



Gallipoli 2018

3rd September - 10th September

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Gallipoli Walking Tour

Monday 3rd September to Monday 10th September 2018

Peter Hart will guide a tour of the Gallipoli battlefield between Monday 3rd September and Monday 10th September 2018.

The administrative details will be handled by Roger Chapman to ensure it is a smooth operation!

The Crowded House at Eceabat is providing our accommodation with overflow accommodation if needed at Hotel Boss just 50 yards away. This is basic backpacker-style accommodation with few frills but it has great en suite showers, decent beds, and is spotlessly clean - at least until we take our boots off!

Whilst primarily a walking tour covering some rough, uneven and undulating ground involving walks of up to 3 miles across country in a hot climate we can always offer a less strenuous alternative. Our vehicle is always nearby and there are plenty of other opportunities available to savour all that this amazing battlefield and area has to offer. With our excellent guide to visitor ratio we can ensure that you will always get personal attention whether out walking or enjoying another option.

Please ask if you have doubts about your health. A few practice walks before embarking on the tour might be beneficial and add to your enjoyment. However you must ensure that you have adequate travel and medical insurance cover for the duration of the tour. Please let us have the policy number and insurance company before we depart.

Tour Cost and Payment

COST: Single room per person will be £1095

COST: Shared room per person will be £995 – (If you wish to take advantage of the shared room option you will need to arrange a sharing partner yourself!)

A Deposit of £400 is required at the time of booking to secure a place. This deposit is not returnable in the event of the guest cancelling. However it will be returned if we are able to fill the vacancy. Minimum of 10 people. If less than 10 people have paid a deposit by 31st January 2018 then, should we decide to cancel the trip, all monies will be returned. The balance outstanding must be paid by **22nd July 2018**.

Payment by bank transfer (see details at end) or **cheque made payable to Roger Chapman**.

Air Fares NOT included

IT SHOULD BE NOTED that this tour **does not** include the cost of your air travel or your Turkish entry visa. Turkey is currently phasing out visas on arrival and so you should apply for an e-visa in advance. See <https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/> for details.

Tour Start

The Tour starts in Istanbul. This trip will start from Istanbul Ataturk Airport and we will meet people between 1.30pm – 2pm. We recommend that you **do not** book flights until after 31st January 2018.

For your return on Monday 10th September you should look for a flight that departs from Istanbul Ataturk after 2pm. Our coach will drop people off well in time for any flight after that time.

The advantage of using Ataturk Airport is that there are many flights to and from different UK destinations. So you should be able to find a flight from a convenient location for you that will get you to and from Istanbul Ataturk Airport. If you wish to spend a few days in Turkey', whether in Istanbul or one of the other great attractions within this country our tour operators will be able to arrange something for you. Let us know what you wish to do and we will put you in touch with them.

You are responsible for arranging your flights and meeting us at Istanbul Ataturk Airport.

ITINERARY

Please note that the itinerary is subject to change according to prevailing circumstances. We will always visit places of special interest to our guests – just let us know where you would be interested in going. *(We go to places that other tours hardly know exist!)*

Meal Times

All meals and water supplies are included in tour price

Breakfast is available from 7am. We get on the bus at 8.50am to ensure leaving at 9.00 am each day. Evening meals will usually be at 8 or 8.30pm depending on our return time from the battlefield.

Monday 3rd September

Tour begins. Roger & Pete will meet you at Istanbul Ataturk Airport between 1.30pm – 2pm. Here we will be collected by our guide Bulent Yorkmuz who is the top-rated Turkish Gallipoli guide working for our tour operators Crowded House.

*Air-conditioned vehicle transit from Istanbul to Eceabat hotel. This takes about 5 hours with a short comfort break. Water supplies are always carried on our vehicles.

NEW Visit to Merkez Fort near Bulair. A classic 19th Century fort designed to hold back attacking land forces.

*Arrive Hotel Crowded House, Eceabat

Tuesday 4th September

Helles 1 – The beaches, landings and naval campaign

At each stop in the tour we will have readings from accounts that bring the personal stories of the campaign to life. We will also play some tape recordings made by Peter of the veterans back in the 1980s.

