



tour spotlight

what you see

- Istanbul - the old city, Blue Mosque, Hippodrome, Hagia Sophia, Underground Cistern, Topkapi Palace, Grand Bazaar & Egyptian Spice Market
- Gallipoli Peninsular - ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair memorials, Johnston's Jolly, ANZAC museum, trenches and battlefields
- Cape Hellas area - V-beach, Sedulbahir Fortress, British Memorial and Achi Baba, Hill 971 & Scrubby Knoll
- Turkish International Service & Commonwealth Service
- ANZAC Dawn service & National services of Aust or NZ
- Troy - Trojan horse & ruins • Aegean coast
- Roman ruins Ephesus and Temple of Artemis
- Greek Orthodox village of Sirince
- Carpet dyeing, weaving demonstration

what you get

- Hosted by Dean Hunter - a Gallipoli and WW1 enthusiast (days 1 - 6)
- 8 nights top 5 ★ hotels (4 ★ hotel in Canakkale)
- 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 5 dinners
- English speaking Turkish tour guide for all Turkish sites
- Economy class flight - Kusadasi/ Izmir - Istanbul
- Airport arrival and departure transfer
- Guided sightseeing - Istanbul, Gallipoli, Troy and Roman ruins of Ephesus
- Modern air conditioned touring coach
- All relevant transfers and transportation
- Commemorative jumper/hoodie
- Entrance fees to all sites



on location

Your guide to on the ground...

visa requirements

UK, Australian and Irish passport holders can obtain a tourist visa on arrival in Istanbul. Cost is currently GBP£10/EURO 15 for UK, USD\$20/EURO 20 for Australian and USD\$10/EURO 10 for Irish passports. New Zealand passport holders do not require a visa for a stay of less than 3-months. South African passport holders REQUIRE a visa (issued prior to departure). To download of visa application forms, head online to - www.turkey.embassyhomepage.com

Visa requirements are subject to change. Visa procurement is also the responsibility of the traveller and not of on the go.

climate

April days can be amazingly warm (20 - 25 degrees), blue skies and sunshine though temperatures drop at night. At ANZAC Cove it can be can very cold, be sure to pack a winter jacket, hat and something waterproof to sit on.

money

GBP£1 = YTL2.50 Euro 1 = YTL1.90 USD\$1 = YTL1.25 (subject to fluctuation). YTL = New Turkish Lira. Exchange and ATM facilities exist in all places excl. ANZAC Cove.

time

Turkey is 2 hours ahead of GMT.

how much

- Can of coke, 330ml YTL3
 - Mineral water (local brand, 500ml or 1L) YTL1.50
 - Meal for 2 (entree, main, a beer, local restaurant) YTL50
 - Beer (local brew Efes - 330-500ml approx) YTL5-7
 - Chocolate candy bar (local brand) YTL1.5
 - A small tip is appropriate for your tour guide and driver for a job well done.
- Budget approx: USD\$15

Our 8 day ANZAC Gold is a 5 ★ experience in more ways than one! Hosted by Australian W1 and Gallipoli enthusiast, Mr Dean Hunter. Living in Turkey for the past 10 years, Dean will walk us through the battlefields of Gallipoli and Turkey's best loved sights. With guided sightseeing of Istanbul and Gallipoli, 5 ★ hotels (4 ★ hotel Canakkale) and a whole host of inclusions! Details of your touring program are below:

Please bring with you the following:

- Your tour voucher (this is the confirmation that you have paid for your tour)
- This go guide
- Warm clothing and wet weather gear (temperatures can be sub - zero down at the Cove before sunrise and there is always the chance of rain).

day 1 - istanbul

Tuesday 20 April 2010. On our ANZAC Gold tour, an airport arrival transfer is offered on day one of your tour or earlier if you have booked pre tour accommodation through on the go. Please note that the hotel check in time is between 14:00 - 15:00hrs, so if arriving in the early morning

(06:00 - 09:00) of day one, consider booking a pre-night's accommodation allowing you to check in as soon as you arrive. Alternatively you will need to wait for the regular hotel check in time of 14:00 - 15:00hrs.

Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen International Airport

If arriving into Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen International Airport, an additional 50km from the Istanbul city centre, on DAY ONE an airport transfer will be provided directly after your flight. Please be timely in exiting customs and in meeting our awaiting representative.

Istanbul Ataturk International Airport

Arrive at Istanbul Ataturk International Airport, where after you have attended to customs and immigration formalities - exit customs area, where you will come to the 'meeting and greeting' area (familiar to all airports where people kiss, hug and rendezvous). TURN LEFT and walk along passenger concourse. LOOK RIGHT! - Our representative will be waiting in the seating area on the right hand side of the airport exit doors, displaying an on the go sign.

Transfers take approx 1.30hrs to reach your hotel. During peak periods and busy afternoon Istanbul traffic transfers may take up to 3 hours.

If you arrive before 20th April and choose not to book your pre tour accommodation with on the go you will need to make your own way to the hotel that you have booked.

- The fastest way to get into town from the airport is by taxicab (20-40 mins - around USD\$12 - 20)

Remember to look out for the on the go sign. Our reps won't know what you look like!

Your arrival hotel name and address will be written upon your 'Tour Voucher'. Please keep this handy!

arrival at your hotel

Please read over the welcome letter given to you by our airport representative advising of your guide's name and details for the coming days. Upon arrival, to our hotel you will need to complete a hotel



ANZAC gold 5 ★ - 9 day itinerary

registration card and hand over your passport to which you can collect from reception later in the day. You'll receive a room key and head up to your room. If there is a problem with your room, please return to reception and speak to your tour guide immediately.

Please be aware that all accommodation is based upon twin share, i.e. all rooms are made up as twin rooms with two single beds positioned separately in the room.

If arriving early enough into Istanbul, you'll have time to get acquainted with this remarkable city. Istanbul is easy to get around on foot and there are plenty of restaurants and cafes dotted about the city.

Tour Meeting at 19.00hrs

Please meet your tour guide in the hotel reception area at 19.00hrs to confirm you have arrived safe and well. You will need to hand over your tour voucher as confirmation of your booking. Suggestions will be made on where to go for dinner and arrangements made for the coming days. Overnight Istanbul.

day 2 - istanbul

Breakfast. Today we enjoy a classic guided walking tour of the old city. Officially founded by Emperor Constantine in AD326, the city formally known as Constantinople remained capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman empires up until 1923. It's illustrious past leaves a rich legacy of churches, mosques, palaces and museums, complemented by the behemoth Grand Bazaar and colourful street life.

Enjoy our classic city tour taking in the Hippodrome area, the stunning Blue Mosque - famed for its blue Iznik tiles and unique 6 minarets, Hagia Sofia - constructed as a grand basilica in the 6th century by Emperor Justinian, the underground cistern and Topkapi Palace and more. This afternoon we hone our bargaining skills at the Egyptian Spice market and famed Grand Bazaar - one of the largest covered markets in the world, boasting more than 4000 stores. Tonight, we enjoy a traditional Turkish dinner at a well known waterfront restaurant. Dinner and overnight - Istanbul.

day 3 - gallipoli region

Istanbul - Gallipoli - breakfast. An early morning departure to the WW1 battlefields on the Gallipoli Peninsula. The futile campaign, infamously known as Gallipoli, is poignantly etched in history. In the fierce struggle for Turkish territory, thousands perished as the odds were resolutely stacked against them. The Turks sustained terrible losses. Thousands of Australian, New Zealand, British, French and Indian Allied troops also died. This afternoon we walk in their footsteps and tour

ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine Australian Memorial, Chunuk Bair New Zealand Memorial, Johnston's Jolly, the trenches and the new ANZAC museum. We cross the Dardanelles at the point known as the Narrows by ferry. Dinner and overnight - Canakkale.

day 4 - R & R

Gallipoli - breakfast. Today offers free time for you to relax or independently explore the Canakkale region. Consider heading down to the seaside to watch the local fishing boats and traders go about the day, visit the local museum, take coffee at one of the many al fresco cafes or enjoy a stroll along the beachfront adjoining our hotel looking out upon the Dardanelles. Later this afternoon we'll drive in to town to enjoy sunset by the waters edge and allow time for you to dine at one of the many local seafood restaurants. Overnight - Canakkale

day 5 - boating off anzac cove

Gallipoli - breakfast. Returning to the Gallipoli Peninsula, we attend the Turkish International Service and watch the Turkish Air Force display at Mehmetcik Abide. Later we tour the Cape Hellas area, with visits to V-beach, Sedulbahir Fortress, the British Memorial site and Achi Baba.

