

## Shaggy Ridge & Finschafen Trek - SAMPLE ITINERARY

The following itinerary is recommended as a guide only. Track and weather conditions will inevitably determine the final journey of each individual trek. This itinerary follows the original wartime track as close as possible, approved by the.

To maintain our unblemished safety record, all trekking with Local Legends is done during daylight hours only. Trekking at night on cliff faces and across raging rivers increases the risk of injury and should only be attempted by experienced Sandakan trekkers when absolutely necessary. As many of our Aussie diggers will attest, the journey is one of respect to those who did endure the Track in these unthinkable conditions during the war in 1942-44.

Day	Details
1	<p><b>Transfer:</b> International travel to Port Moresby and domestic flight to LAE, hotel accommodation as per participant "travel package" arrangements ex Brisbane.</p> <p><b>Activity:</b> Your Trek Leader will facilitate introductions and brief you on the journey ahead at a group briefing held at the hotel in LAE once all participants have arrived (approx. 5-6pm).</p> <p><b>Accommodation:</b> Twin share hotel accommodation.</p>
2	<p><b>Transfer:</b> Hotel to Dumpu Village</p> <p><b>Activity:</b> We depart hotel after breakfast and visit Lae Cemetery. After paying our respects we then travel on the PMV to the village of Dumpu at the footsteps of Shaggy Ridge.</p> <p><b>Accommodation:</b> Village Camp (tents)</p> <p><b>Highlights:</b> Along the route we present the history of the Pacific campaign and the lead up to the attacks on Lae and the Shaggy ridge area, also taking in the Markham Valley areas.</p>
3-6	<p><b>Transfer:</b> Dumpu Village to Shaggy Ridge</p> <p><b>Activity:</b> We depart Dumpu after breakfast and start trekking into the mountains.</p> <p><b>Accommodation:</b> Village Camp (tents)</p> <p><b>Highlights:</b> Identifying all the key battle sites along the way, we walk up the ridges and marvel at how anyone could possibly fight on the razor sharp peaks.</p>
7	<p><b>Transfer:</b> Shaggy Ridge back to Dumpu Village</p> <p><b>Activity:</b> We retrace our steps back to the start once more reinforcing the history of the area.</p>

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8	<p><b>Transfer:</b> Dumpu to Lae to Finschafen</p> <p><b>Activity:</b> We take our transport from Dumpu back to Lae and then travel via boat up along the coast to Finschafen</p> <p><b>Accommodation:</b> Village Camp (tents)</p> <p><b>Highlights:</b> Today we travel along the coast via boat exploring the roles of the 9<sup>th</sup> Div in the Allied Offensive. We take in Scarlet Beach and other areas of importance,</p>
9	<p><b>Transfer:</b> Finschafen to Lae</p> <p><b>Activity:</b> Today we once more make the trip back down the coast via boat revisiting the key battlesites of the 9<sup>th</sup> Div. Upon our arrival we are transported to Lae Cemetery to pay our respects and from there to the Hotel for a debrief.</p> <p><b>Accommodation:</b> Hotel Lae</p> <p><b>Highlights:</b> Visiting all the battlesites along the coast, visiting Lae Cemetery. Debrief of the history and awards ceremony</p>
10	<p><b>Transfer:</b> Lae to Port Moresby to Australia</p> <p><b>Activity:</b> Today we are up early for our transport to take us to the domestic airport for our flight from Lae to POM and then transfer to International terminal for flights back to Australia</p>

**Indicative itinerary only**