

**KOKODA
HISTORICAL**



KOKODA NON-TREKKING TOUR

INFORMATION BOOKLET

*Historical guided tours to First and Second
World War battlefields and places of cultural
significance in Papua New Guinea.*

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KOKODA TRACK TREK



KOKODA TRACK & NORTHERN BEACHHEADS TREK

**PAPUA
NEW GUINEA**



KOKODA NON-TREKKING TOUR

HIGHLIGHTS

- Bomana War Cemetery
- Kokoda Museum, Memorial
- Owers' & McDonald's Corners
- PNG Nature Park
- Koitaki Showground
- Tour of Port Moresby

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Hotel Accommodation
- Guest House Accommodation Kokoda & Sanananda
- Transport, Port Moresby to Kokoda-Popondetta to Port Moresby
- Experienced Australian Military Historian
- Meals
- Public Liability Insurance

KOKODA NON-TREKKING TOUR MAP





ITINERARY

9 DAY ANZAC DAY ITINERARY

- Day 1: Arrive Port Moresby-hotel accommodation
- Day 2: Visit Bomana War Cemetery, PNG National War Memorial & Museum
- Day 3: Visit Owers' & McDonald's Corners, lunch Koitaki
- Day 4: Flight to Kokoda, Museum, stay Kokoda Guest House
- Day 5: Drive to Gona, stopping at Awala, Kumusi Haddy's Village.
- Day 6: Tour Buna & Sanananda, Huggins Roadblock
- Day 7: Fly Popondetta to Port Moresby
- Day 8: Attend Anzac Day Dawn Service, lunch at Yacht Club
- Day 9: Return to Australia

5 DAY NON-TREKKING TOUR

- Day 1: Arrive Port Moresby-hotel accommodation
- Day 2: Visit Bomana War Cemetery, PNG National War Memorial & Museum
- Day 3: Visit Owers' & McDonald's Corners, lunch Koitaki
- Day 4: Fly over the Kokoda Track and visit Kokoda
- Day 5: Return to Australia

INSURANCE

All our trekkers are covered by our public liability insurance to view our certificate kokodahistorical.com.au/about/our-insurance It is a requirement that you also are in possession of personal travel insurance prior to departure. We use and recommend Cover-More, available from our website

HYGIENE

Most guest houses have a toilet (i.e. a hole in the ground) so it is recommended that you take wet-wipes in a flat pack which can double as toilet paper. In addition, we would advise you to bring a small sports hand towel and recommend that you take a small bottle of hand sanitiser.

TIPPING

Giving gifts and tips to people in PNG is not expected but we are often asked what an appropriate tip would be. At the end of the trek you are welcome to give the staff anything you don't want to take home with you (e.g. your torch or even used items of clothing, towels, shoes etc. We also have the option pre-purchasing a first aid kit to give to local villages as part of our Giving Back Along the Track Program.

Find out more by visiting:

kokodahistorical.com.au/about/giving-back-along-the-track

MONEY

The currency of Papua New Guinea is the Kina. We would suggest you take around 300 Kina in small denominations to allow for the purchase of drinks, fresh fruit and vegetables and any souvenirs you may wish to purchase. Kina can be purchased at the currency exchange desk at Brisbane International airport or by pre-arrangement with your local currency exchange office.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

We will be travelling through a tropical environment. Remember you are at risk of dehydration and tropical disease. It is imperative that you see a doctor at least 4 weeks prior to departure. They will prescribe anti-malarial medication and you may be obliged to take tablets prior to your tour. Your doctor will also advise of any inoculations required. We recommend you bring the following in your personal first-aid kit:

- Anti malarial tablets (as prescribed by your doctor)
- Tropical Strength Aeroguard or Rid Mosquito repellent (no aerosol cans please)
- Panadol or Aspirin
- One roll of elastoplast
- Band-Aids
- Sun block/lip balm
- Rehydration salts such as Gastrolyte
- Paw Paw Ointment

CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

You will need to take appropriate clothing for touring in a tropical environment. This includes a good set of enclosed footwear, long and short sleeve shirts & trousers along with shorts.

