

Anzac & Turkey Explorer 2020

11 days | Starts/Ends: Istanbul



ANZAC Day Gallipoli 2020. Starts: 16th April. Check out amazing Turkey taking in spectacular Cappadocia, the Roman ruins of Ephesus and the stunning Mediterranean before commemorating the brave ANZACs and embracing history at Gallipoli.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Istanbul - the old city, Blue Mosque, Hippodrome, Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sofia and the Underground Cistern
- Gallipoli Peninsula - ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair memorials
- ANZAC Dawn Service and option to attend Australian or New Zealand Memorial Services
- Roman Ruins of Ephesus and Pergamum
- Pamukkale thermal pools & Roman Hierapolis
- Aegean Coast - Kusadasi
- Cappadocia region, UNESCO World Heritage listed Goreme Valley, Kaymakli Underground City and Uchisar Castle
- Silk Road from Konya
- Carpet weaving and leather manufacturing houses

- Exploring the colourful Egyptian Spice Market

What's Included

- 9 breakfasts and 4 dinners
- 9 nights - 4 star and Special Class hotels
- 1 night at the Dawn Service site
- Guided sightseeing of Istanbul including the Blue Mosque, Underground Cistern, Hagia Sofia, Topkapi Palace, Hippodrome area & Egyptian Spice Market
- Cruise along Bosphorus Strait in Istanbul
- English speaking, degree qualified Turkish tour guide
- Airport arrival transfer on day 1 from Istanbul International Airport at any time of day or from Sabiha Gokcen Airport at 11am and 3pm
- Visit to the Grand Bazaar
- Guided sightseeing of Gallipoli, battlefields and war memorials
- Guided sightseeing of Ephesus & Pergamum, Pamukkale/Hierapolis and Cappadocia
- All relevant transfer and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles

What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$40pp, paid in local currency
- Entrance Fees: USD\$130-140pp, paid in local currency
- International flights & visa

- Tip for your tour guide and driver: as a guideline we recommend you budget USD \$3-5 per day, per traveller for your guide and USD \$1-2 per day, per traveller for your driver. Tipping your tour guide and driver is an entirely personal gesture
- Attendance Pass for ANZAC. Please see the Trip Notes for information on how to obtain your attendance pass - these are free of charge but need to be registered for in advance.

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Day 1: Istanbul - Gateway to the Exotic East



16th April 2020. Welcome to Turkey and the start of a memorable ANZAC experience! Airport to hotel arrival transfer. Rest of the day free in Istanbul.

If you are arriving to Istanbul early, you may wish to consider joining our Optional

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Backstreets Of Istanbul Tour taking place today. The tour commences at 9am. For further details of the excursion, please see our tour Trip Notes. **Overnight - Istanbul**

Day 2 : Istanbul - Old City Tour



Today we enjoy a guided tour of the old city, taking in the stunning Iznik tiled Blue Mosque, Hippodrome area, the 6th century Hagia Sofia (exterior only), the ancient Underground Cistern, Topkapi Palace and more. This afternoon, we take a relaxing cruise on the Bosphorus Strait. You'll see waterside palaces framed by a modern city skyline dotted with expansive domed mosques and towering minarets of traditional Ottoman style. Afterwards time is given for you to explore and get lost in the Grand Bazaar. From here you can opt to stay and discover the old city by night or return with your guide to our hotel for a little rest and relaxation. **Overnight - Istanbul (B)**

Day 3 : Cappadocia

Istanbul - Cappadocia. Today we depart Istanbul and head across the country towards Cappadocia. We'll make a number of stops on route. Arriving into Cappadocia this afternoon the rest of the day is at leisure. **Overnight - Cappadocia (B, D)**

Day 4 : Underground cities of Cappadocia



Perhaps the jewel in Turkey's crown, Cappadocia is an extraordinary national treasure. The surreal landscape has to be seen to be believed with its cave dwellings and phallic 'fairy chimneys' landscape that are the stuff of fables. Whole troglodyte villages, subterranean churches and fortresses have been hewn from the soft, porous, eerily eroded rock of Cappadocia. A guided tour of the region takes us to the World Heritage listed Goreme Valley where we'll see stunning examples of rock-cut Byzantine churches, chapels and temples, and Zelve with its surreal landscape of towering eroded rocks.

