

5 DAY TREK OF A LIFETIME

KOKODA TRAIL

\$2499

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THE OFFER

Hiking the Kokoda Trail is an experience of a lifetime – spectacular, challenging, teeming with history and rich in Papua New Guinean culture. This trek will leave you in awe, not only of what has been but what's to come.

On the five day package, you can experience a three-day trek from Owers' Corner, traversing the terrain of Papua New Guinea's Owen Stanley Range. Take in historic sights along the way from the Golden Stairs, the Bomana War Cemetery and McDonald's Corner, the official start of the trail. Package includes return international flights, two nights quality hotel accommodation, two nights at a guesthouse while trekking, eight meals and more.

If you're really looking for a challenge, the 10 day package will see you taking on the entire Kokoda Track including the Maguli Range, the sheer slopes of The Wall and a visit to Templeton's Crossing. Package includes return international flights, two nights quality hotel accommodation, seven nights on trek accommodation, 23 meals and more!

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10 DAY TREK

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THE ITINERARY

5 Day Package

Day 1 Australia – Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Today depart from either Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or *Perth for your flight to Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. Fly with airlines such as Qantas Airways, Air Niugini or Virgin Airways (subject to availability). Upon arrival to Jacksons International Airport you will be met and transferred to the Holiday Inn Express. After checking in and settling into the room a tour briefing will be held at the open balcony area of the hotel.

This evening there is an optional buffet dinner available to welcome the group together (dinner is \$90 per person, payable on tour).

Please note: due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on day 0. Affected customers must be at the airport the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation which you will receive prior to departure.

Overnight: Holiday Inn Express

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Owers' Corner – Ua-Ule creek (approx. 5 - 6 hours walking)

This morning with your packs ready for the hike, head to reception to check-out and meet up with the group. There will be a final opportunity to stow away anything you don't need for the trek in safe storage before the transfer arrives to Owers' Corner. On the way, stop at Bomana War Cemetery and McDonald's Corner the original road head of the Kokoda Track. Arrive at Owers' Corner and come face-to-face with

the Owen Stanley Range which will be your home away from home for the next three days. Today's trek takes you down the steep Goldie valley and across Goldie River then up and past the abandoned Uberi village, Dump 66, Goodwater campsite, and the obliterated Golden Stairs which takes us to the top of Imita Ridge where you will stop for a tour of the battle site. After the fighting on Ioribaiwa, the Australians withdrew and dug-in on Imita for a final attack only to discover days later that Ioribaiwa had been abandoned by the Japanese so they went on the front foot and began to advance. After Imita, it's an exhilarating drop to the bottom of the mountain and zigzagging over numerous creek crossings before you arrive to the camp for the evening.

Please note: if you are on the tour for the Anzac Day departure, a service will be held at Bomana War Cemetery.

Overnight: Ua-Ule creek camp

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 3 Ua-Ule Creek – Ioribaiwa village (approx. 3 - 4 hours walking)

Enjoy an early breakfast this morning before setting off on foot. The walk will begin with many river crossings for the first couple of hours before a relatively steep climb to the final campsite in the village of Ioribaiwa. On arrival, leave your packs in the village tendered by a few porters and continue to the top of Ioribaiwa ridge. The ridge was thought to offer an ideal defensive position to further delay the enemy for the Australians during the war; they occupied it and repulsed several Japanese attacks before withdrawing to Imita Ridge to gain time for an offensive. Take a guided tour of the battle site still riddled with weapon pits, weapons, artillery shells and

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equipment from the bitter fighting. Return to the village where you will spend the night.

Overnight: Ioribaiwa village guesthouse

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 4 Ioribaiwa village – Owers’ Corner (approx. 5 - 6 hours walking)

Today you will set-off back along the track to Owers’ Corner. From the village, it’s a fairly decent trek down and across the creeks you forded the previous day. Along the way, stop for lunch before continuing past several big mountains and valleys. At the end of the track be met by the vehicle for the ride back to Port Moresby. Enjoy a stop along the way at a major shopping mall before arriving into Port Moresby and arrival to the hotel for the evening.

Overnight: Holiday Inn Express

Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 5 Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea - Australia

This morning at the appropriate time be transferred to the airport for the return flight back to Australia.

Please note: some flights may arrive + 1 days later.

Meals included: Breakfast

10 Day Package

Day 1 Australia - Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

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This evening there is an optional buffet dinner available to welcome the group together (dinner is \$90 per person, payable on tour).

