

Anzac Smoko 8 days



ANZAC Day Tour, Gallipoli 2013. Starts: 20th April. Kicking off in Istanbul, take a dip in Pammukale's thermal pools, explore the Roman ruins of Ephesus and Pergamum before experiencing the memorable ANZAC Dawn Service at Gallipoli.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Istanbul / Ends in: Istanbul
- Departs: 20th April 2013
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:6, Lunch: 1, Dinner: 3
- Hotel Rating: 4 star & Special Class
- Tour Guide: Yes

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
- To enquire about this trip - [click here](#)

TOUR MAP:



QUICK WEB LINKS

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Day 1:

Saturday 20th April 2013. Welcome to Turkey and the start of a memorable ANZAC experience! Airport to hotel arrival transfer. The remainder of the day offers free time for you to explore Istanbul - a city that straddles both Europe and Asia! Overnight - [Istanbul](#)

Day 2:

Istanbul - Pamukkale. Today we travel south to Pamukkale, home to the magnificent white calcium terraces known as the Pamukkale Thermal Pools. Late afternoon arrival and free time. Maybe opt for a refreshing dip in the hotel's indoor swimming pool. Overnight - [Pamukkale](#)



Day 3:

Pamukkale - Kusadasi. Today we tour the Roman Hierapolis which sits at the top of Pamukkale's travertine source, where we enjoy a short tour. Here, you can walk barefoot along the terraces allowing the mineral rich waters to wash over your feet or opt for a dip in the Pamukkale Thermal Springs - an amazing pool full of sunken Roman columns. Continuing all things Roman, we enjoy a guided visit at Ephesus - perhaps the best preserved classical city on the Eastern Med. We'll also take in a fashion stop at a top-grade leather garment house, before driving to coastal Kusadasi, where we can relax and enjoy the hotel's facilities Overnight - [Kusadasi](#)



Day 4:

Kusadasi - Ayvalik. Driving north, we visit the Roman ruins of Pergamum with its steep hillside amphitheatre, a great photo opportunity, and neighbouring asclepion (ancient medical centre). We then continue to Ayvalik on the Aegean coast. Overnight - [Ayvalik](#)



Day 5:

Ayvalik - Gallipoli. A very early departure, if open we'll stop at Homer's Troy - famed for its Trojan wooden horse. Crossing by ferry to the Gallipoli Peninsular, this afternoon we enjoy a guided tour (subject to ANZAC Cove opening hours and traffic conditions) of the evocative war memorials that dot the region, for example; Lone Pine, Chunuk Bair, Johnston's Jolly, the trenches and Kabatepe - the modest ANZAC museum. 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 for the atmosphere charged ANZAC Eve vigil. Overnight - Dawn Service site (ANZAC Cove)



Day 6:

First light heralds a poignant bugle call and commencement of the Dawn Service. After the service and armed with your maps, you've a chance to independently explore many of the trenches and memorial sites as you head up to Lone Pine or Chunuk Bair for

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the Australian or New Zealand National services. Later this afternoon, we return to Istanbul, where upon our late evening arrival, we check into our hotel for a well-earned rest after such an emotion-filled day. (timings on 25 April subject to coach traffic)
Overnight - [Istanbul](#)



Day 7:

This morning we enjoy a relaxing 2 hour cruise along the Bosphorus Strait. After we'll take a walk through the exotic Egyptian Spice Market before commencing a classic city tour, taking in the Hippodrome area, the stunning Blue Mosque, Hagia Sofia - Emperor Justinian's grand basilica, Topkapi Palace and the ancient Underground Cistern. Later this afternoon we hone our bargaining skills at the famed Grand Bazaar – one of the largest covered markets in the world, boasting more than 4000 stores. Opt to further explore the city by night or return to our hotel with your guide for a little R&R.

When the sun sets, why not enjoy our optional **Istanbul by night bolt on!** With dinner, belly dancers and entertainment at a great Istanbul venue. It's an entertaining evening and a great farewell fling! (transport shuttle included). Overnight - [Istanbul](#)



Day 8:

Saturday 27th April 2013. Tour ends after breakfast and hotel check out at 12noon. We hope you have had a wonderful tour of

Turkey and memorable ANZAC Day experience.

Heading to Egypt, Jordan or Israel? Consider jumping a quick flight to Cairo to join our highly popular King Ramses - 14 day tour, Road to Jordan - 17 day tour or Pyramids, Petra, Promised Lands - 18 day tour, all conveniently timed to start today.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Istanbul - old city, Hippodrome area, Topkapi Palace, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia and the Underground Cistern
- Bosphorus Strait Cruise - views of the city skyline, Ottoman architecture and waterside palaces
- Pamukkale thermal pools and Roman Hierapolis
- Roman ruins of Pergamum and Ephesus
- Troy and the Wooden Trojan Horse (subject to time and if open)
- Aegean coast
- Gallipoli Peninsular - ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine memorial, Chunik Bair memorial, trenches and battlefields
- ANZAC Dawn Service
- National Services of Australia or New Zealand
- Visits to carpet weaving and leather manufacturing houses

