

# anzac in focus - 8 days

## highlights

- Istanbul
- Gallipoli Peninsular - ANZAC Cove, memorials, trenches and battlefields
- ANZAC Dawn service
- National services of Australia or New Zealand
- Kusadasi - the Aegean coast
- Roman ruins of Pergamum and Ephesus
- Pammukale thermal pools and Roman Hierapolis
- Bosphorous Strait
- Aegean coast
- Carpet weaving demonstration

## inclusions

- 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners INCLUDING our exclusive ANZAC Eve Turkish BBQ
- 6 nights 3 - 4 star hotels and special class hotels
- Airport arrival shuttle transfer - 23 April only
- Transportation around Turkey in a fully air-conditioned modern touring coach
- Guided tour of Istanbul, Gallipoli (subject to timing and traffic), Roman ruins of Ephesus and Pergamum, Pamukkale/Hierapolis
- English speaking, degree qualified Turkish tour guide
- Gallipoli map & commemorative Anzac hoodie/ sweatshirt
- All relevant transfers and transportation

## tour map



## go guide

Your guide to on the ground...

### WELCOME MEETING - AT 19:00PM

Please meet your tour leader at 19:00 in the hotel reception. At this time your tour guide will host a short welcome meeting, afterward your guide can recommend good restaurants or bars in the Sultanahmet/old city area.

### visa requirements

UK, Australian and Irish passport holders can obtain a tourist visa on arrival in Istanbul. Cost is currently GBP £10/EURO 15 for UK, USD \$20/EURO 20 for Australian and USD \$10/EURO 10 for Irish passports. New Zealand passport holders do not require a visa for a stay of less than 3-months. South African passport holders REQUIRE a visa (issued prior to departure). To download of visa application forms, head online to - [www.turkey.embassyhomepage.com](http://www.turkey.embassyhomepage.com)

Visa requirements are subject to change. Visa procurement is also the responsibility of the traveller and not of GOBUS Please ensure you have at least six months validity on your passport from the date of return.

### climate

April days can be amazingly warm (20 - 25 degrees), blue skies and sunshine though temps drop at night. At ANZAC Cove on ANZAC Eve temps can be can very cold, be sure to pack a winter jacket, hat and something waterproof to sit on and a sleeping bag to keep you warm.

### time

Turkey is 2 hours ahead of GMT.

### Insurance

Travel insurance is compulsory on our trips. Please ask a member of our reservations team if you would like us to book this for you.

### voltage

220 Volts. Sockets are of the European, 2 pronged variety. Check [www.kropla.com/electric2](http://www.kropla.com/electric2) for more info

### health requirements

It is recommended that you are vaccinated against Hepatitis A and Typhoid, coupled with Tetanus and Polio. For further advice please contact your local travel clinic or doctor.

## Money

**GBP£1 = TL2.50 Euro 1 = TL1.90 USD\$1 = TL1.25** (subject to fluctuation). TL = New Turkish Lira. Exchange and ATM facilities exist in all places excl. ANZAC Cove.

### ENTRANCE FEES

Entrance fees are not included in your tour budget approximately USD \$80-100

### TIPPING

A small tip is appropriate for your tour guide/organiser for a job well done. Budget approx USD \$3 - 5 per day

### bits & bobs

- Can of coke, 330ml TL3
- Mineral water (local brand, 500ml or 1L) TL1.50
- Meal for 2 (entree, main, a beer, local restaurant) TL50
- Beer (local brew Efes - 330-500ml approx) TL5-7
- Chocolate candy bar (local brand) TL1.5

## good advice

### bright ideas:

- Pack a selection of clothes that can be layered so that you are prepared for all weather conditions.
- Bring spare camera batteries/film or memory card so you can go snap happy!
- If you fancy a tippie, take advantage of Duty Free buys.
- Buy a phrase book and practice your holiday Turkish.
- Bring a small daypack for your day-to-day needs.
- Keep a supply of small notes for local transactions.
- Keep a photocopy of your passport data pages.

### things to bring

#### Please bring with you the following:

- Your tour voucher (this is the confirmation that you have paid for your tour)
- This go guide
- Sleeping bag, torch, toilet paper for ANZAC cove
- Warm clothing and wet weather gear (temperatures can be sub - zero at the Cove and there is always the prevailing threat of rain)

# go guide

## anzac in focus: itinerary

### day 1 - 23 april 2011

Saturday 23 April 2011. On all our ANZAC tours, an airport arrival transfer is offered on DAY ONE of your tour. Our airport transfer operates as a shuttle service between the hours of 06:00 - 22:00 on DAY ONE of your tour. Please note that the hotel check in time is between 14:00 - 15:00hrs, so if arriving and taking our shuttle in the early morning (06:00 - 09:00) of day one, consider booking a pre-night's accommodation allowing you to check in as soon as you arrive. Alternatively you will need to wait for the regular hotel check in time of 14:00 - 15:00hrs. See below for advice if you chose to make your own way to your hotel.