At noon we'll attend the short Commonwealth Service before enjoying a spectacular afternoon. Sailing the Gallipoli coastline on a local fishing boat we view ANZAC Cove and the rugged cliff face seeing it as our brave young soldiers did. On board, we'll enjoy a picnic lunch of fresh fish, local cheese, olives, tomatoes and further produce from the region.

Afterward, we venture to Hill 971, the highest point of the Sari Bair Ridge. It was the objective of the 4th Infantry Brigade to seize the high ground between Hill 971 and Chunuk Bair in order to secure a drive across the peninsula to capture the forts guarding the Straits. An assault on the summit attempted on 8 August proved a costly failure. Onward to Scrubby Knoll - the forward Head Quarters for the Turkish Generals and Mustafa Kemal (Atatürk).

Time permitting we may visit the small fishing village of Kilitbahir - meaning lock of the sea and Kilitbahir Fort. Kilitbahir known for its fort was built in 1453 by Mehmet II the Conqueror, as part of his successful siege on Constantinople. The navel battle of the Dardanelles in the Gallipoli campaign took place here, from the strategically placed fort prior to the army landings. Lunch, dinner and overnight - Canakkale.

day 6 - ANZAC day - gallipoli

Gallipoli - hotel breakfast box. It's a very early start for us (approx 02:00am) to return to the battlefields and first light heralds a poignant bugle call and commencement of the Dawn Service. After the service and armed with our maps, we independently explore the trenches and memorial sites as we walk to the Australian Memorial Service at Lone Pine or New Zealand Memorial Service, Chunuk Bair.

Visitors have a four-hour period after the dawn service before commencement of the Australian National Memorial Service at Lone Pine Service at around 10.30hrs. Many walk the 2-3 kilometres distance via Ari Burnu, Beach, Shrapnel Valley and Shell Green Cemeteries.

Please note: For those intending to attend both the Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair services, the only method of travelling between these two sites is on foot. The time between the Australian National Service at Lone Pine ending, and the New Zealand National Service at Chunuk Bair beginning, is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. The route from Lone Pine to Chunuk Bair is approximately 3.3 kilometres on foot up a gradual incline. The route is well marked but will take a reasonably fit individual about 1 hour to complete. It is not thought the average person would have enough time to attend both services due to the uphill climb of some 3.3 km from Lone Pine to Chunuk Bair. However, if you do decide you think you'll have the time, en route, just off the road you'll be walking up will be a Turkish Service in progress at a Memorial dedicated to the Turkish war dead. Please respect the solemnity of the occasion as you walk past, by remaining quiet.

If you don't think you'll be able to make it to Chunuk Bair between the Australian Service ending and the New Zealand Service commencing, don't start the walk. Remain around the area where Lone Pine Memorial is located. Later this afternoon, we meet up with our coach and return to Canakkale for a bit of R&R! Dinner and overnight - Canakkale.

Exercise patience on 25 April after the national services at Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair as you wait for your coach to collect you. Everybody wants out as soon as the services draw to a close, and hundreds of coaches must wait in turn on the service road across the hill that runs parallel with the road you'll be waiting on. With on the go's precision organisational skills and plans honed through many years, we take the sweat and frustration out of visiting during the region's busiest time. Still, it's important that you take any little hiccups during the hosting of such a large event, in your stride. Remember our Diggers had it a lot harder.

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day 7 - troy

Canakkale - Troy - Kusadasi - breakfast. Today, we continue to Troy. The legend of the lost city and Homer's 'The Iliad' was bought alive by its rediscovery in 1863. Subsequent excavations revealed nine ancient cities, one on top of the other, dating back to 3000 BC. We enjoy a tour of the ruins and view a replica of the stoic Trojan wooden horse.

