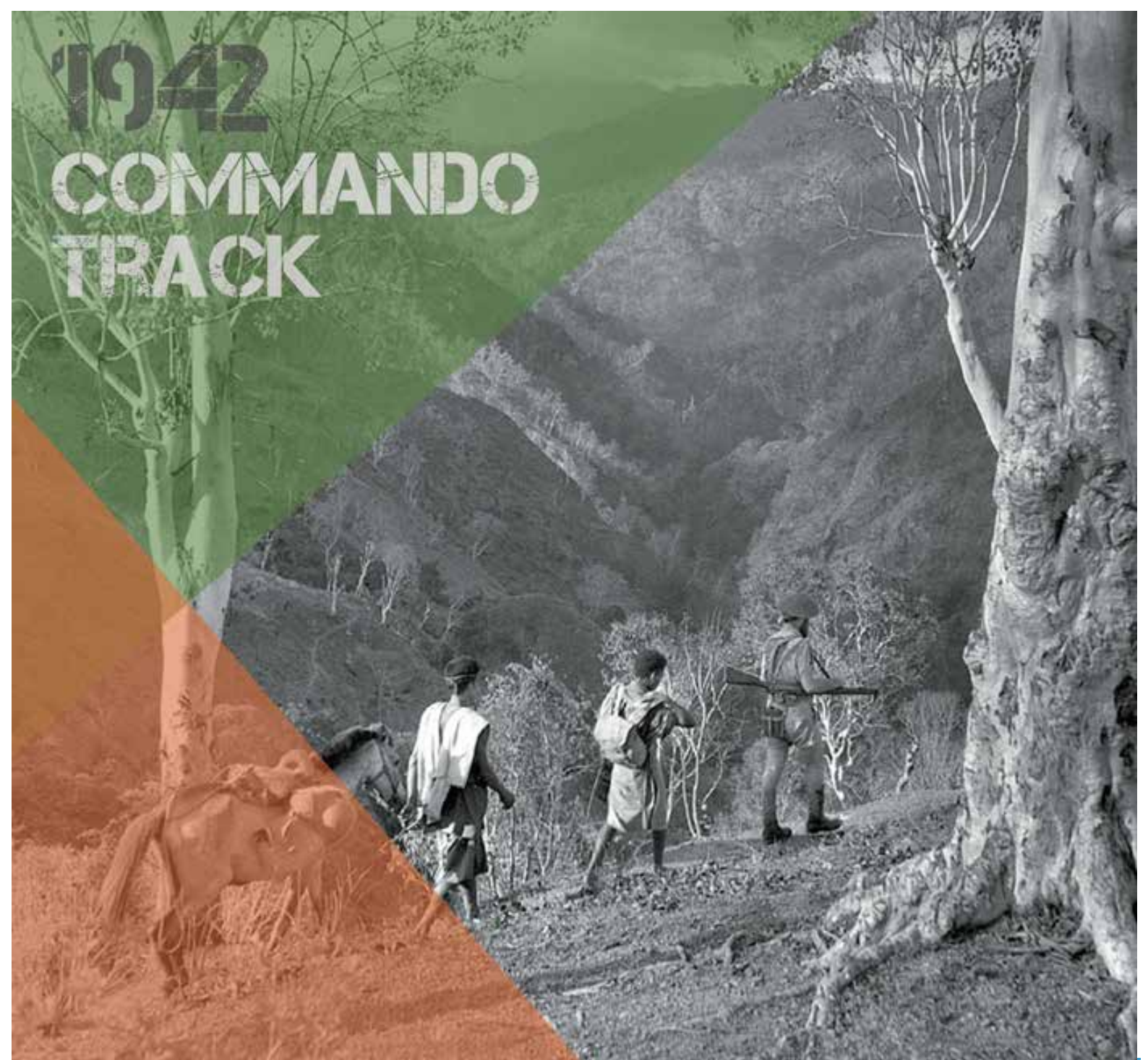


1942 COMMANDO TRACK



SECTION 1: 50km

Asumanu

Fatubesi

Hatolia

Raibo

Atsabe

Challenge yourself
Explore culture
Discover history

In 1942 members of Australia's 2/2nd Independent Company came to Portuguese Timor and successfully fought a guerilla war against the Japanese. This would not have been possible without the support young Timorese men that walked with these soldiers. The Independent Companies were Australia's first commandos and the 1942 Commando Track connects many of the sites that were significant to this campaign

