



NSW GALLIPOLI 2015 SCHOOL TOUR STUDENT ITINERARY

PRE-TOUR BRIEFING

All students and supervising teachers are required to arrive at Rydges Hotel, 8 Arrival Court, Sydney International Airport by 11:00am. Only those travelling can attend the Farewell Briefing event. Further information will be provided regarding domestic terminal transfer, Pre- Tour Briefing and instructions for dropping off students and teachers at Rydges Hotel.

DAY 1

SUNDAY 19 APRIL, 2015 – DEPART SYDNEY 9:10PM

Welcome to the Gallipoli 2015 School Tour!

Later this evening we will board our international flight to Istanbul. The flight will have one stopover in Dubai. Upon our arrival into Dubai we will transfer by coach to the Copthorne Dubai hotel to be able to freshen up and enjoy a light snack before returning back to Dubai airport for our flight to Istanbul. Emirates flight numbers: EK 413/EK121

DAY 2

MONDAY 20 APRIL, 2015 – ARRIVE ISTANBUL 5:40PM

Welcome to Istanbul, formerly known as Constantinople, we will be met by our touring coaches, drivers and tour manager. Upon our arrival at the hotel we will check in and then enjoy a light supper in the hotel's restaurant.

DAY 3

TUESDAY 21 APRIL, 2015 – ISTANBUL TO GALLIPOLI

Depart the hotel after breakfast at 8:30am. Our journey in the footsteps of the Anzacs begins today, as we head for Gallipoli. As we travel along the Sea of Marmara and the straits of the Dardanelles, we will be viewing the waterway

that the British, French and Anzac troops were intended to secure during the Gallipoli campaign. This inconspicuous stretch of sea was the cause of the carnage at Gallipoli. You will visit places made famous by courage and sacrifice.

Lunch will be at 1:30pm at the new Restaurant 18 Mart in Alcitepe. Late afternoon we will cross the Dardanelles by ferry (approximately 5:00pm) to Canakkale and check into our hotel and relax before **dinner this evening in the hotel at 7:00pm.**

Lunch: Soup /Salad/Chick snitchzel/fruit/water

Hotel Dinner: Hot & cold open buffet

DAY 4

WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL, 2015 – ANZAC SECTOR

Depart the hotel after breakfast 8:00am. (9:00am ferry)

Today we will revisit the battlefields that were the birthplace of the Anzac legend. We will explore Anzac Cove, North Beach, Shrapnel Gully, Lone Pine, The Nek, Quinn's Post, Chunuk Bair and many more including the Kabatepe War Museum, escorted by our expert historian, who will bring the stories of courage and sacrifice that define the Gallipoli campaign to life. **Today lunch will be at a local restaurant at Alcitepe at 1:30pm.** The most moving part of this experience will be spending time in the cemeteries where thousands of Anzacs lie, and seeing the graves of legendary Anzacs including John Simpson, the 'man with the donkey'. At the end of our day exploring the battlefields we will return by ferry (**approximately 5:00pm**) to the hotel and rest before **dinner at 7:00pm in the hotel.**

Lunch: Salad/bread/meatballs/fruit/water

Dinner: Hot & cold open buffet

DAY 5

THURSDAY 23 APRIL, 2015 – CAPE HELLES AND SUVLA BAY

Depart hotel after breakfast at 8:00am. (9:00am ferry)