Driving south, we arrive at the Aegean coastal town of Kusadasi. The remains of the evening at spent at leisure. Dinner and overnight - Kusadasi.

day 8 - ephesus & sirince

Kusadasi - Sirince - Istanbul - breakfast. Today, we tour the impressive and extensive ancient ruins of Ephesus, hands-down the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean. One of the greatest of the Ionian cities, it became the leading seaport of the region. Its wealth was proverbial. The Greek city was near an old centre of worship of a native nature goddess, who was equated with the Greek Artemis, and in 550 BC a large temple was built. From Lydian control Ephesus passed to the Persian Empire and onto Alexander the Great taking control of the city in 334AD. The city continued to thrive during the wars of his successors, it kept its hegemony and was the leading city of the province of Asia. The great temple of Artemis, called by the Romans the temple of Diana, was considered remarkable for its time. The city revelled in its prosperity from commerce and visiting pilgrims who came to see its great Temple of Artemis - one of the Seven Ancient Wonders. We'll also visit a Carpet weaving co-operative where we learn how the carpets are dyed, stitched and woven by hand.

Our afternoon is spent at the picturesque mountain village of Sirince. Here we have time to rest, unwind and sample the renowned local wine. The Orthodox village features typical Greek houses, eclectic café's, handicrafts and impressive vineyards. Afterwards we transfer to the airport for our late evening flight to Istanbul. Lunch with wine tasting (Sirince), overnight - Istanbul.

day 9 - istanbul

Thursday 28 April 2011. Istanbul - breakfast. As our tour concludes we say goodbye to our new friends. Hotel check out and onward departure transfer.

Note: Istanbul sights are closed on the following days: Topkapi Palace is closed on Tuesdays, Hagia Sofia closed on Mondays. Grand Bazaar and Egyptian Spice Market are both closed on Sundays. This in NO way affects your touring program.

make the most of ANZAC day

on the go want you to get the most out of your time at Gallipoli during the ANZAC Commemorations. Timetables relating to the various Memorial services at Gallipoli for Anzac Day as issued by the Governments of Australia and New Zealand and the Government of Turkey are not available at time of printing. However, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission upon entry to the ANZAC Cove Dawn Service site will distribute official programs on the evening of 24 April, so be sure to secure a copy. In 2009 and 2010, the official program of services was distributed on a complimentary basis.

Dignitaries and VIPs will attend services from the governments of Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom and Turkey, along with Military representatives. As such, please expect TRAFFIC DELAYS at all times.

ANZAC tips

- 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.
- During your time down at the Cove waiting for the Dawn Service to begin, you will need some snacks, water and warm clothing - coat, hat, scarf and gloves. It gets very cold!
- Alcohol is not permitted in the Dawn Service Site. We ask that you respect this. All bags are searched upon entry to the Dawn Service Site. Any alcohol found is often confiscated. Intoxicated persons are refused entry from the site.
- In previous years over 14 000 people attended the Dawn Service Ceremony. The Dawn Service site is situated south of ANZAC Cove overlooking the Aegean coastline. The site has a small grassed area, seating approximately 1500 people and the remainder of the attendees enjoy views from the tiered grandstand. Although the grand stand can be a little uncomfortable, as dawn breaks the

advantage is clear as you enjoy spectacular views across the coast and uninterrupted views as the ceremonies take place.

- Security is always high during ANZAC commemoration at Gallipoli. The Turkish Government works closely with the Australian and New Zealand Governments to ensure that security is tight. Turkish Gendarmes are present in large numbers at the event. They are there to keep order, ensure traffic runs smoothly and carry out spot checks on persons and baggage being taken into the Dawn Service Site.
- Toilet facilities are provided at the Dawn service site, and in 2009 they were clean and plentiful. However, the queues can be long and you should bring some toilet paper in case it has run out.
- Imagine the detritus a crowd can leave behind. Don't add to it. Take all personal litter with you. Don't leave it at Gallipoli.
- Whilst drop-offs and pick ups at ANZAC Cove usually run smoothly, be PATIENT as coaches maybe ordered to stop at any point along the road to ANZAC Cove. On departing Gallipoli there is no particular order to when your bus will arrive. Again, please be PATIENT, you and thousands of others are in the same situation.

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