

kokoda track



trip highlights

Challenge yourself with this historic trek, the setting for some of the greatest displays of heroism of the Second World War

9 full days trekking through the Papua New Guinean jungle in the footsteps of these famous warriors

Experience local village life and culture with stays close to traditional villages and secluded jungle camps

Develop an accurate insight into the history of the trail through your experienced guide

Plan your trip to coincide with Anzac Day in order to complete one of the most poignant battlefield pilgrimages in the world

Add on a trip to the Northern Beaches of Papua New Guinea prior to the trek to get a full perspective of the 1942 military campaign



Trip Duration	11 days	Trip Code: KOK
Grade	Moderate to Challenging	
Activities	Trekking with a Full Pack	
Summary	11 day trip, 9 day trek with a full pack, 8 nights camping, 2 nights hotel	

welcome to World Expeditions

Thank you for your interest in our Kokoda Track trip. At World Expeditions we are passionate about our off the beaten track experiences as they provide our travellers with the thrill of coming face to face with untouched cultures as well as wilderness regions of great natural beauty. We are committed to ensuring that our unique itineraries are well researched, affordable and tailored for the enjoyment of small groups or individuals - philosophies that have been at our core since 1975 when we began operating adventure holidays. Our itineraries will give you the very best travel experience, designed by people with incredible local knowledge who share our vision of authentic exchange and real exploration with a responsible tourism approach. Whether you like your adventures to include trekking, touring, cycling, mountaineering, kayaking or cruising World Expeditions can make it happen for you. We hope you will join us for a life changing experience.

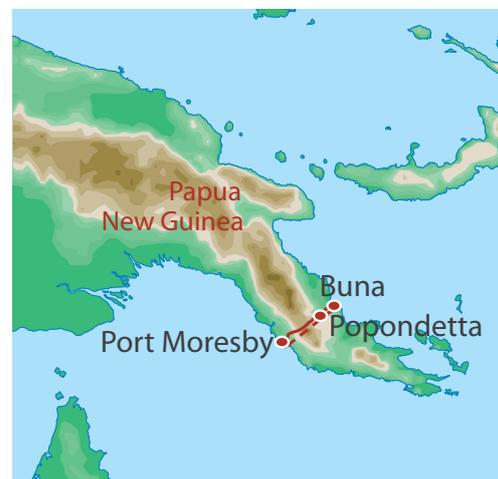
why travel with World Expeditions?

When planning travel to a remote and challenging destination, many factors need to be considered. Our team in PNG have been running tours on the Kokoda Track for more than 30 years. World Expeditions offer small group tours to provide you with great service, rather than taking huge groups of trekkers and ignoring their individual needs. Even though our guides have walked the track many times they still enjoy it like their first time! Our extra attention to detail and seamless operations on the ground ensure that you will have a memorable trekking experience in PNG. Every trek is accompanied by an experienced western leader who is highly trained in remote first aid, as well as having in-depth knowledge of the Track's legendary history and geography. We take every precaution to ensure smooth logistics, with our proficient team of locals. World Expeditions have dedicated cooks (who are well versed with food hygiene and handling) on the trek who produce culinary delights both local grown and western variety with the right balance of carbohydrates and protein to ensure you have all that you need to keep you going each day. Equally importantly, our adventures have always sought to benefit the local peoples we interact with, safeguard the ecosystems we explore and contribute to the sustainability of travel in the regions we experience. Given our local knowledge, experience and excellent leadership, we are quite sure that this tour will be a trip of a lifetime.



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World Expeditions will endeavour to arrange for single travellers to share accommodation with another participant of the same gender, however if we can not match you up a single supplement will be applicable. If you prefer not to share a single supplement is payable to guarantee your own room. Please refer to our website for the additional cost.

For competitive airfares and stopover ideas to join this adventure, contact our expert staff today to receive a detailed quote.

the trip

For many, the Kokoda Track is a fitting reminder of the Australian Army's heroic battles in 1942 to defend Port Moresby, in extraordinary conditions, from the advancing forces of the Japanese. In the company of our expert guide, we trek across the geographical heart of Papua New Guinea following trails from the tropical rainforests to the rarified climes of the Owen Stanley Ranges. At night we stay in secluded jungle camps close to traditional villages in some of the most remote regions of PNG. We take our time, allowing plenty of opportunity to embrace the history and local culture as well as meet the physical demands of this rugged track. It takes nine days to cover the 96km trail - offering tremendous rewards and a feeling of accomplishment as we complete the trek between the township of Kokoda and the highlands.

