



The
Kokoda
Trail

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**AUSTRALIA'S
PREMIUM
SMALL GROUP
EXPEDITION
COMPANY**



The Kokoda Trail

Courage, endurance,
mateship & sacrifice

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS



DURATION
11
DAYS



ACTIVITY
8
DAY TREK



MEALS
ALL MEALS
INCLUDED



ACCOM
10
NIGHTS

11 Days from
\$3950 per person

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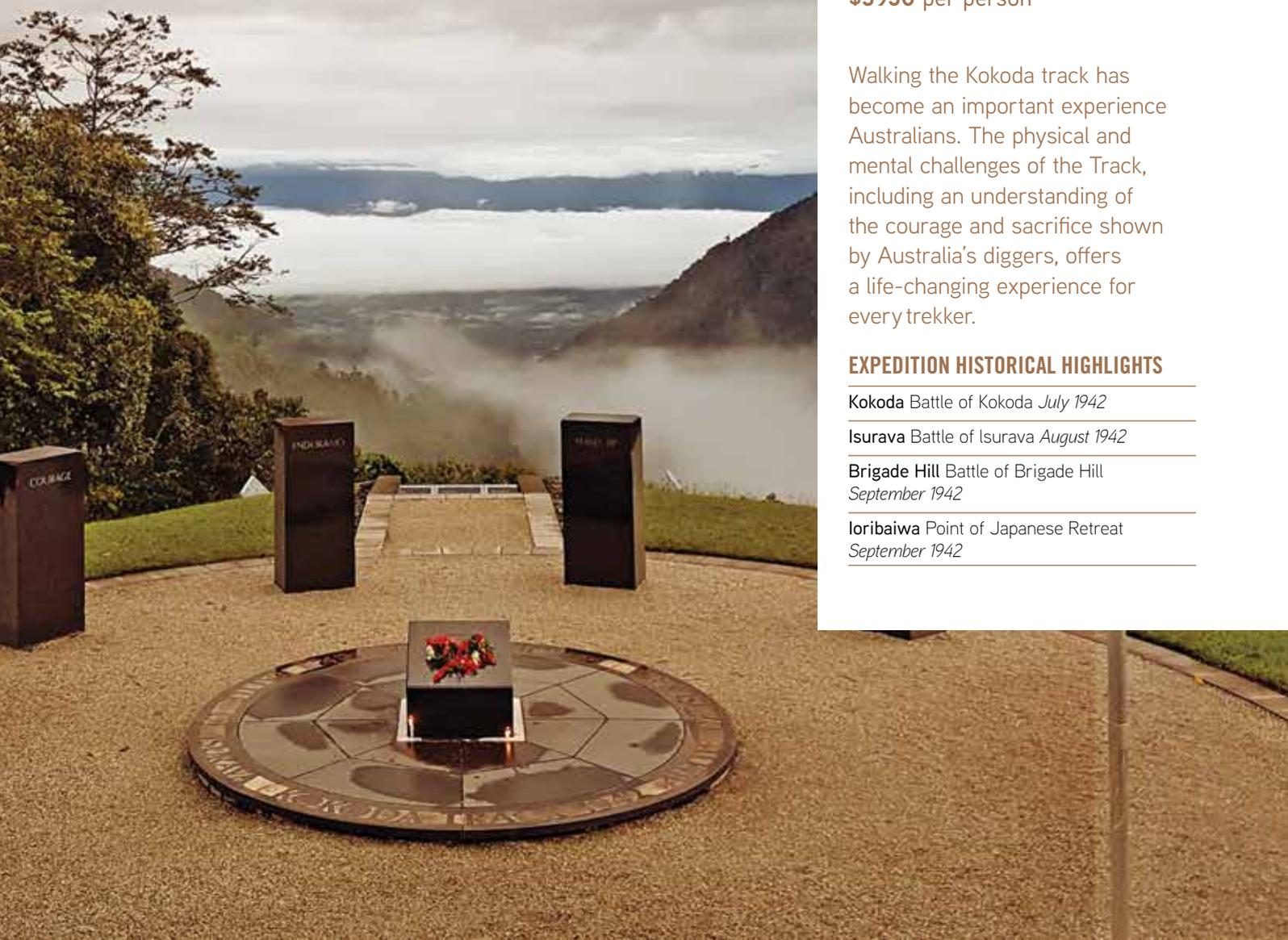
EXPEDITION HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Kokoda Battle of Kokoda *July 1942*

