Welcome to Turkey! This ANZAC Day Tour is suitable for those who would like to experience Gallipoli, the ANZAC services and a great Turkish adventure together with the sights of Egypt. Join our evening Conference about ANZAC Dawn Service and Turkey, held by ANZAC experts coming from Australia and New Zealand and professional Turkish ANZAC guides. Your Gallipoli tour includes the Dawn Service, Istanbul City Tour, all entrance fees, 4 star hotel accommodation, arrival airport transfer from Ataturk Airport Istanbul and professional English speaking guides who have the insight, knowledge and experience to give you the best ANZAC Day Tour money can buy.

In Egypt you will have 8 days to experience The Pyramids, Aswan and the River Nile including a 3-night River Nile cruise from Luxor to Aswan, overnight sleeper train from Aswan to Cairo and two nights post-cruise hotel stay in Cairo. Experience the incredible wonders of Egypt for an exceptionally low tariff with 2 nights in Cairo and an excursion to the awe-inspiring Pyramids and Sphinx included. Add to this a relaxing cruise on the Nile aboard the traditional Egyptian style MS RA I on a full board basis, a comfortable vessel from which to enjoy both the warm, sunny weather and the wonderful treasures of the timeless Nile. All you need is to book with us, we take care of all your travel needs and we make your Gallipoli trip an unforgettable memory which lasts a lifetime!

For ANZAC Day this tour will commence on 23rd April taking you to the ANZAC Dawn Service. You will visit the ANZAC Memorials and Gallipoli battlefields with our professional ANZAC tour guides.

This Gallipoli ANZAC Battlefield Tour will also depart on 4th August 2015, marking the 100th Anniversary of the commemorations of ANZAC on the shores of ANZAC Cove in Turkey. The Battle of Lone Pine was fought between Australian and Ottoman Empire forces during the First World War between 6th and 10th August 1915.
**Day 1 - Istanbul Arrival Day** - 23rd April, 4th August, 6th August

Meet at the airport, transfer to your hotel. You will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to explore Istanbul til 6:00 pm. Between 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm we will have a conference about ANZAC Dawn Service and Turkey. The conference will be held by ANZAC experts coming from Australia and New Zealand and also by professional Turkish ANZAC guides. Welcome cocktail, coffee, tea and snacks are included. You will meet your fellow ANZAC Day Gallipoli tour members and the tour staff. Overnight in Istanbul.

For those who have arrived in good time we have a ANZAC Party scheduled for tonight. This is an optional activity. Note!! Transfers from Sabiha Gokcen airport can be arranged at extra cost.

**Day 2 - Gallipoli Tour** -
(Breakfast inclusive - BBQ buffet dinner optional)
We depart for Gallipoli at 7:00am (4.5 hours distance). On the way we will watch the latest documentaries about the Gallipoli campaign. A stop will be provided on the way down for supplies. Before we start our guided Gallipoli tour a little after midday, we will have lunch (not included). The Gallipoli tour includes the Kabatepe War Museum, ANZAC Cove, Lone Pine (Australia's Memorial and Cemetery), Quinn's Post, Turkish 57th Regiment Cemetery, the Nek and Chunuk Bair (New Zealand's Memorial and Cemetery).

After the tour we drive to the coast of Gabatepe for our big ANZAC BBQ and buffet dinner (optional). At approx. 9:30 pm we will depart for the ANZAC Dawn Service. Overnight at ANZAC Cove.

If you don't wish to stay outside at the ANZAC Commemorative Site overnight, we provide optional hotel accommodation at the ANZAC Hotel in Canakkale. This option is not available after your arrival in Turkey, pre-booking is required.

Please note: Guided ANZAC Gallipoli Tours on 24th April may not be realized as rural police may close the roads for security at official functions. The roads are opened at 06:00pm at the earliest, for the Dawn service at ANZAC Cove. If you wish to attend the peninsula tours without any risks, please book the Gallipoli tours we arrange on 23rd and 26th April. We advise you to book our 5 Days, 6 Days, 7 Days, 8 Days, 9 Days, 10 Days or 16 Days Silver or Gold tours instead. Our office may be able to start your combined Turkey and Egypt tour earlier.

**Day 3 - Dawn Service at Commemorative Site Gallipoli** -
Don't forget your warm clothes, sleeping bags, wet weather gear, torches, hat, sunscreen and good walking shoes because Gallipoli is still as cold and dark as it was 100 years ago! We provide sleeping bags for hire, please let us know at time of booking.

05:30-06:15 Dawn Service, ANZAC Commemorative Site, North Beach
10:00-10:45 Australian Memorial Service, Lone Pine
11:15-12:00 Turkish 57th Regiment Memorial Service
11:30-12:15 New Zealand Memorial Service, Chunuk Bair

After attending the ANZAC services, at approx. 3:00 pm we will depart from Gallipoli and travel back to Istanbul (4.5 hours distance).

**Day 4 - Istanbul City Tour**
(Breakfast inclusive)
We depart from the hotel after breakfast at 8:30 am for your guided Istanbul City Tour.

**Topkapi Palace:** Beginning from the Mehmed the Conqueror, the Topkapi Palace which was the official residence of the Ottoman Sultans until the Sultan Abdulmecid the thirty-first Sultan's. It has since been used as a centre for the state administration, education and art of the Empire for approximately 400 years. The palace is full of examples of Ottoman architecture and also contains large collections of porcelain, robes, weapons, shields, armour, Ottoman miniatures, Islamic calligraphic manuscripts and murals, as well as a display of Ottoman treasure and jewellery.