about your leader/escort

Your tour leader is an experienced Australian man or woman with extensive knowledge of the history and geographical features of the Kokoda Track, wilderness first aid training, in addition to being an experienced trekker. There is also an experienced local head guide, cook, plus an experienced team of group porters to carry the team's food and cooking equipment.

at a glance

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DAY 7	TREK TO NAURO
DAY 8	TREK TO IORIBAIWA VILLAGE
DAY 9	TREK TO CAMP GOODWATER
DAY 10	TREK TO OWERS CORNER; TRANSFER TO PORT MORESBY, ENROUTE VISIT BOMANA CEMETERY
DAY 11	IN PORT MORESBY, TRIP CONCLUDES

additional deposits required

In addition to the World Expeditions deposit, you will also be required to pay a deposit of AUD\$700 (or equivalent) to secure local services. This deposit is not refundable and we recommend you take out travel insurance at the time of booking.

what's included

- 8 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 8 dinners
- airport transfers on days 1 & 11 only
- expert western trek leader
- experienced local head guide and expedition crew
- all group camping and cooking equipment
- emergency radio communication equipment, satellite phone
- emergency medical kit
- accommodation on a share basis in rest huts when in villages
- hotel accommodation in Port Moresby, twin share
- internal flight from Port Moresby to Popondetta
- transfers to and from Kokoda Track

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trip dates

2020
27 Jun - 07 Jul
01 Jul - 11 Jul
25 Aug - 04 Sep
06 Sep - 16 Sep
26 Sep - 06 Oct
10 Nov - 20 Nov 1
23 Nov - 03 Dec

2021
17 Mar - 27 Mar
15 Apr - 26 Apr **HS,IT2**
24 Apr - 05 May **HS,IT3**
23 May - 02 Jun
30 Jun - 10 Jul
28 Aug - 07 Sep
20 Sep - 30 Sep
09 Oct - 19 Oct

important notes

HS - Holiday Season

IT2 - Anzac Day Kokoda Trek (Southbound from Kokoda to Owers) including Bomana Cemetery Dawn Service is one day longer - 12 days - supplement applies

IT3 - Anzac Day Kokoda Trek (Northbound from Owers Corner to Kokoda) including Bomana Cemetery Dawn Service is one day longer - 12 days - supplement applies

1 - Special Remembrance Day Trek (Northbound from Owers Corner to Kokoda) including Bomana Cemetery 11am Service on 11 November - itinerary pending

- private transportation
- use of hiking tent and rucksack (use in PNG only)
- Bomana War Cemetery visit; memorial and museum entry fees along the track

Local cash payments are becoming increasingly popular with many operators in the adventure travel industry. The policy seems to benefit the tour operators, more than the local economies or travellers, as it avoids local taxes and transfers the cost and risk of cash handling to travellers. In accordance with our Responsible Travel practices we have chosen a policy not to ask for such payments.

what's not included

- Sleeping bag and sleeping mat
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- All beverages are not included in the tour cost
- Optional excursions
- Tips and gratuities
- Personal expenses such as bar, telephone and laundry bills
- Porter charges if required approx AUD\$730 payable locally in AUD Cash (subject to change). This means you only carry your day's necessities in a small day pack. The personal porter is attached to the group for 9 days. This amount pays for the porter's wages, track food & equipment, accommodation and meals in Port Moresby and Popondetta, air fares and road transport, medical etc. The personal porter must be requested at least one month in advance.
- International airfares and departure taxes
- Visa
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Should you require hire of a self inflating mat, hire cost is AUD\$35, payable in AUD\$ cash only, on arrival in Port Moresby. Hire must be requested at least one month in advance. Please check pricing with us at time of booking.

detailed itinerary

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meals: NIL

DAY 2 Fly to Popondetta; transfer to Kokoda Track trailhead; commence trek to Hoi

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fast facts

Countries Visited:
Papua New Guinea

Visas:
Yes*

Vaccinations:
Please consult a travel vaccination specialist for up to date information

Private Groups:
Private group options are available for this trip*

Singles:
Single travellers who are unable to be matched with another single traveller of the same gender, must pay a single supplement on this trip.

Leader:
Expert English speaking guide

Advice for people with limited mobility
This trip is not suitable for people with limited mobility.

*Ask our staff for more information.

