

# Lone Pine Express 8 days



In this the 100th Anniversary of the August Offensive at Lone Pine join us on an extensive tour of the Gallipoli Peninsula and the trenches and remnants of that bloody battle as well as taking in the key sights Turkey has to offer from the magical old city of Istanbul and fabled Troy to the magnificent ruins of Ephesus and the thermal pools of Pamukkale all in just 8 days.

## TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Istanbul / Ends in: Istanbul
- Departs: Friday 07 August 2015
- No local payment required
- Breakfast: 7, Lunch: 1, Dinner: 4
- 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! 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.

Crossing the Dardenelles by ferry (offering panoramic views of the entire Gallipoli Peninsular) we proceed to our hotel for a little rest and relaxation. Overnight - [Canakkale](#)

## Day 4:

Returning to the Gallipoli Peninsular we tour the British landing sites – X beach, Seddul Bair, W beach - the site of the Lancashire

Landing, V Beach and V Beach Cemetery. We'll also tour 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.

This afternoon we take a boat trip off the cove to see the Gallipoli Peninsular from a different perspective. Afterwards lunch and back to our hotel for 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. Carpet weaving has long traditions in Turkey and afterward we stop to watch a demonstration of how they are made. Overnight - [Kusadasi](#)

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## Day 7:

Kusadasi - Pamukkale - Istanbul. 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 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 - Overnight Bus



## Day 8:

Arrive Istanbul early this morning (approx 8 - 8:30am) where our representative will be waiting to meet you. We transfer to a nearby hotel where our luggage can be stored till our airport transfer to Ataturk International Airport depart later in the day (11am and 1:30pm). Consider heading out to one of the local cafes for a

hearty breakfast followed by a visit to the Egyptian Spice market or the legendary, if cavernous Grand Bazaar - boasting some 4000 shops under one immense roof. The Grand Bazaar is just the ticket for souvenir, clothing, scarves, brassware, silver and handbag purchases.

Alternatively, you could choose to extend your stay by purchasing an additional nights hotel accommodation.

## 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
- British landing sites - X beach, Seddul Bair, W beach - the site of the Lancashire Landing, V Beach, V Beach Cemetery 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. This afternoon we take a boat trip off the cove to see the Gallipoli Peninsular
- Afternoon boat ride of the Gallipoli landing sites.
- Troy - Trojan horse and ancient ruins
- Aegean Coast
- Roman ruins of Pergamum and Ephesus
- Pamukkale thermal pools and Roman Hierapolis
- Turkish carpet weaving and leather manufacturing houses.
- Konya - Mevlana Whirling Dervish Museum
- Cappadocia region, Goreme Valley and underground city
- Ankara - Ataturk's Mausoleum
- Carpet weaving and leather manufacturing houses
- Silk Road and ancient caravanserais

## What's Included

- 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 4 dinners
- 6 nights 4 star hotels
- 1 overnight public bus journey - Pamukkale - Istanbul
- Airport arrival transfer on day 1 and departure transfer (to Ataturk International Airport) at 11am and 1:30pm on day 8
- Guided sightseeing - Istanbul, Gallipoli, Troy, Ruins of Ephesus and Pergamum, Pamukkale terraces and Hierapolis
- All relevant transfers and transportation (excl overnight bus) in private modern air-conditioned vehicles

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- Escorted by an English speaking, degree qualified Turkish tour guide
- Boat ride off the coast of the Gallipoli landing sites

## What's Not Included

### PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$1,979

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.
08 AUG - 15 AUG	USD \$1,979	USD \$599