

Anzac & Ancient Egypt - 15 days

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A World Of Discovery



Starts: 22nd April. Pay your respects at Gallipoli then head to Egypt to explore Pyramids tombs and temples, and round it off with snorkelling or relaxation time on the sunny coast of Dahab



WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET

Trip Highlights

- Istanbul - old city, Blue Mosque, Hippodrome, Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia (exterior only) and the Underground Cistern
- Cruise along the Bosphorus Strait

- Gallipoli Peninsular - ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair memorials, National Services of Australia or New Zealand
- Battlefields and trenches
- ANZAC Dawn Service
- Cairo - Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza Plateau, Necropolis of Saqqara, Egyptian Museum
- Aswan - High Dam and Philae Temple
- Nile felucca cruising - islands en route
- Kom Ombo - Temple of Kom Ombo
- Edfu - Temple of Horus
- Luxor - Temple of Karnak
- Valley of the Kings and Queens, Colossi of Memnon and Temple of Queen Hatshepsut
- Dahab - Red Sea coast - swim, relax, opt to snorkel or scuba dive in the clear coastal waters

- Touring of Cairo, Giza, Saqqara, Aswan, Edfu and Luxor
- All relevant transfer and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles
- 3 days Dahab - Red Sea stay - swim, sun and sand

What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: \$50-70 USD
- Entrance Fees: \$90-110 USD
- International flights, visas and flight from Istanbul to Cairo
- Tip for your tour guides in Turkey and Egypt. We recommend you allow \$3 - 5 USD per day, per traveller. Tip for your driver in Turkey and Felucca Crew/ Nile Cruise staff in Egypt, we recommend you allow \$10 USD for each. Tipping of these persons mentioned above is an entirely personal gesture

What's Included

- 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches including our ANZAC Eve Turkish BBQ and 2 dinners
- Turkey: 3 nights 4 star & Special Class hotels, 1 night ANZAC Cove. Egypt: 7 nights 4 - 5 star hotels, 2 nights aboard felucca (open deck) and 1 night seater train: Cairo - Aswan. Sleeper cabin upgrade possible!
- 1 overnight bus - Luxor - Dahab
- 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.
- Airport arrival transfer to Cairo on day 5 and departure transfer to Cairo airport on day 15.
- Guided sightseeing of the Blue Mosque, Underground Cistern, Topkapi Palace, Hippodrome, Hagia Sofia (exterior only) and Gallipoli
- Afternoon Bosphorus cruise – Istanbul
- Escorted by an English speaking, degree qualified Turkish tour guide in Turkey and degree qualified Egyptologist in Egypt
- Modern air-conditioned touring coach
- Commemorative ANZAC hoodie/ jumper

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 : 22 April - Istanbul

Sunday 22nd April 2012. Welcome to Turkey and your ANZAC experience! Airport to hotel arrival transfer. The earlier you arrive the more time you'll have to independently explore the city its fantastic sights. Istanbul is easy to get around on foot and there are plenty of attractions dotted about the old city.

This evening after our welcome meeting opt for a drink in the bar, a great way to break the ice and meet fellow travellers. **Overnight - Istanbul**

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Day 2 : Istanbul old city



Istanbul. Enjoy our classic city tour taking in the Hippodrome area, the stunning Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sofia (exterior only), the underground cistern and more. This afternoon, enjoy a relaxing afternoon Bosphorus cruise.

Optional Istanbul by Night

Please indicate your preference and pay when you purchase your tour (tickets not available to purchase in Istanbul). 20.00hrs - For all person's who have pre - purchased ticket to our ISTANBUL BY NIGHT PARTY, please meet your guide in the hotel reception to depart for the venue. The party is not a black tie event, though please refrain from wearing shorts. Your ticket price includes – a sit down dinner, Turkish belly dancers, entertainers and live music. Drinks – both alcoholic and non - alcoholic are available at bar prices and are not included in the cost of the ticket. Alternatively, if you are not attending the performance, you are free to spend the evening as you wish. **Overnight - Istanbul (B)**

Day 3 : Gallipoli



Istanbul - Gallipoli. A very early departure to the WW1 battlefields on Gallipoli Peninsula. Early Wake up call, which your guide will arrange (please set your personal alarm as well to avoid missing the bus). 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. Please make sure you 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 on the go coaches are

clearly identifiable by an on the go sign on the right side of the windscreen front and more importantly remember your coach letter – ie – coach A, B, C etc.

