

ANZAC DAY at Gallipoli 2015

**100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY
COMMEMORATIVE TOUR
14-29 April 2015 – 16 days**



A special journey

The opportunity for New Zealanders and Australians to remember their forebears who fought at Gallipoli in Turkey during World War I. Mark the 100th anniversary of ANZAC Day and the national day of remembrance in New Zealand and Australia to honour the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZACS) who fought with bravery on the Peninsula. We return to honour the ANZAC Day pledge "We will remember them".

The Innovative Travel Company is proud to offer you an unrivalled journey, taking in the highlights of Turkey. Starting in Istanbul, visiting the capital Ankara, the surreal areas of Cappadocia, the limestone terraces of Pamukkale, the UNESCO site of Ephesus and ending with the highlight of attending the Dawn Services at Gallipoli for the 100th anniversary commemorations, side by side with fellow New Zealand & Australian countrymen and dignitaries.

The visit also presents a chance to see the historical places our soldiers saw and to learn much more of the great civilisation of Turkey, in a spectacular combination of famous and honourable sites. This special journey is for those who want something more than a brief tour to traditional destinations. It will require fortitude and fascination, and an eagerness to take the trip of a lifetime.

Early registration is essential to secure your place for this once in a lifetime event.

"Business carried on as usual during alterations on the map of Europe." Sir Winston Churchill - 1914

April 2015

Tue 14 Christchurch/Auckland/Sydney

Depart Christchurch, Auckland or Sydney on your flight to Dubai.

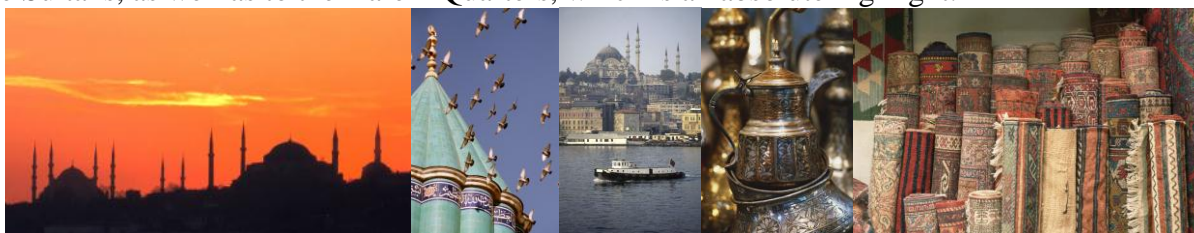
Wed 15 Istanbul (B)

Welcome to Turkey. You will be met and transferred to your 4* hotel located in the Old City of Istanbul.

5-6pm This evening is a tour introduction and welcome happy hour for the group at the hotel to meet your fellow tour participants and have a tour briefing.
Early evening as it will be a full day tomorrow.

Thu 16 Istanbul (B,L,D)

Today visit the sites of Istanbul. This morning, we will take a tour of Istanbul, beginning with a visit to the fascinating and impressive Blue Mosque (Sultan Ahmet Camii), with its beautiful blue Iznik tiles, unique architecture and marble latticework. Continue to the Hippodrome, the centre of Byzantine life for 1000 years, and then to the magnificent Hagia Sophia (St Sophia's Basilica) built by Constantine the Great and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century. It is one of the world's greatest architectural marvels. Also visit the fascinating Underground Cistern. Continue to the marvellous Topkapi Palace, that served as the palace of the Ottoman Sultans between the 16th and 19th centuries. *Optional visits:* to the Treasury, where the extensive exhibits include priceless world-class collections of jewellery, porcelain, textiles and costumes of the Sultans, as well as to the Harem Quarters, which is an absolute highlight.



Fri 17 Istanbul-Bursa-Ankara (B,L,D)

Today depart for Ankara the capital of the Turkish Republic, via Bursa. Dinner is at the hotel this evening.

