

# Battle of Lone Pine 11 days



Pay your respects to the soldiers who gave their lives during the August Offensive at Lone Pine at the special 100th Anniversary Commemorative Service hosted on the 06 August. Retrace their footsteps by visiting important battlefields and fortified trenches, exploring poignant war museums, and strolling through hauntingly beautiful memorials. Plus take in the highlights of ancient and modern Turkey en route.

## TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Istanbul / Ends in: Istanbul
- Departs: Tuesday 04 August 2015
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:10, Lunch: 1, Dinner: 5
- Hotel Rating: 4 star
- 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:



## QUICK WEB LINKS

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## Day 1:

Welcome to Turkey! Tuesday. Arrive Istanbul and included transfer to our hotel. Spend the afternoon at leisure or head out to explore the city. This evening our tip filled welcome meeting takes place. Overnight - [Istanbul](#)

## Day 2:

Istanbul. This morning we enjoy a guided tour of Istanbul's old city. Our tour includes visits to the stunning Blue Mosque famed for its blue Iznik tiles and unique 6 minarets, the ruinous Hippodrome – now a small park of sorts and once scene of chariot races and political activities in Byzantine times, Hagia Sofia Museum - constructed as a Basilica in the 6th century by Emperor Justinian, Topkapi Palace and the Underground Cistern – an ancient underground water tank - replete with carved and fluted Corinthian columns and a puzzling head of Medusa. Visitors walk on walkways suspended above the shallow water. It's very cool and peaceful. Overnight - [Istanbul](#)



## Day 3:

Istanbul – Gallipoli. Early this morning, we travel to the WW1 battlefields of Gallipoli. Here, we'll embark upon a guided tour of the region, once the site of fierce fighting and today almost hauntingly beautiful, with its wooded landscape dotted with understated memorials to the war dead. Our guided tour of the region will take in sights such as ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine Australian War Memorial and cemetery, Chunuk Blair New Zealand War Memorial and cemetery, the Nek, Johnston's Jolly and the many fortified trenches still clearly visible amongst the scrub after all these years.

This afternoon we'll make our way to the Lone Pine to attend the official commemorative service marking (to the day) the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Lone Pine. The battle of Lone Pine saw some of the most fierce fighting of the Gallipoli campaign. Over four days, Australia suffered more than 2,000 casualties. Seven Australians were awarded the Victoria Cross for their bravery at Lone Pine. With dignitaries, current and ex-service men and women present it is sure to be a memorable, yet moving occasion.

After we cross the Dardanelles by ferry (offering panoramic views of the entire Gallipoli Peninsular) arriving at our hotel late in the evening. Overnight - [Canakkale](#)

## Day 4:

Returning to the Gallipoli Peninsular we visit Shrapnel Valley cemetery and walk up to Shell Green where the Australians infamously played cricket in full view of the Turks. After we'll tour some of the British landing sites such as X beach, Seddul Bair and W beach - the site of the Lancashire Landing. Later we head over to Krithia Vineyard, the war museum and nearby Redoubt Cemetery. Before visiting Kilitbaher Fort, another site that had much effect on the Gallipoli Campaign where artillery was set up to fire on the British warships as they tried to sail up the Dardanelles prior to the landing campaign. After lunch we take a boat trip off the cove to see the Gallipoli Peninsular from a different perspective before heading back to our hotel for dinner and free time. Overnight - [Canakkale](#)



## Day 5:

Gallipoli – Kusadasi. Heading south, we enjoy a guided tour of Homer's Troy, famed for the Trojan wooden horse and fabled Helen. Continuing to ancient Pergamum - the cultural and political capital of its time, before continuing onto coastal Kusadasi. Make the most of the hotel facilities this evening. Overnight - [Kusadasi](#)

## Day 6:

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. It became the Roman capital of Asia Minor. We'll have plenty of time to tour the marble ruins of Ephesus. Be sure to see the famous Library of Celcus, the gymnasium of Vedius and Stadium, the great theatre and stroll the streets in the ruins of this large Roman ruined city. It's completely fascinating. We'll see public toilets, a brothel, fountains and various temples.

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Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and after we stop to watch a demonstration of how they are made before visiting the quaint Greek village of Sirince peached mountainside within a valley of vineyards and orchards. Overnight - [Kusadasi](#)



## Day 7:

Kusadasi - Pamukkale. Today, after breakfast, we drive to Pamukkale visiting the region's famed calcium rich terraced pools. Known locally as the Cotton Castles, they are a natural phenomena and gift of Mother Nature.