ABOUT THE TREK



1942 COMMANDO TRACK Asumanu - Hatolia



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Vision: 1942 Commando Track

Create a walking track that connects historical sites, significant to the actions of the 2/2nd Independent Company, from the North coast near Bazatete to their evacuation point on the South coast near Betano.

Section 1 of the track is 50km and connects 4 sites

Bazatete: A battle site between the 2/2nd and the Japanese

Fatubesi: The site where a radio was acquired that would later be rebuilt to contact Australia

Hatolia: The Japanese demanded surrender and this was rejected

Atsabe: Battle site and Platoon HQ

The track is remote, tough and beautiful

The track follows a path through steep mountains, rivers, farms and villages. Many of the areas are still very remote and few foreigners visit there. Each day we walk roughly 12 km. Some parts of the track a clearly defined however other sections are not. There are steep ascents and descents and the surfaces can be rocky, loose and rough. It is a great adventure but good level of fitness and preparation is essential



Itinerary

Day 1: Depart Dili early by 4WD, travel west of Dili to Aipelo and turn South up the mountains to Bazatete. Continue through Bazatete for 1 hour on a steep 4wd track to the village of Asumanu. Hike down the valley, across the river and through coffee plantations to arrive at Fatubesi, the village with the “mother” coffee tree. We camp the night in an old building in the main village.

Day 2: Hike from Fatubesi to Asulau, and make the steep descent into Leirema, across the river and hike up to the village of Aibote where the track joins the main road. It is a further 2km hike along the road into Hatolia. We stay in a basic guest house in Hatolia.

Day 3: For first half of the day we descend to Leima Craic and cross the river. Then it is a long steady climb to Raibo, our destination for the night where we camp in with a family in the mountains.

Day 4: The track continues to climb as we hike towards the mountains and our final destination, Atsabe. There are spectacular views and a final river crossing before we reach our destination. For our final night we stay in a guest house in Atsabe.

Day 5: There is an opportunity to have a sleep in and a good breakfast before we explore Atsabe village. The 4wd will be there to meet us before lunchtime. We load up and head back for the 4 hour drive back to Dili, stopping in Gleno for lunch before we drop you back in Dili

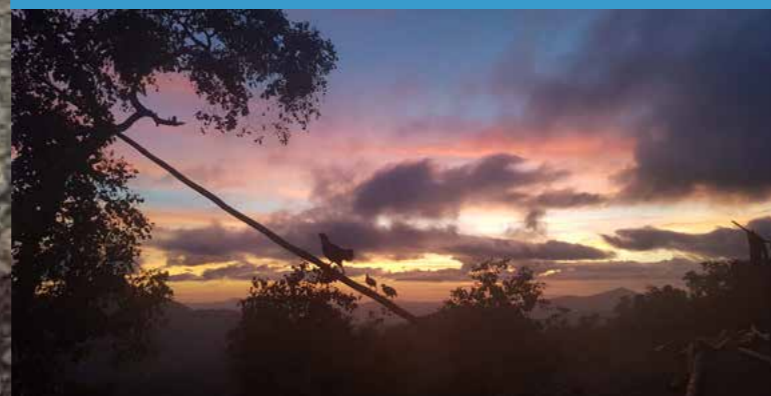


Top: Rice paddy on the way to Hatolia

Above: One of the 4 river crossings on the track

Left: The “Big Dipper” suspension bridge

Below: Hen and her chicks head off to her nest in the tree via a bamboo bridge



More information

For more information about the

- Dates of tours
- Costs and inclusions
- Fitness, preparation, health and safety
- History of the 2/2nd Independent Company

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