Anzac Day tour 2015, commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Gallipoli landings after visiting Turkey's finest sites before travelling onwards to Egypt. From Istanbul, Troy, ancient Ephesus and the trenches of Gallipoli to the pyramids of Giza, felucca sailing on the Nile and tomb strewn Luxor – truly an epic adventure.

**Trip Highlights**
- 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
- Roman ruins of Pergamum and Ephesus
- Istanbul - old city, Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Hippodrome, Hagia Sofia and the Underground Cistern
- Visits to the Grand Bazaar and Egyptian Spice Market
- Tipping Kitty: Egypt: US$30-40
- Entrance Fees: Egypt: US$105-115
- Turkey: US$110-120
- International flights and visa
- 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. These tips are an entirely personal gesture.

**What's Included**
- 14 breakfasts, 4 lunches (including our ANZAC afternoon BBQ) and 4 dinners
- 3 nights 4 - 5 star hotels in Egypt and 6 nights 4 star and special class hotels in Turkey
- 2 nights aboard felucca (open deck)
- 2 nights overnight seater train (Sleeper train upgrade available)
- Airport arrival transfer in Egypt on day 1 and departure transfer on day 9. Airport arrival transfer in Turkey on day 9 from Ataturk International Airport.
- Visits to the Grand Bazaar and Egyptian Spice Market, Glamourous Pharaohs and Cleopatra’s Egypt, Hierapolis and Gallipoli (subject to site opening times set by the Anzac Day Organising Committee)
- Escorted by an English speaking tour guide degree qualified in Egyptology (Turkey).
- All relevant transfer and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles
- Commemorative ANZAC hoodie/ jumper
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**What's Not Included**
- Entrances to ancient sites within Turkey
- Entrance Fees: Egypt: US$105-115
- Turkey: US$110-120
- International flights and visa
- 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. These tips are an entirely personal gesture.

**DETAILED ITINERARY**

**Day 1 : Istanbul**
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 : Istanbul City Tour**
Today we take in some of the Istanbul's best landmarks including the iconic Blue Mosque, Hagia Sofia (exterior only), Topkapi Palace and the Hippodrome of Constantinople - an old sporting and social centre. Later we explore the Roman underground cistern, covered with glittering spot lights and full of intricately carved columns. After a break for lunch we'll take a relaxing cruise along the Bosphorus before visiting the lively and colourful Egyptian Spice Market and Grand Bazaar,
Day 3 : Pamukkale

Istanbul - Pamukkale. This morning we say goodbye to Istanbul and travel south to Pamukkale. On the way we stop for an informative visit to a Turkish carpet weaving and manufacturing house. Carpets are one of Turkey’s most beautiful exports, generally woven by women, they learn the trade at quite a young age and can take months or even years to finish some of these masterpieces.

Overnight - Pamukkale (B, D)

Day 4 : Ancient Ephesus

From Pamukkale, we travel on to Ephesus, regarded as one of the best preserved classical cities in the Western Med. Highlights of our guided tour of this incredible site, include the famous Library of Celsus and the Great Theatre. En route to coastal Kusadasi, we visit a high grade leather garment house. Overnight - Kusadasi (B, D)

Day 5 : Roman Pergamum

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 (B, L)

Day 6 : ANZAC Eve at Gallipoli

Ayvalik - Gallipoli. Departing very early, if the site is open as we drive by, we will enjoy a short visit to Homer’s Troy - famed for its Trojan wooden horse and the fabled Helen.

En route to ANZAC Cove, a stop will be made at a grocery store for you to purchase lunch and stock up on food and snacks for the 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.

Crossing the Dardenelles at Canakkale by ferry we continue to Gallipoli Peninsular. This afternoon, we’ll relax at our exclusive ANZAC Eve Turkish BBQ before later taking our places among 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 the meeting instructions given by your guide in order that you rendezvous with your correct coach. All On The Go coaches are clearly identifiable with On The Go signs on the side and on the windscreen. It’s important that you remember your coach letter – ie coach A, B, C etc. 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 on ANZAC Eve.