Please note: due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on day 0. Affected customers must be at the airport the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation which you will receive prior to departure.

Overnight: Holiday Inn Express

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Owers’ Corner – Ua-Ule creek (approx. 5 - 6 hours walking)

This morning, with your packs ready for the hike, head to reception to check-out and meet up with the group. There will be a final opportunity to stow away anything you don’t need for the trek in safe storage before the transfer arrives to Owers’ Corner. On the way, stop at Bomana War Cemetery and McDonald’s Corner the original road head of the Kokoda Track. Arrive at Owers’ Corner and come face-to-face with the Owen Stanley Range which will be your home away from home for the next three days. Today’s trek takes you down the steep

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Please note: if you are on the tour for the Anzac Day departure, a service will be held at Bomana War Cemetery.

Overnight: Ua-Ule creek camp

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 3 Ua-Ule Creek – Nauro village (approx. 7 - 8 hours walking)

Enjoy an early breakfast this morning before setting off on foot. The walk will begin with many river crossings for the first couple of hours before a relatively steep climb to the village of Ioribaiwa and then onto Ioribaiwa ridge. The ridge was thought to offer an ideal defensive position to further delay the enemy for the Australians during the war; they occupied it and repulsed several Japanese attacks before withdrawing to Imita Ridge to gain time for an offensive. Enjoy a guided tour of the battle site still riddled with weapon pits, weapons, artillery shells and equipment from the bitter fighting before continuing to Nauro. The track from here continues past Ofi Creek which offered an ideal ambushing position with many other sites for the Australians before tackling the tiresome Maguli Range with many false peaks. The trek today will take you through Station 88, Japanese Camp, Japanese Ladder, Engineer Camp

and the Maguli Range peak which offers breath-taking views of Nauro before arriving at the camp site for the night.

Overnight: Nauro village camp

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 4 Nauro village – Menari village (approx. 5 - 6 hours walking)

The destination for today is the beautiful and thriving village of Menari. The trek begins with a climb down to a swampy flat before crossing the wide and often flooded Nauro River which will take you past the village of Augulogo. From there, hit the sheer slopes of The Wall and continue past a beautiful lookout and onto Menari Gap before descending to Menari. Some of the Australians withdrew and rendezvoused at Menari before moving further down the track past Nauro following the Battle of Brigade Hill and Mission Ridge near Efogi. It was at the village where Cinematographer Damien Parer captured the famous photograph of the 39th Battalion on parade being addressed by Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Honner.

Overnight: Menari camp

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 5 Menari village – Naduri village (approx. 7 - 8 hours walking)

Today is another interesting day on the trek, you will get to enjoy a guided tour of Efogi and learn about the fighting that took place around the area. The battle of Brigade Hill and Mission Ridge was a hard fought and desperate battle where the Australians tried unsuccessfully to delay the advancing Japanese who had outflanked and outrun their positions on Brigade Hill and Mission Ridge. With casualties mounting, the

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Australians were left with no choice but to withdraw down the track to Menari and through the rugged jungle east of the main track. From Brigade Hill, trek down past Mission Ridge before the gradual and steep climb past Efogi 1 and onto Efogi 2. Shortly after you will arrive at the camp for this evening Naduri village.

Overnight: Naduri village camp

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 6 Naduri village - Templeton's Crossing (approx. 8 - 9 hours walking)

You will begin this morning's trek bright and early to cover the ground between tonight's camp site. The trek will begin as you head for Templeton's Crossing before a steep and unrelenting climb to the junction of Kagi and Naduri villages before reaching Propeller Track junction which is one of the turn-offs into Myola. Myola consisting of two dry lakes was discovered by Lieutenant Bert Kienzle of the Australian New Guinea Administrative Unit. One of the lakes was transformed into a forward supply and medical post for resupplies and administering casualties during the Australian withdrawal and advance. From there, continue past 1900 campsite where we stop briefly for lunch before climbing to a mossy and heavily wooded ridge where the Australians met their first resistance from the retreating Japanese. From there, travel down to the Kokoda Gap lookout before taking the outrageously steep descent down to Dump 1 before crossing and trekking to this evenings campsite at Templeton's Crossing, named in honour of Captain Sam Templeton of the 39th Battalion who's well known for his actions during the battle of Kokoda. The Australians fought battles at Templeton's Crossing with the Japanese who tried to shake off their withdrawal and delay

their advance.

