

# ANZAC Day 2008

Attending the ANZAC Day ceremonies can be a moving experience for Australians. To help you get the most out of your visit, there are a number of practicalities you should keep in mind.



**Anzac Cove, Gallipoli**

Details of the ANZAC Day ceremonies are available from the following websites:

[The Department of Veterans' Affairs](#)  
[The Australian Embassy in Turkey](#)

Australians visiting the commemorative sites of the Gallipoli Peninsula Peace Park should be aware that only limited tourist facilities are available at these venues. The Turkish Government strictly controls any development in order to preserve the historical sites. The security arrangements in place at the

Gallipoli Peninsula and other areas may also result in sections of the commemorative sites not being accessible to the public in the lead up to, or during, the services.

All visitors should allow plenty of time to travel to the Dawn Service at the Anzac Commemorative Site. The large crowds, limited public utilities, traffic and security arrangements can result in long queues and waiting periods. For most, attending the commemorative services will be a 24 hour return journey, as the tourist coaches typically depart Istanbul in the evening of the 24th April and return on the evening of the 25th April. All Australians should follow security instructions issued by Turkish security personnel and allow additional time to travel to commemorative sites and to pass through the various security checkpoints. Large backpacks, camping equipment, alcohol and weapons are not permitted into the ceremonies. Daypacks are searched on entry.

To ensure you are as comfortable as possible during the long waiting periods you should carry basic essentials such as insect repellent, bottled water, food, sunscreen, a torch and protective clothing, including a hat and wet weather gear.

When preparing to attend the commemorative services, be mindful that:

- food and drink is available for purchase at Lone Pine but may not be at the Dawn Service;
- there is no shelter at the Anzac Commemorative Site or Lone Pine and during April extremely cold temperatures may be experienced at night, with very hot temperatures during the day;
- seating at all sites is limited;
- All visitors are likely to walk several kilometres throughout the day – so sensible walking shoes are a must.

## INTRODUCTION

Each year, thousands of Australians and New Zealanders of all ages visit Gallipoli to commemorate Anzac Day. For most, it is a profoundly emotional experience in a place where many believe our national identities were forged. The Gallipoli Peninsula is equally revered as a site of remembrance by our allies (Britain, France and India) and by the Turkish people who suffered a quarter of a million casualties in defending their homeland against this Allied invasion.

The organisation of the Anzac Day services has only been possible with the assistance of the Australian and New Zealand Embassies in Ankara and through the cooperation of the Government of the Republic of Turkey.

To make the most of your visit, please note the section on 'General Conditions'. We will update the information as conditions change. Due to the uncertainties that exist in the international environment potential travellers to Turkey should refer to the latest travel advice at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website <http://www.dfat.gov.au/zw-cgi/view/Advice/Turkey>.

#### REMEMBERING THE WAR DEAD

The Gallipoli Peninsula is a place revered by the Turkish people. Visitors are asked to respect the environment and, in particular, to recognise that thousands of soldiers who fell there, have no known grave.

Visitors should also respect the fact that thousands of British, French and Indian soldiers as well as Australian and New Zealand soldiers, died in Gallipoli and that many nationals come to pay their respects to both the Anzacs and their own nation's soldiers. Over 22,000 British soldiers died at Gallipoli and an increasing number of visitors from the United Kingdom visit

Gallipoli on this day. Anzac Day at Gallipoli has truly become an international day of commemoration.

Of the 31 war cemeteries maintained on the Peninsula by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, 17 are located in the Anzac Area. They contain graves of known and unknown soldiers from a number of Commonwealth nations and again, should be treated with the utmost respect. The Commission has maintained these cemeteries for over 85 years and the task is not made easier by the climate or the numbers of visitors who pause at each headstone. Of course, visitors are most welcome and the Commission appreciates the intense public interest in their cemeteries, not only at Gallipoli, but around the world.