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meals: L,D

DAY 3 Trek to Con's/Surgeon's Rock

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meals: B,L,D

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meals: B,L,D

DAY 5 Trek to Camp 1900

We rise early and prepare for a long hard day's hiking which will see us rise to the highest point on the track. Today we will pass many Australian weapon pits that were used in the fighting withdrawal in 1942, with rest stops at Templeton's Crossing and Dump 1. After lunch we will proceed up the shoulder of Mt Bellamy and take in the view of the Kokoda Gap (2240m). We take our time and encourage each other as this section of the track can be quite difficult. From the gap we will trek down to Camp 1900 for the night, where there is a pleasant little stream to wash in. This campsite will be the coldest night's sleep you will have on the track. Approx Walking time/distance: 9-10hrs / 14.4km; Ascent: 1194m, Descent: 754m.

meals: B,L,D

DAY 6 Trek to Brigade Hill

This morning we trek to the beautiful village of Naduri. The track can be extremely slippery if it has rained, so take your time and watch your step. From Naduri there will be a steep descent followed by a steep ascent up to Efogi. There may be an opportunity here for a quick refreshing swim in the creek. We tackle another steep climb after lunch along a narrow pathway with steep drops to Brigade Hill which offers little shade, so remember to wear plenty of sunscreen. Brigade Hill is considered the most other-worldly and eerie campsite with the clouds often rolling in over the summit. Approx Walking time/distance: 8-9hrs / 13.1km; Ascent: 842m, Descent: 1335m.

meals: B,L,D

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thoughtful travel

The natural environments that you'll travel through are fragile; the cultures and traditions precious and often the communities we pass through are reliant on tourism. It is our responsibility as visitors to minimise the impact of our presence, protect what is precious and where we can leave a positive impact. Learn how you can do this by downloading the Thoughtful Traveller booklet from our website.

trip grading

Moderate to Challenging

This trip is graded 'moderate to challenging' under our fitness grading system. We recommend people begin their fitness preparation immediately upon booking. Solid work-outs that are aerobic (ie. hill walking, jogging, swimming, bike riding or gym work) of 45 mins to 1 hour four times a week is a guide to a routine training program. This should be combined with hill walking in rugged terrain, with a pack that weighs approx 15kgs, in variable weather conditions. The amount of training and preparation you do beforehand can determine the amount of enjoyment you have on the track. Medical assessments, performed by a medical practitioner are required to be performed when booking to assess your suitability for this trip.

adventure travel

By its very nature adventure travel involves an element of the unexpected. In remote and developing countries do not expect standards you are used to at home. Remote areas are sometimes unpredictable and itineraries may be altered. To get the most out of your adventure it is important that you are flexible, positive and eager to take on all the challenges that arise. If you are uncertain about your suitability for this trip we recommend that you speak with your consultant or travel agent.

DAY 7 Trek to Nauro

After an early morning dawn service we descend down to Menari. On the trek down the ridge the group will be shown the lookout to Menari, and be briefed on Japanese positions in the area during their advance. Whilst in Menari we will have a rest stop, and the local school students may gather to present a show for you. Trekkers are welcome to bring educational and stationary resources as gifts for the Menari School. Afterwards there will be another steep up and down over 'The Wall' through tree roots and mud, before stopping for lunch at Agulogo. Afterwards we will cross the Brown River. The remainder of the day will involve hiking through more muddy terrain and swamp following the Naoro River, culminating with another steep climb to our campsite at New Nauro Village. This is halfway up the nine false peaks and is the most comfortable campsite on the track. Approx Walking time/distance: 8-9hrs / 15.9km; Ascent: 840m, Descent: 1112m.

meals: B,L,D

DAY 8 Trek to Ioribaiwa Village

Another challenging day starting with a trek up the ridge where it is easy to become discouraged with the remaining 9 false peaks. But the group encourages each other and before long you reach the top and trek down to the Japanese ladder (for lunch) and then it will be boots off to cross Ofi Creek. Reward yourself with a welcome wash at picturesque Ofi Creek. Afterwards the group will trek up and over the Ioribaiwa Ridge to the post war village. We will be briefed on the history that took place at this amazing place, which marks the location that the main Japanese forces got to, before being ordered to 'advance to the rear'. The sunsets here are magical if the weather is kind to us, and the porters will quite often play football on the large grassed area. Approx Walking time/distance: 6-7hrs / 11.9km; Ascent: 600m, Descent: 953m.