Overnight: Templeton's Crossing camp

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 7 Templeton's Crossing - Isurava battlefield (approx. 5 - 6 hours walking)

Today, you will leave before first light for Isurava, on a trek that takes you through Eora Creek, the site of a major battle during the Australian advance after Templeton's Crossing. The Japanese had heavily dug in with machine guns, mortars and artillery in an attempt to delay the Australian advance. After days of bitter fighting and heavy casualties, the stalemate with the enemy finally broke. Enjoy a tour of the area then continue past Alola and Con's Rock and stop briefly to see a rock so flat that army medical staff were able to amputate soldiers on it. Isurava is where the Australians consolidated after the fighting at Deniki to delay a major enemy offensive but the position soon became untenable and they were forced to withdraw even further. There were many acts of bravery at Isurava like that of Private Bruce Kingsbury who single-handedly held off the Japanese who tried to take their position.

Overnight: Isurava battlefield camp

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 8 Isurava battlefield - Hoi village (approx. 4 - 5 hours walking)

After a memorable time at Isurava, set-off for Hoi, the last and final campsite. Along the way stop at Deniki to enjoy the breath-taking view of the Yodda Valley and for a tour of the area before trekking on. The Australians amassed at Deniki after fighting at Oivi before trying to take back Kokoda after

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the initial battle. They returned to Deniki but soon came under attack from the Japanese so they withdrew to Isurava. You will arrive at Hoi with ample time to enjoy a nice cool bath and some relaxation before dinner.

Overnight: Hoi village camp

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 9 Hoi village – Kokoda (approx. 2 - 3 hours walking)

After breakfast, the next couple of hours is taken up with farewell formalities and the final trek to the finish at Kokoda station which will take you past the village of Kovelov. At the finish, enjoy some time to take photos under the arches and congratulate one another before moving for a guided tour of the Kokoda battle site. Afterwards, there will be a transfer to Popondetta town where you can grab some lunch if you would like and then on to Girua Airport for the flight back to Port Moresby. Upon arrival to Port Moresby a transfer will be waiting to transfer you to the hotel for the evening.

Overnight: Holiday Inn Express

Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 10 Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea - Australia

Today at the appropriate time you will be transferred to the airport for the return flight back to Australia.

Please note: some flights may arrive + 1 days later.

Meals included: Breakfast

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

Itinerary 1 (5 Day Package)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience a 3-day return trek from Owers' Corner
 - Trek the terrain of the Owen Stanley Range
 - See the abandoned Uberi village
 - See the Golden Stairs on the way to the top of Imita Ridge
 - Enjoy a tour of Bomana War Cemetery
 - See McDonald's Corner the original road head of the Kokoda Trail
 - Take in the views from the top of Ioribaiwa Ridge
 - Stay the night in Ioribaiwa village
 - Experience an Anzac Day dawn service at Bomana War Cemetery (for April 24 trek only)
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FLIGHTS

Return international flights (economy class) ex SYD/MEL/BNE/ADL/*PER

ACCOMMODATION

- 2 nights quality hotel accommodation in Port Moresby
 - 2 nights on trek accommodation at campsite and village guesthouse
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DINING

Enjoy 9 meals including full board during the trek

TOUR ESSENTIALS

- Trek permit from Kokoda Track Authority
 - Expert and knowledgeable PNG trek leader
 - Experienced and accomplished local tour guide
 - Food and equipment porters (note these aren't personal porters)
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All ground transportation as per itinerary

TRANSPORT

Transport by air-conditioned vehicles

TRANSFERS

Return airport transfers

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

Itinerary 2 (10 Day Package)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Trek the terrain of the Owen Stanley Range
- See the abandoned Uberi village
- See the Golden Stairs en route to the Imita Ridge
- Tour the historic Bomana War Cemetery
- See McDonald's Corner the beginning of the Kokoda Trail
- Take in the views from the top of Ioribaiwa Ridge
- Trek the challenging Maguli Range
- Discover the breath-taking views of Nauro from the peak of the Maguli Range
- Take on the sheer slopes of The Wall
- Travel through Menari Gap on the way to Menari
- Enjoy a guided tour of Efogi and learn about its history
- Enjoy a night in the village of Naduri
- Visit Templeton's Crossing where Australians fought many battles
- Trek through Eora Creek on the way to Isurava battlefield
- Stop at Deniki to enjoy the breath-taking view of the Yodda Valley
- Arrive at Kokoda Station at the end of the trek
- Experience a guided tour of the Kokoda battle site
- Visit the town of Popondetta
- Experience an Anzac Day dawn service at Bomana War Cemetery (for April 24 trek only)

