Guest House
Included Meals	9 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches, 8 Dinners
Difficulty Level	Very Difficult

## ADVENTUROUS KOKODA HIKE



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## Overview

We now refer to walking the Kokoda Track as "The Great Pilgrimage", a journey that will take you to one of Australia's most important WWII battle sites and immerse you that history. Walking the Kokoda Track will transport you to another time, when Australia was in danger of being invaded by the seemingly unstoppable Imperial Japanese Army. You will gain a great appreciation of the conditions endured by Australian Diggers as well as gain an understanding of local living conditions and cultures as well as the natural wonders of the Owen Stanley Ranges.

Walking the Kokoda Track involves 50 hours of hiking over 90km of sharp, timbered ridges, steep-sided valleys and fast flowing rivers. Vantage points along the Track reveal magnificent mountain landscapes, and a wide variety of flora and fauna is encountered. Trekkers pass through local villages where descendents of the wartime "fuzzy wuzzy angels" continue to live simple traditional lifestyles while providing a warm welcome to passing trekkers.

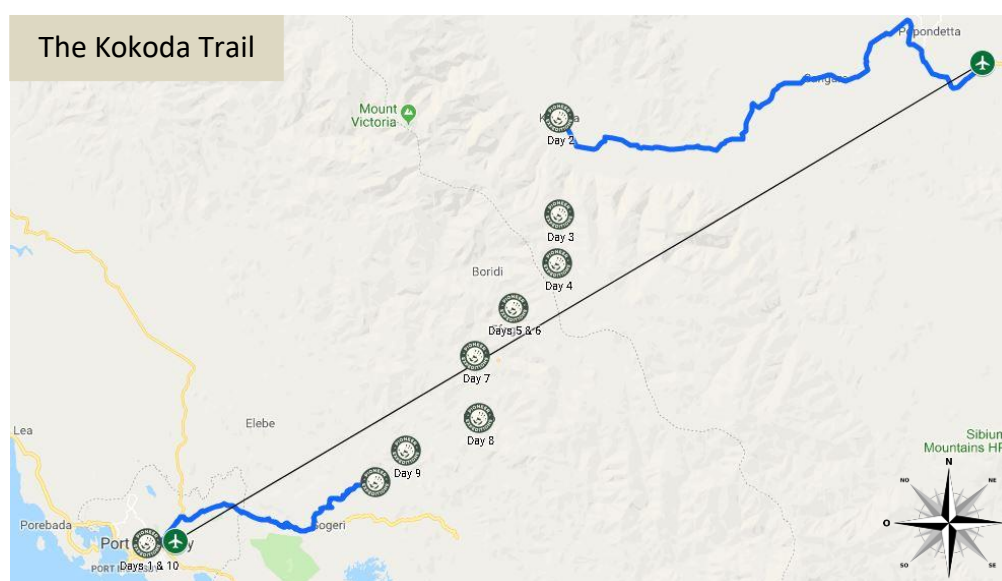
## Why Pioneer Expeditions?

Pioneer Expeditions are one of the few specialists that really *do* off the beaten track and unique adventures. The team have a real passion for wildlife and adventure travel which we love to share with our clients. We delight in searching the world for new destinations, new experiences and creating the most incredible adventures.

We like to introduce our clients to the unique, the different, and the incredible. Whether it is through wildlife tracking, sea kayaking, snorkelling, trekking, rafting, cycling or observing wildlife in its natural environment, we want to give you the real Pioneer experience.

From the moment you choose to travel with Pioneer Expeditions until you return back home, you are supported by our dedicated team. We listen to what you want and can create an itinerary around your specific needs, working with your budget and with a commitment to responsible travel.

## Itinerary



Walking times are estimates and include breaks and lunches. Weather, Track conditions and Trekker fitness will impact on these times.

#### DAY 1: PORT MORESBY

Arrive Port Moresby and transfer to hotel. Pre-expedition briefing by your guide.

#### DAY 2: KOKODA (B,L,D)



Depart Port Moresby 0700am on Airlines PNG flight to either Kokoda or Popondetta (30 minutes). If flying into Popondetta, we will then travel along the same road the Japanese Imperial Force used to reach Kokoda Village, crossing the infamous Kumusi River. For those that fly into Kokoda, we will walk across the airfield to Kokoda Village. There you will visit the war museum and walk on the cigar shaped battle-field that was Kokoda.

We will be introduced to our expert guide and porter team, who we will spend the next 8 days with us. They will set up camp, carry our food, tents and safety equipment and ensure we have a safe and enjoyable trek.

