



Day 1

Fly to Cairns, staying overnight at the **Cairns Colonial Club Resort** before flying to Pt Moresby next day.

Day 2

Pick up at airport (surplus bags secured) then bus to Owers Corner via **Bomana War Cemetery**. Trek from **Owers Corner**, across the Goldie River to '**Good Water**' near **Dump 66** where we camp the night.

Day 3

At sunrise we trek up over the saddle of **Imita Ridge**, where Australian soldiers made their last stand against the advancing Japanese. From Imita, we descend into the **Va Ule Creek** system, crossing the creek 20+ times before the final climb to our overnight camp at **Iorabaiwa Village**.

Day 4

This morning we climb **Iorabaiwa Ridge** and detour to see trenches along the ridge before continuing up and over the Maguli Range via **Ofi Creek** where Aussies ambushed the Japanese. We also visit a **Japanese Camp** on the way to our overnight camp at **Nauro Village** where there are spectacular mountain views.

Day 5

Today we cross a tributary of the **Brown River** and swamp flats, before climbing **The Wall** enroute to **Menari Village** where we take the afternoon off to explore the village.

Day 6

Today starts with an early morning climb to the top of **Brigade Hill** - site of one of the major battles on the track. After an informal service at the top, we have breaky before descending via **Mission Ridge** to Efogi Village and up to Launumu for lunch where we see great views. This afternoon we continue to the beautiful village of **Naduri** for the night.

Day 7

This morning we start early for our longest day on the track. We climb up to the **Moss Forest** which passes **Myola**. We stop at 1900 Crossing for lunch, before continuing up to the **highest point on the track** (2190m). We then descend from the **Kokoda Gap to Dump1** and on to **Templeton's Crossing** for the night.

Day 8

This morning we pass through **wartime Eora Creek Village** where we see beautiful waterfalls. This is a significant place where the Aussies set up an aid post to treat casualties from the battle of Isurava in late August 1942. Later it was the site of a bloody battle as the Australian's pursued the Japanese in October 42. We climb up to the location of the **Japanese gun position** that overlooked the wartime village. From here we can see where the Japanese fired upon the Australians with mountain guns, heavy machine guns & mortars; before they were outflanked by a surprise Australian attack from the high ground. This location is part of the recently discovered '**Lost Battlefield**'. We continue via Alolo village to **Isurava Memorial**.

Day 9

We get up early this morning for a **dawn service** to pay our respects to those who died here during the 4 day battle of Isurava. After the dawn service we walk all the way down via **Deniki to Hoi Village**, where we camp overnight and celebrate the end of the mountains by a relaxing creek.

Day 10 - 13 (Kokoda to northern beaches – optional extension to Buna/Sanananda/Gona)

After breakfast we complete the journey to Kokoda before travelling by road to Popondetta. Depart here or continue to the northern beaches where the campaign ended in early 1943. Here you will see numerous other war relics and experience the traditional culture and family life along the beaches where our porters live. Over the next 3 nights we stay at Buna, Sanananda & Gona (Saroda). We walk via the beach between Buna and Sanananda and visit museums, beach markets, schools and villages. A real highlight not to be missed!

Day 10 or 13 Fly back to Moresby, then **final night at the Gateway Hotel** (fly home next day)

** This is a guide only and is subject to change depending on circumstances & conditions during the trek.*

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