

ANZAC DAY 4-DAY TOUR 2011

Greetings! Hope this finds you well and you are getting a tad excited about ANZAC in Gallipoli – it will be an experience you will not forget for a long time and will not regret. To help your tour run as smooth as possible please read the following document which outlines some basic info on the Beige Brigade ANZAC Tour. We pride ourselves on respecting the ANZAC tradition – so please respect our stance on a complete alcohol ban while on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

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Day 1 - Sat 23rd April 2011 – Istanbul

Make your own flight arrangements to Istanbul's Ataturk or Sabiha Gokcen Airport where you will be met by our crew and transferred to your hotel to meet the guide and the rest of your group. For those brave sods coming into Istanbul by bus, overland you can make your own way to your hotel. Check-in is from 12 noon.

Tonight is our opening to the tour with a night planned in Istanbul's Sulthanamet area - the place should be crawling with all sorts including a significant amount of fellow antipodeans. Tonight is an ideal way to break the ice with your fellow tourists & year after year ends up being a great night out.

Day 2 – Sun 24th April 2011 – Gallipoli Tour

We depart very early this morning (6 a crack!) and head straight to Gallipoli to avoid the crowds!! At approx midday we will arrive at the World War I battlefields of Gallipoli for a fully guided tour of this now serene site. We visit all the famous NZ battle sites including the legendary Chunuk Bair New Zealand Memorial, ANZAC Cove, Johnston's Jolly and the Turkish 57th Regiment memorial. We will also have time to stroll through what was once 'no-mans land' between the ANZAC's and Turkish. Tonight, we sample some of the local kebabs on offer before heading back to the site of the ANZAC Dawn Service. We watch the sun set over Anzac Cove, watch a few documentaries on the big screens and get in the mood for the moving experience to follow in the small hours of the morning. Keep warm in your sleeping bag and Beige Brigade hoodie under the stars with the thousands of others while waiting for sunrise. It DOES get cold, particularly if there is a wind! And with number swelling over 15,000 in 2008 it will also get very crowded. But we'll make sure we secure a good place!

Day 3 - Mon 25th April 2011 – ANZAC Day

Awake before sunrise to the ANZAC Dawn Service and commemorate our fallen forefathers on this special day. After the Dawn Service we walk together with the many thousands up to Chunuk Bair for the NZ Memorial service. You can attend both the Australian & NZ Memorial Services, but to ensure you get a good possie for the NZ service you will have to skip the Aussie one. After the services we walk through the national park to the coaches for the ride to Istanbul and a chance to reflect on the whole Gallipoli experience. You'll be leaving a different person, no two ways about it.

Overnight Istanbul – and a mighty farewell party!



Day 4 – Tuesday 26th April 2011

After breakfast the tour concludes and we farewell new friends and return home or carry on our adventures around Europe/Asia

Note: Tour does not include entrance fees to museums and mosques as required at some venues. No entry fee is required at the Gallipoli battlefields or Anzac services.