

Full Itinerary & Trip Details

7 Day Luxury Gold Anzac Day Tour 2021

A great week long journey to see visit the cultural capital of Europe; Istanbul that sits on two continents literally connecting Europe to Asia and then onto an ancient site of Troy, the playground of Greek Gods as described in Homer's "Iliad" while commemorating one of the greatest battles of modern times between Turkish and Australian/New Zealand troops clashing on one another in Gallipoli with such epic rivalry stories turning into a strong bond between the nations forever. The battlefields are visited by 10.000 visitors, annually, mostly by the descendants of who fought here heroically and become part of many historical legends. This 7 day trip will be as entertaining as touching that will definitely change your perspective on the vast history of mankind with a Dawn Service to be remembered for a lifetime.

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Day 1 : Istanbul Arrival Day – Wednesday, 21st April 2021

Welcome to Istanbul! We are waiting for you directly at the gate behind passport control / immigration at Istanbul International Airport (IST). Arrival airport transfer from Sabiha Gokcen Airport (SAW) can be arranged at additional expenses. Transfer to your five star hotel, you will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to explore Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 2 : Istanbul City Tour & Anzac Conference – Thursday, 22nd April 2021

Welcome Drink, Breakfast Included

We depart from your hotel, after breakfast at 08:30 for your guided Istanbul City Tour. Visit to TOPKAPI PALACE The great palace of the Ottoman sultans from the 15th to the 19th centuries housing an exquisite collection of crystal, silver, and Chinese porcelain, robes worn by the sultans and their families, the famous jewels of the Imperial Treasury, miniatures, the Holy Mantle; enshrining relics of the Prophet Mohammed. Sultanahmet Imperial Mosque: The mosque, built between 1609 and 1616, is popularly known as the Blue Mosque for the blue tiles adorning the walls of its interior. With its six minarets and a great cascade of domes, the mosque is a worthy sibling to Ayasofya (Hagia Sophia). Pope Benedict XVI visited the Sultan Ahmed Mosque on 30th November 2006 during his visit to Turkey. It marks only the second papal visit in history to a Muslim place of worship. Hippodrome: Today, the area is officially called Sultan Ahmet Square, and is carefully maintained by the Turkish authorities. The course of the old racetrack has been indicated with paving, although the actual track is some 2 m below the present surface. The surviving monuments of the Spina, the two obelisks and the Serpentine Column, now sit in holes in a landscaped garden. The German Fountain, an octagonal domed fountain in neo-Byzantine style, which was constructed by the German government in 1900 to mark the German Emperor Wilhelm II's visit to Istanbul in 1898, is located at the northern entrance to the Hippodrome area, right in front of the Blue Mosque.

Spice Bazaar: The Spice Bazaar, or Egyptian Bazaar is one of the oldest bazaars in the city. Located in Eminonu, it is the second largest covered shopping complex after the Grand Bazaar. The air here is filled with the enticing aromas of cinnamon, caraway, saffron, mint, thyme and every other conceivable herb and spice. After your Istanbul city Tour, there is an option to experience a Bosphorus boat cruise, enjoy the magnificent views of the Bosphorus which connects Asia to Europe, the best way of seeing the Bosphorus in all its beauty. With the shores rising to heights up to 200m, lined with palaces, ruins, villages, and gardens, this is one of the most beautiful stretches of scenery in Turkey.

At 18:00, we will start our conference about ANZAC Dawn Service and Turkey (Duration of approx 1 hour). The conference is held by ANZAC experts from Australia and New Zealand and by our professional Turkish ANZAC tour guides. Welcome cocktail, coffee, tea and snacks are included. You will meet your fellow ANZAC Day Gallipoli tour members and the our staff. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 3 : Gallipoli Tour - Friday, 23rd April 2021

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

We depart for Gallipoli at 7:00am (4.5 hour distance). On the way, we will watch the latest documentaries about the Gallipoli campaign. We arrive in Gallipoli for lunch on the coast of Gabatepe. After lunch, we start our tour of the Gallipoli peninsula. Visit Kabatepe War Museum, ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine Australias Memorial and Cemetery, Quinns Post, Turkish 57th Regiment Cemetery, the Nek, Chunuk Bair New Zealand Memorial and Cemetery. Dinner and overnight in Canakkale.

Please Note: Normally on 23rd April; Anzac Cove is open for visitors but this year Anzac Cove and Beach Cemetery was closed for security as one of the company staff was from Syria. So the Australian Government and Turkish Government take a decision from 22nd April to 25th April noon time, means ceremony finish time was closed to visitors. Lone Pine, Chunuk Bair and other places were open and allowed for guided tour.

Day 4 : Troy Tour & ANZAC Cove – Saturday, 24th April 2021

Breakfast and Dinner Included

The governments of Australia and New Zealand have announced that the Gallipoli peninsula will be closed on 24th April 2021 for safety and security purposes, cemeteries and memorials cannot be visited as in

previous years. Therefore, we have visited the Gallipoli peninsula and done our guided Gallipoli Tour yesterday, already.