You will also need a water bottle and hat along with a sleeping bag and sleeping mat for the stay in Kokoda and Sanananda.

Take a back pack to carry your items in and don't forget your camera! There is no need to carry any camping gear such as tents or cooking equipment.

VISA

A PNG tourist Visa is now available On Arrival, for Australian passport holders. Your passport must have at least 6 months validity remaining at time of travel. The Visa is free. If you do however wish to apply for the PNG tourist visa or you are travelling on a Non-Australian passport please visit: www.pngcanberra.org/visas/

GIFTS

If you wish to take something for the children of the villages, we recommend you take gifts of educational value such as pencils, pencil cases, notebooks, books, tennis balls, footballs etc.

IDENTIFICATION

You will require some form of photographic identification to board the plane to and from Popondetta. We recommend that you take a driver's license with you rather than your passport. It is safer to leave your passport locked in the hotel safe and bring along your water proof driver's license.

CULTURE

The culture of Papua New Guinea is diverse and complex. Typically people live in small villages and survive on subsistence farming. This trip offers you a unique opportunity to discover a lifestyle that is far removed from the developed world.

Most of our guides speak English as their third language and are quite shy when you meet them initially. It doesn't take long for them to overcome their timidity and you will find that most of them have a very good level of English and they have fascinating stories to tell.

EATING UTENSILS (9 DAY TOUR ONLY)

You will require a non-breakable plate, knife, fork and spoon set, and a drinking cup. These can be either plastic or metal but remember that plastic is lighter.

FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Fresh fruit and vegetables can be purchased in most large villages. Depending on the season the range on offer may include sweet corn, sweet potatoes, papayas, pineapples, bananas, mandarins and watermelons. While this produce is a welcome supplement to your diet, it cannot be relied upon and is subject to seasonal availability.

WATER

Please do not drink the water at the hotel or anywhere in Port Moresby. We would strongly advise you to always consume bottled water at the hotel. Fresh water is readily available on the tour; we suggest that you carry a minimum two litre capacity camel back or bottle with you while touring. The guides will advise you of the best places to get fresh water and there is no need for purification tablets provided you only consume water from these sources.

RUBBISH

Anything that cannot be burned we will take with us. Please be mindful not to drop rubbish as you are walking along, our staff carry rubbish bags which are placed out at breakfast lunch and dinner.

FOOD ON THE TOUR

We are now offering freshly prepared meals on our Kokoda Track tours and our Beachheads tours. We have staff that have undergone training in safe food handling procedures and cooking. They are ready to cook up culinary delights for you while on your trek. The days of dehydrated rations are over!

We now serve delicious and nutritious food that will keep you coming back for seconds. You will not go hungry and we cater for all dietary requirements, simply tell us on your registration form and we will ensure you get the food that you need. We also supply you with a snack pack which will be sent to you with your welcome pack.

The great thing is that we take care of all the meal preparation so at the end of a hard days slog all you have to do is sit back and relax.

PACKING CHECKLIST

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

- Passport
- Insurance paperwork (3 copies required)
- Tourist visa for Papua New Guinea or Visa on Arrival
- Domestic air tickets (trip extensions only)
- International air travel tickets
- Trek Money - used on track (200 to 250 kina)
- Hotel Money - meals/drinks (250 to 300 kina)
- Air Travel Money (home country currency)
- Plastic Zip-Lock Bags - for paperwork on trek
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TOURING EQUIPMENT

- Backpack + waterproof backpack cover
- Daypack + waterproof daypack cover (daypack only if you have hired a personal porter)
- Waterproof dry bags for clothes
- 1 litre Water Bottle x2 - lightweight
- Electrolyte Powder
+ extra if wanted (only on Beachheads tour)
- Snack Pack (supplied by Kokoda Historical)
+ additional lollies if wanted (only supplied on hiking expeditions)
- Additional Energy/Snack Food (optional)

