

Special Gallipoli, Turkey WWI Battlefields Military History of the Dardanelles Campaign

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MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS is proud to offer another in our series of historic tours of the world. We are happy to join our good friend Mat McLachlan who is personally leading this outstanding complete walking tour of the battlefields of Turkey. After arriving in Istanbul we proceed to the historic sites of the Dardanelles Campaign, including the epic Battle of Gallipoli. During WWI, a joint British and French operation was mounted to capture Constantinople and secure a sea route to Russia. We will see why the attempt failed, with heavy casualties on all sides.



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The Gallipoli campaign resonated profoundly among all nations involved. In Turkey, the battle is perceived as a defining moment in the history of the Turkish people—a final surge in the defense of the motherland as the centuries-old Ottoman Empire was crumbling. The struggle laid the grounds for the Turkish War of Independence and the foundation of the Republic of Turkey eight years later under Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, himself the a commander at Gallipoli whose heroic leadership and astute military actions were decisive.

The campaign was the first major battle undertaken by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC), and is often considered to mark the birth of national consciousness in both of these countries. Upon returning to Istanbul we see the amazing sites of Constantinople as it was called during the Roman Empire.

All of these things, along with the fun loving participants who make this tour so special plus the most experienced staff of Tour Leaders and Historians combine to make your trip the most enjoyable, entertaining and educational experience possible. We welcome your phone calls, letters or e-mails to discuss your tour with one of our Battlefield Consultant. Call us at

703-590-1295
M-F 10AM-4PM.



Top: The Sphinx landmark today overlooks the landing beaches. Below: The Australian 3rd Infantry Brigade climbs under fire towards Plugge's Plateau with the Sphinx in the distance in the famous Lambert painting.



Ground Tour Price \$ 4,995[^]

[^] - Based on double Occupancy

Single Room Supplement \$ 995

Tour Price Includes:

- Hotel Accommodations: Nine Nights in 4-Star Hotels
- Travel by comfortable air-conditioned motor-coach
- Meals (Breakfasts Daily, 6 Lunches & 3 Dinners)
- Trip Kit containing tour ball cap, bag tags, name badge and travel info
- Admission fees to all sites, museums and special attractions listed
- Services of experienced WWI Battlefield Guide –Historian & Outstanding Tour Leader

AIRFARE TO ISTANBUL NOT INCLUDED:

MHT can book you from your home city roundtrip to Istanbul via our Airline Partners from anywhere in the U.S. and is available upon request



Tour Itinerary

Tuesday 20 May (Day 1) - Travel

Departure from USA airports for overnight flight to arrive mid-day in Istanbul, Turkey.

Wednesday, 21 May (Day 2) - Arrive Istanbul

This evening, meet Mat McLachlan author, historian & owner of the Aussie Tour Company MHT partners with, tour historian Peter Hart, the local Turkish tour escort & the travelling companions at our Istanbul hotel. We will enjoy a welcome dinner together, the perfect opportunity to get to know each other better and discuss our upcoming journey in the footsteps of the Anzacs. You may wish to arrive in Istanbul several days before the tour begins to explore this remarkable city. (D)

Thursday, 22 May (Day 3) - Istanbul to Gallipoli

This morning we will depart Istanbul for the four-hour drive to the Gallipoli peninsula. En-route Peter & Mat will provide a thorough briefing on the origins of the campaign, as we drive along the shores of the Sea of Marmara and the Dardanelles, the waterway that was the key objective of the entire campaign. On arrival in Canakkale we will check in to our hotel and enjoy dinner. (B, D)

Friday, 23 May (Day 4) - Anzac Sector

This morning we will drive to the battlefields in the Anzac Sector and explore iconic sites associated with Australian and New Zealand courage and sacrifice. These include Anzac Cove, Shrapnel Valley, Lone Pine, Quinn's Post, the Nek and more. During this emotional day, Pete and I will show you secret sites and original trenches that will bring the history of the Anzacs to life. In the evening we will return to our hotel. (B, L)

Saturday, 24 May (Day 5) - Walking Anzac

Strap on your walking boots! This morning we will head back to the Anzac Sector to explore the battlefields on foot. We will walk on original wartime tracks that give us a unique perspective of the battlefields, in the footsteps of the original Anzacs. At the end of this very special day we will return to our hotel. (B, L)

Approximate walking today: 3 miles (rough & sometimes uphill terrain)

Sunday, 25 May (Day 6) - Helles Sector

This morning we will head south to explore the Cape Helles sector of the peninsula. Although this is generally considered to be a British and French sector, it also has a very strong Anzac connection, which I explored in my latest book, Krithia. While at Helles we will visit the landing beaches where the British were cut down at the same time as the Anzacs came ashore at Anzac Cove. We will also visit the magnificent Turkish Martyr's Memorial, the French Cemetery and Memorial and the Helles Memorial, as well as many other special sites that tell the story of the bitter fighting in this sector. In the evening we will return to our hotel. (B, L)

Monday, 26 May (Day 7) - Rest Day: Troy

A change of pace today to give us time to explore the cultural treasures and broader history of the region with a trip to nearby Ancient Troy or choose to simply relax. (B)



Tuesday, 27 May (Day 8) -

Walking Helles and Krithia

We return to the battlefields this morning to explore some of the key battle sites of Cape Helles on foot. In May 1915, Anzac troops were sent to Helles as reinforcements, and fought in a bloody battle near the village of Krithia. The most moving part of our day

will be walking in the footsteps of their advance, from their landing point at V Beach to their starting trenches, and out across the killing fields where more than 2000 of them fell. We will pay our respects to the lost Anzacs at their final resting place, Redoubt Cemetery. We will also explore other key battle sites during the day, seeing the remains of original redoubts, trenches and battlefields from the campaign. In the evening we will return to our hotel. (B, L)

Approximate walking today: 6 miles (rough terrain)

Wednesday, 28 May (Day 9) - August Offensive & Evacuation

Our final day on the battlefields will be spent exploring the last great operations of the campaign: the breakout from the Anzac sector, the landing at Suvla and the final evacuation of Gallipoli. We will explore key sites from this often overlooked chapter of history, both north of the Anzac sector and also at Suvla Bay. Today's touring will be a combination of coach visits and short walks. At the end of this special day we will return to Anzac Cove and stand in the spot where the Anzacs both landed in

April and evacuated in December 1915. We will conduct a brief memorial service and have time for private reflection as the sun sets across the shimmering waters of the Aegean. We will then farewell the Gallipoli battlefields and return to our hotel. (B, L)

Thursday, 29 May (Day 10) - Gallipoli to Istanbul

Today we will say goodbye to the peninsula and return to Istanbul. Or arrival we will check in to our hotel, before coming together this evening for a farewell dinner in a traditional Turkish restaurant. (B, L, D)

Friday, 30 May (Day 11) - Farewell

Sadly our tour ends this morning



after breakfast. The journey may be over but the memories will last a lifetime.





**Above: Group at ANZAC Cove - Today. Top Right: The ANZAC Memorial
Right: The Machine Gun was used with devastating effect by both sides at Gallipoli Left: ANZAC Cove during the 1915 Landings.**



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