

Kokoda Trek Report - Oct 13 - Tom Allwright

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The nervous but ambitious group of 8 people all assembled on to the plane headed to Popendetta wondering had they prepared enough? What conditions would they face & were all the stories true they had heard? The group had all bonded from their previous 3 month training program including Glasgow Track, Mt Donna Buang & 1000 steps.



By day one, most of these questions had been answered. We were shocked with an almighty heat wave as we boarded the truck in Popendetta to Kokoda, before our trek began, onward to Deneki. By nightfall, we watched in the distance a treacherous rainstorm heading our way.

Day two provided Kokoda's traditional emotional highs & lows making our way through Isurava, Alola before settling in at Eora Creek for the night. It is only natural to the human mind to reflect at Isurava battle site about what makes us so proud to be Australian. Sacrifice, Endurance, Mateship & Courage are the four pillars we stood by with the group deciding no more complaining would be implemented, in memory of what our diggers provided, no matter the case.

From here on the group trekked through Kagi, Menari, Ofi Creek, Goldy River & through the arches. The group cohesiveness & relationships with porters were electric as we celebrated the trip with an AFL game in Port Moresby in memory of the great Australian game. Sore & battered we saluted those who had fought before us by beating the PNG side by 2 goals.

At the conclusion of every trek I say that Kokoda doesn't necessarily make you life long friends. However it does provide you with an experience you will never experience again, even if you come again, you will never experience that same feeling. But it does provide you with an experience to cross to street & say g'day or have a beer if you come across your former trekkers. In today's society with such busy schedules, we often miss those immense moments of time you get to share just talking & finding out about other peoples lives as often we are so caught up in our own.

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