HEALTH AND HYGIENE

- Anti-Malaria Treatment (Doctor prescribed)
- Water Purification Tablets x 100 (2 packs)
(in addition to a Steri Pen if you are taking one)
- Waterless Hand Disinfectant - alcohol based
- Insect Repellent - tropical strength
- Sunscreen - waterproof
- Lip Balm (optional)
- Pawpaw or 3B cream - anti-chaffing
- Broad spectrum antibiotic tablets
- Women's Health Products
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Toilet Paper (2 rolls in waterproof bags)
- Personal Medications (if required)
- Plastic Toilet Brush Trowel (optional)
- Headache / Pain Killer Tablets
- Rehydration Oral Sachets - i.e. Gastrolyte
- Wet Ones / Baby Wipes
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TOURING CLOTHING

- Short Gaiters (highly recommended)
- Hat with Wide Brim
- Hiking Boots or Adventure Style Shoes
- Hiking socks (3 pairs)
- Spare Boot Laces
- Sunglasses (optional)
- Small Sweat Towel
- Quick Dry Shirt (long or short sleeves)
- Quick Dry Shorts
- Underwear (4 pairs) or (Consider using one pair of bike-pants-style elastic undergarments)
- Poncho or Lightweight Rain Jacket
- Sports Bra or Comfortable Bra
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PACKING CHECKLIST



CAMPSITE CLOTHING

- Sandals with closed toe (no Crocs or thongs)
- Lightweight Thermal Jacket (optional)
- Lightweight Quick Dry Trousers
- Lightweight Quick Dry Shirt (long sleeves)
- T-shirt or Thermal Top (sleeping clothes)
- Underwear (4 pairs) + Bra
- Bathers - modest (or just wear trek gear)
- Beanie (optional)
- Sarong (optional) - useful after bathing
- Socks - for camp

CAMPSITE EQUIPMENT

- Sleeping Bag - 2 seasons - hiking style (+5)
- Sleeping Bag Liner (optional)
- Inflatable Sleeping Mattress - thin and light
- Pillow case (optional) - for stuffing dry clothes in to make a pillow
- Headlamp or Torch - for campsite only
- Quick-dry sports towel/chamois
- Ear Plugs (optional) - for snorers or jungle noises
- Personal Travel Clothesline + pegs (optional)
- Mosquito Net + 5m of cord (head or bed size)
- Spare Batteries for the Headlamp or Torch

PERSONAL FIRST AID KIT

- Adhesive Sports Strapping Tape (knees/ankles)
- Anti-histamine - for bites and stings
- Antiseptic cream - for cuts and scratches
- Blister dressings - treatment pads
- First Aid Scissors
- First Aid Tweezers
- Waterproof Band Aids x 20
- Antiseptic Foot Powder
- Safety Pins
- Triangular Bandages x 2
- Broad Elastic Bandages x 2
- Anti-inflammatory Gel
- First Aid Alcohol Wipes x 10
- Anti-diarrhea Tablets - i.e. Gastro Stop
- Anti-nausea Tablets
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ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Waterproof Camera (optional)
- Spare Camera Batteries (optional)
- Spare Camera Memory Cards (optional)
- Notepad + Pen (for your diary or notes)
- Battle History Notes (optional)
- Electrical Tape (optional) - for repairs to gear
- Cable Ties (optional) - for repairs to gear
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PACKING CHECKLIST



EXAMPLES FOR REFERENCE ONLY

 <p>BOOTS</p>	 <p>TREK SHORTS</p>	 <p>TREK SHIRT</p>	 <p>HIKING SOCKS</p>
 <p>CAMP SANDALS</p>	 <p>TREK SWEAT TOWEL</p>	 <p>DAYPACK</p>	 <p>CAMP PANTS</p>
 <p>SUN HAT</p>	 <p>PONCHO</p>	 <p>CAMP SHIRT (LONG SLEEVES)</p>	 <p>WATER BOTTLES</p>
 <p>WATER PURIFICATION TABLETS</p>	 <p>SLEEPING BAG</p>	 <p>SLEEPING BAG LINER</p>	 <p>INFLATABLE MATTRESS</p>
 <p>SPORTS CHAMOIS/TOWEL</p>	 <p>TOILET PAPER</p>	 <p>WATERLESS HAND WASH</p>	 <p>HEADLAMP</p>