07.00hrs: we depart for Gallipoli. A stop will be made at a medium-sized grocery store with adjoining take away 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 peninsula. 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. Visits will be made to many of the war memorials for example; Lone Pine, Chunuk Bair, Johnston's Jolly, trenches, battlefields and Kabatepe - the modest ANZAC museum, (sites visited are subject to ANZAC Cove opening times as set by the ANZAC Day Organising Committee).

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. At the Dawn Service site we take our places amongst the many, with the atmosphere charged we wait for dawn's first light. **Overnight - Dawn Service site (ANZAC Cove) (B, L)**

Day 4 : ANZAC Day - Gallipoli



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. Let's we 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. 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 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 back to Istanbul. 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 on the go's 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. Late evening arrival (timings on 25 April subject to coach traffic). **Overnight - Istanbul**

Day 5 : 26 April - Istanbul - Cairo

Thursday. Check out by 12 noon. Opt to visit the Grand Bazaar and Egyptian Spice Market (open today) before making your own way to Cairo where your Egyptian adventure begins.

Turkish Airlines offers open jaw flights between London, Istanbul and Cairo, check the THY website for more details or we can arrange flights on your behalf! If you provide us with your incoming flight details to Egypt we will be there to meet you at Cairo airport and transferred to your hotel. For more info on our arrival transfer from Cairo Airport, please read notes titled 'Arrival Transfer Egypt' found further on in this document. Afternoon and evening at leisure. **Overnight - Cairo (B)**



Day 6 : Pyramids & Saqqara



Cairo – Aswan - breakfast. After a good night's rest, we have a full day of touring planned for today. You'll need to have your bags packed as we'll be travelling down to Aswan in southern Egypt tonight. Throughout the tour, you'll be fully briefed by your tour guide as regards touring arrangements.

We then visit the famous pyramids and lion-headed Sphinx at Giza Plateau. Sole survivors from the ancient Greek-listed Seven Wonders of the World, the pyramids are the planet's oldest tourist attraction! Known as Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus, the pyramids were already more than 2,000 years old when Herodotus the Greek historian visited them (5th century BC). A highly skilled corps of mathematicians, masons, surveyors and stonemasons did the job of building the Pyramids. 100,000 slaves were used to carry out the backbreaking task of moving and laying the stones of the largest pyramid-Cheops. About 2.5 million limestone blocks, quarried locally and weighing in excess of 6 million tonnes, were used in the construction of Cheops.

Leaving the Pyramids of Giza, we'll visit a Government supervised papyrus emporium. Here, you can buy genuine papyrus at quite reasonable prices. Continuing to the necropolis of Saqqara, we can explore the myriad tombs and temples at this site and see Zoser's step pyramid - constructed by Imhotep, the pharaoh's chief architect in 2700 BC!

Later there will be a chance to have dinner, before taking the overnight seater train to Aswan. Each member of the group's entrance fees and tip kitty will also be collected at this time. At the train station, there'll be the opportunity to buy more water and snacks for the trip ahead. Option to upgrade to sleeper train cabins. See brochure or website for details. **Overnight - Train (B)**

Day 7 : Philae Temple

Aswan. Arrive and check into our hotel. A visit out of town takes us to the mighty High Dam – a modern feat of engineering - creating the world's largest artificial lake, Lake Nasser! This afternoon's highlight is a leisurely boat trip to Agilika Island for Philae Temple for a guided tour of the romantic Philae Temple - dedicated to the goddess Isis. As the sun sets, free time to shop in the colourful souqs and markets or simply relax and watch an amazing sunset in Egypt's southern most town straddling the River Nile.