meals: B,L,D

DAY 9 Trek to Camp Goodwater

The group sets off early and hikes down through Dump 44 and onto Ua-Ule creek, keeping an eye out for sightings of the colourful and beautiful Bird of Paradise. We will cross the creek at least 17 times in our river shoes/sandals, before stopping for morning tea. Then we will have a challenging climb up Imita Ridge, so trekkers should be aware to pace yourself. At the top after a group picture and briefing, the team will trek down to Imita base (Goodwater) camp for the night. There is a terrific swimming hole to enjoy your last night on the track, before our final night's celebration with the porters, the majority of whom will return to their villages after we finish trekking at Owers Corner tomorrow. Approx Walking time/distance: 5-6hrs / 9.1km; Ascent: 593m, Descent: 738m.

meals: B,L,D

DAY 10 Trek to Owers Corner; transfer to Port Moresby, enroute visit Bomana Cemetery

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important note

These trip notes represent the most current information for this itinerary, and may supersede any information in the current brochure, including but not limited to the itinerary and price. The itinerary should be seen as a guide only. This itinerary may change at any time due to inclement weather, forces of nature and other circumstances beyond our control.

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meals: B

DAY 11 In Port Moresby, trip concludes

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meals: NIL

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DAY 12	26 APR - IN PORT MORESBY, TRIP CONCLUDES

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meals: B

DAY 11 25 Apr - Anzac Day Dawn Service at Bomana War Cemetery

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meals: NIL

DAY 12 26 Apr - In Port Moresby, trip concludes

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DAY 2	25 APR - ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE AT BOMANA WAR CEMETERY
DAY 3	26 APR - TRANSFER TO OWERS CORNER, COMMENCE TREK TO UA ULE CREEK
DAY 4	27 APR - TREK TO OFI CREEK
DAY 5	28 APR - TREK TO AGULOGO
DAY 6	29 APR - TREK TO EFOGI 1
DAY 7	30 APR - TREK TO BOMBERS CAMP
DAY 8	1 MAY - TREK TO TEMPLETON'S CROSSING
DAY 9	2 MAY - TREK TO CON'S/SURGEON'S ROCK
DAY 10	3 MAY - TREK TO HOI VILLAGE
DAY 11	4 MAY - TREK TO KOKODA; TRANSFER TO GIRUA (POPONDETTA) AIRPORT, FLY TO PORT MORESBY
DAY 12	5 MAY - IN PORT MORESBY, TRIP CONCLUDES

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24 April to 5 May (3)

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DAY 2 25 Apr - Anzac Day Dawn Service at Bomana War Cemetery

We join in the Bomana War Cemetery Dawn Service to remember Anzac Day and those who served for their country. This will be an emotional experience and we slow down a little today to enjoy the moment and reflect on our own journey. From here we will enjoy the Anzac Day festivities and perhaps a game of two-up at the Yacht club or a town tour of Port Moresby. Overnight: Ela Beach Hotel.

meals: NIL

DAY 3 26 Apr - Transfer to Owers Corner, commence trek to Ua Ule Creek

We depart from the hotel early this morning and head towards the Owen Stanley Range. With the improved gravel road, it is not too long before we arrive at Owers Corner, which marks the start of the Kokoda Track. There will be time to view the memorials before we commence trekking through the Owers Corner Gates. After a few hours you will arrive at Camp Goodwater, located at the southern foot of Imita Ridge. Then we will hike up to Imita Ridge, which is the southern most point where the Australians withdrew to during the Kokoda Campaign. At the top of the ridge you will be briefed on the events that occurred here. Descending off Imita Ridge takes you into yet more beautiful rainforest, following and crossing the Ua-Ule creek numerous times in our river shoes/sandals to our first night's campsite. While trekking, the porters will assist you wherever possible, to make your experience even more enjoyable and will keep you informed about the availability of water along the track. Approx Walking time/distance: 5-6hrs / 9km; Ascent: 460m, Descent: 855m.

meals: L,D

DAY 4 27 Apr - Trek to Ofi Creek

This morning is the long ascent up to Dump 44 and onto Ioribaiwa. This village is located near the patch of Kunai grass where the Australians fought against the Japanese in an almost suicidal attack before the Australians withdrew back to Imita Ridge. We will trek up and over the Ioribaiwa Ridge before descending to Ofi Creek guesthouse. Approx Walking time/distance: 4-5hrs / 9km; Ascent: 581m, Descent: 280m.