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SPARE BATTERIES



FIRST AID KIT



**TROPICAL INSECT
REPELLENT**



WATERPROOF CAMERA



SUNSCREEN



EAR PLUGS



NOTEPAD AND PEN



PERSONAL MEDICATIONS



**WATERPROOF
DOC POUCH**

**FOR GREAT DEALS ON CLOTHING &
EQUIPMENT VISIT OUR SHOP
KOKODAHISTORICAL.COM.AU/SHOP**

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

GEAR HIRE

We have some gear available for hire. Please ask about this well in advance of your trip as we cannot guarantee availability at short notice.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We recommend and use Cover-More insurance which is available through our website kokodahistorical.com.au/tours/kokoda-track-tour



SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT

Our tours are twin share, however if you would like your own hotel room we can arrange for a single supplement the costs is \$230.00 per night.

ABOUT KOKODA HISTORICAL

Welcome to Kokoda Historical, my name is David Howell and along with my good friend Kila Jons from Kokoda, I am the co-founder of Kokoda Historical. History and in particular Australian Military History, is a passion of mine along with the great outdoors.

I look forward to sharing in a great adventure with you to one of the many PNG destinations that Kokoda Historical has on offer. Perhaps your next adventure is taking on the Kokoda Track, Shaggy Ridge, Black Cat Track or visiting the First & Second World War battlefields of Rabaul along with the many other destinations we have on offer. Either way you will be visiting one of the most pristine and beautiful places on our planet, Papua New Guinea.

We specialise in small-size historical tours to the First and Second World War battlefields and places of cultural significance in Papua New Guinea.

We have been conducting guided tours across the Kokoda Track / Kokoda Trail, Black Cat Track, Shaggy Ridge, Lark Force Track (Rabaul-Tol Plantation), Milne Bay, Wewak and Aitape to name a few, since 2005 and have enjoyed many successful treks and tours.

In more recent times we have undertaken many unique and one off special treks and tours. We have a great passion for the shared and proud history of Australia & PNG.

Kokoda Historical provides a complete living history experience; we focus not only on the exciting adventure of treks/tours themselves, but also on the historical events. We offer a wide range of competitively priced tour packages and safety is our number one priority.

We combine local knowledge with meticulous research carried out by some of the industry's top guides and historians, to make your pilgrimage unique and special. Our tour groups are always small in number (average size is 8-10) enabling us to give that personal touch to all of our clients. If you contact Kokoda Historical then you are speaking to the owner directly.

In 2007, we had the honour of being the very first company to take a group of young Aboriginal students across the Kokoda Track in a symbolic gesture acknowledging the importance and much overlooked role Aboriginal people played during the Second World War. This initiative was part of the Kokoda Dreaming project and this trek featured on the ABC show, Message Stick. A thirty minute episode entitled 'Going the Distance' followed the group of Aboriginal students on our trek.

Since 2008, we have been conducting the annual Harold Bould Memorial Tour, an initiative of the 39th Battalion Association. The Association organises an annual competition inviting students from across the Cardinia Shire in Victoria to submit an essay outlining what Kokoda means to Australians. With the assistance of organisations such as the Cardinia Shire Council, Pakenham and Parklea Racing Club and The Hon. Edward O'Donohue MLC, we have taken many young students on the adventure of a lifetime. Each June, the winners get to experience the adventure and history of the Kokoda Track.

In 2010, Kokoda Historical successfully merged with the renowned Komplete Kokoda. The company was ran by Soc Kienzle - the son of famous Captain Bert Kienzle who was himself involved in the Kokoda campaign. Soc has since retired from full time trekking however he passed on many of his father's stories to David Howell, while the two of them were on location at the various points of interest in the Oro Province.

In 2012, the 70th anniversary of the Kokoda Campaign, Kokoda Historical were approved by the Australian Defence Force as a supplier for Adventure Training. In the same year we took the 39th Personnel Support Battalion over the Kokoda Track. This current Australian Army Unit (now 39th Operational Support Battalion) walked in the footsteps of those who served in the now famous militia unit, the 39 Australian Infantry Battalion.