**The Dawn Service**

#### ORDER OF SERVICES

Services are generally planned to be held on both 24 April and 25 April. Anzac Day services on the Gallipoli Peninsula are conducted by Turkey, Australia, New Zealand, Britain and France. As the times for the commemorative services for 2008 are not yet available, the timings for these services in 2007 are provided as an indication below:

##### *Tuesday 24 April 2007*

09:00-10:40 Turkish International Service, Mehmetcik Abide

11:00-11:25 French Memorial Service, Morto Bay

11:45-12:10 Commonwealth Memorial Service, Cape Helles

##### *Wednesday 25 April 2007*

05:30-06:15 Dawn Service, Anzac Commemorative Site, North Beach

10:30-11:15 Australian Memorial Service, Lone Pine

11:30-12:15 Turkish 57th Regiment Memorial Service

12:30-13:15 New Zealand Memorial Service, Chunuk Bair

After completion of the Dawn Service at approximately 06:15 hours, visitors are encouraged to walk along the coast and up to Lone Pine Cemetery. This 2.5 kilometre walk takes visitors via Ari Burnu, Beach, Shrapnel Valley and Shell Green Cemeteries.

ATTENDING MORE THAN ONE SERVICE ON ANZAC DAY



**The Anzac Commemorative Site**

All the commemorative services are open to the public. However, due to the walking distances between the commemorative sites, it is generally not possible to attend all services on 25 April. Those attending the Dawn Service at the Anzac Commemorative Site can go on to attend the Australian service at Lone Pine, the Turkish 57th Regiment service or the New Zealand service at Chunuk Bair.

#### *Dawn Service to Lone Pine*

After completion of the Dawn Service at approximately 06:15 hours, visitors are encouraged to walk along the coast and up to Lone Pine Cemetery. This 2.5 kilometre walk takes visitors past the Ari Burnu, Beach, Shrapnel Valley and Shell Green Cemeteries. The route is well sign posted.

#### *Lone Pine to Turkish 57th Regiment Memorial*

After the conclusion of the service at Lone Pine there is only limited time to walk from Lone Pine to the Turkish 57th Regiment Memorial service. The Turkish service starts approximately fifteen minutes after the conclusion of the Lone Pine service. The walk between these two services is approximately thirty minutes.

#### *Lone Pine to Chunuk Bair*

The walking time between Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair is approximately one hour and fifteen minutes. The route slopes uphill past the Turkish 57th Regiment Memorial and is approximately 3.3 kilometres. As you walk to Chunuk Bair, please respect the fact that a Turkish service is in progress at the Turkish 57th Regiment Memorial.



**Before the 2004 ceremony at Gallipoli**

#### FERRIES

Ferries normally cross the Dardenelles between Canakkale and Eceabat on the hour from 8:00am until midnight. Special ferries will run about half hourly from midnight on 24/25 April 2005.

#### ROAD CLOSURES AND WAITING TIMES

Management of traffic at the commemorations is the sole responsibility of the Turkish Jandarma. The number of large vehicles on narrow roads with limited turning facilities means that traffic control remains a major challenge. Travel by passenger car to these services is not permitted. Those attending Anzac Day services on the Peninsula should note these limitations and expected delays and plan their visit accordingly.

Coaches will not be permitted to travel through the Anzac Commemorative Site from the afternoon of 24 April 2008. It is anticipated that coaches will be stopped short of the site and visitors will be required to walk from the drop off point to the Anzac Commemorative Site, under 1.5 kilometres. Further information about traffic arrangements will be provided by the announcer on site.

#### SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE

Limited assistance is available for people who are unable to walk from the coach drop off point to the Anzac Commemorative Site and between services. People requiring special needs assistance can obtain further information from the Department of Veterans' Affairs by e-mailing [gallipoli@dva.gov.au](mailto:gallipoli@dva.gov.au), or telephoning (+61 2) 6289 4857.

Travel by passenger car to these services is not allowed. On completion of the Dawn Service, official cars and event support vehicles will depart before coaches.

[Click here](#) to see a map of the ANZAC area on the Gallipoli Peninsula.



#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Please visit

<http://www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips/anzac.html> for detailed information on attending the Anzac Day services at Gallipoli.

#### SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

Developments in the international security environment have impacted on arrangements for the Anzac Day services at Gallipoli. For the latest travel

advice on Turkey, please visit the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's smartraveller website at <http://www.dfat.gov.au/zw-cgi/view/Advice/Turkey> or phone 1300 139 281.

Australians are also encouraged to subscribe to the travel advice for Turkey so they receive free instant email notification each time the travel advice is updated.

Those attending the commemorative ceremonies will need to comply with all Turkish security directives. It is important to note that those attending the services will need to allow additional time to travel to commemorative sites and to pass through various security checkpoints. On passing the security checkpoint a security wristband will be provided. Security measures may be in place several days in advance of the services. Further, certain areas of the Anzac Commemorative Site, including the beach and VIP area will not be accessible to the public. Coaches may be searched after passengers alight near the Commemorative site and visitors are advised not to leave valuables on board. Searches of backpacks will also be conducted as visitors enter the Commemorative site. Those attending the services are advised that they will not be permitted to bring the following items to the commemorative services: large backpacks (daypacks only), camping equipment (tents and portable stoves), alcohol or weapons of any kind. Intoxicated persons will be refused entry.

Security measures will include additional lighting, restrictions on entry points, individual searches and increased site security. Fencing will also be used as a means of directing public access and protecting the surrounding environment.

Visitors are reminded of the very strict Turkish penalties for the possession of drugs.

Australians are strongly encouraged to register with the Australian Embassy in Ankara or online at <http://www.orao.dfat.gov.au>. The registration information provided by you will help you to be found in an emergency - whether it is a natural disaster, civil disturbance or a family emergency.

#### SITE INFORMATION

##### *Toilets*

Toilets are available at the Kabatepe Museum but few other places in the Anzac area. Temporary toilets and hand washing facilities are installed from 22-25 April inclusive at the Anzac Commemorative Site, Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair. There is no running water and no power or lighting except that provided by generators for the services.

##### *Weather*

During April, the Gallipoli Peninsula can experience extremely cold temperatures at night, with high temperatures during the day. There is no shelter available at the commemorative sites,



and there may be limited access to coaches during the commemorations. Coaches may be parked some considerable distance from the site. Visitors should ensure that they are appropriately equipped for cold, wet, and windy weather, and that they take appropriate clothing with them when they disembark from their coach on arrival.

While safety lighting is installed at the Anzac Commemorative Site for the evening of 24 April 2007 and for the Dawn Service, visitors may wish to bring torches.

### *Seating*

Temporary tiered seating is installed at the Anzac Commemorative Site, Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair for the Anzac Day services. Reserved seating is only available for the official party and people requiring special assistance. Seating is not reserved for tour groups. There are tiered seating and ground areas where groups and individuals may sit.

### *Refreshments*

Local Turkish food and drink vendors sell limited quantities of their products within the Gallipoli Park. Rubbish disposal is provided and visitors are asked to dispose of rubbish thoughtfully or, where possible, take their rubbish with them.

The consumption of alcohol within the National Park is not permitted.

### *First Aid*

First aid facilities will be provided from midday on 24 April and during the day of 25 April.

Please [click here](#) for information on medical insurance, personal security and emergency contact details.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

### *Consular Service Brochures*

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has prepared a range of brochures for Australians planning to travel overseas. In particular please note "[Travelling to Turkey for Anzac Day? Some tips For Safe Travel](#)". Copies of these brochures are available at DFAT offices in Canberra and State capitals; from overseas posts; and selected travel agents. You can also email [brochures@dfat.gov.au](mailto:brochures@dfat.gov.au) to obtain copies or order on-line at [http://www.dfat.gov.au/travel/order\\_brochure.html](http://www.dfat.gov.au/travel/order_brochure.html).

In Turkey, you can obtain consular assistance from:

Australian Embassy  
88 Ugur Mumcu Caddesi  
Gaziosmanpasa  
Ankara TURKEY  
Telephone (90 312) 459 9500  
Facsimile (90 312) 446 4827

Australian Consulate-General  
Istanbul TURKEY  
Telephone (90 212) 243 1333  
Facsimile (90 212) 243 1332

Australian Consulate  
Kolin Hotel  
Kepez 17100  
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