**Sultanahmet Imperial Mosque:** The mosque, built between 1609 and 1616, is popularly known as the Blue Mosque for the blue tiles adorning the walls of its interior. With its six minarets and a great cascade of domes, the mosque is a worthy sibling to Ayasofya (Hagia Sophia). Pope Benedict XVI visited the Sultan Ahmed Mosque on 30th November 2006 during his visit to Turkey. It marks only the second papal visit in history to a Muslim place of worship.

**Hippodrome:** Today the area is officially called Sultan Ahmet Square, and is carefully maintained by the Turkish authorities.
The course of the old racetrack has been indicated with paving, although the actual track is some 2 m below the present surface. The surviving monuments of the Spina, the two obelisks and the Serpentine Column, now sit in holes in a landscaped garden. The German Fountain, an octagonal domed fountain in neo-Byzantine style, which was constructed by the German government in 1900 to mark the German Emperor Wilhelm II's visit to Istanbul in 1898, is located at the northern entrance to the Hippodrome area, right in front of the Blue Mosque.

**Spice Bazaar:** The Spice Bazaar, or Egyptian Bazaar is one of the oldest bazaars in the city. Located in Eminonu, it is the second largest covered shopping complex after the Grand Bazaar. The air here is filled with the enticing aromas of cinnamon, caraway, saffron, mint, thyme and every other conceivable herb and spice.

After your Istanbul City Tour there is an option to experience a Bosphorus boat cruise, enjoy the magnificent views of the Bosphorus straight which is connecting Asia to Europe, the best way of seeing the Bosphorus in all its beauty. With the shores rising to heights up to 200m, lined with palaces, ruins, villages, and gardens, this is one of the most beautiful stretches of scenery in Turkey. Overnight 4 star hotel in Istanbul.

**Day 5 - Istanbul & Cairo**
After breakfast check out from the hotel and depart by international flight to Egypt. Arrival to Cairo airport. From the airport you will be transferred by a private A-C car to your hotel and overnight in Cairo. (No Meals)

**Day 6 - Cairo - Egypt**
Breakfast. Start your full day visiting the Egyptian museum of antiquities, the largest collection of Egyptian art in the world. Over 250,000 genuine artefacts are presented, including an exhibit dedicated to the Tut-Ankh-Amon collection of treasures, gold, and jewellery, as it was enclosed in his tomb for over 3,500 years before it was discovered in the 1920s when his tomb was excavated. Visit the great Pyramids - Cheops, Chephren Mykerions. Cheops is the most colossal ever built. Next is a close-up look at the Sphinx - a huge funeral complex guarded by the legendary lion body with the face of king Chephren. Then visit Khan El Khalili Bazaars. Shops in this district are legendary for fine brassware, copper, perfumes, leather, silver, gold, antiques etc. Late today, transfer to the Cairo station to catch the Sitting train to Luxor.

**Day 7 - Luxor Egypt**

**Day 8 - Edfu Egypt**

**Day 9 - Kom Ombo Egypt**

**Day 10 - Aswan Egypt**
Breakfast on board. Sail to Aswan. Visit the High Dam, the Granite Quarries & The Temple of Philae Lunch on board. Sail on the Nile by felucca around Kitchener's island and Elephantine. Afternoon Tea. Dinner on board. Overnight in Aswan.

**Day 11 - Pyramids Egypt**
Breakfast on board. Disembarkation after breakfast. (Optional trip to Abu Simble by plane), Free time. Transfer to Aswan airport and departure by plane to Cairo. Arrival, meet and assist by our representatives transfer to the hotel, overnight in hotel. (Optional Sound and Light) laser show at Pyramids.

**Day 12 - End Of Your Tour**
After breakfast, please check out from your room before 11:00 am, as your ANZAC day tour ends today. Our representative will transfer you to the airport and assist you at the airport through final departure formalities.

We hope you had a memorable ANZAC day tour and we look forward to seeing you in the future on another Guidepost tour.

**Prices**

August Tour - $2026.00 per person (double, twin or triple share) - $2627.00 per person (single room)
April Tour - $2086.00 per person (double, twin or triple share) - $2698 per person (single room)
Included

- Arrival airport transfer in Istanbul between 8:00 am and 11:00 pm (every two hours)
- Welcome Cocktail
- ANZAC Conference in Istanbul
- A range of Gallipoli documentaries
- 2 nights hotel in Istanbul
- 2 breakfasts
- Guided Istanbul City Tour
- Guided Gallipoli Tour
- Dawn and National Services (Australian & New Zealand)
- Professional English-speaking tour guides
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking coach
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Return airport transfers
- FREE ANZAC Tour T-Shirt

Egypt Section Includes:

- Turkey to Egypt International flight ticket
- 2 nights 3 star hotel in Cairo on bed and breakfast basis
- 3 nights on 5 Star Nile Cruise board; Aswan & Luxor full board, excluding drinks
- All transfers in Cairo, Luxor and Aswan
- All your tours and excursions are with A/C cars
- The service of meet and assist at all your destinations
- English speaking Egyptologist guide
- First class train Cairo Aswan- Luxor / Cairo
- All your visits include entrance fee

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