

# Gallipoli Ramble



You are about to embark on an experience which is unique in battlefield exploration. If you are a student of history, or simply wish to experience the topography which gave birth to the ANZAC legend, then you cannot see Gallipoli solely from the confines of a tour bus. On this tour, you will truly walk in the footsteps of our diggers.

- ✓ Arrive in Istanbul and explore the old city's highlights, including the Blue Mosque and Topkapi Palace.
- ✓ Travel via the ancient city of Troy to the Gallipoli Peninsula.
- ✓ Tour major Anzac and Allied battlefields through guided walks, treks, and boat trips.
- ✓ Visit key sites such as the Anzac Cove, Lone Pine, Suvla Bay, Hill 60, and Cape Helles.
- ✓ Learn about the 1915 campaign, heroic battles, and soldiers' stories.
- ✓ Return to Istanbul for a farewell dinner before departing for home.

# What's Included

## Information and Documents

To confirm your spot on this tour, we require a deposit of \$500.00 per person. A booking form will be sent with the receipt which must be filled in.

Travel Insurance is mandatory and should be taken out at the time of deposit as cancellations fees apply, refer to the website for conditions.

Minimum 6, Maximum 10

## Price includes

- ✓ Accommodation based on twin share
- ✓ Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- ✓ Meals as per the itinerary
- ✓ Transfers throughout
- ✓ Porterage of once suitcase per person
- ✓ Travel by air conditioned coach/van
- ✓ Services of local English speaking Historian
- ✓ Tips to driver and guides
- ✓ Entrance fees to selected attractions
- ✓ Getaway Trekking walking shirt

## Price excludes

- ✗ Airfares and related taxes
- ✗ Travel Insurance
- ✗ Passport and visa costs
- ✗ Items of a personal nature: i.e. laundry, bar accounts etc.
- ✗ Meals not specified in the itinerary



# Itinerary

## Day 1 Arrive in Istanbul

### Arrive into Istanbul – Morning arrival

You will be collected from the airport and as a group we will make our way to the hotel where we can drop off our luggage before the first of our walking tours.

We start our walks with a tour of the old city which includes the Blue Mosque, Hippodrome and Topkapi Palace.

- **Accommodation:**  
Yasmak Sultan or similar
- **Meals Included:**  
Dinner

## Day 2 Gallipoli

Today we travel via Troy to the Gallipoli Peninsula. We shall make a few short stops at places along the way to discuss the allied submarine campaign which played a vital, yet often overlooked part, in this campaign. The amazing sights of Troy will captivate you and reinforce the fact that the allies of the Great War were not the first invaders of this ancient land.

- **Accommodation:**  
Crowded House or similar
- **Meals Included:**  
Breakfast and Lunch

## Day 3 Battlefields – Day 1

An early start as we push offshore so that we are out on the water as the dawn breaks over the “first ridge”. Here we shall see a perfect silhouette of “The Sphinx” which would become a major land mark throughout the campaign. Whilst the men of the 3rd Infantry Brigade touched shore at 4.30am, we shall await full light to view the Anzac skyline – cruising the Anzac positions as far north as “Fisherman’s Hut” and as far south as Gaba Tepe. Once our cruise is complete, we will come ashore at Anzac Cove and explore the Beach Cemetery. The rest of the day will be spent on a tour of the Gallipoli Peninsula by vehicle. This will encompass all of the main positions of the Anzac’s which are accessible by vehicle; before we head down to Cape Helles where the British and French forces landed.

- **Accommodation:**  
Crowded House or similar
- **Meals Included:**  
Breakfast and Lunch

## Day 4 Battlefields – Day 2

This is a full day trek which will see us commence from Anzac Cove. Referred to as the ‘Loutit Incursion’, we will cross the southern shoulder of Plugge’s Plateau and trek down

through Shrapnel Valley. We will then clamber up the steep slope which forms the northern end of the 4000 Plateau (which formed part of the Second Ridge), taking in the 4th Battalion Cemetery amongst others. Traversing down the northern side of Owen’s Gully, our goal on this day will be Scrubby Knoll on the Third Ridge.