Day 7 : ANZAC Day

Gallipoli - Istanbul. 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. Lest we forget.

On completion of the Dawn Service at 06.30am, visitors have a 3.5 hours before the Australian National Memorial Service at Lone Pine service ending, and the New Zealand National Service at Chunuk Bair beginning is just 45 minutes. The route from Lone Pine to Chunuk Bair is approximately 3.5 kilometres on foot up a gradual incline. The route is well marked but will take a reasonably fit individual about 1 hour to complete.

Australians are asked to remain at Lone Pine until the New Zealand service ends at 12.30, then coaches will be released to pick up their passengers at Lone Pine and then Chunuk Bair. Regroup at the designated Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair pick up points and wait patiently for your coach. Departing Gallipoli we drive back to Istanbul, arriving late evening (subject to traffic).

For more information about the ANZAC commemorations please refer to the notes at the end of this Go Guide. Overnight - Istanbul

Day 8 : Fly Istanbul to Cairo

Istanbul - Cairo. Today, make 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 transfer you to our hotel. Remainder of the day and evening at leisure. Here, your Egyptian adventure begins! Overnight - Cairo (B)

Day 9: The Pyramids of Giza

Cairo - Aswan. 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. We then visit the famous pyramids and iconic 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 stone cutters carried out the job of building the pyramids. 100,000 workers were used to carry out the backbreaking task of moving and laying the stones of the largest pyramid-Cheops and around 2.5 million limestone blocks, weighing in excess of 6 million tonnes, were used in its construction.

Leaving the Pyramids of Giza, we visit a government supervised papyrus emporium where 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 and freshen up. Entrance fees and tip kitty will be collected at this time. Overnight seater train to Luxor (B)

Day 10: Aswan

Arrive into Aswan and check into our hotel. A visit out of town takes us to the mighty High Dam – a modern feat of engineering, the by-product for which is Lake Nasser – the world’s largest artificial lake. Continuing on, we take a short boat trip out to Agilkia Island to visit Philae Temple - dedicated to the goddess Isis. The Philae Temple dates back to Agilika Island to visit Philae Temple - dedicated to the goddess Isis. The Philae Temple dates back to 79 AD, although the Ptolemies and Romans up to 3rd century AD built most of them (5th century BC). A highly skilled corps of mathematicians, masons, surveyors and stone cutters carried out the job of building the pyramids. 100,000 workers were used to carry out the backbreaking task of moving and laying the stones of the largest pyramid-Cheops and around 2.5 million limestone blocks, weighing in excess of 6 million tonnes, were used in its construction.

Back on the bus, 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 its best. Checking into our 5 star hotel the afternoon is free for swimming or relaxing by the pool. Tonight, we have the opportunity to visit Luxor Temple with dinner afterwards. Built by Amenophis III, Luxor Temple looks stunning at night when it’s illuminated by hundreds of coloured lights. Book/pay locally. Remainder of the evening at leisure. Overnight - Luxor (B)

Day 14: Valley of the Kings

Luxor - Cairo. There is the option to take flight over ancient Luxor with a hot air balloon ride early this morning before meeting the rest of the group on the West Bank of the Nile for the day’s touring. An early start allows us to avoid some of the fierce heat as we venture to the awesome Valley of the Kings. The first monument we’ll see on the West Bank is the imposing 18m-high Colossi of Memnon, which are all that remains of the temple of the henoistic Amenophis III.

The Valley of the Kings is studded with often highly decorated pharaoh’s tombs, some of which you can enter. Some of the tombs are so well preserved that the colours of the incredible pharaonic friezes are still as vibrant as when they were first painted.
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The best known tombs are those of Ramses II, Seti I, Amenhotep II and of course, the tomb of King Tutankhamen. Beyond the Valley of the Kings is Deir al-Bahri, otherwise known as the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. Rising out of the desert plain in a series of terraces the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut one of Egypt's finest and most photographed monuments.

