



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 4WD 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 and visit the local school.

Day 6

Today starts with a long 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 descend via a steep track near **Mission Ridge** to Efogi Village before climbing to **Efogi 2** where we stay at a guesthouse that supports an orphanage.

Day 7

Our day starts with a visit to the home of *Ovuru Ndiki* – one of the last remaining **Fuzzy Wuzzy** Angels. From **Naduri Village** we continue up to **Tovolo Gap Look Out** before trekking down through a spectacular forest track to **Diggers Rest** for lunch. After a short detour to **Myola Lake** where supplies were airdropped during the war, we return to the main trail via 'Bombers Camp' - the **crash site of a B25 Mitchell bomber**. After trekking via the **Kokoda Gap** to the highest point on the track, we descend to our campsite at **Dump 1**.

Day 8

Today we trek via **Templeton's Crossing** to the site of **wartime Eora Creek Village**. 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 1942. 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. We continue through the village of Alolo to the **Isurava Battlefield** where we camp overnight.

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** where we stop for a well-earned swim before completing our long journey into **Kokoda**. We stay the night in Kokoda at Camp 39.

Day 10 – 13 (Northern beaches Extension inc Gona, Sanananda and Buna)

After breakfast we travel by road to the northern beaches where the campaign ended in early 1943. Here you will see Japanese bunkers, plane wreckage, anti-aircraft guns and numerous other war relics. We tour the area in the cool of morning and relax at the beach guesthouses in the afternoon. You will experience traditional ceremonies and enjoy 3 days of local hospitality, before flying back to Pt Moresby from Popendetta.

Day 14 – We fly home via Brisbane after staying overnight at Loloata Island.

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