Bravery Trust Kokoda Track 2018

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Departing Date:
ANZAC Kokoda: 20th - 29th April 2018
(10 participants minimum departing per group, 20 participants maximum per group.)

Price: $5,650pp*
*single supplement available

THEY GAVE EVERYTHING FOR AUSTRALIA. AUSTRALIA, IT'S TIME TO GIVE BACK TO THEM.

Bravery Trust provides urgently needed financial support to our veterans and their families, who are suffering as a result of their service. The physical and mental impact of service can be overwhelming for our brave families. Help give them the support they deserve.

The Kokoda Track stretches 96 kilometres through what is arguably some of the most rugged and wild jungle in the world.

This track holds an extremely important place in Australia's history.

From July 1942 the route over the Owen Stanley Range witnessed the battle hardened Japanese war machine encounter young, unprepared, untrained, unproven and hopelessly outnumbered Australian soldiers.

After completing this trek you will feel proud to have paid your respects to Australian wartime history and will have completed a personal physical challenge whilst working in a team of mates.

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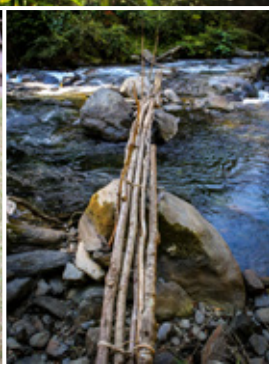

Pre-Adventure Training

Trekkers will undertake a 12-week remote pre-adventure training program to prepare them for this adventure. Our Exercise Physiology, Strength & Conditioning Team has formulated these programs for each specific adventure to ensure that you meet your adventure goals and thoroughly enjoy your journey.

Inclusions

Your trek cost includes:

- Your pre-adventure training package
- Experienced Australian lead/guide & historian
- Dedicated Australian Wilderness Trek Medic & medical kit
- Two nights accommodation in Port Moresby (4 or 3.5-star) on a twin share basis*
- Personal travel insurance
- Restaurant meals in Port Moresby
- All transfers and transport in Port Moresby
- Accommodation on the Kokoda Track in a village hut, tent or bush camp
- All food during the trek (ration packs are prepared in Australia)
- Most personal camping and cooking equipment
- Local PNG porters for group equipment
- Trek gear including trekking shirt, and cap
- A trip to Bomana War Cemetery
- Return economy airfare from Brisbane to Port Moresby

Exclusions

- Personal expenses such as phone call costs and alcoholic beverages at the hotel
- Boots and a small amount of personal trek clothing
- Personal porter/carrier charges if required ($750 per personal porter)
- Inoculations and anti-malarial medication

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Bravery Trust ANZAC Kokoda 2018 Itinerary

Day 1
20 April 2018 - We leave Brisbane and fly directly to Port Moresby and are met by our ground transport at the airport and we are transported back to our hotel. Here we undertake an extensive in-country brief including what to expect, how to pack and other administration for your trek.

Day 2
We transfer out to our flight to Popendetta and then travel via transport to Kokoda Station. Once on the ground we hear the history of the battles of Kokoda, visit the Australian monuments and small museum before hitting the Track and heading to our night location Deniki.

Day 3
A bright and early start for our first full day on Track and we head toward post war village Isurava before continuing onto the Isurava Battleground – a moving and emotional monument built to remember those that fought on those hallowed ground during the battle of Isurava. From there we have a cheeky climb up and over toward the spectacular views of our night location, Alola village.

Day 4
Your first big day! After a steep descent down from Alola and a river crossing we head toward Eora Creek the site of a Regimental Aid Post during the battle and the scene of some fierce fighting on both the fighting withdrawal and the Australian Advance. From here we climb out of the creek line and notice the many weapons pits still visible today. We head toward Templeton's crossing, named in honour of Captain Sam Templeton and our night location at the base of Mt Bellamy.

Day 5
We're up early for a hill climb up to the amazing views of the Kokoda Gap. From here we reach the highest point of the range and then continue on to 1900 for morning tea and Naduri Village for lunch. The team then proceeds on to Efogi Village for our night location at which time we're officially over half way!

Day 6
ANZAC Day - This morning begins with an emotional climb up Mission Ridge and onto Brigade Hill the site of one the fiercest battles of the campaign for our ANZAC Day service. After taking some time to hear the history and pay our respects to those lost we continue down to Menari village and onward to Brown River for the night.

Day 7
Today we start in the swamp and then slowly climb up through the village of Nauro and up over the Maguli Range. Here you will encounter the famous nine false peaks before heading down Japs Ladder and across the beautiful Offi Creek to our night location.

Day 8
We have two big ridges to tackle today. We start with climbing the formidable Iroibaiwa Ridge, the furthermost point of the Japanese advance. We then move down through the stunningly beautiful Ua-Ule Creek where we spend our time crisscrossing through the river in this moss-covered forest. We reach the location of the "Golden Staircase' and climb up Imita Ridge before arriving at our night location of Uberi.

Day 9
This morning we walk for a few hours to the Goldie River where we cross and start our last climb up to the Kokoda arches at Owers Corner and complete our trek. We then proceed on to pay our respects at the Bomana War Cemetery and back to the hotel to refresh ourselves for our dinner celebration.

Day 10
29 April 2018 -We rise early to transfer to the Airport and fly home to our family and friends with a lot of great memories, a fantastic group of friends and a new appreciation of the Kokoda campaign.