Pamukkale was formed when warm, calcium rich mineral water cascaded over the cliff edge, cooling and depositing in the process. The calcium built natural shelves and pools on the cliffs, known as travertines. Today, some of the pools are closed. However, areas of the travertines can be walked upon, albeit in bare feet. We can however opt to enjoy a unique and very pleasant dip in the warm waters at the Pamukkale Thermal, with its submerged fragments of fluted marble columns in the centre of the ruined spa town of Hierapolis, which was a was a cure centre founded around 190 BC by the Romans.

At approx 10:30pm this evening we bid farewell to our guide and travel by overnight bus to Istanbul. Overnight - [Pamukkale](#)

## Days 8 - 9:

Pamukkale - Cappadocia. On our drive to Cappadocia, we visit some ancient caravanserais such as Sultanhanı caravanserai. Tonight (day 7) why not join us on an optional and fun Turkish evening out.

On day 8, after breakfast and a good night's rest, we enjoy a guided tour of Cappadocia - perhaps the jewel in Turkey's crown. Cappadocia is one of Turkey's most extraordinary national treasures. The utter improbability of the seemingly surreal landscape has to be seen to be believed with its 'stuff of fables' cave dwellings and phallic 'fairy chimneys' landscape. Whole troglodyte villages, subterranean churches and fortresses have been hewn from the soft, porous, eerily eroded rock of Cappadocia. The crumbling legacy of persecuted Christians trying

to escape the Muslim onslaught in 1st-10th centuries AD by effectively heading underground is one of Turkey's finest attractions.

A guided tour of the region takes us to the World – Heritage listed site of the Göreme Valley where you'll see stunning examples of rock-cut Byzantine churches, chapels and temples and Zelve with its phallic-like eroded landscape. Stopping on the outskirts of Goreme Village we have the opportunity to see Pigeon Valley where century's old pigeon houses are carved into the surrounding cliffs, the pigeon droppings that litter the area have been used as fertilizer on crops for generations. Here you will also have the opportunity to visit an Onyx shop, specialising in historic jewellery designs unique to Turkey and using local materials and craftsmen. For those not interested in shopping spend a little time relaxing and grab a drink from the local cafe. This evening, we enjoy dinner at the hotel. Overnight - [Cappadocia](#)



## Day 10:

Cappadocia - Istanbul. Via Ankara - the nation's capital, we visit the mausoleum of Mustafa Ataturk - the father of modern Turkey, before continuing to Istanbul. Overnight - [Istanbul](#)



## Day 11:

Friday. After breakfast your tour draws to a close. Onward departure transfers to Ataturk International Airport are offered

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complimentary at 11am and 1:30pm today. Happy travels!

air-conditioned vehicles

## 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, Istanbul, Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sofia, Basilica Underground Cistern and Topkapi Palace
- Gallipoli Peninsular - ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair memorials, trenches and battlefields
- Attendance at the Battle of Lone Pine 100th Anniversary commemorative service
- Shrapnel Valley, Shell Green & British landing sites – X beach, Seddul Bair, W beach - the site of the Lancashire Landing and the war museum.
- Kilitbaher Fort, where artillery was set up to fire on the British warships as they tried to sail up the Dardanelles prior to the landing campaign.
- Afternoon boat trip off the coast, looking back at the landing sites
- Aegean Coast and Troy - Trojan horse and ancient ruins
- Greek village of Sirince surrounded by orchards and vineyards
- Roman ruins of Pergamum and Ephesus
- Pamukkale thermal pools and Roman Hierapolis
- Turkish carpet weaving and leather manufacturing houses
- Silk Road and ancient caravanserais and Ankara - Ataturk's Mausoleum
- Cappadocia region with its fairy chimneys, Goreme Valley and underground city

### What's Included

- 10 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 5 hotel dinners
- 10 nights 4 star hotels
- Airport arrival transfer on day 1 and departure transfer (to Ataturk International Airport) at 11am and 1:30pm on day 11
- Guided sightseeing - Istanbul, Gallipoli, Troy, Ruins of Ephesus and Pergamum, Pamukkale terraces, Hierapolis and Cappadocia
- Extensive sightseeing of Gallipoli, battlefields, memorials, trenches and landing sites
- Boat trip off the Gallipoli peninsular
- Visits to the Grand Bazaar and Egyptian Spice Market
- Escorted by an English speaking, degree qualified Turkish tour guide
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private modern