- From Ataturk Airport to our hotel in a taxi during the day time should cost approximately 30 TRY (Turkish Lira). The journey will take approximately 20 minutes (dependent upon traffic).
- Or use the Metro train. From the arrivals hall at Ataturk airport, walk to the right and follow the signs to the Hafif Metro/Light rail system. You'll go down an escalator, through sliding glass doors and walk along an underground concourse to the Havalimanı (Airport) Metro station. Buy a jeton (token) for 1.65 TRY and take the Metro to Otogar Esenler (Bus Terminal station). The journey will take approximately 20 minutes. See our 'Arrival instructions sheet for more info.

### arrival at your hotel

Upon arrival, please check in with the hotel reception, you will need to complete a hotel registration card and hand over your passport to which you can collect from reception later in the day. Please check the welcome sign located in the hotel foyer advising of your guides name and details for the coming days. You'll receive a room key and head up to your room. If there is a problem with your room, your guide will be available at the hotel from 23rd April onward at various times throughout the day. Please leave a written note with reception for your guide incl. your room number so that he/she can contact you once they return the hotel. Please be aware that all accommodation is based upon twin share, i.e. all rooms are made up as twin rooms with two single beds positioned separately in the room.

Day One is free for you to enjoy and explore Istanbul independently. The earlier you can fly into the city, the more time you'll have to see its fantastic sights. Istanbul is easy to get around on foot and there are plenty of attractions dotted about the old city known as Sultanahmet. Maybe, head to the Grand Bazaar or Egyptian Spice Market, both open today!

### WELCOME MEETING - AT 19:00PM

Please meet your tour guide in the hotel reception area at 19.00hrs to confirm you have arrived safe and well. You will need to hand over your tour voucher as confirmation of your booking. Suggestions will be made on where to go for dinner and arrangement made for the coming days. Overnight Istanbul.

### day 2 - ANZAC EVE

Istanbul - Gallipoli - breakfast. A very early departure to the WW1 battlefields on Gallipoli Peninsular. This afternoon, enjoy a guided tour (subject to timing and traffic conditions) of the evocative war memorials that dot the region, for example; Lone Pine, Chunuk Bair, Johnston's Jolly, the trenches and Kabatepe - the modest ANZAC museum. At this point it is a good time to fix in your mind the letter of your coach. All GOBUS coaches are clearly identifiable by an GOBUS sign on the right side of the windscreen front and more importantly remember your coach letter - ie -coach A, B, C etc.

06.00hrs: we depart for Gallipoli. Departing Istanbul early allows us to miss Istanbul morning traffic and queues of coaches heading for the region that accumulate later in the day.

A stop will be made at a grocery store with adjoining fast food restaurant or similar facility for you to purchase lunch and stock up on food and snacks for the following day at lower prices than on the peninsular. Whilst some hot food can be purchased at Gallipoli from Turkish vendors present at Lone Pine and other points, some people consider the range limited and expensive.

Arriving to Gallipoli early, will allow us the maximum time to visit the sites that dot the region (subject to timing and traffic conditions). Visits will be made to many of the war memorials for example; Lone Pine, Chunuk Bair, Johnston's Jolly, battlefields, trenches and Kabatepe - the modest ANZAC museum, (sites visited are subject to timing and traffic conditions)

Early this evening, we'll relax at our exclusive ANZAC Eve Turkish BBQ before later taking our places amongst the many at the Dawn Service site. Important instructions will be given about where to meet with your coach on 25 April, after the national services have concluded. It is very important you follow meeting instructions in order that you rendezvous with your correct coach.

Whilst drop-offs usually run smoothly, be prepared for a long walk from where your coach is ordered to stop, to get to ANZAC Cove proper on ANZAC Eve. Exercise patience on 25 April after the national services at Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair as you wait for our coaches to collect you. Everybody wants out as soon as the services draw to a close, and hundreds of coaches must wait in turn

on the service road across the hill that runs parallel with the road you'll be waiting on.