We return to the east bank around midday, where we have a chance to relax by the hotel pool. Meeting up mid afternoon, we visit the colossal Temple of Karnak. More than a temple, Karnak is a spectacular complex of sanctuaries, pylons, chapels, halls and obelisks, all dedicated to the Egyptian gods and to the greater glory of Egypt's Middle and New Kingdom rulers. There will be time for a little R&R, before later this evening we returning by train to Cairo. A sleeper train upgrade is available. "Overnight - Seater Train (B)

Day 15: Egyptian Museum

Arrive into Cairo this morning and visit the famous Egyptian Museum. A mind-boggling array of relics and antiquities from almost every period of ancient Egyptian history are housed in the Egyptian Museum, making it one of the foremost in the world. Arguably the most famous exhibit is the solid gold funerary mask of King Tutankhamen. You can also opt to see the Royal Mummies for an additional fee if you wish. The rest of the day free to relax, shop and explore. Perhaps head to Khan el-Khalili bazaar and pick up a few souvenirs. An optional Cairo city tour is also available to book locally. "Overnight - Cairo (B)

Day 16: Cairo

Monday 04 May 2015. Hotel check out and included onward departure transfer to airport. (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. Costs are currently USD 25/ GBP 15/ Euro 20/ EGP 175.

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 our Cairo office address: 68 Mergany St, Abou Ghaly Building Helopolis, Cairo. Telephone: +2 02 241821 65

Please note that visa requirements are subject to change. Visa procurement is solely the responsibility of the traveller and not of On The Go Tours.

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.

AUD 1 = 6.3LE NZD$1 = 5.8LE USD$1 = 7LE GBP £1 = 11.6LE EURO1 = 7.97LE

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

Time in Egypt

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

Egypt overnight trains

SEATER TRAIN: On this tour journeying south from Cairo to Aswan and/or Luxor, we utilise the overnight SEATER train service. The train is basic and offers a modest level of comfort. Seating is reserved in air-conditioned Nefertiti Class or 1st Class Reserved seat wagons. Nefertiti style seats are located within 6 person, semi enclosed cabins. Whilst seats don’t recline, the lights can be switched off inside your cabin. While 1st Class Reserved wagons are open, lights can not be turned off though the seats are wide and do recline. It is suggested you bring some ear plugs and also an eye mask for personal comfort. A neck pillow is also a good idea, for a little added comfort. Rest rooms (which are very basic in standard) are located at the end of each wagon.

It is possible to upgrade to a sleeper train but reservations need to be made PRIOR to departure. Please ask your reservation consultant for more information.

Occasionally, the Nefertiti Class and the 1st Class Reserve train service are cancelled, in which case we would need to revert to a sleeper service at an additional cost to the passenger. You would be advised in Egypt, as although this occurrence is rare, there would be little notice offered.

SLEEPER TRAIN UPGRADE: Sleeper Train Cabins are equipped with 2 bunk beds with linen provided. Cabins are lockable, A/C and lighting are also controlled from the inside. Each cabin has a washbasin and small towel and western style bathrooms are located at the end of the carriage.

Dinner and breakfast (of an average standard) are provided. Cabins are lockable, A/C and lighting are also controlled from the inside. Each cabin has a washbasin and small towel and western style bathrooms are located at the end of the carriage.

Entrance Fees & Tipping

Entrance fees are not included in the cost of our tours. Funds collected in Turkey and Egypt (if applicable) for entrance fees are payable in local currency - Turkish Lira and Egyptian Pounds and will be collected by your tour guide.

In Egypt (if you’re booking one of our ANZAC & Egypt combo tours) we also collect a tipping kitty which is payable in Egyptian pounds. This kitty saves you the hassle of working out when and how much to tip representatives, bell hops, hotel staff, driver and other support staff throughout your tour.

