ANZAC DAY

25TH APRIL

GALLIPOLI
TURKEY

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COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES REGISTRATION PROCESS

Every person attending Gallipoli for the Dawn Service and the Commemorative Services at Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair MUST have registered and received their confirmation of attendance prior to their arrival at Gallipoli.

Online applications to attend can only be made via the Australian Government via the Attending an Overseas Commemoration pages on the Veteran Affairs Website.

Attendance pass registrations can only be made online, using the form provided through the provided link above.

If you cannot make a registration online, please call 1300 364 002 within Australia or +61 2 6289 1133 internationally and also send an email to the email address below overseascommemorations@dva.gov.au.

Once your attendance pass has been confirmed your ezyTicket(s) will be emailed to you in 7-10 working days. Attendance passes will be in PDF format which can be scanned from your smartphone or printed. To gain entry to the commemorative site, you will be required to present both your attendance pass and photographic identification such as your current passport or drivers licence. If you are departing Australia or New Zealand prior to then, your attendance passes will be available for collection at the commemorative site as has been the case in past years.

TURKISH VISA INFORMATION FOR AUSSIES AND KIWIS

Australian Passport Holders

You’ll require a current passport to travel to Turkey and you’ll need to ensure your passport is valid for at least six months after the date you arrive in Turkey.

Australians who visit Turkey on an Australian Passport are required to have an entry visa. You must apply for and receive your entry visa before you travel. To obtain a visa to enter Turkey apply online at the Turkish E-Visa Website.

Further travel information for Australians travelling to Turkey is available on the Australian SmartTraveller Website.

New Zealand Passport Holders

Citizens of New Zealand who intend to travel to Turkey for ANZAC Day can gain visa free entry for up to 90 days. Essentially, they must also be able to show sufficient funds to be able to support themselves whilst in the country.

As of 1 January 2013 New Zealanders travelling to Turkey whose passport does not have an empty page in their passport for entry/exit stamps will not be allowed entry into Turkey.

For all the most up to date and relevant information regarding travelling to Turkey as a New Zealander please check out the New Zealand Foreign Affairs and Trade Website.
FLIGHTS TO AND FROM TURKEY

Many international airlines have regular connections to Turkey from loads of different destinations about the globe. From London BA and Turkish are the two best-scheduled airline options. There are also a number of cheap airlines that fly to Istanbul that fly into the secondary Istanbul airport of Sabiha Gokcen. The best possible deals for all airlines can always be found through our favourite booking portal via the SkyScanner Website.

TOP TIP: The new Istanbul Airport is HUGE and there can be long walks between departure/arrival gates and security/immigration so leave yourself extra time to get about. Some of the transfer times to departure gates can be up to 30 minutes especially if changing from domestic to international.

TRANSFERS

Arriving by plane: FROM ISTANBULS NEW AIRPORT

HAVAIST operates bus shuttles between Istanbul's New Airport and both Sultanahmet (old city) and Taksim (new city). The transfers are cheap, reliable and as quick as a Taxi so for around 20 TL these are great value. These coach transfers are all in brand new coaches with wi-fi access and you pay as you enter the coach with a credit card (no cash taken) or an Istanbul Kart which will let you travel on all Istanbul public transportation.

There is a brand new METRO (train) Line due to open from the airport to the city in 2020 so we will update this information as and when that happens.

Arriving by plane: FROM SABIHA GOKCEN AIRPORT

HAVABUS operates bus shuttles between Sabiha Gokcen Airport and Taksim every half an hour. The trip is about an hour and a half depending on traffic, the shuttle fee is 15 TL to Taksim where you will then need to get to Sultanahmet either by taxi (15 TL), tram (5 TL) or public bus (3 TL).

TOP TIP: Use an ATM in the airport to get cash (if you have none) then obtain change asking for some small notes and a few coins. Most public transport options (except some taxi’s) will not accept cards or larger Lira notes. Have some 5, 10, and 20 Lira notes. Taxis are plentiful, reliable and a fast cost-effective transport option for groups of travelers.
Arriving by Coach: You may have travelled overland or coached internally from somewhere else in Turkey and have arrived into either Esenler Otogari Bus Station in European Istanbul or Harem Otogari Bus Station in Asian Istanbul.