FLIGHTS

- Return international flights (economy class) ex SYD/MEL/BNE/ADL/*PER
- 1 x internal flight: Popondetta to Port Moresby

ACCOMMODATION

- 2 nights quality hotel accommodation in Port Moresby
- 7 nights campsite & village guesthouse trek accommodation

DINING

- Enjoy 24 meals including full board during the trek

TOUR ESSENTIALS

- Trek permit from Kokoda Track Authority
- Bilingual and expert Australian trek leader
- Experienced and accomplished local tour guide
- Food and equipment porters (note this aren't personal porters)
- All ground transportation as per itinerary

TRANSPORT

- Transport by air-conditioned vehicles

TRANSFERS

- Return airport transfers

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*Please note: all information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.

BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

Once the Passenger Information Form has been completed, please complete the downloadable PDF of the Medical Certificate and have this completed and return to TripADeal within 14 days of purchase. Please see below for more details regarding the medical certificate.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 15th May 2020.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of \$640 applies.

Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

Surcharges

*Please note: dates/months with a * incur a flight high season surcharge of \$250 per person.*

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or *Perth

Departure City Surcharges

*Perth: \$250 per person

FLIGHTS

Full Service Airline(s) Used

Qantas Airways, Air Niugini, Virgin Australia plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

Please note: One way flights can not be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Arrive early

Not available.

Stay behind

Not available.

Stopover Packages

Not available.

Flight Class Upgrades

Not available.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

3 Star (self-rated)

Holiday Inn Express

Not rated

Trail camp sites are not rated.

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type.

Extra Nights

Not available.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 People (subject to availability).

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children/infants 12 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Holiday Inn Express: Double or Twin bedding (subject to availability).

On trek: tents will be provided on tour. You will be required to bring your own bedding such as a foam or inflatable pillow and mattress.

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 4, maximum group size 20 per vehicle.

EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A tourist visa will be granted upon arrival to Papua New Guinea for stays up to 30 days if travelling on an Australian passport or you can apply and be issued one with the PNG High Commission or consulates in Australia).

- Personal Porter \$600 AUD payable



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directly to the tour operator before departure. You can hire a personal porter to carry your Backpack for the entire trek. Please make this aware prior to arrival.

- Backpacks are for hire from the merchant \$200 per pack. Payable direct to tour operator before departure. This will make your trek more enjoyable apart from helping many lovely locals who we employ as personal porters with employment and income.

- Post Tour photos are available to purchase from your trek, photos and videos can be a great way to remember a once in a lifetime experience \$100 flat rate. Payable direct to tour guide upon arrival

- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary.

- Optional gratuities/tipping.

- Optional activities/tours.

- Personal expenses.

- Fees related to medical appointments

- Fees related to obtaining a medical certificate

- Travel insurance (Mandatory). Please ensure your travel Insurance or an insurer covers travel to PNG and the Kokoda Trail.

Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

If you choose to purchase Travel Insurance through TripADeal, please note you will need to add on the ADVENTURE PACK to your Comprehensive Plan to include coverage for the below:

- Expeditions to or on the Kokoda Track/ Trail

For all other insurance products/ companies, please ensure that you have comprehensive coverage for the Kokoda track.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Mandatory Pre-Tour Medical & Passports

You will be required to complete a pre-tour medical to go on the trek. After you have checked out, please complete the PIF that is emailed to you along with the mandatory pre tour medical that can be downloaded from the deal webpage. Once completed and signed by your doctor, please email through the completed medical to escapes@tripadeal.com.au within 14 days of purchase.

Your booking will not be confirmed until the medical has been completed, returned to escapes@tripadeal.com.au and minimum numbers on your selected departure date have been met.

Please note: if you do not pass the pre-tour medical a full refund will be provided for your booking.

Please ensure you are completing these requirements at your earliest convenience to ensure there are no delays.

Trekking Kokoda:

Kokoda Trail has been completed by a wide range of people, ranging from the young to the very old, extremely fit to the physically-challenged, novices to trekking experts, and footballers to Paralympians.