Overnight - Aswan (B)

Days 8-9 : Felucca Cruise



Aswan – Nile felucca cruise – Kom Ombo - breakfast. Day 8 - Optional early morning air excursion to famous Abu Simbel - the gargantuan rock-cut temple of King Ramses II, the Great Builder (details of this optional excursion are featured in our brochure and online). Possibly the most awe-inspiring temple of all ancient Egypt, with its gargantuan rock-cut facade, Abu Simbel was created to revere the mighty pharaonic ruler King Ramses II. Guarding the entrance to the temple, the four famous colossal statues of Ramses II sit majestically, staring out across the desert, seemingly since time began.

Famously, the temple was re-located in a multi-million dollar operation in 1972, further up from the shoreline of Lake Nasser, which had threatened to erode the foundations of this monolithic temple complex. If you choose not to embark upon this optional excursion, there is plenty to do in Aswan.

This afternoon, we board our wind-powered Nile felucca for a 2-night voyage on the River Nile upstream to Kom Ombo. Feluccas are simple sailboats based on a unique design and have plied the mighty Nile since ancient times. Our feluccas are proudly owned and crewed by friendly local sailors and they have been adapted to comfortably carry our travellers. On Day 9, a stop will be made at the Temple of Kom Ombo.

NOTE: As feluccas are wind-powered, our itinerary cannot be rigidly defined. However, during our cruise, we make plenty of stops to visit points of interest, areas for swimming and for the purpose of performing our ablutions. (there are no toilets or showers on board). The felucca sails during the day, and prior to sundown, the anchor is dropped and we moor at the riverside for the night. The craft carries between 5-10 passengers comfortably and the deck is strewn with soft colorful cushions and rugs and equipped with a canopy that offers shade and protection from the elements. Nothing beats the experience of sleeping under a blanket of stars, though you'll need to bring a sleeping bag/sleeping sheet and also a towel with you. Soft drinks, water and beer can be purchased aboard.

THE NILE FELUCCA CRUISE: Before boarding the felucca, it is important you prepare a day bag - taking care to pack things you feel you'll need during the cruise, as your large bag will be placed below in below deck storage. If unable to swim, you

must advise your tour guide before boarding the felucca. **Overnight - Felucca Cruise (B:2, L:2, D:2)**

Day 10 : Kom Ombo Temple & Edfu

Kom Ombo - Edfu - Luxor. Disembarking in Daraw we drive to Kom Ombo to explore the waterside temple dedicated to the crocodile headed god - Sobek.

After we visit the Temple of Horus at Edfu, having the distinction of being the largest and most completely preserved pharaonic, albeit Greek-built, temple in Egypt, it was one of the last monumental temples built on a large scale. Though much newer than the temples of Karnak and Luxor, its excellent state of structural preservation fills in a lot of historical gaps because it is, in effect, a 2000 year old replica of an architectural style that was already age-old during Ptolemaic times. Back on the bus, we rejoin the police convoy as we drive north to Luxor. Home of the legendary Valley of the Kings and Temple of Karnak, 4000 year-old Luxor is ancient Egypt at it's best. Enjoy some rest and relaxation. Tonight, an optional visit is available to the Temple of Luxor with a restaurant dinner afterwards. The excursion is payable locally. **Overnight - Luxor (B)**

Day 11 : Valley of the Kings



Luxor - Dahab. Optional early morning hot air balloon ride over Luxor before crossing to the west side of the Nile and commencing our tour of the Valley of the Kings. One of the first sights you'll see is the Colossi of Memnon. This huge pair of enthroned statues is all that remains of the temple of Amenophis III. Touring of Valley of the Kings, Valley of the Queens and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and and after a little R&R Karnak Temple. This evening we travel by overnight bus to Dahab via Hurgada. **Overnight - Bus (B)**



Days 12-14 : Dahab



Dahab - breakfast. Arriving at Dahab, our base for the coming days, there is plenty of time to explore the Sinai - a region of awesome beauty. Dahab offers great diving, snorkelling, swimming and sun-worshipping possibilities. Indeed, there is an optional excursion to the awesome Blue Hole, which is good for snorkelling.