The Egypt tipping kitty does not include a tip for your tour guide or the felucca/Nile cruise crew. For a job well done, as a guideline we recommend an amount of approx US$3-5 per day for your tour guide and US$8-12 in total for the felucca/Nile cruise crew. Although naturally the amount is up to you.

In Turkey on our ANZAC tours we do not collect a tipping kitty so tipping is at your own discretion. As a guideline we would recommend tipping your guide US$3-5 per day for a job well done and US$1-2 per day for your driver.

Arrival Transfers

On all our ANZAC tours (except our 2016 ANZAC Express tour), 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) and 8pm. On DAY ONE of your tour from Ataturk International Airport at any time of day or night (00:01 - 23:59) and 8pm. On DAY ONE of your tour from Ataturk International Airport at any time of day or night (00:01 - 23:59) and 8pm. On DAY ONE of your tour from Ataturk International Airport at any time of day or night (00:01 - 23:59) and 8pm. On DAY ONE of your tour from Ataturk International Airport at any time of day or night (00:01 - 23:59) and 8pm.
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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 in the arrivals hall. 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 Tours sign. Our reps won’t know what you look like! Your arrival hotel name and address will be written on your ‘Tour Voucher’. Please keep this handy and make it available to our representative upon meeting him at the arrival point!

Solo Travellers

Due to capacity restraints we cannot offer single rooms on the majority of our ANZAC Tours (excluding Gallipoli Uncovered and 7th Brigade). On tours which do not offer a Single Suplement, we will match solo travellers up in a room with a person of the same sex.

Solo travellers will be allocated a single room for any pre and post tour accommodation and a compulsory single room supplement will apply. Then when the tour starts, you will move into a twin room to share with a room mate.

Should you wish to have your own room throughout the tour please book our 7th Brigade tour (if you have won a place in the ballot) or Gallipoli Uncovered tour if you have not.

ANZAC & Egypt Combo Tours: Due to capacity restraints we do not offer single rooms on the Turkey component of these tours. We will match up all single travellers with another fellow passenger of the same sex. We can also do this in Egypt, should you choose. Alternatively it is possible to book a single room for the Egypt section of your holiday for a supplement.

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 (excluding our 2016 ANZAC Express tour which does not include accommodation).

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. Excluding our 2016 ANZAC Express tour which does not include an arrival transfer.

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.

Day 1 - Hotel Check-in & Welcome 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, usually 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. rooms are made up as twin rooms with two single beds. 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.

Visas

It is no longer be possible to obtain a visa on arrival in Turkey. Australian, British, Canadian, Irish and USA passport holders can apply for a 3-month tourist e-visa online at: https://www.evisa.gov.tr. The form is easy to complete and only takes a few minutes.

Costs are currently USD$60 for Australian and Canadian passport holders, USD$20 for USA, Irish, British and South African passport holders. 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 Tours.

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 it’s important to pack some warmer clothes.

The weather on the Gallipoli Peninsula in April can be very hot during the day and bitterly cold at night. Please be sure to bring both your sunhat and your woolies! Rain and very cold winds are possible and you can also get burnt from the sun and wind. It is important to ensure you have sufficient warm and protective clothing for all weather conditions.

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 2.1
- GBP 1 = TL 3.5
- EURO 1 = TL 2.8
- AUD 1 = TL 2
- NZD 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.

Time Keeping

In order that we show the best of Turkey in a non hurried 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.

Istanbul Sightseeing

Istanbul sights are closed on the following days: Topkapi Palace is closed on Tuesdays, Hagia Sophia closed on Mondays. The Grand Bazaar is closed on Sundays. This in NO way affects your touring program.

Two of our tour start hotels - The Novotel Istanbul and Ibis Hotel Istanbul offer a hotel shuttle bus service to and from Sultanahmet - the old City. Two of our tour start hotels - The Novotel Istanbul and Ibis Hotel Istanbul offer a hotel shuttle bus service to and from Sultanahmet - the old City.

Your ANZAC Attendance Pass (if you are travelling in 2015 and attending the ANZAC Day commemorations).