Overnight - Cappadocia (B, D)

Day 5 : Konya's Whirling Dervish Museum

Cappadocia - Konya - Pamukkale. It's an early departure this morning as we head for Pamukkale. On the way we will visit the 13th century Seljukian masterpiece of Sultanhan Caravanserai before arriving in Konya. In Konya we will visit the Mevlana Museum also known as the Green Mausoleum which is the original lodge of the Mevlevi Whirling Dervishes. We then continue our drive to Pamukkale for our overnight stay. **Overnight - Pamukkale (B, D)**

Day 6 : Pamukkale



Pamukkale - Ephesus - Kusadasi. Famed for its unique cascades of natural mineral rich pools, Pamukkale is home to some stunning natural mineral pools. Here we can paddle our feet in the warm water flowing over the terraces or perhaps opt for a swim at the Pamukkale Thermal Baths. Just beyond the thermal pools a stop is made at the Roman ruins of Hierapolis.

This afternoon we continue to the legendary Roman ruins of Ephesus. Positively the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean, Ephesus, under the Romans was a vast city with a population nearing 250,000. Rumoured to have been founded in the 13th century BC, it became the Roman capital of Asia Minor. It revelled in its prosperity from commerce and visiting pilgrims who came to see its great Temple of Artemis - one of the Seven Ancient Wonders. Exemplifying the finesse of Roman urban life, Ephesus boasts carefully restored elements within the huge archaeological area including the Great Theatre once capable of seating 25,000 spectators at one time, Curetes Way (one of the main thoroughfares) the Temple of Serapis, the elegant façades of the Temple of Hadrian and the awesome Library of Celsus. Off Curetes Way are ancient public toilets, a brothel, remains of fountains and various temples. We end our day at our hotel in Kusadasi.

Overnight - Kusadasi (B, D)

Day 7 : Roman Ruins of Pergamum



Kusadasi - Pergamum - Ayvalik. This morning we drive north, stopping at the Roman ruins of Pergamum and its impressive hillside amphitheatre. We also visit the neighbouring Asclepion - a Roman precursor to modern-day

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hospitals before continuing onto to Ayvalik.

Overnight - Ayvalik (B)

Day 8 : Gallipoli - WW1 Battlefields



Today we explore ANZAC Cove and the many memorials dotted across the WW1 battlefields. Our guided tour takes in sights including ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine Memorial and cemetery, Chunuk Bair Memorial and cemetery, the Nek, Johnston's Jolly and the many fortified trenches still clearly visible amongst the scrub after all these years.

Overnight - Ayvalik / Canakkale (B)

Day 9 : Troy & ANZAC Eve



Ayvalik – Troy - Kilitbahir - Gallipoli. This morning we enjoy a short-guided tour of Troy. The legend of the lost city of Troy and Homer's poetry was brought to life by its rediscovery in 1863. We then continue to the village of Kilitbahir, situated on the eastern shore of the Gallipoli peninsula, and dominated by the fortress of the same name. You'll have some free time this afternoon before early this evening we all relax at before entering the Cove. Once we're in Anzac Cove you are free to visit the memorials and trenches that dot the area before taking our places amongst the many at the Dawn Service site for the atmosphere-charged ANZAC Eve vigil. **Overnight - Dawn Service site (ANZAC Cove) (B)**

Day 10 : ANZAC Day - Gallipoli 2020



Gallipoli - Istanbul. Today, the 25th April is 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 us not forget.

The service lasts for an hour and public wreath laying at the ANZAC Memorial site is possible afterwards. Later this morning Australian's have the opportunity to visit the Lone Pine Memorial Service. Our New Zealanders are invited to attend the New Zealand service at Chunuk Bair later on in the morning. Everyone will be picked up after the service at Chunuk Bair (exact time and location to be confirmed with your guide). We anticipate an early afternoon departure time from Gallipoli for onward travel to Istanbul. Crossing the Dardanelles by ferry we will arrive into Istanbul later this afternoon.

Overnight - Istanbul

Day 11 : Istanbul

26th April 2020. Your tour ends after breakfast and hotel check out. We hope you have had a wonderful holiday in Turkey and a memorable ANZAC Day 2020 experience. (B)

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PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
16 Apr	USD 1,645	USD 2,425

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Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. Single rooms are

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