An energetic optional excursion to the summit of Mt Sinai and St Katherine's Monastery is available (book and pay locally). The climb commences in the early hours of the morning and experiencing the magnificent sunrise atop a mountain is a truly great experience. Dahab waterfront is dotted with relaxed cafes, bars and shops, perfect for eating, drinking and a little retail therapy.

If you'd like to extend your stay in Dahab, consider our Red Sea Dive Learn to Dive bolt-on. It's your ticket to the big deep blue! **Overnight - Dahab (B:3)**

Day 15 : Sun 6th May 2012 - Cairo

Sunday 6th April 2012, Dahab - Cairo. Early this morning (approx 4:30 - 5am), we bid farewell to Dahab and travel back to Cairo, arriving early this afternoon. We later enjoy a guided visit at the Egyptian Museum. Prize exhibit has to be the priceless funerary treasures of King Tutankhamen, including his legendary solid gold death mask. Completing our tour of the Egyptian Museum marks the conclusion of our Anzac & Ancient Egypt tour and onward departure transfer to the airport.

Note: If undertaking our Egyptian Museum tour today, it is important that you reserve a flight departing Cairo after 5pm, or consider reserving an additional night's accommodation. For travellers departing after 5pm or later into the evening you will be transferred to a nearby hotel were you are welcome to use the hotel lobby facilities until your departure transfer later tonight. Hotel day use rooms, if available (at an additional cost) may also be arranged at the time if you require. (B)

Visa - Egypt

Visas are required by all visitors to Egypt. Visa forms are available from us. The Embassy of Egypt advises all travellers to procure their visa prior to entry into Egypt. However it still remains possible for nationals of some countries to procure their tourist visa upon arrival at Cairo International Airport. Please note that in the event of visa

refusal at port of entry, on the go cannot be held responsible. All RSA passport holders must procure their Egyptian visa prior to departure.

When filling in an Egyptian visa form, you will be asked to provide your address in Egypt. For the purposes of this form, please use the following address:

68 Merghany St, Abou Ghaly Building
Heliopolis, Cairo.
Telephone: +2 02 241821 65

If your holiday incorporates a stay in Jordan, followed by further arrangements in Egypt (ie you travel to Jordan and then return to Egypt) you will need to procure a Multiple Entry Egyptian Tourist Visa that is only available before travelling to Egypt. Please note that visa requirements are subject to change. Visa procurement is solely the responsibility of the traveller and not of on the go.

Climate - Egypt

Temperatures in Egypt are generally high (25 - 30 degrees) and even hotter in the summer months from May to September, when the sun can be fierce and temperatures soar, so pack light comfortable clothing, sunscreen and a hat.

In Cairo and the Nile Delta region, winter (October to February) can be cooler - so take a jacket, long-sleeved tops and trousers for the cooler evenings. The south remains warm during this time but again, temperatures do drop in the evenings. Rainfall is negligible with the most falling along Egypt's Mediterranean coastline.

Health Requirements - Egypt

It is recommended that you be vaccinated for Tetanus and Polio, if you haven't had a booster in the last ten years. Food and waterborne diseases are more common, so we recommend vaccinations for typhoid (valid 3 years) and Hepatitis A (validity varies). Vaccination requirements can change so please check with your local health care provider before travel.

Currency - Egypt

Egyptian Pounds (EGP or LE). Pounds Sterling, US Dollars and Euros are easily exchanged. You can obtain Egyptian Pounds (LE) at any major bank or your hotel.

USD 1 = EGP 5.7 GBP 1 = 9.0 EURO 1 = 7.79 AUD 1 = 5.5.