Early on the morning of August 6, 1915, a combined force from the 3rd Australian Light Horse Brigade and the 8th and 10th Light Horse Regiments made four successive but ultimately futile attempts to seize the Turkish trenches.

The Allies undertook a major offensive to try and break out of the “Anzac” area in conjunction with feint attacks at Cape Helles and Lone Pine, and a further British landing at Suvla Bay. It was hoped this would allow the Allied armies to capture the Straits of Dardanelles, their original goal. While the main Turkish trench was taken in the first 20 minutes, there were four days of fierce fighting that followed resulting in some 2000 Australian casualties.

Seven Australians were awarded the Victoria Cross for their bravery at Lone Pine.

- **Accommodation:**  
Crowded House or similar
- **Meals Included:**  
Breakfast and Lunch





### Day 5 Battlefield – Day 3

Today will entail a bit of a climb, taking in the area just north of Ari Burnu through Russell’s Top... up to Baby 700 and Battleship Hill. During this climb we will discuss the exploits of some of our New Zealand allies and walk on hallowed ground as we explore positions manned by the Australian Light Horse during the August Offensive of 1915 – The Battle of Lone Pine.

- **Accommodation:**  
Crowded House or similar
- **Meals Included:**  
Breakfast and Lunch

### Day 6 Battlefield – Day 4

Today, we will explore the site, which was previously fortified by the Turks, the promontory of Gaba Tepe. Our exploration today will take us over those southern spurs and valley that formed the right flank on the Australian line. The valleys and spurs to the south of Lone Pine are rarely walked or explored; encompassing many of the names which you have no doubt seen on a map, but possibly never contemplated. This is the ground once dominated by snipers on both sides, especially one Queenslander dubbed ‘The Gallipoli Assassin’. From Bolton’s Ridge to the area that was once known as ‘The Wheatfield’. Other areas such as Ryrie’s Post, Tasmania Post, Holly Ridge and Eanes’s Trench, Allah’s Gully and Silt Spur, Coonee Gully and the ‘Knife Edge’ of Snipers Ridge through to Pine Ridge, just to name a few.

- **Accommodation:**  
Crowded House or similar
- **Meals Included:**  
Breakfast and Lunch

### Day 7 Battlefields – Day 5

Today you walk in the footsteps of the ‘men with the donkeys’, whose contribution to the campaign has become legendary.

Having passed through Shrapnel Valley earlier on our tour, today we will take our time to explore Shrapnel Valley and the surrounding area. This will include a visit to the cemeteries in the valley. We will explore Monash Valley and surrounding areas as well as Anzac Cove and the gullies below the sphinx.

- **Accommodation:**  
Crowded House or similar
- **Meals Included:**  
Breakfast and Lunch

### Day 8 Battlefields – Day 6

Today we will visit Hill 60, known to the Turks as Kiajik Aghala. We will then travel onto Suvla Bay. Suvla Bay was selected as an appropriate site for the landing of reinforcements after the landings at Anzac Cove and Cape Helles. Here, there will be plenty of opportunity to explore the ground on foot.

Much of today will be spent travelling by vehicle and a good chance to rest your legs. Very few visit this northern flank which is an essential part of the overall story.

- **Accommodation:**  
Crowded House or similar
- **Meals Included:**  
Breakfast and Lunch

### Day 9 Battlefields – Day 7

Apart from Anzac Cove, Lone Pine is perhaps the most well known of all positions on the Gallipoli Peninsula. Taking in both lobes of the 400 Plateau, including ‘The Cup’, we shall thoroughly explore this area. A short walk along the road will reveal a tunnel, which was excavated by Australian Engineers during the campaign.

This is our last day at Gallipoli, and a fitting way to conclude our time here.

- **Accommodation:**  
Crowded House or similar
- **Meals Included:**  
Lunch & Dinner

### Day 10 Gallipoli to Istanbul

Today we travel back to Istanbul where we will enjoy a farewell dinner.

- **Accommodation:**  
Yasmak Sultan or similar
- **Meals Included:**  
Breakfasts, Lunch & Dinner

### Day 11 Depart for home

Today we make our way to the airport.