If you are determined, train well and believe in yourself, you should have no problems completing the trek. Have the courage, help each other as mates, keep going, even if you feel down and out, and sacrifice all that you have just to finish the trek, and you should reach the finish point. The friendly Guides and Porters will trek and support you each step of the way, and you won't thank them enough when you cross the finish line triumphantly.

Remember, you also have the option to hire a personal porter to carry your backpack so you only have to carry a

small day-pack or camel pack while walking.

During the trek, if you ever start to feel faint or exhausted, always alert your Guide so you can stop, take a rest, and the guide will assess your health status. Communication is the key to a safe and successful Kokoda Trail trek, so never feel shy about letting your Guide and Porters know how you're feeling.

The Trek is carried out with a professional Australian Kokoda trekking company. Since their formation in 2006, they have achieved hundreds of crossings of the iconic wartime track that holds a very special place in the hearts of many Australians and Papua New Guineans alike.

The expert trek leaders and experienced guides have led trekkers from all walks of life and backgrounds from families to business executives to military personals to fitness enthusiasts.

The treks cover the military history of the battles of the Kokoda Campaign from WW2 through to experiencing the PNG lifestyle, traditions and customs.

Which package to choose?

Itinerary 1 (WWII Short Trek) 5 Day Package:

If you wish to experience the Kokoda Trail in less days and on a beginners, and far easier walk, then this Kokoda trek is for you.

On this trek, you'll walk part of the wartime track where Australian forces locked horns in fierce gun battles with the Japanese to stop them from capturing Port Moresby in the Second World War. You'll visit areas of military significance and be taken on guided tours of famous battle sites where bullets fizzed and fizzled in the open sky and the air filled with the smell of gun powder and blood.

This is an expertly PNG-led and locally guided trek with vehicle transfers between the PNG capital and the track



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terminus at Owers' Corner including complimentary tours of Bomana War Cemetery and McDonald's Corner en route. If you're trekking around Anzac Day then you'll attend a dawn service at the war cemetery before continuing.

It's a short but rugged three-day hike that'll take you from Owers' Corner to the village of Ioribaiwa and back – an equitably challenging one suitable for first time hikers with an inclination for military history and a great pocket-sized adventure on a budget.

Itinerary 2 (WWII Kokoda Trek) 10 Day Package

If you have a strong desire to walk the entire Kokoda Track then this ten day trek is for you.

On this trek, you'll enjoy the totality of the challenges of the Kokoda Track between Owers' Corner and Kokoda. This is a trek full of wartime history, owing to the fact that you'll be visiting battle sites and camping in many areas of military significance including villages, where you'll get to appreciate the tragic circumstances our soldiers had to endure for our freedom.

This is an Australian-led and locally guided trek. Your trek leader will brief you about the history of the battles, places and people, on a guided tour of the entire battlefield. Many of these places bore witness to the deaths of hundreds of Australian and Japanese soldiers fighting to gain territorial ascendancy over the wartime track during the Kokoda campaign in the Second World War.

For those trekking around Anzac Day, you'll get the opportunity to attend a dawn service at the Isurava battlefield and memorial and pay your respects.

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role

entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

In Kokoda, the average annual temperature is 23.5 °C. Rainfall is highest from December - March and humidity is quite high all year round.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you

contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

Passport Validity:

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

Meals:

Meals are included on the trekking days of this tour. Porters will carry all trek rations and help prepare your meals. For all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with suggestions locally when transferring from the beginning and of the trek back to the hotel. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Water:

There are designated water points along the Kokoda Trail where we will get natural mountain water from. This water must be purified using water purification tablets at all times. It is absolutely important that you drink enough water whilst trekking or touring with us. Drinking less water can result in dehydration, and too much water can increase the risk of Hyponatremia, which can be fatal. The Guides and Porters will make sure that there is always ample water for the group, and we recommend that you drink as much as you can.

You must bring along water bottles or a hydration pack, to store your water in,



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so you continue to maintain a regular fluid intake. It's recommended to drink at least 2 to 4 litres of water for each day of trekking. Purchasing a container of Staminade or Gatorade powdered energy drink to mix with your water is a great way of keeping body electrolyte levels up. Staminade and Gatorade are also great as a guard against dehydration and any heat-related illnesses.