What's Included

- 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch (our ANZAC afternoon Turkish BBQ) and 3 dinners
- 6 nights 4 star and special class hotels
- 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.
- Guided sightseeing of Pamukkale and Hierapolis, Roman ruins of Ephesus and Pergamum and Gallipoli (subject to site opening times set by the Anzac Day Organising Committee).
- Guided sightseeing of the Blue Mosque, Underground Cistern, Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sofia and the Hippodrome area
- Morning Bosphorus Cruise – Istanbul
- Visits to the Grand Bazaar and Egyptian Spice Market
- English speaking, qualified Turkish tour guide tour
- All relevant transfers and transportation in modern air-conditioned vehicles
- Commemorative ANZAC hoodie/ jumper

What's Not Included

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- International flights & visa
- Tip for your tour guide and driver. We recommend you allow \$3 - 5 USD per day, per traveller to cover tips for these mentioned above. Tipping your tour guide and driver is an entirely personal gesture
- Entrance Fees: \$80-100 USD

BOLT-ONS:

Make the most of your time away! Listed below are the optional activities that are available on this trip. Please note that you will need to book these prior to travel as we cannot always guarantee availability of these activities once you are on holiday.

Istanbul by Night - USD \$99

When you've explored Istanbul by day, its time experience the city at night! As well as being a great way to get to know your fellow travellers, this evening out at a traditional Turkish venue includes a tasty 3 course meal and live entertainment including belly dancers. A top night out!

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$1,179

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. Due to capacity restraints we do not offer single rooms on our ANZAC tours and therefore there is no single supplement to pay. We will match up all single travelers with another fellow passenger of the same sex. 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	Price/Person	Single Supp.
20 APR - 27 APR	USD \$1,179	-

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POSTCARDS:

Here's what some of our past travellers have written in to us and said about their experiences on this trip.

Our tour director was Huseyin Salikoglu. He is Turkish, but his English was amazing and very easy to understand. Huseyin was very knowledgeable about his country and could tell us so much about all the sites we visited. He was always there when you needed him and

easily grabbed the attention of everyone. We were always on time if not early and we put that down to him having control and understanding of the group. He also organised for the bus to take people to the airport at the end of the tour (at our own cost but cheaper than a taxi). Turkey was such an amazing country and thanks to our tour guide and bus driver we had a great time and learnt so much. Would definitely recommend On The Go.

Matt and Steph, Oct 2011

Well what can I say other than it was absolutely awesome!!! I honestly couldn't fault anything. Our tour guide (Huseyin Salikoglu) was absolutely amazing - he was so knowledgeable and provided some much great information, but still with a great sense of humour (and he is a brilliant singer and dancer!!!). In particular though, his management of our trip to Galipoli was above and beyond. He arranged it so we were the first bus in and first ones in the gate at Galipoli meaning we had the prime position on the grass right near the stage (I literally had the media just in front of me) and we were able to sleep overnight. And then he arranged so that we were the first bus to leave the sight after all the services and we went off down the hill looking at a queue of hundreds of buses as we were well on the road back to Istanbul. It was absolutely brilliant and I know everyone on the tour was super impressed. The hotels were all fantastic and the service in terms of having luggage delivered to our rooms everywhere was something I certainly didn't expect. And all the breakfasts and dinners were all great (although not a huge fan of the Turkish food myself). And all the sightseeing was just perfect.

Brendan Lawlor, May 2011

This tour was fantastic. I had a brilliant time and met some really great people. I was a little nervous as it was my first tour and I was doing this by myself but was made to feel welcome from the minute I landed! Thanks OnTheGo!

Ms Nicole Small, Jan 2011

Wow! what an experience! Pamukkale is mind blowing! I just couldn't believe my eyes! Could have spent there more time though. Big thank you to the guide who looked after us all the time and got us the best spot at the Dawn Service.

Catherine Reely, Apr 2009

Turkey is amazing! The only thing I regret is that I didn't stay there longer. I will definitely go back to explore this magnificent country. Istanbul was definitely the highlight with beautiful Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace and Hagia Sofia. The tour was very intense bringing new exciting surprises every day! Anzac services were touching and memorable. Everything was well over my expectations. Thank you On the Go

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Michael Brody, Apr 2009

The guide was very knowledgeable, helpful and caring, and most of all very patient with us. His organizational skills were very impressive, especially when it came to getting all the group together for ANZAC Day services. Well done!

Hannah, Apr 2009

Great bunch of people to share this experience with, awesome tour guide who really made the trip and an amazing country to visit, cheers!

Ben Norman, Apr 2009

The bus driver did a brilliant job, he drives very well + gained the utmost confidence in his ability. He considered us + the bus with his smooth comfortable driving. Our guide was warm + friendly + very helpful. The highlight for me was the amazing countryside + ruins + the friendly people.

Tony Breen, Apr 2009