meals: B,L,D

DAY 5 28 Apr - Trek to Agulogo

Today is the start of a challenging climb up the Maguli Range. The next few hours can be frustrating for trekkers as you encounter several false peaks. It was in this region that the Japanese mountain gun was located firing on Australian positions across the valley. We have a couple of welcome rest and meal stops before a steep descent down the ridge to New Nauro Village. The remainder of the day will involve hiking through

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muddy swamp following the Naoro River and crossing the Brown River, before arriving at Agulogo for the night. Approx Walking time/distance: 7-8hrs / 9km; Ascent: 695m, Descent: 610m.

meals: B,L,D

DAY 6 29 Apr - Trek to Efogi 1

The first challenge you will face today is going up and over the 'Wall'. The downhill track can be slippery in places and with the group looking out for each other, this encourages slow and steady steps. Whilst in Menari we will have a rest stop, and be briefed on the events of the war around Menari. The Japanese in an elevated position (during the Australian withdrawal) had the upper hand, and Australian soldiers were scattered and forced to retreat. We will stand in a similar position to the Japanese, overlooking the now peaceful village. Trekkers are welcome to bring educational and stationary resources as gifts for the Menari School. Past Menari Airstrip, there will be a steep descent followed by a long ascent up to Brigade Hill, where you will learn about the hill's significance, the Brigade Headquarters and the Japanese positions. A minute's reverent silence is given to remember those who lost their lives. Afterwards we follow the track around to Mission Ridge, where we pause to imagine the Japanese lantern parade, which was viewed by the northern troops. While witnessing such an extraordinary sight, the Australian troops occupying wartime Efogi were ordered to withdraw further up the ridge closer to supporting fire. We continue trekking to Efogi 1 campsite. Approx Walking time/distance: 8-9hrs / 15.9km; Ascent: 1112m, Descent: 840m.

meals: B,L,D

DAY 7 30 Apr - Trek to Bombers Camp

The trek continues down to the crossing of the Efogi River before the long climb up to Naduri. We take in the magnificent view of the Kokoda Gap before proceeding to Bombers Camp, our campsite for the night. This campsite will be the coldest night's sleep you will have on the track. Approx Walking time/distance: 7-8hrs / 12km; Ascent: 1335m, Descent: 842m

meals: B,L,D

DAY 8 1 May - Trek to Templeton's Crossing

Today is a long trekking day as we head up towards the highest point on the track up the shoulder of Mt Bellamy (2240m). After a rest stop at Dump 1, we descend down to our campsite at Templeton's Crossing. Approx Walking time/distance: 5-6hrs / 11.5km; Ascent: 420m, Descent: 504m.

meals: B,L,D

DAY 9 2 May - Trek to Con's/Surgeon's Rock

From Templeton's Crossing, we have a steep climb up and over a ridge before a long and slow descent into Eora Creek. The creek here has a beautiful swimming place albeit a little chilly, which is great for your aching muscles! Afterwards you will be briefed on the amazing events that the Australian soldiers were confronted with during their advance. Even though the Japanese had an elevated position, they were over run and forced to retreat when Australian troops bravely attacked their post. We will take a short detour up to view the Japanese position, and it is a very moving sight. Some trekkers may not wish to take this detour, but we highly recommend it. Afterwards we will continue up the track to Alola, and then onto tonight's campsite at Con's/Surgeon's Rock. Approx Walking time/distance: 7-8hrs / 11km; Ascent: 436m, Descent: 733m.

meals: B,L,D

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DAY 10 3 May - Trek to Hoi Village

We will hold a dawn service to remember those who served for their country. This will be an emotional experience and we slow down a little today to enjoy the moment and reflect on our own journey. After the service we take a short walk to Isurava Battle site, which is where the soldiers dug in, stood their ground and fought as hard as they could against the oncoming Japanese force. During this confrontation they were outnumbered about 2 to 1, and the stone pillars, that stand today, mark the characteristics displayed by the men - 'Courage, Endurance, Mateship, Sacrifice'. After a late breakfast we will trek to Deneki through stunning scenery where choko vines have overtaken the vegetation along this part of the track. At Deneki, you are able to see down in the Yodda Valley, the Kokoda Airstrip in the distance. It is a further 30 minute descent into Hoi Village, our campsite for the night. Approx Walking time/distance: 5-6hrs / 11.3km; Ascent: 376m, Descent: 1273m

meals: B,L,D

DAY 11 4 May - Trek to Kokoda; transfer to Girua (Popondetta) Airport, fly to Port Moresby