Esenler Otogari is the main coach terminal in the city where hundreds of coach companies run thousands of coach services every year and is only 10kms from Sultanahmet and 12kms from Taksim.

**TOP TIP:** For the most comprehensive Istanbul coach information check out Turkey Travel Planner.

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**PHONES AND DATA IN TURKEY**

You will *BURN* through your data in Turkey if roaming with an international sim card. Make sure you have checked with your mobile phone sim card provider as to their international rates in Turkey as they can be much more expensive than many other countries. Most hotels have wi-fi but connections can be somewhat dodgy so don’t rely on wi-fi only. You will 100% need data if you wish to use your phone at Gallipoli where there is NO wi-fi.

**TOP TIP:** Download maps, emails and any directions you may need to your phone before arrival & get a Turkish sim in the old town after you arrive. For 20TL you will have more than enough data to last.

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**TURKISH CURRENCY**

Lira is the official currency of Turkey but Euros are also becoming an accepted currency especially at larger hotels and bigger stores. At the time of writing it was 3.1TL to 1NZD, 3.5TL to 1AUD, 6.5TL to 1GBP

**TOP TIPS:** Have a small amount of Lira when you arrive but change your money at the change bureaus in Istanbul in the old city where cash rates are far more favourable than you will get from any bank or from any airport currency vendor. Pre-Paid Cards with pre-loaded currencies like those offered by MONZO or REVOLUT work very well in Turkey.
TURKISH FOOD

Turkish food is wonderful, fresh cheap and certainly plentiful so you definitely won’t go hungry. Istanbul is a vibrant multicultural melting pot of gastronomy.

A typical Turkish breakfast can usually consist of bread, boiled or fried egg, soft cheese, jam, honey, yoghurt, fruits, olives, tomato, and of course; the vegetable served with everything - cucumber. Coffee, Tea, Juice & Water are almost always served with morning meals. Larger hotels will also offer Western Style foods, omelettes and the like as part of their breakfast offerings along with breakfast cereals and toast. A typical lunch favourite of the Turks is a freshly prepared Meze Plate with a selection of different dips, pickled & stuffed vegetables and sliced breads.

Turks love bread, it’s the national food and the basic staple of the nation and is served with everything.

If you’re not an adventurous eater fear not, as Istanbul offers many places where you can get Western style food like pizzas, burgers, pastas etc. Big chain food & drink outlets like McDonalds, Pizza Hut, Starbucks, KFC and Burger King are about and there are many other specialist restaurants available in Istanbul also as well as plenty of kebab takeaways (like on about every third street corner).

In the evenings there are a lot more people eating out in Turkey and this is where you’ll find a larger selection of meat dishes for the carnivores amongst you. Shish Kebabs of chicken, beef, fish and fried tomato or peppers are everywhere. Spiced rice, lentil soup, lamb stews, turkish pizza (pide) and an array of freshly prepared salads abound. There is also an abundance of Turkish desserts to choose from like Baklava, Turkish Delight and Milk Puddings.

Raki (strong aniseed liquor) is a very popular drink in Turkey and is often drunk straight or with water during and after meals - lookout though, it's potent!
ANZAC COVE DAWN SERVICE

The majority of people who attend the Dawn Service at ANZAC Cove will have claimed their seats in the tiered bleachers or their space on the grass by 10pm on the evening of the 24th of April.

Prior to entering the Commemorative Zone (as its now known during the ANZAC Day events), you'll proceed through airport-style security. For cultural reasons, visitors may be separated into male and female lines to undergo screening and pat-downs.

In recent years there have not been huge crowds at the dawn service (2-3 thousand) and it's been possible to lie down on the grass and get a few valuable hours of shut-eye as any attendees did.

Overnight documentaries are displayed on big screens, music is played by military bands and there are various info speeches and storytelling. The dawn service begins at 5:30am sharp and is guaranteed to be one of the most memorable services of any kind you will ever attend.