Sat 18 Ankara-Cappadocia (B,L,D)

Though thoroughly modern in appearance, Ankara's history and that of the surrounding area dates back to the Bronze Age and the Hatti civilisation. The oldest parts of the city surround the ancient "Hisar" or citadel where the Museum of Anatolian Civilisations is based. See the priceless collection of Palaeolithic, Neolithic, Hatti, Hittite, Phrygian, Urartian and Roman artefacts. Continue to the Mausoleum of Ataturk, the founder of modern Turkey and whose famous words after the Battle of Gallipoli, touched the hearts of many who had lost loved ones at Gallipoli. Continue to Cappadocia for two nights. Tonight attend a Whirling Dervish combining a traditional Turkish dinner, with a spectacular show featuring the traditions of Turkey with dance.

Sun 19 Cappadocia (B,L,D)

Today visit the amazing and unique sites of the wonderful Cappadocia area. Cappadocia is one of those very rare regions of the world where the works of man blend unobtrusively into the natural surroundings. Dwellings have been hewn from the rock as far back as 4,000 BC. During Byzantine times chapels and monasteries were hollowed out of the rock, their ochre-toned frescoes reflecting the hues of the surrounding landscape. Even today

troglodyte dwellings in rock cones and village houses of volcanic tufa merge harmoniously into the landscape. The area is covered with wonderful valleys where the weather has eroded the stone into peaks, cones and obelisks called fairy chimneys. A full day touring the 'moon-like' topography of Cappadocia. Visit some of the fascinating frescoed and rock carved churches of the Göreme open-air museum, a UNESCO world heritage site. Also visit Kaymakli Underground City and the natural fortress of Uchisar Early dinner this evening to allow time for an optional visit this evening to the Indigo Carpet Shop (or similar).



Mon 20 Cappadocia-Pamukkale

(B,L,D)

Transfer to Pamukkale for overnight. Pamukkale is famous for its 'Cotton Castle' which is a beautiful and spectacular natural site famous for its fairylike, dazzling white, and travertine terraces. Upon arrival and after settling into your hotel explore the ruins of Hierapolis, an ancient Roman spa city and its extensive remains including the Museum, Roman baths, Temple of Apollo and the extraordinary Necropolis. You will then view the calcite terraces of Pamukkale before returning to your hotel for a beneficial bath in the thermal pool of your hotel or in your room.

Tue 21 Pamukkale-Kusadasi

(B,L,D)

A relaxed start this morning for your drive to the coastal city of Kusadasi where you will be based for two nights. Time this afternoon to relax and perhaps explore more of Kusadasi in your own time. Dinner this evening will be at a local restaurant.

Wed 22 Ephesus

(B,L,D)

Today visit Ephesus, the best-preserved and restored ancient city in Turkey, which was known as the Commercial, Religious and the Social Center of Antiquity. Begin our day with a visit to the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Continue and explore the ancient city of Ephesus with its Great Theatre with a capacity of 24,000 spectators and Celsus Library, the Fountains of Trajan, Temple of Hadrian and Domitian and private houses. After lunch, visit the House of the Virgin Mary, where Mary spent her final days. Return to your hotel in Kusadasi early afternoon, for time to relax. Dinner tonight is at the hotel.

Thu 23 Kusadasi-Gallipoli

(B,L,D)

Early morning transfer to our accommodation overlooking the Dardanelles on the Gallipoli Peninsula. Our hotel is superbly located in Eceabat, located directly on the Gallipoli Peninsula thus the closest town to the Gallipoli Battlefields & ANZAC Cove. Your stay for three nights while exploring the Peninsula and attending these important commemorations has been planned with care, so that you benefit to significantly reduce travelling. Times. Lunch is in Eceabat followed by a visit this afternoon to the commemorative sites of Gallipoli including: the Anzac Commemorative site, Lone Pine Australian Memorial, Johnston's Jolly (Turkish Allied trenches and tunnels), The Nek and the Chunuk Bair New Zealand Memorial.

This evening is a special dinner at the hotel and you will be joined by some special guests this evening to discuss the Gallipoli campaign.



Fri 24 Gallipoli

(B,L,D)

This morning you have two choices:

1. A more in depth discussion on the Gallipoli campaign
2. Leisurely departure to visit the ancient and legendary city of Troy, immortalised by Homer in the stories of King Priamus, Hector, Paris and the beautiful Helen. See the archaeological excavations that have revealed nine separate periods of settlement and the ruins of city walls, house foundations, a temple and a theatre. Also see the symbolic wooden Trojan horse that commemorates the epic war machine that was constructed in the 6th century BC. Return to the hotel for lunch to leave time to rest.