This morning there is a further 2-3 hours trekking to Kokoda. At Kokoda celebrations are enjoyed, and we will farewell the porters, the majority of whom will return to their villages. There may be an opportunity to visit the Kokoda War Museum (if open). Then we will travel to Girua (Popondetta) Airport for the 30 minutes flight back to Port Moresby. There are stops along the way so keep your camera handy. We like to get to the airport early to make the check in easy. Please be patient and flexible as things in PNG move a lot more slowly and not everything runs to schedule. Upon arrival in Port Moresby, you will be transferred to the Ela Beach Hotel. Remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. Trekkers must ensure that all their trekking gear is cleaned properly before the international flight to avoid any quarantine delays in Australia or your onward destination. Tonight we will enjoy a celebration meal together (at own expense), and reminisce on the sights and experiences of the Kokoda Track. Approx Walking time/distance: 2-3hrs / 7.5km; Ascent: 51m, Descent: 151m.

meals: B

DAY 12 5 May - In Port Moresby, trip concludes

After breakfast, if you are leaving Papua New Guinea today, you will be transferred by the hotel shuttle bus to the airport for your flight home.

meals: NIL

This itinerary is subject to change with any change in Community regulations as well as Governmental changes and natural circumstances beyond our control.

suggested extensions

Mount Wilhelm Ascent

country information

Situated just below the equator, Papua New Guinea lies in the eastern sector of the South Pacific. The country consists of more than 600 islands, covering an area in total of 474,000 square kilometres. Geographically there is extreme diversity although it is essentially an equatorial environment with considerable annual rainfall, warm temperatures and rainforest vegetation. Along the Kokoda Track we travel through lowland rainforest (jungle) and cross through the lower levels of mountain vegetation areas and moss forest. There are hundreds of varieties of trees and more than 10,000 species of other flora, similarly there is diversity of birds, insects and other fauna. The butterfly varieties in the Popondetta area, which we visit, are very spectacular and include the world's largest.

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The estimated population of Papua New Guinea is 4.5 million spread across varied landscapes and environments including the rugged highlands and northern and southern coastland. The country is divided into 20 provinces, and we cross through two on our itinerary; Central and Oro. PNG has up to 800 different tribal languages, with Pidgin (Pisin) and English being the most widely spoken. Whilst most of the population is in principal towns such as Port Moresby, Lae and Hagen and Kundiawa, many people make a way of life as subsistence farmers across the rugged hillsides of the highlands. 'Slash and burn' techniques are used in the process of growing a variety of fruit and vegetables, which is quite a challenge in such terrain! The main source of income for the country in the areas we visit is in cash crops, such as palm oil which is primarily processed locally, followed by copra, cocoa and coffee. Coffee is grown along the Kokoda Track although the main way of life here is subsistence farming with a local village orientation. The people of the Kokoda region are predominantly of Christian faith - either Seventh Day Adventist or Anglican, however there is a strong influence of sorcery and superstition deriving from times prior to the influence of missionaries.

climate

The weather is generally monsoonal, meaning most areas are hot and humid with heavy seasonal precipitation. The 'Wet' occurs during summer (November through April), with the drier period during winter (May to October). At this time in the Port Moresby and Popondetta regions, daytime temperatures will be around 30C, and the evening around 20C. On the Track itself, it will be cooler, and the higher areas around Mt Bellamy (approx 2190 metres) dropping to around 5C. For the trekker of the Kokoda, the main concerns are dealing with the heat - sunstroke, heat exhaustion and dehydration. We have scheduled most of our treks from June to October - the driest of the dry months. Trekking in other months, there is a high likelihood of increased heat, humidity and rain.

a typical day

The recommended schedule for the trek is nine days, which allows for sufficient acclimatisation to the climate and to get your 'trekking legs'. The track undulates but it is not as sustained as the climbs and descents found in the Himalaya. It is, however, very steep in sections, and may be difficult to traverse at times. For a physically fit person, no one day's walk should exceed 8-9 hours. In most cases, we recommend that you hire an optional personal porter at an extra charge to carry your main rucksack, leaving you only to carry a light day pack. Please discuss this with our office prior to departure. The personal porter must be requested at least one month in advance - ask our staff for more details.

