

Gallipoli Anzac commemoration

4th YEAR

TURKEY TOUR



April 15-26, 2009

**Rotary Club of GÖKSU (District 2420
Istanbul) and Rotary Anzac Peace
Tour (District 9800, Australia)**

**Reservations
already
being made**

Group Programme for Australian & NZ Rotarians

APRIL 15 Arrive Istanbul. Welcome by Rotarians. Transfer to 4-star Yasmak Sultan Hotel in the heart of Old Town. Dinner at roof-top restaurant.

APRIL 16 Stroll classical Old Town with professional guide. Visit ancient Topkapi Palace. Treasures of the Ottoman Sultan. Lunch at Palace. Coach to Bosphorus Overlook for dinner with GÖKSU RC District 2420.

APRIL 17 Visit splendid St Sophia & Blue Mosque. Byzantine Cistern. Grand Bazaar with 4000 shops, goldsmiths' street. Famous spice market. Turkish floor show and dinner.

APRIL 18 Visit magnificent Dolmabahce Palace accompanied by Rotarian spouses, then to KANYON vibrant, modern shopping complex. Free time for coffee & shopping. Evening private cruise on Bosphorus towards Black Sea, views of Ottoman villas, marble palaces, ancient fortresses. Splendour of Istanbul evening. Buffet dinner aboard.

APRIL 19 Morning at leisure. Informal brunch with GÖKSU Rotarians & families.

APRIL 20 Morning at leisure. Coach to Gallipoli accompanied by Turkish Rotarians (about five hours' travel with refreshment stops).

APRIL 21 Visit Anzac region: Kabatepe Museum, Brighton Beach, ANZAC Cove & Commemorative Site, Lone Pine, Johnson's Jolly (Turkish & Allied trenches, tunnels), Quinns Post cemetery, The Nek, Chunuk Bair NZ Memorial. Lunch at Maydos Restaurant.

APRIL 22 Visit Helles Region: S-Beach, Turkish, French, Helles & Lancashire monuments, V-Beach, Alcitepe village. Hot lunch basket.

APRIL 23 Gallipoli City. Participate in the 23 April National Sovereignty and Children's Day as guests of Mayor. Children's colourful pageant, military symphonic band. Lunch. Visit two special schools & distribute gifts. Civic meeting with Mayor. Centre for Whirling Dervishes. Dinner at Port waterside restaurant.

APRIL 24 Guided tour of Troy (war between Achilles & Paris, famous Greek Trojan horse). Return to hotel, rest for midnight vigil & Dawn Service.

APRIL 25 Seated at our vantage points for Dawn Service, 5.30 am. Breakfast basket. Lone Pine & 57th Regiment ceremonies (Australia & Turkey). Lunch at Maydos Restaurant. Depart for Istanbul, dinner at hotel.

APRIL 26 Most of day at leisure for last minute shopping before departure transfer to airport.

**ADD-ON
TOUR** Additional 11-day tour available including Ephesus, Çanakkale, Troy, Pergamon, Kusadasi Sardis, Bodrum, Liletus, Anatalya, Cappadocia.

COST (subject to \$ exchange rate): Hotels + air fare \$5500 per person, double occupancy

**Further details:
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