

ANZAC Centenary in the Holy Land and Gallipoli

Depart 15th April 2015 (14 Nights)



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Mr Graeme Lienert, APM, Assistant Commissioner of Police (retired). Frequent traveller to Israel and neighbouring countries. Since retiring from the WA Police Force in 2009, Graeme has made several journeys to Israel to pursue his interest in the history, architecture and spirituality of this fascinating country.

Graeme invites you to join him on his next tour.

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Tour Cost

Ex Perth
\$6995 pp Twin Share.

Ask for fares ex Brisbane, Adelaide, Sydney,
Melbourne or New Zealand

Conditions apply: Subject to 20 passengers travelling, plus fuel and tax increases. Single supplements apply.



Tour Inclusions

- Flights from Perth to Tel Aviv
- 10 night ANZAC Centenary and Holy Land Tour
- Tour highlights include Jerusalem, Masada (the Dead Sea), Bethlehem, Jericho, Nazareth, Armageddon, Haifa, (ANZAC Centenary Service at Mt Scopus), (ANZAC Day at Beersheba)
- Economy flight from Tel Aviv to Istanbul
- 4 night ANZAC Gallipoli Tour
- Tour highlights include Istanbul – (ANZAC Cove) Gallipoli
- Flights from Istanbul to Perth
- All pre-payable airport taxes and gratuities included on tour
- Daily Breakfasts and most dinners at hotels

Enjoy the flexibility to fly home from Europe when you choose

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Itinerary - ANZAC Centenary in the Holy Land and Gallipoli Tour 15-30 April 2015

Day 1: Wednesday April 15 – Depart Australia for Tel Aviv

Day 2: Thursday April 16 – Jerusalem

On arrival in Tel Aviv, Israel you are met by a tour representative and transferred to your hotel in Jerusalem.

Day 3: Friday April 17 Mount of Olives – Bethlehem (City of David)

We begin our day with a drive to the top of the Mount of Olives for a majestic view of ancient and modern Jerusalem, the centre of the Biblical world. We continue to Bethlehem where Jesus was born (Matt 2:1). We visit the Churches at Manger Square, the Church of Nativity and the Franciscan Church of St. Catherine. Dinner and overnight - Jerusalem

Day 4: Saturday April 18 Jerusalem – Gethsemane – Old City Tour

Following breakfast we commence our tour of the Holy City. Visit the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed (Luke 22: 40-46). Drive to Mt Zion and enter the Old City. Visit the Upper Room of the Last Supper. Walk the Jewish Quarter, through to the Cardo and the Western Wall to where we see the Temple Mount. Follow the Stations of the Cross, the Via Dolorosa, to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Conclude our tour at Jaffa Gate. Dinner and overnight – Jerusalem

Day 5: Sunday April 19 Masada – The Dead Sea

After breakfast drive through the Judean Desert to Masada, the palace fortress of King Herod the Great and site of the last Jewish rebellion against the Romans in 73 AD. Ascend by cable car to the top of the mountain to view the restored archaeological remains. We drive to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on Earth. Enjoy the recuperative qualities of the mineral rich waters of the Dead Sea.

Day 6: Monday April 20 Yad Vashem – Jericho – Tiberius

Today, we visit Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial. This is the Shrine to the Jewish people, which safeguards the memory of the past and imparts its meaning for future generations. We drive to Jericho, a city conquered by Joshua in Old Testament times (Josh 4: 5,6). Jericho was the scene of WW1 battles where Anzac and New Zealand Mounted Rifles joined British infantry to drive out the Ottoman Turks and capture the City (18 - 20 February 1918). Ascend by cable car to view the Mount of Temptation. We check in to our Tiberius Hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

Day 7: Tuesday April 21 Golan Heights – The Pilgrim Shrines – Semakh

After breakfast, we drive to the Golan Heights, a strategic Israeli - Syria border location captured during the Six-Day War (1967). View Syria and see the location of one of the greatest tank battles of all time (Yom Kippur War 1973). Continue to the shores of the Sea of Galilee to the Pilgrim Shrines. Visit Tabgha, the Church of the multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes, Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus was said to have delivered the Sermon on the Mount and Capernaum. Visit old Semakh railway siding, the setting of a fiercely fought action between Anzac Light Horsemen and Ottoman Turks (25 September 1918). In a heroic action, seventeen Australian soldiers made the ultimate sacrifice in capturing this strategic location. We lay a wreath at the Semakh Memorial.

