Clockwise from top-left: Lone Pine Ceremony; stands at Lone Pine; Aussie artillery pounds the Turks; lunch at Chunuk Bair; the New Zealand Memorial; and a toast for those who gave all at a Aussie cemetery. At center: diggers in a trench.
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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. Anzac Day, 25 April remains the most significant commemoration of military casualties and veterans in Australia and New Zealand, surpassing Armistice/Remembrance Day.

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18 APRIL—DAY 1 (TRAVEL) Departure from USA airports for overnight flight to Istanbul, Turkey.

19 APRIL—DAY 2 (ISTANBUL) Welcome to a very special tour! Please make your own way to our centrally located Istanbul hotel. This evening we will meet our historian and come together for a welcome dinner close to our hotel. (D)

20 APRIL—DAY 3 (ISTANBUL) Today we will enjoy a full day of sightseeing in Istanbul. First we will visit the Blue Mosque, famous for its blue Iznik tiles and unique with its 6 minarets. We will then walk to the Hippodrome, which was the centre of sports events (chariot races and athletic games) and political activities in the old city. This afternoon we will continue with a tour of the Topkapi Palace Museum, the imperial residence of Ottoman Sultans. In the rooms of this palace, there are exhibits of the imperial treasury, Chinese porcelain, weapons, and holy relics (the Sword of King David, the staff of Moses, the Turban of Joseph, Relics of St. John the Baptist). Afterwards, our tour director will take us to the monumental tombs of the Sultans. We will end the day with a visit to the Grand Bazaar, the biggest oriental market in the world with around 4,000 shops selling antiques, jewellery, gold, carpets & leather. (B, L)

21 APRIL—DAY 4 (ISTANBUL TO GALLIPOLI) Our journey in the footsteps of the ANZACs begins today. We will depart our Istanbul hotel at approximately 8.00am for the 5-hour drive to the Gallipoli Peninsula. As we drive along the shores of 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. On arrival at the Gallipoli battlefield area we will enjoy a local lunch in the port town of Eceabat before crossing the Dardanelles by ferry and visiting Çimenlik Fort in the town of Canakkale. This fort was heavily engaged by Allied warships during the naval battles of February and March 1915 – a huge unexploded British naval shell is still embedded in one of the fort’s walls! (B, L)

22 APRIL—DAY 5 (ANZAC SECTOR) Today we will visit 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. 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’. Lunch is included at a local restaurant today. (B, L)

23 APRIL—DAY 6 (CAPE HELLES & SUVLA BAY) Today 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. We will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in the pretty village of Seddülbahir, 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. This afternoon we will have the opportunity to sail along the Anzac Sector and experience the peninsula from a different point of view. (B, L)

*Important Note – Access to the waters around Anzac Cove will be subject to approval from the local authorities and can be revoked at any time. Therefore, the boat trip offered on this day will be subject to approval and weather conditions at the time of travel.

24 APRIL—DAY 7 (TROY EXCURSION) The pace will be relaxed today to prepare for our busy day tomorrow. In the morning we will travel south to tour the ancient city of Troy, immortalized in the tales of the Trojan War and the story of the famous Trojan Horse. After dinner, there will be time for a rest before the ANZAC Day Dawn Service. (B, L)

25 APRIL—DAY 8 (ANZAC DAY) An Anzac Day we will never forget! We will continue our transfer to the Anzac Commemorative Site by coach. As the dawn breaks over the Gallipoli peninsula, we will join thousands of fellow Australians and New Zealanders in a once-in-a-lifetime event, the Dawn Service at Anzac Cove. As the sun rises behind us, 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 to attend the Australian service at Lone Pine. After the service we leave the peninsula and return to our hotel. (Snack box)
26 APRIL—DAY 9 (GALLIPOLI TO ISTANBUL) We farewell Gallipoli this morning and return to our Istanbul hotel. This evening we will come together for a spectacular Farewell Dinner on a Bosphorus River Cruise, the perfect way to reflect on such a wonderful tour. (B,D)

27 APRIL—DAY 10 (DEPART ISTANBUL) Sadly, today our tour comes to an end after breakfast at our Istanbul hotel. (B)

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.