In 2014, we led an expedition to Rabaul which located the site of the German Wireless Station. On 11 September 2014, on the occasion of the centenary of the action at Bita Paka, we took many of the descendants to Rabaul including Simon Pockley the great-nephew of Captain Pockley, the first Australian soldier lost in the Great War.

In 2015, for the centenary of Anzac we lead a group of soldiers from contemporary conflicts over the Kokoda Track. The project was supported by Soldier On and brought attention to those in our community suffering from PTSD. Amongst the participants was Senator Jacqui Lambie, veterans Michael Lyddiard & Mathew Peppi.

In 2017, the 75th anniversary of the Kokoda Campaign, we were involved with bringing Havala Laula, the last known Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel on the Kokoda Track to Australia. We also ran a special trip recreating the first crossing of Kokoda by B Company 39 Australian Infantry Battalion which was led by Captain Sam Templeton. We also had the honour of taking the cousin of our Governor General, Hon. General Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC, Mrs Madeline Huxtable, to visit the last resting place of her father, Flight Sergeant Bill Cosgrave. Sir Peter and Madeline attend the Anzac Day commemorations at Bomana.

In 2018 the 75th anniversary of the retaking of Lae and the battles of Shaggy Ridge will be our special focus.

We look forward to taking you on your next adventure.

MEET THE TEAM



DAVID HOWELL

David Howell, the co-founder of Kokoda Historical, is a keen historian and spends most of his spare time researching Australian Military History. In particular David specialises in the South West Pacific Area of Operations during the Second World War.

David spent five-years as a volunteer guide with the Friends of Kokoda at the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway in Concord, including two years as Vice-President of the Friends. David has taken thousands of people around the memorial educating visitors on the significance of the Kokoda Campaign.

David is well spoken in Tok Pisin the Pidjin language of PNG and has also served as an infantry soldier in the Australian Army Reserve. In 2008 David was deployed on peacekeeping operations in the Solomon Islands. David has written many articles on Australian Military history and is currently working on the biography of Captain Sam Templeton.

David is married with one daughter and lives on the Mornington Peninsula, Victoria.



JUSTIN O'MAHONEY

Justin O'Mahoney first walked the Kokoda Track in 2010 where he continued to follow his passion for military history. Serving in the Army Reserve with 49 Royal Queensland Regiment (Bushman's Rifles), Justin followed their story of fighting in the Kokoda Campaign. This has included retracing the Battalion's steps along the Sanananda Road and at the Northern Beachheads. His many visits over the years to Kokoda led him to becoming a guide for Kokoda Historical in 2014.

Justin is a mechanical fitter and farmer in North Queensland where he has lived all his life. He wants to ensure that all trekkers that accompany him to PNG get a sense of the experience that the original Diggers would have endured and ensures as he shares many of the personal of the wonderful and sometimes colourful characters that served during the Second World War.



GREG MERCER

Greg Mercer has served with the Australian Defence Force (Army) with the 3rd Royal Australian Regiment (Parachute Infantry Regiment). Whilst serving with 3RAR in 2002 Greg was deployed to East Timor as part of Operation Tanager/Citadel on peace-keeping operations. Greg first walked Kokoda in April 2015 with Dave Howell and Kokoda Historical as part of a Veterans awareness campaign on PTSD. The campaign was sponsored and supported by numerous charities and businesses and was a great success.

Greg's love of the outdoors had seen him complete numerous other treks both in Australia and around the world; Mt Kosciuszko, Machu Picchu and Rainbow Mountain in Peru, to name a few. Greg's passion and respect for Australian military history along with his own service and experience in the field, makes him a great addition to the Kokoda Historical Team.

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KILA JONS

Kila Amuli lives in the village of Kokoda. Kila has made well over one-hundred successful crossings of the Kokoda Track and has worked as a guide for many of the major tour companies that operate in PNG before forming his own business.

In 2005 he co-founded Kokoda Historical with David Howell. The two of them had met a year prior and it was at the Kokoda Plateau, when David had returned in 2005 with a group of veterans from the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway. Kila & David came up with the idea to form Kokoda Historical. Kila is both a partner and the head Papuan guide on our Kokoda tours. Kila's grandfather was a Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel who passed on many personal stories to Kila.