Luggage/Backpack on Trek:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the trek. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage during the trek. A trek bag is ideal for your main luggage, plus a small lockable bag for travel clothes or anything that you do not need during the trek which you can leave at the start of the trek in a secure and lockable location. Porters assemble, disassemble and carry all tents, however, all other belongings taken on the trek will be required to be carried by yourself unless you are hiring a porter to carry your pack at an extra fee. Trekkers must bring a good inflatable mattress and an inflatable pillow.

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: For the 5 day package, a moderate level of fitness will be required. For the 10 day package, a high level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Insurance/Rescue/Evacuation:

In case of a serious sickness or injury while you are on the Kokoda Trail trek, we will do everything to transfer you to the nearest hospital. You will be entirely liable for all the expenses incurred in the evacuation/rescue, so, please make sure that these expenses are covered by your

insurance policy before departure.

Suggested Packing List:

- Daypack (if you are hiring a personal porter).
 - Backpack (either hire one for \$200.00 or take a 65-70 litre pack)
 - Metal hiking poles
 - Waterproof head torch
 - Ground foam or inflatable mat
 - Light-weight sleeping bag
 - Inflatable pillow
 - Hydration pack or water bottles
 - Plate, cup, knife, fork and spoon.
 - Hand washing sanitisers
 - Anti-bacterial wipes.
 - Microfibre towel and body towels
 - Toiletry bag
 - Toothpaste and toothbrush.
 - Toilet paper, soap, shampoo and conditioner
 - Toilet Paper
 - Durable waterproof bags or plastic garbage bags
 - GoPro and/or waterproof digital camera, batteries and memory cards (take extra batteries and memory cards on the trip).
 - A very good pair of durable, robust and easy-to-slip-on adventure sandals for river crossings and to be worn around the camp.
- ### Other important items:
- Passport
 - Durable wallet / pouch for travel documents, money & passport.
 - Lip balm. At least SPF 20, 2 sticks.
 - Sun cream with SPF 40 is recommended
 - Water purification Iodine tablets

- Toiletry kit and be sure to include toilet paper stored in a plastic bag, hand wipes, and liquid hand sanitizer, towel, soap, etc.

Yellow Fever:

A valid international certificate of vaccination against Yellow Fever is required in many countries. You may need to present this on arrival at the airport or border crossing. Some countries will refuse entry if you are unable to present your certificate. It's also quite common for your home country to request a Yellow Fever certificate on your arrival back home.

It is your responsibility to check with your doctor well in advance of leaving home about the Yellow Fever requirements for the countries you'll be visiting.

Vaccine

Trekkers will need the following Vaccines prior to departure from their GP:

1. Antimalarial meds (start a week before leaving Australia and finish a week after returning);
2. Travellers diarrhoea (provided on an individual basis if required).
3. Hepatitis A vaccine (provided on an individual basis if required).
4. Typhoid vaccine (provided on an individual basis if required).
5. Tetanus vaccine (provided on an individual basis if required).

Sightseeing:

Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary will be adjusted to ensure you do not miss out on the experience.

VISAS

A tourist visa on arrival in Port Moresby is available for Australians but trekkers can also apply in person, by post or online here in Australia with the PNG high

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commission and consulates in Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane and Cairns. Please visit website <https://www.pngcanberra.org>

Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.

INSURANCE

A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

You can find a quote for your travel insurance here.

If you choose to purchase Travel Insurance through TripADeal, please note you will need to add on the ADVENTURE PACK to your Comprehensive Plan to include coverage for the below:

- Expeditions to or on the Kokoda Track/Trail;

For all other insurance products/companies, please ensure that you have comprehensive coverage for the Kokoda track.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- 1st Change - \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- 2nd Change - \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other

travel provider.

- Subsequent changes - \$250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 30 days of departure \$350.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 14 days of departure \$500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

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Trek and Tour Medical Certificate

This is to certify that on _____ [date] I have examined

Mr/Mrs/Ms. [cross out what is not applicable] _____ [name of the person] who according to my opinion is _____

_____ [mention physically fit or unfit. If suffering from any illness and name of it]

He/she [cross out what is not applicable] will be fit/unfit [cross out what is not applicable]

to trek and tour with Kokoda Trail Expeditions on the Kokoda trail/track in Papua New

Guinea from [date] _____ to [date] _____

Comments:

[If necessary, mention other comments regarding the person's health]

Doctor's name: _____ Health facility: _____

Phone number: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ [signature of the doctor is required who is certifying the health condition]