With GOBUS's precision organisational skills and plans honed through many years, we take the sweat and frustration out of visiting during the region's busiest time. Still, it's important that you take any little hiccups during the hosting of such a large event, in your stride. Remember our Diggers had it a lot harder.

At the Dawn Service site we take our places amongst the many, with the atmosphere charged we wait for dawn's first light. BBQ Dinner and overnight - Dawn Service site (ANZAC Cove)

### the ANZAC campaign

The Gallipoli and ANZAC Campaign - With the intention of capturing and securing the Ottoman capital of Istanbul, thus opening the road to Eastern Europe during World War One, Winston Churchill, British First Lord of the Admiralty, organised a naval assault on the strait. A strong Anglo - French fleet tried first in March 1915 but failed to secure the region. Then, on a date now etched in history - 25 April, 1915 - British, Australian, New Zealand and Indian troops landed on Gallipoli at what is now known as ANZAC Cove. It is thought that the small harbour of Kabatepe Village may have been the object of the Allied landings on this fateful date but perhaps in the pitch dark of the early morning the landing craft were swept northwards by uncharted currents to the very steep cliffs of Ariburnu. A bit of bad luck really as whilst the Allies were forced to advance inland up and over the steep cliffs, Mustafa Kemal (Atatürk) had foreseen the landing here and sent his Turkish troops here to do ferocious battle with the partly unsuspecting Allies. Both Allied and Turkish troops fought desperately and gallantly, slaughtering one another in vast numbers.

After nine months of ferocious and often futile battle whilst trying to push forth, the Allied forces were withdrawn in January 1916. The 13,000 souls who rest in unidentified graves in the cemeteries, together with more than 14,000 whose remains were never found, are individually commemorated by name on the Lone Pine Memorial (Australian and New Zealand servicemen), the Twelve Tree Copse, Hill 60 and Chunuk Bair Memorials (New Zealand servicemen) and also Helles Memorial (British, Australian and Indian servicemen).

### day 3 - ANZAC day

Gallipoli - Istanbul. Today, the 25th April marks the reason we came to Turkey and Gallipoli. Dawn and first light signals the commencement of the annual Dawn Service, attended by Australian, New Zealand and other foreign dignitaries, military personnel and a strong following of regular Australian and New Zealand folk. The poignant and emotive service commemorating this important and historical date allows us time to reflect. Lest we forget.

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## ANZAC in focus - itinerary (continued)

On completion of the Dawn Service at approximately 06.15hrs, visitors have a four-hour period before commencement of the Australian National Memorial Service at Lone Pine Service at around 10.30hrs. Many walk the 2-3 kilometres distance via Ari Burnu Beach, Shrapnel Valley and Shell Green Cemeteries. Please note: For those intending to attend both the Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair services, the only method of travelling between these two sites is on foot. The time between the Australian National Service at Lone Pine ending and the New Zealand National Service at Chunuk Bair beginning is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. The route from Lone Pine to Chunuk Bair is approximately 3.3 kilometres on foot up a gradual incline. The route is well marked but will take a reasonably fit individual about 1 hour to complete.

It is not thought the average person would have enough time to attend both services due to the uphill climb of some 3.3 km from Lone Pine to Chunuk Bair. However, if you do decide you think you'll have the time, en route, just off the road you'll be walking up will be a Turkish Service in progress at a Memorial dedicated to the Turkish war dead. Please respect the solemnity of the occasion as you walk past, by remaining quiet.

If you don't think you'll be able to make it to Chunuk Bair between the Australian Service ending and the New Zealand Service commencing, don't start the walk. Remain around the area where Lone Pine Memorial is located.

This afternoon, we re-group at a designated pick-up point (probably Chunuk Bair and Lone Pine) for the drive to the Aegean coast, where on arrival we check-in to our hotel for a well-earned rest after a day filled with emotion. Dinner and overnight - Ayvalik. (Timings on 25 April subject to coach traffic)

### day 4 - roman pergamum

Ayvalik - Kusadasi - breakfast. Today, we drive south. Set on a high hill are the Roman ruins of Pergamum and awesome hill-side amphitheatre. We also visit the neighbouring asclepion - a Roman precursor to modern-day hospitals! Continuing to coastal Kusadasi, relax after an exciting day. Dinner and overnight - Kusadasi.

