



anzac tour

➤ About the tour

This is a sample tour geared towards high school students studying World War I. The itinerary begins in Turkey and moves to France and Belgium. It encompasses the significant theatres of war from an Australian perspective, including the Gallipoli peninsula, the battlefields of the Somme and the Ypres salient. One of the highlights of this tour is the Menin Gate Memorial Ceremony where your group will be able to honour the memory of the soldiers of the Commonwealth who died during the Great War. As former teachers ourselves, we appreciate that you have your own itinerary ideas and we look forward to hearing them! During your tour, you will have 24-hour access to both our Turkish and French colleagues and our school group staff in Australia.

➤ Tour Inclusions

- Return economy flights and taxes
- Accommodation
- All transfers
- Half-board
- Guided sightseeing
- School group insurance
- 24-hour assistance during tour

➤ Tour Information

A representative of etm travel will meet your group at the airport and assist you with check-in. If individual students or teachers would like to extend their stay or organise different flight arrangements, we are happy to help. Accommodation is in clean, safe, centrally-located youth hostels and 2-3* hotels accustomed to dealing with school groups.

➤ Complimentary

We offer the following:

- A Lonely Planet European phrase book for each student
- A Lonely Planet Mediterranean Europe guide book for the tour leader
- Hosting of two information/documentation evenings at your school, if required
- Assistance at Melbourne airport upon departure

our values

respect • honesty • courage • fun • care • innovation • commercial ownership

itinerary overview - anzac tour

Day 1

Depart Australia for Istanbul.

Day 2 Istanbul

Upon arrival in Istanbul, meet your guide and transfer to your hotel. *First night in Istanbul (D)*

Day 3 Istanbul

Today, explore Istanbul with your guide. Visit the Topkapi Palace, Aya Sofia, the Blue Mosque and Istanbul's Grand Bazaar. *Second night in Istanbul (B,D)*

Day 4 Istanbul

This morning, enjoy a cruise on the Bosphorus. Visit the Rumeli Fortress, followed by the Underground Cistern built in the 6th century AD and later used to water the Topkapi Palace's gardens. *Third night in Istanbul (B,D)*

Day 5 Istanbul

Today explore Istanbul further. You might want to visit the Spice Bazaar. *Fourth night in Istanbul (B,D)*

Day 6 Gallipoli

This morning, transfer to Gallipoli by coach. During the next two days, you will visit some of the most significant sites for the Australians including Anzac Cove, Lone Pine, Quinn's post, Shrapnel Valley Cemetery and the Nek. *First night in Canakkale (B,D)*

Day 7 Gallipoli

Explore the Gallipoli Peninsula further. Take time to reflect on the Great War and the death of over 26,000 young Australian soldiers who fought at Gallipoli. *Second night in Canakkale (B,D)*

Day 8 Istanbul

This morning, meet your coach and driver and travel to Istanbul. *Overnight in Istanbul (B,D)*

Day 9 Ypres

This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Paris. Upon arrival, travel to Ypres by private coach. The rest of the day is at leisure. At 7:15pm, make your way to the Menin Gate for the daily World War I memorial ceremony. At 8:00pm attend the Last Post which has been played here every evening since 1920 (excluding World War II). *First night in Ypres (B,D)*

Day 10 Ypres

This morning, explore Ypres further. Visit the museum "In Flanders Fields" which relates the history of WWI. In

the afternoon transfer to Zillebeke. Visit Sanctuary Wood and the Cemetery and Canadian Memorial at Hill 62. *Second night in Ypres (B,D)*

Day 11 Ypres Salient

Enjoy a tour of Ypres Salient. Visit the extensive British Passchendaele Cemetery which contains over 2,100 burial sites including 292 Australian. Then tour the Memorial Museum of Passchendaele. In the afternoon, continue on to Tyne Cot Cemetery. Then stop at the only German cemetery in Langemark. Finally, enjoy a tour of a local farm famous for its collection of items related to the Great War. *Third night in Ypres (B,D)*

Day 12 Somme Battlefields

Depart for the Somme. En route, stop in Fromelles where the 5th Australian Division fought in 1916. Visit the Australian Memorial Park. After lunch, continue on to Amiens where you have free time to explore the town. *First night in Amiens (B,D)*

Day 13 Somme Battlefields

Today enjoy a tour of the Somme Battlefields. Your visit includes Villers Bretonneux, Ovillers la Boisselle, Pozières where Australian troops fought in 1916, Thiépval, the small Australian memorial at Mouquet Farm and Beaumont Hamel. *Second night in Amiens (B,D)*

Day 14 Paris

After breakfast, transfer to Paris. Explore the French capital as a group. Walk along the Champ de Mars to Les Invalides and visit the Military Museum and Napoleon's tomb. *First night in Paris (B,D)*

Day 15 Paris

After breakfast, enjoy a full day exploring Paris. You might like to visit the artists' quartier of Montmartre including the Sacré Coeur Basilica and Place du Tertre. *Second night in Paris (B,D)*

Day 16 Paris

Today explore l'Île de la Cité including the Cathedral of Notre Dame. Then visit Sainte Chapelle, built by Louis IX in the 1240's to house relics from the Holy Land. In the afternoon, enjoy a guided tour of Musée du Louvre. *Third night in Paris (B,D)*

Day 17 Flights

After breakfast, transfer by private coach to the airport for your flights home. (B)

Day 18

Arrive home to Australia.