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KOIARI TREKKING'S 10 NIGHT/ 11 DAY TREK: KOKODA TO OWERS CORNER

The following is a proposed breakdown of our trek. Please be aware, depending on the number of other groups on the trail and the ability of the group, this may change slightly. Please understand, we aim to have all who commence their Kokoda journey, finish, and we don't want to ruin an experience at the sake of pushing people to make a specific destination, where we're able to best accommodate an amazing experience for all. With that, this is a breakdown of a scheduled trek over eight nights on the trail.

Day 1: You will be met at Jackson's International Airport, Port Moresby by your Koiari Trekking Team. You will be transferred by to your hotel at the Holiday Inn, your room awaits your arrival. You have the afternoon to explore the Holiday Inn facility and meet your fellow trekkers. You will receive a welcome and safety brief for your trek from your guide who is there to also answer all your questions. Should you require, your guide will assist you with your packing of equipment.

Day 2: Your breakfast this morning is included as a part of your package. You will need to be ready to depart the Holiday Inn at 6:30 am. You are free to leave any additional bags and or clothes that you do not require for the track at the hotel.

You will be transported by our Koiari Trekking Bus to the airport to fly to Kokoda. Be prepared for some sitting around, there will be the requirement for us to wait for the weather in the Yodda Valley to clear.

On the flight you will pass over the trail that you are about to walk. You will see the villages and the more mountainous sections; this should excite you more than it scares you.

Upon your arrival to Kokoda, you will be landing on the original airfield the soldiers were sent to defend in 1942. Having completed some initial checks, we walk to the Kokoda Plateau to look at the monuments and the museum. We will arrange for Personal Porters and take photos at the gates that signify the commencement of your Kokoda adventure.

Your adventure will commence with six kilometres of slow and gentle walking. We will make stops on the way to the village of Hoi. It is here where you will have time to swim in the beautiful waters that flow through the middle of the village. Having taken a break, you will walk your first hill of the Kokoda Trail - a 50-minute climb to Deniki - your first night location. Today is 10km

Day 3: Today begins with a long, slow and gentle climb up through the vast Choko fields that litter this area. You will walk for two hours prior to stopping for a break before your first climb of the day, to the village of Isurava. You will spend time at Isurava Village prior to making your way to the Isurava Battlefield, taking the time to reflect, inspect the area and participate in a memorial service to the 76 men who fell in what was to be known as 'The battle that saved Australia'. Having completed these activities, we make our way to Con's Rock, we pay tribute to the Bisset Brothers, then make our way to the village of Alola, it is here where you will spend the evening. Today is 14km.

Day 4: Is an amazing day with so much to see and do. Today you will begin with a winding descent to a small waterfall, crossing it, and making your way to the Eora Creek campsite. Eora Creek is one of the largest water systems on the trail and you will pass over a bridge with the thunderous waters below. We will take a break in this location prior to commencing a long and steady climb, stopping on the way to inspect a weapons cache.



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We arrive at Templetons Crossing, named after the first commander to cross the trail, Captain Sam Templeton. You will then undertake a relatively short climb prior to traversing a hill to the village of Dump

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Day 5: You start the day walking up to the Kokoda Gap, where you will look from this clearing into the Yodda Valley Below. Leaving this location, we walk up and over the highest point of the trail at 2250m. We then walk down through the moss forest to 'Bombers Camp'. It's here that we inspect the site of a crashed Bomber prior to making our way downhill once again to the village of Naduri. After a short break in Naduri, we walk down the remainder of this long and steep descent prior to tackling a short and sharp incline to the village of Efogi 2 – it's here where we spend the evening. Today is 18km in distance.

Day 6: Another special, and equally reflective day, but nowhere near as tough as yesterday. This morning you descend from Efogi 2 to the main Efogi village. We will see many of the families of our team and inspect the local museum. We will visit the market prior to making our way onwards. We tackle a short but steep ascent of one of the most important and significant mountains in Australia's military history – Brigade Hill.

Upon reaching the summit of Brigade Hill, we conduct a small activity prior to lunch, then we participate in a memorial service to the 62 men who lost their lives on this small ridgeline. At the completion of this service, we make a long descent to the river swim, prior to a 2 kilometre walk up to the village of Menari. It is here where you will spend the evening. Today is 12km.

Day 7: Today is another amazing day where you will start with a gentle climb that increases in grade until you reach the summit of 'The Wall'. Having reached the summit, we descend a very steep section to the base. The bottom of this hill is at the commencement of the 'Kokoda Swamp.' We walk to the village of Agulogo for a break, prior to completing the remainder of the swamp and commencing the long climb up the 'nine false crests', stopping halfway to camp for the night at the village of Naduri. Today is 14km in distance.

Day 8: Will see you start the day with the remaining false crests, reaching the summit at 'Engineer's Camp'. Once you reach the camp, you will start a long descent down 'Jap Ladder' to the Japanese gun position. We continue our descent down a gentle and then a very steep section to the village at Ofi Creek. This is an amazing spot and a great place to swim and chill out for a bit.

We will eat lunch at Ofi Creek prior to walking up the hill known as 'Iriobaiwa Ridge', inspecting the gun pits, then making our way one-third of the way down the hill to the village of Iriobaiwa. It is here where we spend the night. This is an amazing campsite with a sunset to die for. Today is 14km.

Day 9: The penultimate day will see you complete the remainder of Iriobaiwa Ridge. When you reach the bottom of this hill, you will hit Ua-Ule Creek (pronounced Farley Creek). You will cross this creek 22 times, stopping at the halfway point for a rest at the village of the same name as the creek. We complete the

remaining crossings prior to making our way up to the base of Imita Ridge. We break for morning tea in this location, prior to ascending our final 'big climb' for the adventure.



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At the summit of Imita Ridge we complete an activity and discuss the war at this point. This is a fascinating section of the trail and one of the stories that proves to be quite popular. Upon the completion of this activity, we descend to the southern slopes of Imita Ridge for lunch at Goodwater Camp. We then make our way to our night location, passing through 'Dump 66' which is where Sapper Bert Beros penned the famous "Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel Poem", we remember this here.

Upon reaching our night location, we're only 50 minutes to the completion of the trail. We stay short tonight so you're able to enjoy a stress-free evening together and reflect upon your adventure thus far. This also affords you a day to wash and dry your clothing prior to your PNG departure.

Tonight, is a great opportunity to swim, eat, drink and enjoy your final night, not only on the trail, but with the company of your team of porters.

Day 10: Your final day on the trail sees you walk for 50 mins up your final climb. Upon reaching the summit, you pass through the gates that signify the completion of your adventure, you've done it!

We take our time in this location, taking photos, tidying up prior to getting into the busses for the two-hour drive back to Port Moresby. Enroute, we stop at McDonalds Corner, Segari and at the Bomana War Cemetery. This allows you to pay your respects and to visit the headstones of the many men that you have learned about on your adventure.

We then drive you back to the Holiday Inn, stopping at a local store where you can buy any souvenirs and or other items that you would like.

Upon your arrival at the Holiday Inn, your team will organise your accommodation for you and you will have the chance to wash your clothes in the hotel laundry, celebrate with your group on having completed the Kokoda Trail.

Day 11 - Departure Day: Once again your breakfast is included in your package. Your team have organised transport to take you back to Jackson's International Airport in align with your departure time.

Please be aware this is merely an example, and your trekking experience may vary to this itinerary. External factors plus in the interest of the entire trekking group, Koiari Trekking may choose to amend this itinerary for the best possible experience for all.