Day 8: Wednesday April 22 Lake Galilee – Cana – Nazareth

Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Disembark at Ginnosar and see a restored boat of the type used by fishermen in Jesus' time. Drive to Cana, the site of Jesus' first public miracle and on to the Holy City of Nazareth.

Day 9: Thursday April 23 Tel Megiddo – Haifa – Tel Aviv

Drive to Tel Megiddo, historically a major trade route. It is also known as Armageddon. The plains below were the setting for the Battle of Megiddo (1918). Continue to Haifa to view the beautiful Bahai Gardens.

Day 10: Friday April 24 ANZAC CENTENARY SERVICE – Jerusalem

Drive to Jerusalem to Mt Scopus to participate in the ANZAC Centenary Service at the Commonwealth War Cemetery, which includes a special commemoration of the War dead of Australian and New Zealand soldiers who fought to liberate Palestine and Jerusalem 1916 – 1918 (WW1). Medals may be worn. We drive to Jaffa Gate, the site of the surrender of Jerusalem to Major General Allenby on 9 December 1917, the first time in nearly 500 years that Jerusalem was not under Turkish rule. We have a free afternoon in Jerusalem. Return to Tel Aviv.

Day 11: Saturday April 25 – Journey To Beersheba – ANZAC DAY

Travel to Beersheba to visit sections of the ANZAC Trail and the heroic Light Horse Charge at Tel es Saba - a site, where nearly 800 mounted horses thundered 5 kilometres across the sandy plains to drive the Turks out of their trenches and enable the ANZACS to take Beersheba. It was here that the ANZAC legend grew, because of the soldiers' courage and daring in the face of fire. We visit the Beersheba Commonwealth War Cemetery to lay wreaths and commemorate and honour the lives of our fallen soldiers. Let us not Forget. Later we visit Australia Park and significant war and historical sites including an opportunity to visit the Abrahamic Wells of Biblical times. Return to Tel Aviv.

Day 12: Sunday April 26 - Istanbul

Late morning we fly to Istanbul for the Gallipoli Tour. On your arrival to Istanbul meet with your guide and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore Istanbul until 6:00 p. Between 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm we will have a conference about the ANZAC Dawn Service and Turkey. The conference will be held by ANZAC experts coming from Australia and New Zealand and our professional Turkish ANZAC guides. Welcome cocktail, coffee, tea and snacks are included. Overnight hotel in Istanbul.

Day 13: Monday April 27 – Gallipoli Tour

We depart for Gallipoli at 7:00am (4.5 hours distance). On the way we will watch the latest documentaries about the Gallipoli campaign. 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), Quinns Post, Turkish 57th Regiment Cemetery, the Nek and Chunuk Bair (New Zealand's Memorial and Cemetery). Overnight in Canakkale.

Day 14: Tuesday April 28 – Istanbul City Tour

Today we travel back to Istanbul. On arrival we follow our Istanbul city tour. Included are visits to ST. SOPHIA the ancient basilica, built by Constantine the Great in the 4th Century and Sultanahmet Imperial Mosque: The mosque, built between 1609 and 1616, is popularly known as the Blue Mosque. You will then continue to the GRAND COVERED BAZAAR. In this labyrinth of streets and passages are more than 4,000 shops with each trade having its own area. After the tour, transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 15: Wednesday April 29 – Free Day Istanbul Free day at leisure.

Overnight in Istanbul.

Day 16: Thursday April 30 – Departure

Terms and Conditions Apply:

*Pricing is based on pp twin share. Pricing is correct as of 15 September 2014. Offers are subject to availability and maybe withdrawn without notice. An initial deposit of \$1500 per person is due within 7 days of booking. Note: Airfares may be ticketed at this stage, so any changes may incur fees. Final payment due 15 January, 2015. Accom and airline/ routing is at the discretion of Bicton Travel. Other conditions may apply. #Note: Deviation Fee and additional airport taxes may apply; maximum duration away is 3 months. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Itinerary subject to change.

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