

Otago Mounted Rifles 8 days



Family Tour - ANZAC Day, Gallipoli 2015. Starts: 19th April. Take your family on a poignant pilgrimage to ANZAC Cove to commemorate the historic 100th anniversary in 2015 and explore the wonders of Turkey including giant Trojan horses and Ottoman Palaces, white sparkling thermal pools, ancient amphitheatres and underground cisterns.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Istanbul / Ends in: Istanbul
- Departs: Sunday 19 April 2015
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:6, Lunch: 1, Dinner: 3
- Hotel Rating: 4 Star & Special Class
- Tour Guide: Yes

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
- To enquire about this trip - [click here](#)

TOUR MAP:



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Day 1:

Sunday 19 April 2015. Welcome to Istanbul! After being met at the airport you will be transferred to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. Tonight a welcome meeting takes place at 8pm when you'll meet your guide and the rest of the group. Overnight - [Istanbul](#)

Day 2:

Today we get to tour the amazing city of Istanbul, exploring all the city has to offer starting with the iconic Blue Mosque, Hagia Sofia (exterior only as it is closed on Mondays), Topkapi Palace and the ancient underground cistern. After a break for lunch we relax on a cruise up the Bosphorus Strait before heading over to the lively and colourful Egyptian Spice Market and the famous Grand Bazaar, here you will be able to put your haggling skills into practice. Overnight - [Istanbul](#)

Day 3:

Istanbul - Pamukkale. This morning we leave the city of Istanbul and travel south to Pamukkale. On the way we stop by a traditional Turkish carpet weaving and manufacturing house where we will have the opportunity to learn more about the history and importance of Turkish carpets. We spend the night in Pamukkale. Overnight - [Pamukkale](#)



Day 4:

Pamukkale - Kusadasi. Pamukkale is a unique site famous for its cascading, calcium thermal pools. This morning we can paddle through the travertine pools and experience one of Turkey's best natural wonders. We also visit the ruins of the Roman Hierapolis which sit above the pools.

From Pamukkale we travel on to Ephesus, one of the most well preserved classical cities in the Western Med. Under the Romans Ephesus was a vast city with a population nearing 250,000, revelling in prosperity. Later on we visit a high grade leather garment house before spending the night in beautiful coastal Kusadasi. Overnight - [Kusadasi](#)

Day 5:

Kusadasi - Edremit. This morning we travel north to Edremit, stopping en route at the Roman ruins of Pergamum, which was once the capital city of the Asian province of the ancient Roman Empire. Home to one of the steepest, vertigo-inducing amphitheatres in the classical world, Pergamum was also famous for its Asclepion (medical centre). Overnight - [Edremit](#)



Day 6:

We are up bright and early this morning as we begin our final drive towards Gallipoli, stopping en route for a visit to the famous wooden horse of Troy. Next we jump aboard the ferry and cross to the Gallipoli Peninsular where we tuck into a delicious Turkish BBQ before travelling to ANZAC Cove. Be sure to wrap up warm this evening as we settle down for the night at the atmospheric ANZAC Eve vigil. Overnight - Anzac Cove



Day 7:

Gallipoli - Istanbul. First light heralds the start of the Dawn Service, then you'll have plenty of time to independently explore the many trenches and memorial sites as you make your way up to Lone Pine or Chunuk Bair for the Australian or New Zealand National services. The service at Chunuk Bair starts 45 minutes after the Australian service at Lone Pine. If you're a New Zealander, you will need to head straight to Chunuk Bair. This afternoon, we return to

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Istanbul, arriving very late in the evening. Hotel check in and a well-deserved rest, after an emotion-filled day at Gallipoli.

Overnight - [Istanbul](#)



Day 8:

Sunday 26 April 2015. Our tour ends after breakfast and hotel check-out today.



WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Istanbul - old city, Hippodrome area, Topkapi Palace, Blue Mosque and the Underground Cistern
- Pamukkale thermal pools and Roman Hierapolis
- Roman ruins of Pergamum and Ephesus
- Troy and the Wooden Trojan Horse (subject to time and if open)
- Aegean coast
- Gallipoli Peninsular - ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine memorial, Chunuk Bair memorial, battlefields and trenches

- ANZAC 2015 Dawn Service and the national services of Australia or New Zealand
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- Visits to carpet weaving and leather manufacturing houses
- Bosphorus Cruise - views of the city skyline, Ottoman architecture and waterside palaces

What's Included

- 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch (our ANZAC afternoon Turkish BBQ) and 3 dinners
- 6 nights 4 star and special class hotels
- Airport arrival transfer on day 1 from Ataturk International Airport at any time of day or from Sabiha Gokcen Airport at 2.30pm and 8pm.
- Guided sightseeing of Pamukkale and Hierapolis, Roman ruins of Ephesus and Pergamum.
- Guided sightseeing of the Blue Mosque, Underground Cistern, Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sofia and the Hippodrome area
- Bosphorus Cruise - views of the city skyline, Ottoman architecture and waterside palaces
- Visits to the Grand Bazaar and Egyptian Spice Market
- English speaking, qualified Turkish tour guide
- All relevant transfers and transportation in modern air-conditioned vehicles
- Commemorative ANZAC hoodie/ jumper

What's Not Included

- International flights & visa
- Tip for your tour guide and driver: as a guideline we recommend you budget USD \$3-5 per day, per traveller for your guide and USD \$1-2 per day, per traveller for your driver. Tipping your tour guide and driver is an entirely personal gesture
- Entrance Fees: \$110-130 USD

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$1,799

This tour is available for families with young adults aged 12 years or above. Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. Due to capacity restraints we do not offer single rooms on our ANZAC tours and therefore there is no single supplement to pay. We will match up all single travellers with another fellow passenger of the same sex. Please note that if booking pre or post tour accommodation, single travellers will need to pay the single supplement for nights booked.

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| Date | Price/Person | Single Supp. |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| 19 APR - 26 APR | USD \$1,799 | - |

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Supplementary Prices

| | Price/Person | Single Supp. |
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| Otago Mounted Rifles - Under 18 Discount | USD \$-320 | USD \$0 |

HOTELS:

The hotels listed below are ones which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard when necessary.

Ibis Hotel Istanbul - Istanbul

The recently renovated Ibis in Istanbul is modern with excellent facilities. Rooms are comfortable with good sized beds and contemporary design. The outdoor pool is great for a refreshing dip (though it is closed in the winter months) The massive all you can eat buffet breakfast come well recommended and is a great way to start the day. Located on the shores of the Sea of Marmara, midway between the airport & the old city.



Lycus River - Pamukkale

Just a short drive from the famous travertines and terraces, the huge Lycus River Spa Complex is a traveller's thermal paradise. The fantastic facilities include interlinking indoor and outdoor thermal pools, complimentary Wi-Fi and excellent dining. The leisure facilities are endless and rooms are bright, comfortable and all come with a private balcony. Well located just a short journey from Pamukkale and Hieropolis.



Grand Belish - Kusadasi

Sitting along the magnificent Aegean Coast, the Grand Belish is

impressively designed hotel. Offering guests a fantastic service and rooms with quality amenities and a private balcony overlooking the grounds. The delightful outdoor pool is great for lazing by during the day and at night a trip to the Terrace Bistro Bar for a delicious cocktail whilst looking out across the magnificent sea views is a must. Located just outside Kusadasi on a gorgeous stretch of beach along the Aegean Coast.



Adrina Hotel de Luxe - Edremit

Perched on the seafront, the Adrina Hotel de Luxe is a modern hotel offering excellent accommodation. Guest rooms are well appointed and comfortable. The expansive outdoor pool is a great place to relax by or take a dip in. A number of restaurants are at the resort including Italian, Turkish and Seafood specialities. Those who want ultimate relaxation should head to the Spa where you can indulge in Turkish baths and other excellent spa facilities. Located right on the shores of the Aegean Sea near Edremit.