Kila has a fantastic understanding of the campaigns history, from the Australian and Papuan perspective. Kila was recently married and has two sons, Anthony and David.



DEAN ANDERSON

Dean Anderson has served in the Australian Army Reserve for over 20 years. During his military service he was deployed on peacekeeping operations to the Solomon Islands on Operation Anode as a section commander. He continues to serve in 5/6 Royal Victoria Regiment in Melbourne and is responsible for the training of reserve infantry soldiers. He also recently deployed on Operation Sovereign Borders.

In addition to serving in the military, Dean also has over 12 years service with the Victoria Police. During this time he has been recognised for bravery. He retired from the police force in 2015 to follow a career in teaching in secondary schooling. He is currently undertaking further study in this field.

Dean has a degree in modern history and a keen interest in all things military. His wife's great-uncle is buried in Bomana War Cemetery, having been killed in action whilst serving with the 2/31st Battalion on the Kokoda Track.

With his family connection, understanding of Australian military history and a working knowledge of what it is to be an Australian infantryman, Dean makes a great addition to the Kokoda Historical team.



BRUCE MCCLEAN

Bruce McClean first walked the Kokoda Track in 1998. He developed a passion for all things Kokoda when he picked up his first book on the subject which was Peter Brune's newly released book "Those Ragged Bloody Heroes" and read about his uncle, Lieutenant Douglas McClean MC of the 39th Battalion.

Since then he has walked the track many times and in recent years started leading treks for Kokoda Historical.

He has a great sense of wanting to get the correct history as much as possible and hopes to pass on to his fellow travellers some knowledge of the fighting and of the personalities along the track as well as enjoy the company and companionship of a shared adventure.

Bruce also has a passion for all things relating to Australian military history and is an active member of the Creswick Light Horse Troop. Bruce has been a member of the Army Reserve in Armoured Corps and is a current serving member of the Victoria Police Protective Services Unit.

MEET THE TEAM



THE KOKODA GUIDES, THE GREEN MASIN (MACHINE)

All of the guides that walk with our groups come from areas in which we trek/ tour in. For example when we trek Kokoda, all of our boys are from the villages of Kokoda, Hoi, Isurava, Kagi, Efogi and Sanananda just to name a few. The majority of our team have walked the areas pertaining to their locality many times over the years. Their experience and dedication to the safety of our trekkers are second to none.

Kokoda Historical and our partners help to provide our guides and their families with education, health care and employment. Our guides interact as much as they can with our clients and are only too happy to share their knowledge.

In addition to looking after you we also look after our wonderful team the Green Masin (Machine). Here are some of our key concerns when it comes to looking after our staff.

- Maximum allowable weight of 18 kg (which means we have to engage more carriers);
- Full trek uniform - cap, shirt, shorts, boots
- Sleeping bag;
- Sleeping mat;
- Wholesome meals - equivalent to what we provide for our trekkers;
- Gratuity equivalent to one day's pay at the end of each trek; and
- A 'Walk-Home Allowance' of PNGK250 to allow our guides and carriers to walk back to their villages after each trek.

We also carry a full medical kit within the carrier team so we look after their specific medical needs along the way.

Last but not least if any of our staff suffer serious illness or injury during the trek, we arrange for them to be evacuated and treated at the Port Moresby Private Hospital - they receive the same care, attention and treatment as you our trekkers do!

MEMBERSHIPS



KOKODA TRACK AUTHORITY

The Kokoda Track Authority (KTA) is a Papua New Guinea Special Purpose Authority, commissioned to promote and manage the Kokoda Track for tourists, while improving the way of life for communities living along the track, through funding and development programmes.



DO KOKODA

Thousands of people each year trek through the jungles of the Owen Stanley Ranges in the footsteps of heroes. What inspired you to Do Kokoda? Research trusted Kokoda tour operators and read the stories of past trekkers.



39TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION

The 39th Australian Infantry Battalion 1941-1943 existed as a unit for only twenty months of World War II, but its story is one of the most unusual and proudest in the annals of Australian military history.