The first day will examine the naval campaign and landing beaches and is likely to include:

*Turkish fortifications near Kilid Bahr

*Discussion of the naval campaign overlooking the straits

*Sedd ul Bahr fort, (if open – was being refurbished in 2016 & 2017)

*V-Beach including cemetery

*Helles memorial

*W-Beach

- *NEW* Hunter-Weston Hill and Airfield
- *French guns
- *Doughty Wylie's grave
- *Turkish Memorial (including Eleanus – ancient Greek city)
- *S Beach & De Totts battery
- *French cemetery
- * Optional French Sector walk

Wednesday 5th September

Helles II – The battles

The second day on Helles will consider the land battles fought during the campaign and this day is likely to include:

- *X Beach
- * Gully Ravine from end to end!
- *NEW* Visit to Great War collapsed dugout with copious food tins somehow now on surface. Amazing!
- *Krithia Museum
- *The Quadrilateral
- * The Third Battle of Krithia - site of Parsons Road trenches from which Royal Naval Division attacked on 4 September 1915. Also, site of 52nd Division attack on 12 July.
- *Achi Baba Hill
- *Optional swimming on North Beach, Anzac

THURSDAY 6th September

ANZAC I. The landings and 'Old Anzac' front lines.

Our first day on ANZAC which is likely to include:

- *Ari Burnu Cemetery,
- *Anzac Cove
- *Beach Cemetery.
- *Shrapnel Valley Cemetery
- *Plugge's Plateau.
- *Walk via Braund's Hill to 4th Battalion Parade Ground Cemetery then up Johnston's Jolly. *Visit trenches and tunnels at Johnston's Jolly.
- *Walk to 400 Plateau and Lone Pine
- *Quinn's Post, Bloody Angle and Turkish 57th Regiment Memorial.
- *Nek, Russell's Top and & Walkers Cemetery.
- *Walk down Walker's Ridge - very much optional.
- *Optional swimming on North Beach, Anzac

FRIDAY 7th September

ANZAC II. The North Anzac area and the August Offensive.

Our second day on ANZAC is likely to include:

- *Chunuk Bair
- *Walk down Rhododendron Ridge
- *Embarkation Cemetery
- *Lala Baba including 1915 era well that is still pumping water, Lala Baba cemetery and walk up Lala Baba Hill

for view over Salt Lake. Dependent on road conditions.

*Boat Trip from Gaba Tepe along ANZAC beaches with optional swim over wreck site.

Saturday 8th September

***NEW* Imbros visit.**

We will be catching the early ferry – about 7am. Then the crossing to Gokceada as Imbros is now known. Our trip is likely to include:

*Visit to British camps around K Beach. Includes rubbish tip full of interesting debris from 1915. We will also visit the site of a famous photo of the RNAS ‘attacking’ in training.

*Visit to site of former Imbros war cemetery

* Hamilton’s camp

*Airship shed of No.3 Wing RNAS

*visit to seaplane base at Akiki Bay

*visit to airfield and camp of No. 2 Wing RNAS

*Return ferry to Eceabat.

Sunday 9th September

The Suvla Battlefields

Our final day on the Battlefield is to Suvla and is likely to include:

*Hill 971 – unbeatable panoramic views

*NEW! Walk down Abdul Rahman Spur via Sandbag Ridge to Hill 60.

*Chocolate Hill and Green Hill Cemetery.

*Suvla Point and sunken lighter

*Hill 10 Cemetery

*Optional swim on A Beach, Suvla

*Scimitar Hill and W Hills

*Anarfarta Turkish gun battery.

*Anarfarta Museum.

Monday 10th September

04.00 Alarm calls and breakfast at Eceabat hotel.

05.00 Coach to airport. Tour ends. Guests catch their flights back to GB.

Making your application

To ensure a place please complete the application form below and return it with your £400 deposit (**Cheques made payable to Roger Chapman**) to the address below:

Peter Hart Battlefield Tours
c/o Roger Chapman
50 Summerlee Avenue
East Finchley
London
N2 9QP

Alternatively you can e-mail your completed form to roger.chapman99@btinternet.com and transfer the deposit by BACS to:

Sort Code: 50-21-08

Account number: 22570764

Account name: Mr R W Chapman and Mr P. M .Hart

Please remember to put your surname as the reference and include in the e-mail application the date that the transfer will be made. Many thanks.

The small print

We cannot accept liability where the performance of our obligations with you is prevented or affected, or you otherwise suffer any damage, loss or expense as a result of force majeure. Force Majeure means unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which neither we nor the local operators could avoid, including (but not limited to) war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, fire flood, adverse weather conditions or the threat of any of these. We will however refund your payment if the tour does not run at all.

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GALLIPOLI TOUR

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Application form

Please complete one form for each person.

Name
Address
Post Code
Gender:
Single Room or Sharing: (if sharing please give name of person you are sharing with)
Mobile Tel:
E-mail
Any special diet
Any places or graves you particularly wish to visit.
Please e-mail Peter if you require any more historical details on: pmhart@btinternet.com
For more organisational details on the tour please contact Roger Chapman on: roger.chapman99@btinternet.com