Far more detailed information can be found on the AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DVA WEBSITE

TOP TIP: The 24th & 25th April can be challenging. Lack of sleep the prevailing weather conditions and the terrain you have to traverse can be draining. It's important to keep in mind this one fact - NO ONE IS SHOOTING AT YOU! The glorious fallen dead have already made the ultimate sacrifice for us, in the very place we now stand. The right mind-set of patience, positivity and reverence is the key to enjoying your experience at the commemorative services.
AFTER THE DAWN SERVICE

At the completion of the Dawn Service the light will have risen over ANZAC Cove and there will be plenty of time to take photos and reflect. Every person who has attended the dawn service must then make their way to Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair (depending on which service they wish to attend) via Artillery Road which is a steep dirt and loose stone track up the escarpment. It is 3.5kms to Lone Pine and around 7kms to Chunuk Bair. You will pass numerous cemeteries and historic sites, which visitors will have an opportunity to view-en-route.

Once at Lone Pine or Chunuk Bair there are very basic and limited facilities including limited temporary seating (at Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair). Portable toilets are available on-site for the period of the commemorations. It is recommended that you bring adequate supplies of non-perishable food. Limited rubbish disposal facilities are available and visitors are asked to take their rubbish with them. There is no running water or power on-site, except for those in use for the services.

Far more detailed information can be found on the AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DVA WEBSITE

TOP TIP: Despite what other information you may read or hear from other operators or from government officials IT IS POSSIBLE to attend both services at Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair. A word of warning however, unless you are very fit and can hightail it at pace uphill we do not recommend attempting this. Note however that it can be done!
LONE PINE AND CHUNUK BAIR

LONE PINE
The commemorative service at Lone Pine begins at 9.30am. There will be limited temporary seating available at the Lone Pine Service. This will be available on a first come, first in basis. The Lone Pine service is held within the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Lone Pine Cemetery, and as such, visitors are asked to not sit on the grassed areas around the graves, and to locate themselves in the vacant areas and along the sides out of respect for those buried within the cemetery. After the service everyone who attended then walks up to Chunuk Bair for coach departure.

CHUNUK BAIR
The commemorative service at Chunuk Bair begins at 11.30am. The Chunuk Bair site is small and seating and standing room is limited, and it may mean that not all visitors to Chunuk Bair will be able to view the service. Similar to the Lone Pine service, the Chunuk Bair service includes official New Zealand and Turkish National memorials and cemeteries and visitors are asked to refrain from sitting amongst the graves. There will be an overflow site at Hill 261 for those who cannot access the Chunuk Bair site.

DEPARTURE
After the service concludes at Chunuk Bair coaches will begin to depart the Gallipoli Peninsula within 15 minutes. There is NO WAY to predict when your coach will arrive so it could be a wait of up to two hours. It all depends on how many people attend and how many coaches there are and sometimes it depends on the competency of the government staff - which at times we have to say, has been very poor.

Far more detailed information can be found on the AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DVA WEBSITE.

TOP TIP: There are many memorial sites to view between Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair. Our advice would be to visit as many of these as possible as no tour is able to visit these sites during the previous day as all the roads are closed. For the Aussies attending the Lone Pine service you will have opportunity to visit these sites on the walk up to Chunuk Bair. For Kiwi’s who want to make sure they have a good position at the Chunuk Bair service, you may not be able to visit all of these sites sadly as you'll need to get to Chunuk Bair quickly to claim a spot. However, you can visit all the memorials mentioned and still get to Chunuk Bair in time to watch the service on the big screen rather than be front and centre.
ISTANBUL AND PP’S BASE

The strategic location of Istanbul between Europe and Asia on the ancient Silk Road has seen it become one of history’s most important cities.

PP Travel is based in the old quarter of Sultanahmet where you’ll find most of this ancient city’s amazing historical sites. This area has an oriental-fantasy skyline of domes and minarets, and its narrow cobbled streets are lined with quaint old wooden houses. Sultanahmet is located in the European part on a tapering peninsula pointing directly across the straits to Asia’s part of Istanbul. Here the city is surrounded by the blue waters of the sea of Marmara to the South and by the glittering and graceful waters of the Golden Horn to the North. A truly magical place.

CHEERS HOSTEL

PP Travel has been using the award winning Cheers Hostel and it’s associated Hotels, Hostels and Guesthousing for well over a decade. Cheers is a superb hostel with some of the best rooms and amenities that you’ll find anywhere in Europe or Asia. PP’s tours have options for dorm rooms, private hostel rooms, guesthouse rooms and hotels rooms, something to cover all budgets.