### What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Tip for your tour guide and driver. We recommend you allow \$3 - 5 USD per day, per traveller to cover tips for these mentioned above. Tipping your tour guide and driver is an entirely personal gesture
- Entrance Fees: \$130-150 USD
- Tipping Kitty: \$35-45 USD

### BOLT-ONS:

Make the most of your time away! Listed below are the optional activities that are available on this trip. Please note that you will need to book these prior to travel as we cannot always guarantee availability of these activities once you are on holiday.

### Princes Islands - 1 day - USD \$179

Located in the Sea of Marmara off the coast of Istanbul, the Princes' Islands are a chain of nine islands offering a peaceful retreat from the hustle and bustle of Turkey's largest city. There are no cars on the islands and the main mode of transportation is horse and cart or bicycle, giving the islands a wonderful nostalgic vibe. Buyukada is the largest island of the nine and one of the most attractive with two peaks and gingerbread-style villas lining the slopes.

### PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$2,899

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, (if another solo traveller of the same sex is already booked upon the tour), thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our scheduled tour departures are guaranteed subject to a minimum of 2 travellers.

#### 2015

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
04 AUG - 14 AUG	USD \$2,899	USD \$949

#### Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
Pre-Tour Accommodation	USD \$129	USD \$80
Post-Tour Accommodation	USD \$129	USD \$80

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## 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.

### Kent Hotel - Istanbul

Renovated in 2009, the charming Kent Hotel offers is a great example of contemporary design and a friendly atmosphere. Guest rooms are superbly equipped with modern facilities including Wi-Fi connectivity, state of the art technology and bright marbled bathrooms. Enjoying a delicious Turkish meal at the in house Calcedoine Restaurant after a hard days sightseeing is highly recommended. Fantastically located within 10 minutes walk of the Grand Bazaar and Old Town in the Bayazit area in the European side of Istanbul.



### Tusan Hotel - Canakkale

The family run Tusan Hotel offers modern facilities in a tranquil setting. Rooms are comfortable and well equipped and offer guests beautiful forest or sea views. The hotel benefits from a private beach and an indoor and outdoor restaurant. A refreshing pint of beer in the English Pub whilst challenging the bar staff to a game of pool is a great way to spend the evening. Set within a beautiful pine forest looking across the Dardanelles with a private beach exclusively for guests.



### Alish Hotel and Spa - Kusadasi

Opening in 2012, the Alish Hotel and Spa is one of Kusadasi's most modern hotels. All rooms are well equipped with modern facilities, private balconies and laminate flooring. A number of restaurants and bars exist including the pool bar that serves refreshing

beverages and snacks whilst you sunbathe. An early morning swim in the pool is a great way to start the day. Well located with close links to the city centre, local beaches and the famous waterparks.



### Colossae Thermal Spa Hotel - Pamukkale

Set in landscaped gardens, the Colossae Thermal Spa Hotel has an envious location in Pamukkale. Guest rooms are spacious and tastefully decorated. The on site thermal spa offers guests a chance to relax and enjoy what this region is most famous for. Why not take breakfast on the terrace or dinner by the pool? Two of our top tips! The hotel is well located close to the travertines in Pamukkale.



### Peri Tower - Cappadocia

Renovated in 2006, the Peri Tower Hotel's design is inspired by the region's famous fairy chimneys. The contemporary guest rooms are comfortable and tastefully decorated with rich mahogany furniture. Guests can enjoy a delicious Turkish meal in front of the roaring fire in winter or outside as the sun sets in summer. The hotel also has full Turkish spa facilities which are a great way to relax and unwind. Perfectly located in a quiet area with great access to restaurants and shops.



### Titanic City Hotel - Istanbul

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One of Istanbul's most popular hotels, Titanic City offers modern accommodation in a central location. Rooms are bright and comfortable offering state of the art technology and luxurious walk in rain showers. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available and the views from the trendy Compass Bar and Restaurant are simply stunning. Sipping a refreshing beverage overlooking the mighty Bosphorus is a great way to unwind at the end of the day. Perfectly located in Taksim, the beating heart of Istanbul with lots of great shops, restaurants and bars.

