

HIKE FOR LIGHT

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HIKE FOR LIGHT SCHOOL EXPEDITIONS

Hike for Light is an engaging, hands-on experience that takes students on an immersive journey from the classroom to the exotic destinations of Papua New Guinea and Tanzania.

With a focus on safety and educational outcomes, Hike for Light expeditions includes a social responsibility component where students fundraise to gift SolarBuddy solar lights to children in the local communities they visit.

SolarBuddy solar lights allow children to study after dusk, allowing them to better their education and work towards a brighter and healthier future.

PARTICIPATE

Hike along world-famous tracks.

EDUCATE

Learn about energy poverty through an interactive educational program.

ILLUMINATE

Fundraise for SolarBuddy solar lights and hand deliver them to children in the 'Last Mile' of your hike.

KOKODA & SOLARBUBDYY

Papua New Guinea

Papua New Guinea (PNG) is an island nation full of lush landscapes, dense jungle and surrounded by vibrant coral reefs. Located in the Southwestern Pacific to the North of Australia, PNG is not only close in distance, the historical Kokoda track links our two countries forever. It's still a remote and undiscovered destination with many locals living in the traditional way of life.

The Hike

For the most interactive and engaging learning experience about the heroic defence of our nation against a powerful foreign invader, you must hike the Kokoda trail. Traveling along the arduous jungle course, you'll learn why these sites are so important to Australia's history.

The 'Last Mile'

The 'Last Mile' of the trip will be the culmination of your fundraising efforts, classroom learning and the celebration of finishing your physical challenge. You'll visit a local community to personally hand deliver the SolarBuddy solar lights your school has fundraised for and built together.



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ON TRACK EXPEDITIONS

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Duration

11 Days

Inclusions

- 10 nights in PNG
- 2 nights twin share hotel accommodation
- SolarBuddy light distribution project
- 7 Day Kokoda Trek
- All transfers
- Charter flight Kokoda-Port Moresby
- Australian historical guide
- Local PNG head guide and group porter crew
- SolarBuddy light delivery program day
- Emergency Satellite communications
- Personal Tent
- Kokoda Track Authority licensed tour operator with Public Liability Insurance
- All meals on the track and in hotels

DAY ONE

Upon arrival at the airport we will be transferred to the Kokoda Trail Hotel on the picturesque Sogeru Plateau, just outside Port Moresby. A trek briefing will take place before a group dinner.

DAY TWO

We make an early start and travel by bus to Owers' Corner, the start point of the trek. Here we meet the porters who will accompany the group for the first time. We descend to the Goldie River and then climb Imita, the first ridgeline of the Range. It was at this point where the Australians, camped on the ridge, turned the tide in the battle and forced the Japanese, on the opposing ridgeline at Ioribaiwa, to retreat. We descend into the Ua-Ule creek valley and make camp for the night.

DAY THREE

We climb to the top of Ioribaiwa Ridge. It was here that the Japanese were forced to retreat through exhaustion and starvation, despite being within sight of the ocean and the lights of Port Moresby, their ultimate goal. After crossing Ofi Creek we make camp at the village of Nauro, perched on a hillside in the Maguli Range.

DAY FOUR

We make our way through the Brown River valley, where the main crossing provides the most pleasant swimming hole on the track. We then climb up and over 'the Wall' to Menari, one of the largest villages in the Range.

DAY FIVE

We ascend Brigade Hill, the site of one of the most famous battles of the campaign. We pass through the village of Efogi before making camp at Naduri.

DAY SIX

We make our way up and over Mount Bellamy, the highest part of the track with an altitude of 2100 metres. It features high altitude 'moss forests' and the Myola Lakes. We make camp at Templeton's Crossing.

DAY SEVEN

We pass through the now abandoned Eora Creek village. In the afternoon we cross Eora Creek, pass through the village of Alola and make camp at the Isurava Memorial Site.

DAY EIGHT

Dawn service at the Isurava Memorial. We then descend the western ridge of the Eora Creek valley, via the fields of choko vines to the village of Deniki. We spend the night at Kokoda.

DAY NINE

We fly back to Port Moresby on a morning charter flight from Kokoda. We visit the Bomana War Cemetery and overnight at our Moresby Hotel.

DAY TEN

We take a trip to a village in the central province where we will distribute our SolarBuddy lights. We will camp overnight at the village and see the SolarBuddy lights in use.

DAY ELEVEN

Returning from the village, we will connect directly with the International flight from Port Moresby to Australia.