While trekking, your day will start with an early morning wake up 5 am. Begin trekking at approximately 6 am to take advantage of the early morning cool temperatures. While on the Kokoda Track most days seem to begin clear and fine with rain or showers tending to fall in the afternoon. There will be several rest stops and a lunch break before reaching the evening camp site. We gather as a group for an end of day trek brief, and discuss the next day's schedule. Each day will include history briefs in the appropriate locations and cultural briefs of PNG. These history briefs will include gun emplacements, facts on events that happened during the campaign, along with stories of the Kokoda trail as told by the surviving diggers.

dietary requirements

Provided we are advised in advance of your departure we are able to cater for vegetarian diets and can assist with medically recommended diets (allergies and intolerances). Please ensure you discuss your requirements with us well in advance (at least 1 month prior to your trip) to determine whether we can cater to such dietary requirements on your chosen adventure. Please note that options are likely to be limited in very remote locations or alternatives may be more expensive or unavailable. There may be times when those with special requirements may need to provide their own food. We are unable to guarantee a peanut-free or allergen-free trip, and therefore, we strongly encourage that travellers with life-threatening or severe allergies take all

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necessary medical precautions to prepare for the possibility of exposure. Passengers must travel with all necessary medications for food allergies and be capable of self-administering these medications.

accommodation on the trip

Accommodation in Port Moresby is twin share at a 4-star hotel that is clean, secure and functional. The hotel facilities include airport shuttle bus, restaurant and bar, outdoor pool, gym, ATM, free wi-fi, gift shop and luggage storage. Rooms are air-conditioned with TV and tea/coffee making facilities. We will endeavour to arrange for single travellers to share hotel accommodation with another participant of the same gender, however if we can not match you up a compulsory single supplement will be applicable. A single room in Port Moresby can be requested, subject to availability - additional cost applies.

During the trek, nights are spent in jungle camps deep within the rainforest. Some nights we will camp on the edge of a village. We will be camping using our own tent (provided), and your own sleeping bag and sleeping mat.

what you carry

Participants are expected to carry their own personal belongings including sleeping bag, sleeping mat, tent, water, as well as a change of clothes etc. This should not exceed 15 kgs and must be carried in a rucksack of min 75 litres. A local porter can be hired at an additional charge, in which case participants carry a day pack (minimum 40L) only. The personal porter must be requested at least one month in advance - please ask our staff for more details.

equipment required

Specialist gear required include comfortable walking boots, sleeping bag, sleeping mat, rucksack or day pack (a comprehensive gear list is provided in the pre-departure information provided on booking).

non exclusive trips

Please note that this trip is not exclusive to World Expeditions clients and is operated by our partner in Papua New Guinea. Groups are pleasantly informal, usually comprising a majority of Australasians but also other nationalities. The groups are of maximum 15 participants (minimum 6).

vehicles & safety

During the course of your trip, we will use a variety of vehicles, all of which are fit for purpose and the conditions encountered. It should be noted that laws governing transportation safety may differ from those in your home country and whilst wherever possible, vehicles with seatbelts are provided, on occasion some vehicles may not have seat belts fitted.

visas

Visas are required for passport holders from the following countries for a stay of up to 60 days:-

Australia

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Canada

United States

United Kingdom

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Visa on Arrival is also no longer available at Jacksons International Airport, Port Moresby. Please do not risk obtaining your Visa on Arrival or via a PNG Consulate, as it is a long time planning your Kokoda Track or PNG trip to be turned away by PNG Immigration.

The PNG Government has changed its Visa Application process - all Visa Applications must be submitted online via the below website.

Refer to the ICA website: <https://evisa.ica.gov.pg/evisa/account/Apply>

Click the "Visitor" button; and then click the "Easy Visitor Permit (30 days)".

Register your visa application account using your valid email address.

Complete the Online Visa Application for "Visitor / Easy Visitor Permit (30 Day)".

Provide a scan of your passport bio data page

Provide a scan of any supplementary health forms (as required by PNG Government).

Pay the US\$50 online lodgement fee

Details of obtaining visas are provided in your confirmation kit. All other nationalities should check with your nearest embassy or consulate.

Please bear in mind that visas may be required for countries you are visiting en route or transiting through on the way to your destination. It is important that you check the requirements of all countries you will visit. Visa costs and requirements do change regularly so we suggest you check with your travel agent or World Expeditions reservations consultant. It is your responsibility to obtain all necessary visas.

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