Isurava Battle of Isurava *August 1942*

Brigade Hill Battle of Brigade Hill
September 1942

Ioribaiwa Point of Japanese Retreat
September 1942





THE KOKODA EXPERIENCE

The story of Kokoda the heroic defence of our nation against a powerful foreign invader – is finally gaining its rightful place at the forefront of the Australian consciousness. However, one can only begin to understand what really took place on that remote jungle pathway during WWII by actually trekking over its arduous course. Walking the Kokoda track has become an important experience for every Australian. The physical and mental challenges of the Track, including an understanding of the courage and sacrifice shown by Australia's diggers, offer a life-changing experience for every trekker.

After the war, the Kokoda legend lay dormant for six decades, during which time the New Guinean jungle reclaimed many of its historic sites. After years of painstaking research on the track itself, and with the aid of the fast-thinning ranks of both Australian and Japanese veterans, Bill James has played an important part in uncovering the 'lost battlefields' of Kokoda. His publication, *Field Guide to the Kokoda Track*, is regarded as the 'trekkers bible'. Bill acts as historical advisor for On Track Expeditions, and has passed his extensive knowledge of the campaign on to our trek leaders.

THE TRACK

The Kokoda track is approximately 100 kilometres long, beginning at Owers' Corner, near Port Moresby, traversing the steep Owen Stanley Range, and ending at the small town of Kokoda, north of the mountains.

The track was created by native villagers and is the main route of transport and communication through the mountains. It was the site of a series of fierce battles in World War II between the Australians and the Japanese.

WHY CHOSE ON TRACK EXPEDITIONS

On Track Expeditions trek leaders are passionate about Kokoda and its history. They are historians, not just tour guides. Between our staff, we have conducted over 100 personal interviews with Kokoda veterans.

We pride ourselves on our historical knowledge and our ability to convey it in an informative, interesting and educational way, whilst still maintaining the sense of adventure that trekking Kokoda can provide.

Many of our guides have had years of experience in the outdoor education field and we are proud of our ability to provide life-changing tours to youth groups and young adults. Partnering with the Duke Of Edinburgh awards, as well as many public and private schools throughout Australia, On Track Expeditions has a market leading youth development program that can be tailored to suit the needs of any group of young adults.

ITINERARY

- Day 1** Fly from Australia to Port Moresby
Transfer to Kokoda Trail Hotel
- Day 2** Transfer to Owers' Corner
Trek to Ioribaiwa
- Day 3** Ioribaiwa to Nauro
- Day 4** Nauro to Menari
- Day 5** Menari to Naduri
- Day 6** Naduri to Templeton's Crossing
- Day 7** Templeton's Crossing to Abuari
- Day 8** Abuari to Isurava
- Day 9** Isurava to Kokoda
- Day 10** Charter flight from Kokoda to Port Moresby. Day trip to Bomana War Cemetery overnight at Moresby Hotel.
- Day 11** Fly from Port Moresby back to Australia

A typical day on the track involves about eight hours of trekking, including breaks. We usually break for about 10 minutes every hour. Everyone is encouraged to trek at their own pace.

Many river crossings will be necessary along the track. Smaller creeks are crossed with log bridges. In the case of the larger rivers, trekkers will need to remove boots and wade across in river shoes.

INCLUSIONS

- 10 nights in PNG / 2 nights twin share hotel accommodation
- 8 Day Kokoda Trek
- All meals – breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks while on the track and in hotels
- Personal Tent – no sharing or bivvy camping
- All transfers and ground travel arrangements
- Charter flight Kokoda-Port Moresby – not a shared charter
- Highly experienced Australian historical guide
- Comprehensive narrative of the Kokoda Campaign
- Access to all historical sites on the track
- Trained and experienced local PNG head guide and group porter crew
- Emergency Satellite communications
- Detailed Risk Management and Risk Assessment of the Kokoda Track
- Public Liability Insurance
- Kokoda Track Authority track permit
- On Track Expeditions Trekking Pack

Extras

- Fully Comprehensive Travel and Evacuation Insurance – mandatory
- Domestic and international airfares
- Personal porter (can be included for \$700)
- Tips for porters and local mountain guide



Some of our other small group expeditions are:

- Everest Base Camp, Nepal
- Mt Kilimanjaro, Africa and
- Tasmania, Australia



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