Our next day will be spent exploring a lesser-known, but no less important, chapter of the Gallipoli story, the battlefield at Cape Helles on the southern toe of the peninsula. British and French troops landed on the beaches at Helles at the same time the Australians came ashore at Anzac Cove. More than 30,000 of them were killed in nine months of fighting, as they desperately tried to advance northwards and link up with the Anzacs. Today we will visit the cemeteries where many of them still lie, as well as the beaches where they were mown down as they came ashore. We will also pay our respects to the soldiers on the other side of the line, the Turks, at the impressive Martyr's Memorial overlooking Morto Bay. **1.30pm Lunch will be at the Tea Garden restaurant** in Alcitepe before discovering the story of the Anzac's forgotten battle at Gallipoli with a visit to the battlefield at Krithia. Hundreds of Australians and New Zealanders were killed here during a murderous advance in May 1915, yet today the battle is virtually unknown. This afternoon we will drive north to visit the battlefields at Suvla Bay, scene of missed opportunities and bitter disappointment during August 1915. **(Ferry approximately 5:00pm)** We will return to our hotel this evening for **dinner at 7:00pm**, and the chance to share our stories of a memorable day with the rest of the group.
Lunch: Salad/hot pastry/fries/fruit/water
Dinner: Hot & Cold open buffet

DAY 6

FRIDAY 24 APRIL, 2015 – CANAKKALE

Depart hotel after breakfast at 9:00am. Arrive at Troy at 9:30am. Today the pace will be relaxed in preparation for our busy day tomorrow. We will travel south this morning to tour the ancient city of Troy, immortalised in the tales of the Trojan War and the story of the famous Trojan Horse. We will also see the remains of Turkish forts on the Asian side of the Dardanelles, which played a crucial role in stopping the Allied naval attack in March 1915. **Lunch will be at the Tusan Hotel** en route back from Troy, 12:00pm. **Early evening we will enjoy dinner in our hotel before we depart for the official commemorative site.** *Our departure time will be dependent on local traffic conditions.*
Lunch: Clay pots with meat/rice, vegetables salad & fries and chocolate dessert
Dinner: Hot & cold open buffet

DAY 7

SATURDAY 25 APRIL, 2015 – ANZAC DAY

An Anzac Day we will never forget! We will arrive at the Dawn Service sites during the night (our arrival time will depend on traffic flows and local road closures, ferry time approximately 9pm). Then, as the sun rises, we will join thousands of other Australians and New Zealanders in commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings as the strains of the Last Post will echo across the valleys and ridges of Gallipoli, silent now but once the scene of so much sacrifice and tragedy. Following the service we

will walk up to Second Ridge, where we will attend the Australian service at Lone Pine.

Late-afternoon we will board our coach and return to Istanbul with stops en-route for **refreshments and dinner**. Upon our arrival back into Istanbul we will check-in to the hotel to have an early night after a long and emotional day.

Dinner: Bean & tomato salad, meatballs rice and pittah, fries & rice pudding

DAY 8

SUNDAY 26 APRIL, 2015 – DEPART ISTANBUL, FLIGHT TO SYDNEY 7:25PM

Depart the hotel at 9:00am with luggage. After breakfast this morning we will have the opportunity to explore Istanbul, one of the world's great historic cities. Depending on the crowds we will see the following sites. The famous Blue Mosque, one of the most spectacular mosques in the world, and the Hippodrome, an Ancient Roman racetrack constructed in the 3rd century AD. We will also visit the magnificent Aya Sofia, originally a Byzantine church and now a museum, featuring spectacular mosaics and decorations. At the end of this busy day we will farewell Turkey and head to the airport for our return journey home.

Tour stops will depend on crowds. Lunch will be at the Orient Express restaurant at 1:00pm which is located near the Spice Market. We have also reserved rooms at the Retaj Royal hotel near the airport for the group to shower before going to the airport. The group must be at the airport by 5:00pm.

Emirates flight numbers: EK 122/EK414

DAY 9

MONDAY 27 APRIL, 2015 – ARRIVE SYDNEY 10:05PM

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

Students and supervising teachers who have connecting flights on 28 April will stay overnight at the Rydges Hotel.

Remaining students and supervising teachers will be collected from the International arrival terminal by their parents/caregivers. Further information will be provided regarding domestic flights, accommodation and instructions for collecting students and teachers from the airport.

Please be aware that itinerary details are subject to change.

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