

Anzac Digger 2020

6 days | Starts/Ends: Istanbul



ANZAC Day Tours, Gallipoli 2020. Starts: 21st April. In just 6 days you will take in the delights of Istanbul and explore the WW1 battlefields on the Gallipoli Peninsular and remember those fallen at the Dawn Service.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Istanbul - the old city, Blue Mosque, Hippodrome, Hagia Sofia and the Underground Cistern
- Bosphorus Strait - the strategic waterway dividing Europe and Asia
- Gallipoli Peninsula - ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine Memorial & Chunuk Bair Memorials, battlefields and trenches
- ANZAC Dawn Service and option to attend Australian or New Zealand Memorial Services

What's Included

- 4 breakfasts
- 4 nights Special Class (3-4 star) hotels
- 1 night at the Dawn Service site
- Airport arrival transfer on day 1 from Istanbul International Airport at any time of day or from Sabiha Gokcen Airport at 11am and 3pm

- Guided sightseeing of Istanbul including Topkapi Palace, the Blue Mosque, Underground Cistern, Hippodrome and Hagia Sofia
- Morning cruise along the Bosphorus in Istanbul
- Visits to the Grand Bazaar and Egyptian Spice Market
- Escorted by an English speaking, degree qualified Turkish tour guide
- Guided sightseeing at Gallipoli, war cemeteries and battlefields
- All relevant transfers and transportation in modern air-conditioned vehicles

What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$20-30pp, paid in local currency
- Entrance Fees: USD\$30-40pp, 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.

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Istanbul - Gateway to the Exotic East

21st April 2020. Welcome to Turkey and the start of an exciting ANZAC experience! Airport to hotel arrival transfer. Rest of the day free in Istanbul, a city that straddles both Europe and Asia.

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



This morning we spend a couple of hours cruising the Bosphorus before embarking on a guided sightseeing tour of the old city, taking in the stunning Iznik tiled Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Hippodrome area, the 6th century Hagia Sofia, the ancient Underground

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Cistern and more. This afternoon time is given for you to explore the mammoth Grand Bazaar and exotic Egyptian Spice Market, the latter is located opposite the ferry terminal. Afterwards, you can opt to stay and discover the old city by night or return to the hotel.
Overnight - Istanbul (B)

Day 3 : Gallipoli - WW1 Battlefields



Istanbul - Gallipoli - Canakkale/Ayvalik. 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 4 : ANZAC Eve at Gallipoli



Cannakale/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 5 : 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 6 : Istanbul - your way

26th April 2020. Our tour concludes after breakfast and hotel check out at 12 noon. This morning or later today after hotel check out.(B)

PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the per person price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same gender on your tour, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement. Please note that if booking pre or post tour accommodation, single travellers will need to pay the single supplement for nights booked.

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Date	Twin Share	Single
21 Apr	GBP 605	GBP 900

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