We will then head off towards Deniki, through plantations and

via the beautiful Hoi village. The going is relatively easy except for a steep 45 minute trek up to our destination. We will set up camp, have lunch and a delicious dinner before bed.

*Overnight in camp*

#### DAY 3: ALOLA (B,L,D)

(6-7 Hours) After a complete breakfast we head for Alola via Isurava Battlefield memorial. The memorial was opened by Australian Prime Minister John Howard in August 2002 to commemorate 60 years since a ferocious four day Battle was fought there in 1942. We will lunch there and then continue hiking - descending and ascending numerous hills to finally arrive at Alola. From here we can see across the valley towards Abuari Village. After a fresh pasta and damper meal it's off to bed.

*Overnight*

#### DAY 4: TEMPLETON'S ONE (B,L,D)

(9 hours) Hike from Alola via Eora Creek to Templeton's Crossing 1, at the base of Mt Belam. This is a long day but extremely interesting with both historical and natural points of interest.

*Overnight*





## DAY 5: HOME VILLAGE KAGI & MT BELLAMY (B,L,D)

(8 hours) Trek from Templeton's 1 to our home village, Kagi. Today you will ascend Mt Bellamy, the highest point of the Kokoda Track (2190m). Good views at the Kokoda Gap Lookout. We will divert off the Track to Myola 1 and then descend to Kagi village where we will be greeted by the locals. A well deserved delicious meal, like every night, is had tonight.

*Overnight village guest house or tents.*

## DAY 6: REST IN THE VILLAGE (B,L,D)

Today is the Sabbath for the Seventh Day Adventists. Thus, we will join them (if you wish) in a church service to hear their beautiful singing and witness how they pray. Afterwards we will take a leisurely stroll to a local natural wonder, relaxing and letting our muscles rest before the next days trek.

*Overnight in the village of Kagi.*

## DAY 7: MENARI (B,L,D)

(9 Hours) Today you will hike from Kagi to Menari village. During the morning you will climb Brigade Hill and then begin a long steep descent to Menari village which will weary your feet and legs. You will sleep well tonight.

*Overnight Menari.*

## DAY 8: NAORO VILLAGE (B,L,D)

(5 Hours) Hike from Menari to Naoro village. After climbing a steep saddle you will descend and pass through a number of river crossings to Naoro village. A good chance to river surf down the Brown River.

## DAY 9: WA-ULE CREEK (B,L,D)

(7 Hours) Hike from Naoro to Wa-ule Creek. Climbing through open grasslands you will mount the Maguli Range and take a long steep descent to Ofi Creek and Wa-ule Creek campsite.

*Overnight in camp*

## DAY 10: OWER'S CORNER (B,L)

(4-5 Hours). Hike from Wa-ule Creek to Ower's Corner. There are a number of river crossings and a long steep climb up Imita Ridge. The descent on the other side of the ridge is known as The Golden Stairs which leads down to Goldie River. After wading through the river the Kokoda Track concludes with a final steep ascent to Ower's Corner. You will arrive at Ower's Corner in the early afternoon and will be met by a 4WD vehicle with a picnic lunch and cold drinks that you will share with your guides and porters. Drive to Bomana War Cemetery to Port Moresby and then dropped off at our hotel.



We will spend the night dining with our guides, porters and other friends we have made on the Kokoda Track.

*Overnight Hotel*

## **DAY 11: FLIGHT HOME**

Transfer from hotel to your flight home or next destination.



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# Important Information

## INCLUDED

- 🌍 All meals as described (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- 🌍 Hand selected and trained Australian and Local PNG Guide for the entire expedition
- 🌍 All domestic schedule flights
- 🌍 Government Taxes
- 🌍 Tent hire (twin share) and floor mat
- 🌍 Kokoda Track Authority Permit
- 🌍 All transfers including those from the airport and from Owers' Corner
- 🌍 2 nights accommodation in Port Moresby twin share

## NOT INCLUDED

- Meals other than mentioned
- International flights to and from Port Moresby
- Travel Insurance
- PNG Visa or Passport
- Vaccinations and anti-malarial medications
- Airport Departure Taxes
- Excess baggage on scheduled domestic PNG flights

# Additional Information

## ACTIVITY DURATION

7 hours + per day

## SEASON

## BEST TIME TO GO

April through November

## GROUP SIZE

2-12+ pax

## EXPEDITION SCHEDULE

Group departures to suit dates – April to November is favourable.  
Private group expeditions can be arranged (minimum 12 pax)

## DIFFICULTY LEVEL

Our grades have been designated based on our perception of the degree of physical activity you are likely to require to enjoy the adventure. These are only a guideline. This itinerary has a 'very difficult' level (more than 7 hours per day). This means that you will need to be fit and training will be required.