This afternoon is time at leisure to relax or rest before your departure for the 2015 ANZAC Commemorations. Depart the hotel late this evening for Gallipoli (time to be advised) to secure your place ready for the early morning commemorations.

Sat 25 Gallipoli

(B,D)

100th anniversary Commemorations. Attend "The Anzac Dawn Service". After the Dawn Service, have a boxed breakfast while looking out over the shores. Observe other commemoration services on the Peninsula before attending the New Zealand service at Chanuk Bair. Later this afternoon return to your hotel. Dinner is included this evening. *(NB due to security reasons there is a very long walk from the drop-off point to the Dawn Service and back and returning from Chunuk Bair to the coach.)*



Sun 26 Gallipoli-Istanbul

(B,L,D)

11am Pick up from hotel and depart for overnight in Istanbul. This evening is a farewell dinner including a belly dancing show.

Mon 27 Istanbul-Dubai

(B)

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Dubai. Overnight Dubai.

OPTIONS TO EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY IN ANY OF THE MANY ANCIENT KINGDOMS DESTINATIONS: Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Greece, Dubai, Oman, Syria, Morocco etc

Tue 28 Dubai-Christchurch/Auckland/Sydney

Transfer to Dubai Airport for your homeward flight.

Wed 29 Christchurch/Auckland/Sydney

Welcome home.

Crowded House Hotel situated directly on the Gallipoli Peninsula –One of the best located hotels for Anzac Commemorations

The hotel is a family run 3* hotel, centrally located across from the ferry terminal in Eceabat, the closest town to the Gallipoli Battlefields & ANZAC Cove, with a fantastic view overlooking the Dardanelles. Décor is modern and simple.

Hotel facilities: Bar

Rooms feature: AC, satellite TV, phone, hairdryer, 24 hour room service



Gallipoli Brief: For nine months in 1915, British and French forces battled the Ottoman Empire - modern Turkey - for control of the Gallipoli peninsula, a small finger of Europe jutting into the Aegean Sea that dominates a strategic waterway, the Dardanelles. By opening the Dardanelles to their fleets, the Allies hoped to threaten the Ottoman capital, Constantinople (now Istanbul) and knock the Turks out of the war.

Among the British forces were the Anzacs - the Australia and New Zealand Army Corps - who landed on the peninsula on 25 April. The landing, like the Gallipoli campaign itself, was ambitious and ultimately unsuccessful: the peninsula remained in its defenders' hands.

The campaign was a costly failure for the Allies: 44,000 British and French soldiers died, including over 8700 Australians. Among the dead were 2721 New Zealanders - roughly one-quarter of those who fought on Gallipoli. Victory came at a high price for the Turks: 87,000 men died in the campaign which became a defining moment in Turkish history.

The Gallipoli campaign was a relatively minor part of the First World War (1914-18), but it has great significance for New Zealand's history and it has become an important symbol of its national identity. The campaign was the first time that New Zealand stepped on to the world stage, and the New Zealanders made a name for themselves fighting hard, against the odds, in an inhospitable environment.

New Zealand marks the anniversary of the Gallipoli landings each year on Anzac Day - 25 April - remembering not only those who died there, but all who have served the country in times of war. The Gallipoli battlefields are now part of the 33,000 hectare Gallipoli Peninsula Historical National Park, or the Peace Park.