KOKODA TRACK OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

We are a founding member of the Kokoda Track Operators Association (KTOA). All members agree that the long-term physical protection of the Kokoda Trail, its, fauna, flora, waterways, corridors and surrounding areas is paramount. KTOA members are committed to the historical and military values of the Kokoda Trail Campaign and encourage the ongoing respect and education of this significant military heritage shared by Papua New Guinea and Australia. All of our members operate their treks to professional trekking guidelines that exceed the industry standard.



MILITARY HISTORY AND HERITAGE VICTORIA INC.

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We are a founding member of Military History & Heritage Victoria (MHHV) The group aims to encourage interest in Australian and especially Victorian military history and heritage in all of its forms; to develop and engage in activities related to its research, preservation, promotion, education and commemoration.



PAPUA NEW GUINEA TOURISM

Lying just south of the equator, 160km north of Australia, Papua New Guinea is part of a great arc of mountains stretching from Asia, through Indonesia & into the South Pacific. With a vibrant & colourful Papua New Guinea culture, more than 600 islands and 800 indigenous languages, PNG is an unrivalled paradise.

TESTIMONIALS



GRAHAM, MICHAEL, ROBERT AND SCOTT ROSENGREEN.

"We haven't stopped talking about the Kokoda trek since we arrived home. We can't thank you enough David for the wonderful experience you gave us. Your knowledge of the track, the people, and in particular our wonderful military history on the Kokoda track and other battles in PNG is outstanding.

I couldn't imagine doing the trek and not knowing of the lost battlefields that you filled in for us so professionally. Our main reason for going to Kokoda was to walk in the footsteps, pay homage and acknowledge the extreme sacrifice of so many

young men who willingly gave their lives for us. We couldn't have done it without your expertise, and the friendliness and support of the Legends. Thank you so much."



SHANE AUBREY

"I want to thank you (David) for a fantastic trip, your entertainment and knowledge of the battle sites was of the highest professional standard I have encountered for many a year. The trek was without question the hardest and most exciting, thrilling trip I have ever been on and I have been on many deployment etc.

Without a doubt we all have a much higher respect for the diggers who served on the track. What those guys endured we will never fully comprehend. To have a taste of what life must have been like, puts our normal dull life back into perspective and something that will always remain with us.

I am so charged after the trip, I feel that I need to go on another adventure ASAP. David, thank you and your troops, they are all excellent ambassadors for your company and it shows that you have a well trained crew of professionals."



CHRIS HENNESSY

"David, Thank-you so much for providing me with the opportunity to walk the Kokoda Track. It has been a life enriching experience.

It was extra special being able to do it with my son.

I now have a smidgen of insight into the conditions our troops fought under.

When we walked out onto Myola 1 looking just as it did in Damien Parer's film all those years ago the hairs on my neck stood on end. The only thing missing was the biscuit bomber.

I wish you and the Kokoda Historical team in both Australia and PNG every success for the future."

TESTIMONIALS



JOHN REDMOND

"A big thank you for a safe and well organised trip from Owers' Corner to Kokoda arch, and a special Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel day at Kokoda - something I will never forget!"

To have a leader like Reg Yates with his expert info of all the battle sights and his tactics employed by our Aussie boys and the fanatical fighting Japanese.

To actually stand on the battle sites and think what they went through to save Australia. Long live the history of the gallant 39 Battalion and all who followed.

The service provided by Reg at Brigade Hill was special to me and moving beyond all expectations because it was my 3rd time on the track - my 60th birthday at Brigade Hill in 2008 and doing it again in 2009 and now in 2011.

If I completed my first trek with Kokoda Historical I wouldn't have had to do the track in 2 consecutive years. The knowledge I saw on the track matched what I had read in all my books - this completed my journey and dream!

Kokoda Historical is highly recommended!"



SUMMER LYNCH

"For me, it was a no-brainer - when I decided to trek the Kokoda Trail in the footsteps of my Great Grandfather Jim Cowey MC, I would be mad to trek with anyone BUT Soc Kienzle! Soc is the son of Captain Bert Kienzle, a man so pivotal to the Australian success in the Owen Stanley campaign due to his intimate knowledge of the Trail (and it's many off-shoots) yet more importantly his affinity with the local people, who he would organise to carry essential supplies, the sick and wounded, and the hopes of Australia on their caring shoulders.