Exchange rates are subject to fluctuations. Funds collected in Egypt for entrance fees or optional excursion that you may wish to undertake are payable in local currency (EGP).

Time - Egypt

Egypt is two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time(GMT)

Essential Packing - Egypt

bullet]Sleeping bag for the felucca or for camping in the White Desert (if applicable to your tour).

- Lightweight cotton garments.
- Comfortable walking shoes for the Pyramids and Valley of the Kings
- DEET based mosquito repellent & antihistamine cream
- 2 pin, European electrical adaptor.
- Two spare passport photos & a photocopy of your passport
- A small daypack for your day-to-day needs.
- Sunglasses, hat, sunscreen, swim costume and torch

Airport Arrival - Egypt

Upon arriving at Cairo Airport you will be met by a representative from on the go either just before immigration or in the baggage hall near the luggage belt of your respective arriving flight. The prominent sign depicting our company logo easily identifies our representative. Please have your tour voucher handy and make it available to our representative. After collecting your luggage you will be escorted to our awaiting transportation.

If, for any reason you have trouble locating our representative (after waiting 20 minutes in the arrival hall) or your flight to Egypt is delayed, please call or send a text message to the emergency contact number as stated on your tour voucher.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Climate

Turkey is a destination that can be visited year-round. Temperatures in April can spring up surprising results. Days can be amazingly warm, though temperatures do drop at night, so pack some warmer clothes.

Health Requirements

Turkey - It is recommended that you be vaccinated for Tetanus and Polio, if you haven't had a booster in the last 10 years. Food and waterborne diseases are more common, so we recommend vaccinations for Typhoid (valid 3 years) and Hepatitis A (validity varies). However vaccination information can change and this information is intended as a guide only. Please contact your local healthcare professional for the most up to date and accurate advice.

Currency

ATM facilities, banks and exchange booths are available in all major cities and towns. Facilities are not available at ANZAC Cove.

Turkish Lira - abbreviated to TL or TRY.

USD 1 = TL 1.8

GBP 1 = TL 2.8

EURO 1 = TL 2.5

AUD 1 = TL 1.8

Time

Time Zone - Turkey is two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time. Daylight saving time (+3 hours) is observed from the last Sunday in March to the Saturday before the last Sunday in October.



Essential Packing

- This Go Guide
- If spending the night at the Dawn Service site you will need a torch, snacks and water, warm clothes, hat/beanie, scarf, gloves, WC paper, wet wipes, camera, cushion and sleeping bag. Camping equipment is a no go, all you really need is a good sleeping bag. (temperatures can be sub-zero and there is always the threat of prevailing threat of rain)
- For those not staying out all night you will still need to bring along warm clothes and and possibly a cushion to sit on.
- Voltage in Turkey is 220V and outlets fit a two-pin European plug. Pack a Universal Adaptor suitable for Turkey
- Spare camera batteries and memory cards.
- A small day pack for day to day use and while at ANZAC Cove - large bags or back packs are not permitted in ANZAC Cove.

Holiday Money

Funds collected in Turkey for entrance fees and tip kitty (if applicable to your holiday) or optional excursions that you may wish to participate in are payable in local currency (TL).

Pre-Tour Accommodation

If you would like to arrive into Turkey before your ANZAC tour starts or stay on longer, we can arrange pre or post tour accommodation for you. Pre/post tour accommodation is located at the hotel your tour commences/ends and is inclusive of breakfast.

If you are arriving on day 1 of your tour or booking pre tour accommodation with on the go, we include a complimentary airport arrival transfer any time of day or night from Ataturk International Airport and transfer shuttle service at 2:30pm and 8pm from Sabiha Gokcen Airport.

If arriving at any other time we can arrange airport transfers at an additional cost. Please contact us for further details.

If arriving prior to 9am on day 1 (essentially on a flight that arrives very, very early in the morning) you will need to purchase a night of pre-tour accommodation to save you waiting until standard hotel check in time, which is generally 2pm.