### day 5 - roman ruins of ephesus

Kusadasi - Pamukkale - breakfast. Today, we enjoy a guided tour at the legendary Roman ruins of Ephesus. Positively the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean, and among the best places in the world to get a feel for what Roman life must have been like, Ephesus, under the Romans was a vast city with a population nearing 250,000. After a short stop at a leather factory, we continue to Pamukkale. Famous for its unique cascades of natural mineral rich pools, perhaps opt for a swim at Pamukkale Thermal. Just beyond the thermal pools are the

Roman ruins of Hierapolis. Dinner and overnight - Pamukkale.

### day 6 - pumakkale thermal baths

Pammukale - Istanbul - breakfast. This morning we drive back to Istanbul. En route we visit a carpet manufacturing house. Arrival late evening. Overnight - Istanbul

### day 7 - istanbul old city tour

Istanbul - breakfast. Enjoy our classic city tour taking in the Hippodrome area, the stunning Blue Mosque, Hagia Sofia and more. This afternoon, enjoy a relaxing afternoon Bosphorus cruise after which you are free to spend the evening as you wish. Overnight - Istanbul.

### day 8 - istanbul

Saturday 30 April 2011. Istanbul - breakfast. Tour ends after breakfast and hotel check out at 12noon. Overnight - Istanbul.

Note: Istanbul sights are closed on the following days: Topkapi Palace is closed on Tuesdays, Hagia Sofia closed on Mondays. Grand Bazaar and Egyptian Spice Market are both closed on Sundays. This in NO way affects your touring program.

## make the most of ANZAC day

**GOBUS** want you to get the most out of your time at Gallipoli during the ANZAC Commemorations. Timetables relating to the various Memorial services at Gallipoli for Anzac Day as issued by the Governments of Australia and New Zealand and the Government of Turkey are not available at time of printing. However, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission upon entry to the ANZAC Cove Dawn Service site will distribute official programs on the evening of 24 April, so be sure to secure a copy. Last year, the official program of services was distributed on a complimentary basis.

Dignitaries and VIPs will attend services from the governments of Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom and Turkey, along with Military representatives. As such, please expect TRAFFIC DELAYS at all times.

### come prepared

Download maps of the Gallipoli sites and peninsular area from:  
[www.dva.gov.au/commem/anzac/gallipoli\\_access.htm](http://www.dva.gov.au/commem/anzac/gallipoli_access.htm)  
[www.dva.gov.au/commem/anzac/peninsular\\_map.doc](http://www.dva.gov.au/commem/anzac/peninsular_map.doc)

### ANZAC tips

- In order for us to show you the best of Turkey in a non-hurried fashion to you, it is imperative you are ready for departure on time, each day. Please do not delay and inconvenience fellow travellers. It is your responsibility to be at the proposed meeting

point for the group in time. We will depart at our specified times.

- En route to the Gallipoli Peninsular from Istanbul, we stop at a supermarket, giving you the chance to pick up reasonably priced snacks and drinks.
- Buy a foam cushion for sitting to pad your seat for the evening.
- Your main luggage will be stored securely in the coach.
- Spending the night at the Dawn Service site you will need a torch, snacks and water, hat/beanie, scarf, gloves, WC paper, wet wipes, camera and sleeping bag. Camping equipment is a no go, all you really need is a good sleeping bag.
- Alcohol is not permitted in the Dawn Service Site. We ask all passengers to respect this.
- Last year, in excess of 12 000 people attended the Dawn Service Ceremony. The Dawn Service site is situated south of ANZAC Cove, overlooking the Aegean coastline. The site has a small grassed area, which seats approximately 1500 people and the remainder of the attendees enjoy views from the tiered grand stand. Although the grand stand can be a little uncomfortable, as dawn breaks the advantage is clear as you enjoy spectacular views across the coast and uninterrupted views as the ceremonies take place.
- Security is always high during ANZAC commemoration at Gallipoli. The Turkish Government works closely with the Australian and New Zealand Governments to ensure that security is tight. Turkish Gendarmes are present in large numbers at the event. They are there to keep order, ensure traffic runs smoothly and carry out spot checks on persons and baggage being taken into the Dawn Service Site.
- Toilet facilities are provided at the Dawn service site, and last year they were clean and plentiful. However, be patient.
- Don't forget your coach letter - or you could be sleeping another night at ANZAC Cove
- Imagine the detritus a crowd can leave behind. Don't add to it. Take all personal litter with you. Don't leave it at Gallipoli.
- Whilst drop-offs and pick ups at ANZAC Cove usually run smoothly, be PATIENT and be PREPARED for a long walk as coaches maybe ordered to stop, to ANZAC Cove proper.

**Please note: this tour is run in conjunction with on the go tours**

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