

ANZAC IN FOCUS - 9 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
- Pamukkale thermal pools
- Obruk & Sultanhani Caravanserai
- Cappadocia Region - fairy chimneys & underground city
- Ankara - Capital city

INCLUSIONS

- 7 breakfasts and 1 dinner
- 7 nights budget style hotels, hostels and guesthouses
- Transportation around Turkey in a fully air-conditioned, non smoking bus
- Guided tour of Gallipoli and Pergamum (entrance fees not included)
- English speaking tour leader/ organiser on the bus

TOUR MAP



GO GUIDE

Your guide to on the ground...

WELCOME MEETING - AT 18:30PM

Please meet your tour leader at 18:30 in the hotel reception. At this time your tour leader will host a short welcome meeting, afterward your welcome to join us for a few drinks in one of the many 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

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 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 = YTL2.26 Euro 1 = YTL1.96 USD\$1 = YTL1.48 (subject to fluctuation). YTL = New Turkish Lira. Exchange and ATM facilities exist in all places excl. ANZAC Cove.

ENTRANCE FEES

Entrance fees are not included in your tour.

TIPPING

A small tip is appropriate for your tour leader/organiser for a job well done. Budget approx USD \$8

BITS & BOBS

- Can of coke, 330ml YTL3
- Mineral water (local brand, 500ml or 1L) YTL1.50
- Meal for 2 (entree, main, a beer, local restaurant) YTL50
- Beer (local brew Efes - 330-500ml approx) YTL5-7
- Chocolate candy bar (local brand) YTL1.5

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. Welcome to Turkey and your ANZAC experience! Arrival at Istanbul Atatürk International Airport. From here you will need to make your way to your arrival hotel. Your arrival hotel address will be written upon your 'Tour Voucher' with accompanying map and directions.

- The fastest way to get into town from the airports by taxicab (20 - 40 mins - around USD\$12 - 20)
- A cheaper option is the Havas airport bus (60 - 70 mins - around USD\$3.50 - 4.50). Havas leaves around every 30 mins and includes a stop at Aksaray. From here, you'll need to hail a taxicab to take you the short distance to your hotel.
- Or use the Metro train. A Metro stop is located on the lower level of the airport. Take the Metro to Aksaray if your hotel is located in this district. Cost is USD\$3 and takes around 40mins. Or for Sultanahmet hotels take the Metro to Zeytinburnu, change to the light rail system (Tram) and continue to Sultanahmet. Cost USD\$4 and takes 1hr.

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!

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DAY 2 - ANZAC EVE

Istanbul - Gallipoli - breakfast.
06.00hrs: Wake up call, which your guide will arrange (set your alarm earlier if this doesn't suit). Breakfast from 06.30hrs. Please bring your bags with you and place them on the bus. Pay all room

bills and hand your key into reception before going to breakfast.

Be sure to have separated your luggage into a smaller day pack that you want to keep with you at Anzac Cove, ie warm clothes, blankets, snacks, toiletries etc and place them on the bus with you. Large bags will go underneath the coach and will not be accessible until the following morning.

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 a **GOBUS** sign on the right side of the windscreen front and more importantly remember your coach letter - ie -'coach A, B C etc.

07.00hrs: Departure to the WW1 battlefields on Gallipoli Peninsular. En route to Gallipoli a stop will be made at a supermarket with adjoining fast food restaurant or similar facility for you to stock up on food and snacks for the evening and 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. It may be a good idea to have some extra snacks packed for sustenance as we won't have a chance to buy snacks/food again until after our departure from Gallipoli.

Arriving at Gallipoli, approx 13:00hrs we will take an orientation tour of the battlefields before we travel down to the cove. Upon arrival at the cove, you will be given instructions 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.

The afternoon is free for you to explore the many memorials, battlefields and trenches. Now, is also the time to sort a vantage spot on the grass (limited) or teired seating, taking in the loaded atmosphere as the legendary wait for first light commences. 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. 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. Let us not forget.

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.

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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. We will re-group at a designated pick-up point (probably Chunuk Bair and Lone Pine). This afternoon we head to the small town of Ayvalik for some much needed R&R! Overnight - Ayvalik

DAY 4 - PERGAMON

Ayvalik - Kusadasi - breakfast. Today, we drive south. Set on a high hill are the Roman ruins of Pergamon and awesome hill-side amphitheatre. (entrance fees not included). We also visit the neighbouring asclepion - a Roman precursor to modern-day hospitals! Enjoy a guided tour of the ruins. Continuing to coastal Kusadasi, relax after a day of high-jinks. Overnight - Kusadasi.

DAY 5 - ROMAN RUINS OF EPHEBUS

Kusadasi - Breakfast. Today there is an optional guided tour of the legendary Roman ruins of Ephesus, the former capital of Roman Asia and best preserved ancient city in Turkey. Also view one of the Seven Ancient Wonders, the great Temple of Artemis. Spend the afternoon at leisure, exploring Kusadasi or if Mother Nature is being kind, enjoy some sunshine on the beach. Overnight Kusadasi.

DAY 6 - PAMUKKALE THERMAL BATHS

Kusadasi - Pamukkale - breakfast. This morning we drive east to Pamukkale - famed for its unique cascades of natural mineral rich pools. Here we can paddle our feet in the warm water flowing over the terraces or perhaps opt for a swim at the Pamukkale Thermal Baths. Just beyond the thermal pools are the Roman ruins of Hierapolis. Overnight - Pamukkale.

DAY 7 - SILK ROUTE

Pamukkale - Cappadocia - breakfast. Today, we travel north across the Anatolian Plain and along the ancient silk trade route to Cappadocia. En route, we stop at the old caravanserais of Obruk and Sultanhani. Overnight - Cappadocia.

DAY 8 - CAPPADOCIA

Cappadocia - breakfast. Whole troglodyte villages, subterranean churches and fortresses hewn from the soft, eroded volcanic rock have made Cappadocia one of Turkey's finest attractions. This morning you can take an optional

hot air balloon ride, to get a birds eye view of this spectacular region. You'll be back in time for the optional guided tour of southern Cappadocia. Enjoy the amazing sights of the Goreme Valley, Zelve with its phallic-like eroded landscape of so-called 'fairy chimneys' and notable rock formations within the region. This evening there is an optional Turkish Folklore evening which includes entertainment and as much food and drink as you can tackle! Overnight - Cappadocia.

DAY 9 - ISTANBUL

Sunday 01 May 2011. Cappadocia - Istanbul - breakfast. It's an early start today as we return to Istanbul via Ankara, the nation's capital. Here, we visit the mausoleum of Atatürk - the founding father of modern Turkey. Arrival Istanbul late evening. Upon arrival your tour concludes and it is time to say goodbye to new friends.

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
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 FEZ travel

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