In spite of my screaming lungs and aching feet, I thoroughly enjoyed my trek with Soc and Komplete Kokoda/Kokoda Historical. I learned so much about the history, and also myself from the experience. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn from a Kokoda Trail legend, and I will never, ever forget it."



NAT TEMPLAR

"Trekking the Kokoda Track was an amazing journey for me and one I will do again. I came back with enhanced knowledge on the battles and events on the Kokoda campaign and at the Milne Bay campaign. Wayne was an amazing leader who was there for me as a teacher and as a friend and for me this trip has opened up my eyes to another world, another life.

For me embracing the local culture, teaching and playing with the children were added bonuses that will be memories that I wish to relive again in the near future, but will be memories that I'll never forget. Coming home and facing reality, having witnessed what I had seen, I found the most challenging of the experience, because the essence of smiling village children, local welcoming villagers and local life captured me.

The porters was an amazing group of guys who were always there for you and one another, and without them our trek would not have been possible, I sure hope to return to see both the porters and locals whom I got to know once again."

GIVING BACK ALONG THE TRACK

Kokoda Historical has teamed up with St Andrew's First Aid Australia (SAFAA). Trekkers now have the option of buying a first aid kit which they can take with them over the Track. These first aid kits will be given to the Area Health Nurse at the Kokoda Hospital where they will be stored.

A qualified Australian first-aid trainer will visit Kokoda several times per year and carry out free first aid courses for local communities living along the Kokoda Track. At the conclusion of the training each participant will receive a specially designed first aid kit. The first aid kit you have donated.

SAFAA believes people trapped in poverty should always have access to free or low cost first aid assistance. They recognise the importance of providing free first aid and first aid education to vulnerable people, and people with limited financial means.

You can help support the local communities by purchasing a specially designed first aid kit and carrying it with you to Kokoda. Proceeds of the kits will help the overall program to deliver first aid training to the Kokoda Track communities. Each pack will go to a family that has completed the first aid training. The cost of the pack is \$150.

To find out more about SAFAA please visit: <https://firstaid.org.au/>



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All participants are required to visit their GP prior to departure to ensure they are fit to undertake the challenges of the Kokoda Track and to be provided with anti-malarial medication.

All participants must hold a current passport with at least six (6) months validity at the time of travel for entry into Papua New Guinea.

Due to possible currency fluctuations, increases in KTA trek fees and other cost components, we reserve the right to increase our fee without notice. These variations will not be charged if full payment has been received prior to any such increase.

The tour fees as agreed shall include the trekking tour, during the trek: accommodation, meals, airport transfers, trek permits, guides and porters. The fee does not include expenses of a personal nature including drinks, fruits or vegetables sold by the locals, telephone, fax and email bills and gift items. All outstanding bills must be settled before the trekker's departure from PNG.

Full payment must be made at least sixty (60) days prior to departure.

Kokoda Historical reserves the right to change the trek itinerary. Trekking tours and itineraries including departure times and arrival times maybe altered at the discretion of the trek leader due to unforeseen circumstances.

Standard terms and conditions apply for any airline cancellation. These conditions will be explained by the travel agent in charge of booking your flights.

In the unfortunate event of a trekker's early departure from the trek they will incur the cost of extra staff, transportation, administration costs and all other expenses incurred in returning them back to Port Moresby. If a helicopter lift out is required the trekker will be liable for these costs. Personal travel insurance to cover these potential costs is mandatory.

The trekker must report any pre-existing illness or any other conditions for which the trekker may require medical attention during the course of the trek to the tour operator or its agents before the trek commences. If any such condition arises before the commencement of the trek, it must be reported to Kokoda Historical before commencement of the trek or as soon as such illness or disability is known.

PAYMENT TERMS

Once you have paid your deposit, the balance of your tour cost must be paid in full at least 60 days prior to departure.

THANK YOU!