



KOKODA
XTREME



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2018 FULL ITINERARY

7th OCTOBER 2018

Check into the 5 Star Stanley Hotel. In the afternoon you will meet your race team and other competitors for briefing and gear check.

Overnight Stanley Hotel, Port Moresby

8th OCTOBER 2018

Fly from Port Moresby to Popenetta, and then transfer down to Buna Guest house where we enjoy the beautiful scenery and friendly villages. In Buna we prepare our bikes and gear for the challenge ahead. Dinner is on the beach, watching the sunset as we contemplate the journey ahead

Overnight Buna

9th OCTOBER 2018

After breakfast an early start to our journey along bumpy tracks and trails and past many beautiful villages, streams and Jungle scenery. We pass back through Popenetta onto Awala before crossing the Kumusi River and making camp in the Village of Pisa.

We ride over 80 kms today for approximately 9 hours.

Overnight Pisa Village

10th OCTOBER 2018

An early start today has us doing the final 40 kms into Kokoda. We pass through the wartime villages of Gorari and Oivi, before arriving in Kokoda around lunchtime.

After packing up our bikes, in the afternoon we hold our memorial service on the Kokoda Battlefield inspect the battlefields and war museum.

Overnight Kokoda Village Campsite.

11th OCTOBER 2018

Kokoda to Templetons - 30.5km

Race checkpoints; Isurava, Alola, Eora Creek.

5.30am, early morning breakfast and pre race briefing.

6.15am race start we trek to Kovelto and onto Hoi we then begin our climb over the awesome Owen Stanley Range to Deniki and up to the Isurava village then onto the Isurava Memorial. Isurava was the scene of a 4-day battle that has been described as the battle that saved Australia. There is a beautiful memorial here with the four Granite pillars inscribed with the words Courage, Endurance, Mateship and Sacrifice we then continue our journey to Alola trek down to Eora Creek and up to Templeton's one.

Tonight we camp at Templeton's One Campsite

12th OCTOBER 2018

Templeton's to Naoro 42km Race checkpoints; 1900, Naduri, Efofji, Brigade Hill, Menari, Bottom of "The Wall", Brown River. Today we cross over the highest point of the Kokoda Track, Mt Bellamy at 2190m. We have a pretty hard start to the day with a steep climb up to the Kokoda Gap.

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The Kokoda Gap was the area that Generals Macarthur and Blamey wanted to blow up and make it our own Thermopylae with our troops playing the 300 Spartans part. The down side to the plan is that the Gap is 12 km wide, and all the Spartans died! After climbing over the highest point of the track we make our way through the Moss Forest and an Ancient Arctic Beech Forest. We then descend down to Naduri before commencing a steep difficult climb up to Efogi 2 before an easy downward trek to the main Village of Efogi.

We then trek up to Brigade Hill. Brigade Hill and Mission Ridge was the scene of a bloody and ferocious battle during the 6-8 September 1942. 101 Australian Soldiers were killed in these battles. From Brigade Hill we have a long and tiring descent down to Menari before commencing our climb up to the Menari Gap and the steep descent down the other side of "the wall". At the bottom of "the wall" is a short flat section before we cross the Brown River before spending a couple of hours ploughing through the thick sticky mud of the Naoro swamps. After the swamps we commence our climb up the "11 false peaks" of the Maguli Range to Naoro Village.

Overnight Naoro Village

13th OCTOBER 2018

Naoro Village to Owers Corner 23.5km

We depart Naoro and continue our climb before climbing to the highest point of this section of the track. We now have a long descent down to Ofi Creek. From Ofi Creek we have a hard and tiring climb up Iorabaiwa Ridge, followed by a steep descent down Iorabaiwa Ridge and begin our 22 river crossings of the beautiful and spectacular Ua Ule Creek area. We then climb up Imita Ridge, which was the Australians last and final stand, there was to be no further withdrawal from this area. We then descend down the area known as the Golden Stairs before crossing the Goldie River; we now have a short but steep climb up to Owers Corner.

We enjoy the triumph of crossing the track and the official end of the race.

We reassemble our bikes and start our leisurely bike journey to the village of Vesulogo. Today's ride is a group ride into the village.

Today is about a 9-hour day.

Overnight Vesulogo Village

14th OCTOBER 2018

It is hard to believe that this is our last day of the challenge. We have a fast group ride to Sogeri Junction before we commence a very steep descent to the bottom of the plateau.

On our way to Port Moresby we stop in at the Bomana War Cemetery and pay our respect with a service to the fallen soldiers.

We have a fast group ride from here into town and onto the Port Moresby Yacht Club completing our incredible journey with a group dive and swim in the harbour.

Our last day is a 6-hour day.

This afternoon we celebrate at the Royal Port Moresby Yacht Club.

Overnight 5 Star Stanley Hotel

15th OCTOBER 2018 Depart For Home Ports