Today, we will visit the Trojan horse and the ancient city of Troy, located on the other side of the Dardanelles (approx. 1.5 hour distance including ferry). Troy is one of the most famous cities in the history, recalling us Hector, Achilles and Achaean Greeks, the sake of Helen, Paris, Agamemnon and Priam. Your guide will explain the mythology surrounding Troy, the Trojan Horse and Helen of Troy. If you wish to buy snacks for the overnight camp, today is best time to do it. There are also some food and drink stalls available at ANZAC Cove. Tonight at 17:30, we will meet at the hotel for our buffet dinner before heading to ANZAC Cove for the Dawn Service. Overnight at ANZAC Cove. If you don't wish to stay outside at the ANZAC Commemorative Site overnight, we provide optional hotel accommodation in Canakkale. This option is not available after your arrival in Turkey, so pre-booking is required.

Please Note: In 2021, the ANZAC Commemorative Site will open later than it has in previous years. The new opening time will be decided later on and before guests arrival we will inform you. The ANZAC Commemorative Site will not open before the designated opening time. Please, all the guests should be registered for attendance passes.

Day 5 : ANZAC Dawn Service at Commemorative Site Gallipoli- Sunday, 25th April 2021

Dinner Included

Don't forget your warm clothes, sleeping bags, wet weather gear, torches, hat, sunscreen and good walking shoes because Gallipoli is still as cold and dark as it was 99 years ago! Optionally, we provide sleepings bags, please let us know at time of booking.

05:30-06:15 Dawn Service, ANZAC Commemorative Site, North Beach

09:30 – 10:15 Australian Memorial Service, Lone Pine

11:30 - 12:15 New Zealand Memorial Service, Chunuk Bair

After attending the ANZAC services, at approx. 15:00, we will travel to Istanbul. The bus trip will be around 5 – 6 hour ride. So, approximately at 21:00, you will be back to hotel. Dinner and overnight at in Istanbul.

Day 6 : Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour – Monday, 26th April 2021

Breakfast Included

Pick up at 08:30 from your hotel and depart for the Istanbul Bosphorus Cruise and Shopping Tour. Visit the GRAND SPICE BAZAAR. The air here is filled with the enticing aromas of cinnamon, caraway, saffron, mint, thyme and every other conceivable herb and spice.

BOSPHORUS BY BOAT a traditional excursion by boat along the waterway separating Europe and Asia. The shore is lined with old wooden villas, palaces of marble, fortresses, and small fishing villages. During the excursion, you will see the magnificent sights of the following attractions from your boat. See Dolmabahce Palace and further along, the parks and imperial pavilions of Yildiz Palace. On the coastal edge of this park, is Ciragan Palace, 300 meters of its marble facade faces the shore. At Ortakoy, a great variety of artists gather every Sunday to display their work along the street. Ortakoy is a symbol of tolerance with a church, a mosque and a synagogue existing side by side for centuries.

RUMELI FORTRESS Built by Mehmet the Conqueror in 1452 prior to the conquest of Istanbul was completed in only four months to control and protect the infamous Bosphorus passage. It is one of the most beautiful works of military architecture anywhere in the world. BEYLERBEYI PALAS (PALACE) The summer residence of Ottoman sultans exists in its original renovated glory featuring original antique furniture and magnificent gardens with the Harem on the Asian side of Istanbul.

BOSPHORUS BRIDGE enjoy a unique chance to step from one continent (Asia) to another (Europe) CAMLICA HILL the highest point in Istanbul. At the top of it, you can rest and admire the magnificent

panorama of Istanbul and the Bosphorus from the beautiful gardens, landscaped in traditional Turkish Ottoman style.

SHOPPING TOUR (after the cruise) Experience the traditional silk weaving skills of Turkish women at the carpet weaving courses provided by The Ministry of National Education. You will get the opportunity to see jewellery, handcrafts center and a modern leatherwear show. Enjoy the experience of shopping whilst gaining the knowledge of the ancient craftsmen with Murti's Tour's local escort full of knowledge about how to haggle the streets of Istanbul. The rest of the evening is yours to explore Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 7 : Istanbul - End of Tour – Tuesday, 27th April 2021

Breakfast Included

Check out from your hotel and transfer to Airport. We hope your tour was a memorable one and we would like to see you in the future in one of our tours again. Have a nice trip back home and thanks for choosing us.

Includes

- Guided Istanbul city tour
- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air - conditioned, non - smoking coach
- 3 dinners
- 5 open buffet breakfasts
- 1 lunch
- Arrival airport transfer between 8:00am and 11:00pm (every two hours)
- Welcome Cocktail
- ANZAC Conference in Istanbul
- A range of Gallipoli documentaries
- Dawn and National Services (Australian & New Zealand)
- Travel insurance according to TURSAB law 1618
- 1 night accomodation at TROIA TUSAN Hotel or Similar in Canakkale
- 4 nights' accommodation at PULLMAN CONVENTION CENTER Hotel or similar in Istanbul

Excludes

- International flights
- Insurance: All types
- Turkey entry visa
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section
- Tips and Personal expenses
- City tax

Routes

Available On Dates

21 April, 2021 - 21 April, 2021

Tuesday

Hotels

TOUR PACKAGE HOTEL LISTS Pullman Hotel or Ramada Hotel & Suite Golden Horn 4 Star Troia Tusan Hotel or similar in Canakkale