

ESSENTIAL ANZAC

5 DAYS - 22 APRIL TO 26 APRIL 2011 - ESCORTED GROUP TOUR

We offer the Essential ANZAC tour programme, our shorter, simpler, budget ANZAC tour, for those people with restraints on time and money yet who still demand high quality touring and hotels in exceptional locations, close to the Gallipoli battlefields. This tour covers the main highlights of Istanbul and Gallipoli. The 5 day Essential ANZAC tour commences on 22 April. It has a more conventional itinerary, travelling down to Gallipoli two days before the Dawn Service and spending part of 23 and 24 April touring the battlefields. After the Commemoration Services on 25 April, the tour returns to your nearby Canakkale hotel, to enjoy a well earned rest overnight. The tour ends on arrival in Istanbul, in the early afternoon, on 26 April.



DAY 1 - 22 APRIL ISTANBUL

Your tour commences at 1pm from your hotel. This afternoon we have planned a panoramic sightseeing tour. Sit back and relax as we show you Istanbul's most famous landmarks including the Blue Mosque, the Byzantine Hippodrome, and St Sophia Cathedral. Our sightseeing ends amongst the thousands of shops in the Grand Bazaar.

Your central Istanbul Hotel: 4 star Feronya Hotel.

DAY 2 - 23 APRIL GALLIPOLI

Departing Istanbul early we arrive onto the Gallipoli peninsula around lunchtime. We will visit the Anzac Commemorative site, Anzac Cove, Shrapnel Valley and Beach Cemetery - home to one of Australia's most legendary soldiers, Private John Simpson. We also visit the Kabatepe War Museum with its collection of war relics. Our day ends by crossing the Dardanelles by ferry, to Canakkale where we stay for the next 3 nights. Tonight, enjoy a presentation by an expert Australian War Historian. (B, D)

Your Gallipoli hotel - Canak Hotel, Canakkale.

DAY 3 - 24 APRIL GALLIPOLI

This morning we visit the Anzac Memorials at Lone Pine, Chunuk Bair, Walker's Ridge, the Nek and the surrounding trenches. This afternoon we have included an excursion to the ancient ruins of Troy. (B, D)

DAY 4 - 25 APRIL GALLIPOLI - ANZAC DAY

Departure from your hotel is scheduled well before midnight to ensure we arrive at the ANZAC Commemorative site in ample time for the Dawn Service at 5.30am. Following the Dawn Service you will have a choice of attending either the Australian or New Zealand National Services at Lone Pine or Chunuk Bair. A breakfast pack has been included today. (B, D)

DAY 5 - 26 APRIL TO ISTANBUL

Sadly your tour ends on arrival in Istanbul around 2pm. We recommend that you do not book flights departing Istanbul before 5 pm today. Post tour accommodation can be arranged in Istanbul. (B)





Highlights and Inclusions

- All excursions, scenic drives and sightseeing as described in the itinerary
 - Experience the moving ANZAC Day dawn service.
 - Attend either the Australian Memorial Service at Lone Pine or the New Zealand Memorial Service at Chunuk Bair
 - 1 night 4 star accommodation in Istanbul
 - 3 nights in the centre of Canakkale, a short hop away from the key battlefield sites
 - Breakfast daily, 3 dinners
 - Services of experienced English speaking Turkish Guide
 - Presentation by expert Australian War Historian in Canakkale on the evening of 23 April*
 - 1/2 day Panoramic sightseeing tour of Istanbul
 - First class air-conditioned touring coach
 - Extensive touring of the Gallipoli Battlefields
 - Visit to Troy
 - End of tour tips to guides and drivers
 - Entrance fees as per itinerary, services, hotel portorage, tips, local taxes.
- * Note: War Historians are not present throughout the rest of the Essential ANZAC tour

Tour Price

5 days only \$989 pp twin share
Single supplement \$429 (land only prices)

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 <p>Less time on coaches, average 142 kms travelled each day</p>	 <p>Maximum 42 passengers</p>	 <p>Hundreds of dollars of extra value already included - no hidden costs</p>	 <p>Guaranteed to depart with 7 or more passengers</p>
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Why not join us after this tour on our "All Quiet on the Western Front" Tour as we retrace the steps of the diggers through the Somme and Flanders.

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