Your itinerary has been prepared in 2011 and maybe subject to change. All commemorative services at Gallipoli and all visits to the Peninsula for all Anzac tours are subject to final authority of the NZ, Australian and Turkish Governments. The order of schedules, timings and inclusions are subject to change at any time and will be confirmed when final information is available.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Tour host ex New Zealand
- Economy class airfares Auckland/Christchurch/Sydney-Dubai-Istanbul-Dubai-Auckland/Christchurch/Sydney on Emirates Airlines
- All transfers
- Transport in air-conditioned coaches/vehicles
- Professional English speaking guide on tour in Turkey
- Accommodation with private facilities – a combination First class and Tourist class hotels
- Sightseeing and entrance fees
- Daily breakfasts including breakfast box and thermos for Anzac Day
- 10 lunches (L)
- 11 dinners (D) including.....
- Whirling Dervishes Show and dinner in Cappadocia
- Special dinner at Crowded House on 23rd April with invited guests
- Special farewell dinner and belly dancing show in Istanbul
- Entrance fees to sites featured in the tour
- Visits to War Museums and Cemeteries as specified
- Porterage for all group activities
- Tipping for all group activities
- The Innovative Travel Company notes for Turkey

TOUR EXCLUSIONS

- Personal Expenses
- Full Insurance (compulsory)
- Departure and airport taxes
- Early check ins/Late check out
- Meals not specified
- Mini bar
- Tour extensions

TOUR COSTS:

NZD \$9995 per person, share twin. Single supplement NZD1995 per person.

AUD\$8995 per person ex Sydney share twin. Single supplement AUD1795 per person

The tour cost is a rough estimate only, due to the length of time out from the tour. There are many variables including, airfares, exchange rates and final hotel rates. An updated estimated price will be advised 18 months prior to the tour.

Share twin requests will be on request – if you are travelling on your own, but wish to share with another traveller.

Single rooms cannot be guaranteed on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

Business class airfare upgrades are available on request

Price may be subject to currency fluctuations/fuel surcharges/airline, hotel increases or local schedules. The tour price is based on a minimum of 25 participants and may be subject to an increase if minimum numbers are not reached.

NOTES:

The Innovative Travel has specialised for the past 21 years in the Middle East, Mediterranean and North Africa via our award winning Ancient Kingdoms Holidays. The company has in depth experience in organising visits in the region including the 90th and 95 commemorations at Gallipoli. The tour has been designed to allow you time to acclimatise to Turkish time zones, by departing NZ on 14 April. This is also the reason why you spend the evening of the 25th April at your hotel on the Peninsula, with the opportunity after a short coach trip, to share this very special day with your travelling companions, before returning to Istanbul on 26th April for a wonderful farewell dinner and show.

General information

The tour is subject to the normal tour conditions and operational procedures as listed on the Ancient Kingdoms Holidays brochure. Please ask for your copy.

Due to the large attendances expected for these special commemorations, there will be security restrictions where coaches are required to park away from the main sites. It is essential to register for this tour that you are able to walk up to 5-8km unaided. The road between Anzac Cover, Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair does also require some hill walking. For any further questions on the terrain please call The Innovative Travel Company or talk to your travel agent.

Remember that religious beliefs, traditional customs, infra structure and daily manners will differ from country to country, these may seem quite strange at first. These idiosyncrasies are part of what makes travelling a special experience. Please be patient if you think things are happening at a different pace than you are used to and respect the differences in culture.

Tour conditions:

Due to the interest in attending these important commemorations, early registration is essential to secure your place on this unique tour.

A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 is required upon registration. The signed registration form must be sent to The Innovative Travel Company along with the deposit. Registration is not guaranteed until acknowledgement is provided by the company. After registration cancellation fees apply. Refer to tour registration form for full information.

Interim deposits will be required as per the registration form. Full payment will be required by 01 November 2014.

A copy of your travel insurance policy and passport copy must be supplied to The Innovative Travel Company, prior to the final documentation being released.

Hotel check-in/out times are normally IN: 2pm/ OUT: 12noon.

The only way to guarantee an early check-in or late check-out is to pre-book the night before (early check-in) or night after (late check-out). Otherwise early check-in and late check-out are subject to availability when you are there.

Hotel Rooms

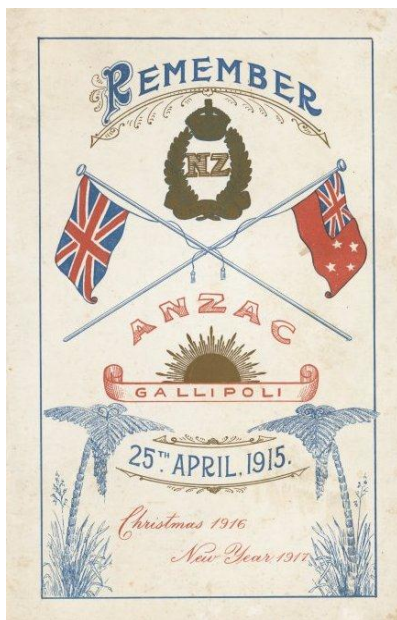
As a policy Innovative Travel request non smoking rooms for all guests. These rooms are requested and are subject to availability. Rooms on the tour are run-of-house and room sizes/styles may vary.

