

'KOKODA & BEYOND'
Cultural Trek 2012
'Expect the Unexpected'



'Kokoda & Beyond' - Cultural Trek 2012

DATES: August 23 to September 2, 2012

- ❖ **Commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Kokoda Campaign.**
- ❖ **Discover the history of Gona, Sanananda & Buna.**
- ❖ **Experience ancient cultures, music and friendly village hospitality.**
- ❖ **Visit remote villages, waterfalls, rivers and beautiful beaches.**
- ❖ **Reconnect with the spirit of the jungle, the mountains and water.**

If you've already walked the Kokoda Trail but have not yet visited the less travelled route on the more remote side of Eora Creek Valley where you'll see the spectacular Myoka Falls and meet the friendly villagers of Abuari, Misima and Kaele or if you've not been to the northern beaches where the Kokoda Campaign concluded in January 1943; then this trip is for you.

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- Day 1** – Fly to Cairns and stay overnight at Cairns Colonial Club Resort.
- Day 2** – Fly to Kokoda via Pt Moresby, then walk to Deniki Camp overlooking the majestic views of the Yodda Valley.
- Day 3** – Cross the Eora Valley via the old wartime track to Abuari where the 53rd Battalion defended the Australians from being outflanked by the Japanese opposite Isuarava.
- Day 4** – Visit spectacular Myoka Falls which drops hundreds of metres to Eora Creek below Abuari, before walking south to Eora Creek Camp where we can swim in the cascading waters of the creeks and waterfalls there.
- Day 5** – Visit the lower perimeter of the 'Lost Battlefield' enroute to Alola Village and Isurava Memorial.
- Day 6** – 70th Anniversary Dawn Service at Isurava Memorial, before walking back to Kokoda for Anniversary Dinner.
- Day 7** – Drive to Saroda Mission near Gona and experience an unforgettable cultural ceremony and friendly hospitality.
- Day 8** – Take a boat ride to Sanananda and relax by the lagoon or go for a swim after shopping at the village market.
- Day 9** – Walk the beach to Buna and then spend the afternoon relaxing, visiting the school or historical sites.
- Day 10** – Fly back to POM, then boat to Loloata Island for more relaxation, snorkelling & celebration. **Day 11** – Fly home.

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