Arrival Transfers

On all our ANZAC tours, an airport arrival transfer is offered on DAY ONE of your tour from Ataturk International Airport at any time of day or night (00:01 - 23:59 hours) or from Sabiha Gokcen Airport at 2.30pm and 8pm.

SABIHA GOKCEN AIRPORT

If arriving into Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen International Airport, an additional 50km from the Istanbul city centre. Please be timely in exiting customs and in meeting our awaiting representative, who will be holding an on the go tours sign.

ATATURK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

After you have attended to customs and immigration formalities, collected your luggage and exited the customs area. You will be at the 'meet and greet' area (familiar to all airports where people kiss, hug and rendezvous). TURN LEFT, and walk along passenger concourse. LOOK TO THE RIGHT! Our representative will be waiting on the right behind the barricade, displaying an on the go sign. Transfers are every hour on the hour from this meeting point. As with everything be sure to be there 5 minutes early, as we don't like to delay proceedings.

Transfers take approx an hour from the airport to our hotel. During peak periods and busy afternoon Istanbul traffic transfers may take up to 2 hours.

Remember to look out for the on the go sign. Our reps won't know what you look like! Your arrival hotel name and address will be written upon your 'Tour Voucher'. Please keep this handy and make it available to our representative upon meeting him at the arrival point!

Visas

Australian, British, Canadian, Irish and USA passport holders can obtain a 3-month tourist visa upon arrival at Istanbul Atatürk International Airport. Cost is currently USD\$20/EURO 15 for USA, Irish and Australian passports, and USD\$60/EURO 45 for Canadian passports, GBP10/EURO 15 for British passports. South African passport holders can obtain a 30 day tourist visa upon arrival for USD\$20. South African citizens may be asked to show proof of funds upon arrival (50USD/day). Nationals of selected EU countries can also obtain their tourist visa upon arrival. New Zealand passport holders currently do not require a visa for a stay not exceeding 3 months.

Ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your date of departure from Turkey. Please double-check all visa requirements with the Turkish embassy at least one month before travel, as the above is intended as a guide. Visa procurement is subject to change and remains the responsibility of the traveller and not that of on the go.

Hotel Check-in, Group Meeting

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 look for the welcome sign located in the hotel foyer which will outline our arrangements for the coming days (including the exact time of your welcome meeting this evening, often at 8pm) and the name of your tour guide. You'll then receive a room key and you can head up to your room.

Please note that most 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. At time of booking we can take requests for those who wish to share a double bed though with the constraints of each hotels inventory this can not be guaranteed.

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 Arburnu. 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).

Make the most of ANZAC

on the go 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. In 2010 and 2011, 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.

ANZAC Top Tips

- In order that we show the best of Turkey in a nonhurried fashion to you, it is imperative you are ready for departure 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 Peninsula 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 at the cover to pad your seat for the evening.
 - Your main luggage will be stored securely in the coach.
 - Alcohol is not permitted in the Dawn Service Site. We ask that you respect this. All bags are searched upon entry to the Dawn Service Site. Any alcohol found is often confiscated. Intoxicated persons are refused entry from the site.
 - In previous years over 14 000 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, seating approximately 1500 people and the remainder of the attendees enjoy views from the tiered grandstand. 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 previously they were clean and plentiful.
 - Imagine the rubbish a crowd can leave behind. Don't add to it. Take all personal litter with you.
 - On departing Gallipoli there is no particular order to when your bus will arrive. If buses are blocked in by other vehicles there is not much that can be done. Please be PATIENT, possibly there are hundreds of others in the same situation.

Istanbul Sightseeing

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.

Our tour start Hotels (The Novotel Istanbul and Ibis Hotel Istanbul) offer a complimentary hotel shuttle bus service to and from Sultanahmet - the old City (taking approximately 35 minutes) and Taksim Square a few times a day. If you are arriving early and wish independently explore, consider making use of the service.

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