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If spending the night at the Dawn Service site you will need snacks and water, warm clothes, hat/beanie, scarf, gloves, WC paper, wet wipes, camera, cushion and sleeping bag. A torch is also handy. 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 possibly a cushion to sit on.

Voltage in Turkey is 220V and outlets fit a two-pin European plug. Pack a Universal Adaptor suit 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.

2015 Attendance Pass

IMPORTANT: Only people who are successful in the ballot and hold an official attendance pass will be permitted to attend official commemorative services at Gallipoli on Anzac Day 2015.

The Turkish authorities are responsible for the security and policing of the commemorative sites and they will only allow individuals with legitimate attendance passes and appropriate identification to enter the Anzac battlefield area.

This attendance pass will include the name and passport number of the recipient, as well as extra security features such as individual barcodes and holograms. Attendance pass holders will need to show their passport as identification and their attendance pass to gain entry to the Anzac Commemorative Site.

Strict entry arrangements, identification checks and security enforcement by Turkish authorities will apply at Gallipoli for the Anzac Day commemorations in 2015. There will be no opportunity for those who do not hold official attendance passes to gain entry to the commemorative sites.

The Government of the Republic of Turkey has advised that no other non-official activities will be allowed to occur on the Gallipoli Peninsula on 24-25 April 2015.

What to expect at the commemorations?

Attending Anzac Day commemorations at Gallipoli is challenging, even for experienced travellers. Visitors stay overnight at the Anzac Commemorative Site located in the open-air Gallipoli Historical National Park. At 5:30 am the one-hour Dawn Service commences. After the Dawn Service, most Australians walk 3.1km up an unsealed Artillery Road towards the Lone Pine Memorial. New Zealanders continue a further 3.3km uphill along a bitumen road to Chunuk Bair.

The services finish around lunchtime and participants start to depart on their buses. Given the number of buses (approximately 300), there is a long wait before all buses can be loaded and leave the Peninsula. The buses will arrive in no particular order and therefore it is impossible to predict the time that you will be picked up. Please be PATIENT.

What conditions to expect at Gallipoli on Anzac Day

Anzac Day commemorations are held in the Gallipoli Historical National Park, which has no permanent infrastructure or shelter. You will be exposed to the elements for up to 24 hours (including overnight) and can experience all extremes of weather. Typically, it can drop to below 0 degrees Celsius in the early hours before the Dawn Service, but warm up considerably in the afternoon for the Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair services. Rain and very cold wind are also possible in April, as is unseasonal heat.

A moderate level of fitness is required as you will walk around 10km during the commemorative period. The terrain includes reasonably flat sealed roads, sloped and uneven gravel tracks and grassed areas (which can become slippery or muddy when wet), as well as walking uphill on a very steep graded dirt road. You will also need to stand for long periods at times, including in queues for security screening to enter each commemorative site. Some assistance is available, by advance application, for visitors with mobility issues.

All of the basic facilities like portable toilets, lighting and non-drinking water are brought in for the commemorations. Seating is not allocated and is extremely limited at all services.

Facilities for people with mobility issues or medical conditions at Gallipoli.

The commemorative sites are difficult to access for individuals who require special assistance. Limited mobility assistance is available including: seating in reserved stands, with access to a reserved disabled toilet, and seats on assisted mobility shuttle buses, which move between the commemorative sites.

The commemorative sites are not wheelchair-friendly and there are no wheelchairs available for use onsite.

Assisted mobility visitors should seek the advice of their medical practitioner before committing to attend the commemorations. Only basic first aid facilities are available from the evening of 24 April and during the day on 25 April.

If you do have limited mobility it is also essential that you contact On The Go Tours and complete a fit to travel form so that we can assess if the tour is suitable for you.

Seating at the ANZAC Commemorations

Seating at the commemorations is not allocated or reserved (other than for registered Assisted Mobility visitors) and some locations have restricted or no view of the commemorative services, other than on large video screens.