Travel Advisory Information can change at any time and we suggest clients refer to The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Travel Trade Advisory website at www.safetravel.govt.nz prior to departure for the latest up to date information and general advice regarding the countries you are visiting.

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Post tour extension to Cairo, Alexandria and El Alamein

The Innovative Travel Company will offer a 7 day post Gallipoli tour including Cairo, Alexandria & El Alamein to visit some of the WW II battlefields, with an optional Nile Cruise extension.

Tour options are also available to visit other battlefields in North Africa, the Middle East or the Mediterranean including: Israel, Crete, Libya and Tunisia

Or you may choose to extend to other Ancient Kingdoms Holidays destinations such as: Oman, Dubai, Syria, Morocco, Iran or India or choose to explore Russian & Eastern Europe, or take an economical Croisi Cruise through the wonderful rivers of Europe. For further information see www.innovative-travel.com

Flying with Emirates Airlines, allows you the option to return from any city in the UK or Europe where Emirates Airlines have scheduled flights. Additional taxes/and any add-on sectors between Istanbul and the departure city apply.

REGISTRATION FORM for ANZAC DAY AT GALLIPOLI 2015

CLIENT NAME		ACCOMPANYING PARTNER	
Title Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss		Title Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss	
Age		Age	
Smoker YES / NO		Smoker YES / NO	
Address		Emergency mobile contact	
Email			
Travel Agency		Client Email	
Consultant			
DX no			
Special requirements eg vegetarian			
I would like to share twin room with _____			
I am not travelling with any other person, but would like to be matched up in a share twin if this is available, otherwise I will pay the single supplement. (Twin share not guaranteed)			
If a non-smoking is sharing with a smoker a NON-SMOKING room will be reserved.			
If for any reason whilst travelling you elect to have a single room, (subject to availability) a single supplement will be charged.			
Medical conditions: If you are required to fill out a PRE EXISTING CONDITION form on your medical insurance policy or have any limitations on fitness, you must advise Innovative Travel.			
Tour programmes always including walking, therefore it is essential to be able to walk a minimum of 5kms unaided.			
If you have physical limitations please state.....			
Innovative Travel will only accept clients with physical limitations if they do not inhibit other travellers or have their own care giver travelling with them. Final acceptance is subject to the approval of Innovative Travels medical advisors.			
Flying: Ex Christchurch / Wellington / Auckland or economy / business			
Frequent flyer number..... airline			
CONNECTING FLIGHTS :			
Departure date _____		Departure flight _____ Time _____	
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PASSPORT DETAILS		Accompanying partners passport details:	
Please enclose a photocopy of your passport with reg form			
Nationality:			
Passport No:			
Date of Birth :			
Date issued:			
Expiry:			
CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:			
Name/ Relationship			
Tel No			
Address			
SPECIAL TOUR CONDITIONS:			
The tour is subject to a minimum of 25 participants and the price may vary if less than 25 travelling.			
The Tour itinerary may change due to local conditions. Other conditions listed on full tour itinerary.			
I enclose NZD 1000pp non-refundable registration/deposit. Interim payment of \$1500 required by 25 April 2013.			
Final payment is due by 01 Nov 2014. Cancellation fees : Registration – 25 Apr 2014 deposit : \$1000pp; 26 Apr 2014-31 July 2014 \$2500pp; 01 Aug-31 Oct 2014 50%; 01 Nov 2014-departure 100%			
I accept the Tour Conditions of the Ancient Kingdoms Tour brochure and the special Gallipoli 2015 tour conditions specified. I will take a full travel insurance cover prior to my departure and forward a copy.			
SIGNATURE _____		DATE _____	