Cheers Hostel Istanbul

TOP SIGHTS OF ISTANBUL

This ancient city offers so much for tourists. We have listed our top nine sights that can be easily accessed in Sultanahmet with trip-advisor links and reviews.

* Aya Sofya
* Topkapi Palace
* Hippodrome (incl. in PP’s 4 day tour on 26th)
* Blue Mosque (incl. in PP’s 4 day tour on 26th)
* Basilica Cistern (incl. in PP’s 4 day tour on 26th)
* Galata Tower
* Kapali Carsi (Grand Bazaar)
* Spice Bazaar
* Cagaloglu Hamami (Turkish Bathouse)
05: Further Essential Informational Links

**LINKS TO MAPS, CONSULATES, TOURISTIC SIGHTS ETC**

**Recommended Accommodation**
- Cheers Hostel on Google Maps
- Sublime Porte Hotel (Cheers Superior Hotel)
- Cheers Vintage Hostel and Guesthouse
- Cheers Lighthouse Hotel and Apartments
- Mansion by Cheers

**Consulates**
- Australian Consulate in Istanbul (on maps)
- Australian Consulate in Istanbul (website)
- New Zealand Consulate in Istanbul (on maps)
- New Zealand Consulate in Istanbul (website)

**ANZAC Day Gallipoli Information Sites**
- Gallipoli and the ANZACS
- ANZAC Archives (UK)

**Other Important Links**
- Department of Veteran Affairs (Australia)
- Department of Veteran Affairs (New Zealand)
- Commonwealth War Grave Commission
- Smartraveller (Australia)
- Safetravel (New Zealand)
- Passports (Australia)
- Passports (New Zealand)
- Turkish EVisa (Turkey)
- Ticketing for Gallipoli Dawn Service
- Foreign Affair and Trade (New Zealand)
- Foreign Affairs and Trade (Australia)
- Skyscanner (cheap flights)
- PP TRAVEL
- ANZAC Day Tours Gallipoli
A Bit About PP Travel

PP Travel was established in 1991 and have been operating great value, quality tours to various events within the UK and Europe for over 27 years.

As we are a “crew orientated” operation - we select, train and look after our dedicated staff well and we believe this forms the basis of our ethos. To provide outstanding quality and services to events and big party destinations in Europe. Check out PP’s FULL HISTORY on the website.

PP’s ANZAC Day Gallipoli Tours

PP Travel consistently year after year offers and operates the most dedicated series of well-run, economical and highly professional tours for Anzac Day, ensuring that its passengers get the most out their Gallipoli experience. There are a number of factors that set us apart from our competitors when it comes to Gallipoli.

1. There are always two (2) guides on every PP Travel tour coach - There is always a guide from New Zealand or Australia on each coach and we ALSO ensure we have a Turkish Guide with us who provide a different aspect to the campaign and add their considerable local knowledge.

2. The people who sell the tours also organise the tours, operate and run the tours and are there with you every step of your ANZAC Day tour journey. We TOTALLY share the experience with you.

3. PP’s guides have been attending dawn services at Gallipoli since 1996 and we are still the same core of staff members attending to this day. We know Istanbul very well, we know Gallipoli very well. This ensures you get the best possible insights, information and enjoyment out of your experience. We all have some sort of military background within our families and we all hold a very keen interest in all military history.

4. PP is the ONLY company that aims to do a full tours of the Gallipoli Peninsula on the 24th April before heading to Anzac Cove, so you get a first-hand background of the battle. We take you to the major sites of the Anzac battleground including Turkish and British memorials before heading to the official memorial area at dusk. NO OTHER COMPANY OFFERS THIS. Note: Our tour of the Gallipoli peninsula is subject to road closures by the Turkish authorities. We are subject to the controls and restrictions put in place by local authorities and the DVA however, having said that, we’ve always managed to see almost everything we planned to on the day.

PP Travel thanks you for reading this eBook and we sincerely hope to welcome you on one of our great value ANZAC Day Gallipoli tours (or one of our other awesome value tours) in the future.

Safe and Happy Travels to you all! - THE PP CREW
THANK YOU

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[Image of a person standing in front of a memorial with the words "ANZAK KOYU ANZAC COVE"]