You should be aware that large groups may not be able to sit together and you may be separated from your group and/or tour guide or leader.

Anzac Commemorative Site

• On Anzac Day, the Australian Government temporarily erects metal grandstands with plank-style seats for up to 5,000 visitors. Some sections are reserved for Assisted Mobility visitors.

• Remaining visitors will be required to utilise the grassed areas of the Anzac Commemorative Site.

• All visitors in the grassed areas will be asked to stand before and during the Dawn Service, to enable 10,000 visitors to fit onsite.

Lone Pine

• All visitors will be seated in temporarily erected metal grandstand style seating at Lone Pine.

• Of the 8,000 seats available at Lone Pine, many seats will have limited or restricted views and a number of seats will have no direct view of the service – with those visitors able to watch on large video screens.

• Seating at Lone Pine is not allocated or reserved.

• Some sections of seating will be reserved for Assisted Mobility visitors.

• As there are graves located at Lone Pine, there is no access to the grass areas for sitting or standing during the commemorative service.

Timings for the 2015 Commemorative Period

• The Anzac battlefield area of the Gallipoli Peninsula will close to all visitors from 12.01am on the morning of 24 April.

• Turkish security personnel will conduct a full security sweep of the National Park on the morning of 24 April to clear any unauthorised visitors.

• While many coaches and tour buses arrive at the Gallipoli Peninsula in the morning or during the day of the 24th, the Anzac Commemorative Site, where the Dawn Service is held does not open for visitor entries until 6pm.

• Due to the large crowds, ticket and passport checking procedures and a number of security processes, it may take several hours to reach the Anzac Commemorative Site after the opening time.

• The overnight reflective program commences at 8pm on 24 April and runs...
until the early hours of the morning on 25 April.

- The reflective program includes documentaries and interviews about the Gallipoli campaign, as well as musical performances by the Defence Force band.
- The Dawn Service commences at 5.30am on 25 April and finishes at 6.30am.
- After the conclusion of the Dawn Service, Australians will walk to Lone Pine to attend the Australian Memorial Service, while New Zealanders will walk on to Chunuk Bair.
- The Australian Memorial Service at Lone Pine commences at 10.00am and concludes at 11.00am.
- The New Zealand Memorial Service at Chunuk Bair commences at 11.45am and concludes at 12.15pm.
- All Australians are required to remain at Lone Pine until the conclusion of the New Zealand Memorial service, when coaches will be released to pick up their passengers at Lone Pine and then Chunuk Bair.
- Several hundred coaches are queued in a random order and it may take a number of hours before your coach arrives. Therefore, you may not be able to leave the Gallipoli Peninsula until mid to late in the afternoon on 25 April.

What will you need to bring to ANZAC Day

Commemorations...

What to Take

- When you disembark your coach on arrival, you will need to ensure you are carrying everything you need for that night and the next day, including a sleeping bag, food, water, prescription medications, protective clothing, torch, sunscreen, camera, etc.
- As you will be seated for a long period of time, for extra comfort we recommend bringing a foam cushion to pad your seat.
- 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.
- Your main luggage will be stored securely in the coach.
- You will not be able to return to your coach if you have forgotten something or wish to return prohibited items.
- You will not return to your coach until the end of the commemorations period on the afternoon of 25 April.

What is prohibited?

- You can not take large backpacks or luggage, camping or cooking equipment, opened bottles of liquid, flammable liquids, weapons or sharp objects, other large objects or alcohol to the commemorative sites.
- Intoxicated persons will be denied entry to the commemorations.
- Alcohol is prohibited at the site.
- You should be aware that Turkey has very strict penalties for the possession of drugs.
- Swimming in the waters off the Anzac area is prohibited.
- As the area is a national park, the lighting of fires on the Gallipoli Peninsula is prohibited.

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 in the darkness of the early morning the landing crafts were swept northwards by uncharted currents to the very steep cliffs of Ariburnu. Unfortunately 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).