

BC & AD Step Back in Time Tours

ANCIENT WONDERS IN TURKEY and the ANZAC SPIRIT TOUR – 18 Days



Dawn Service.



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\$5399pp
\$4999pp for HTA
members and partners

*Featuring attendance at
the ANZAC Day services at
Gallipoli, including the*

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Ancient Wonders in Turkey and the ANZAC Spirit Tour – 18 Days ITINERARY

Day 1: Istanbul

Transfer to hotel – welcome drinks. Time to settle and explore area.

Day 2: Istanbul

The **Full Day tour** starts with a visit to **Topkapi Palace**, the great palace of the Ottoman sultans from mid 15thC to early 19thC. Continue to the **Blue Mosque**, built between 1609 and 1616, unique because of its 6 minarets. **Hagia Sophia** was built by Emperor Justinian between 532-537CE and was the largest Christian church for 1000 years. At the **Hippodrome** we will see remains of a sports stadium where chariot races were held and an **Egyptian obelisk** carved for Pharaoh Tutmoses 111 over 3500 years ago. We continue to the **Grand Bazaar** with its 4000 shops- silver, leather, jewellery (BL)



Day 3: Istanbul-Ankara

Explore the **Egyptian Spice Market** of 17th C origin and take a **Bosphorus cruise** up Istanbul's winding straits for a chance to relax and admire the shoreline. Transfer to airport for flight to **Ankara**, the capital of Turkey. (BLD)

Day 4: Ankara – Cappadocia

Visit the superb Museum of Anatolian Civilisations housed in a restored 15thC grand home. The museum holds a fine collection from earlier civilisations including Hattian, Hittite, Assyrian and items from Catal Hoyuk, the earliest known human community. Visit the Mausoleum of Ataturk then drive to Cappadocia, once the heart of the Hittite Empire, later a vast Roman province. (BD)

Day 5: Cappadocia

Option: Hot air Balloon tour.

Full day tour of the **Deverent Valley** where rock formations abound then to **Avanos**, a pottery centre and village with many Greek style homes. Next stop is **Pasabag**, known as Monks valley with its fairy chimneys. Then head to **Cavusin** village with houses cut into rock faces. A visit to **Goreme's open air museum** will be followed by a visit to a carpet making centre. (BL)



Day 6 Cappadocia - Konya

Visit underground city of **Kaymakli or Derinkuyu**. Enroute to Konya visit **Sultanhani**, a Seljuk caravanserai. Konya is a traditional town and religious centre known for the Whirling Dervishes, founded by Mevlana Rumi in the 13th C. Visit the museum and tomb of

Mevlana, one of the holiest places in Turkey for Muslim pilgrims. (BLD)

Day 7 Konya - Antalya

Head to the coast and visit **Aspendos**, known as the best-preserved Roman theatre of antiquity able to seat 15,000 spectators and then **Perge**. Perge dates back to 1000BC and was once a great Greek city that later was inhabited by the Romans from the late first Century. (BD)

Day 8 Antalya-Kas

After breakfast visit **Phaselis**. The ruins of aqueducts, agoras, baths, a theater, Hadrian's Gate and an acropolis reveal the city's historical importance. We also visit the remains of the ancient city of **Olympos** which was added to the Roman empire in 78 BC and then to **Myra's site**.

This ancient city is well known for its amphitheatre (the largest in Lycia) and the plethora of rock-cut tombs carved in the cliff above the theatre. Nearby the **Church of St Nicholas** contains the sarcophagus of St. Nicholas although his remains were taken to Italy. (BL)



Day 9 Kas - Fethiye

Boat trip to **Kekova Island** to visit sunken cities. Visit the **Byzantine citadel** of Simena. After lunch continue to the ruins of **Xanthos**, once the capital city of Ancient Lycia. Finds date back to 8th C BC and many monuments are held in the

British Museum. Xanthos was a center of culture and commerce for the Lycians, and later for the Persians, Macedonians, Greeks, and Romans (BL)

Day 10 Fethiye-Pamukkale

See the iconic travertine terraces created by calcium rich waters. Nearby **Hierapolis** was once a cure centre founded by the Romans in 190BC. See a Roman theatre, Roman baths and the foundations of the Temple of Apollo. Swim over fallen marble columns in the hot springs. (BD)



Day 11 Pamukkale – Bodrum

Early start to Bodrum, ancient **Halicarnassus**. Visit **Bodrum Castle of the Knights of St John** and the world famous **Underwater Archaeological Museum** which is an original, creative and exciting experience. It is a trip into a fascinating past through to life in exhibits that take you back in time into the worlds of ancient mariners. (BLD)

Day 12 Bodrum-Kusadasi

Visit the remains of the **Mausoleum of Halicarnassus**, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. The mausoleum was completed in 350 BC and stood relatively intact for 19 centuries before an earthquake in 1304 destroyed it. Many of the stones were taken by the Knights of St John and used in the construction of Bodrum Castle. Travel to Kusadasi. Afternoon at leisure.(B)



Day 13 Kusadasi

Visit **Ephesus** the best preserved classical Roman city in Asia. See the magnificent library of Celcus, spy on archaeologists working on the Terrace Houses (optional extra) from a specially created catwalk, and sit on the public toilets for a special photo! Visit the scant remains of the **Temple of Artemis** another one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Only foundations and sculptural fragments of the latest of the temples at the site remain. But it was twice the size of Athen's Parthenon! Lunch in **Selcuk** and then a stroll through the village of Sirince. (BL)

Day 14 Kusadasi- Pergamum-Troy - Canakkale

Depart Kusadasi and drive to the ancient Greek city of **Pergamum** with its impressive Acropolis. The Hellenistic Theater with a seating capacity of 10,000 is very steep so watch your step! A prosperous city in the days of Alexander the Great it became a centre of learning and healing. Mark Antony later gave the library, containing 200,000 volumes, to Cleopatra as a wedding present! Then head for **Troy** and visit the archaeological site which was inhabited for 4.000 years and was known as the center of ancient civilizations. For many years people believed that it only existed in tales until it was rediscovered in the 19th century. The archaeological site of Troy became an UNESCO World Heritage list in 1998.(B)

Day 15 Canakkale - Battlefields - Canakkale

Early start to visit the WW1 battlefields:- Kabatepe Museum, Brighton Beach, Anzac Cove, Beach Cemetery, Lone Pine, Johnston's Jolly (remains of trenches and tunnels), the Turkish 57th Regiment Memorial, The Nek and Walkers Ridge and Chunuk Bair Memorial.

Return to **Canakkale** for lunch and rest. Later this evening we take the ferry back to Gallipoli, leaving the luggage at the hotel. Take packs with food and warm clothes and enter the commemorative site for an overnight stay. (B)



Day 16 ANZAC DAY services at Gallipoli

- Dawn service at Anzac Cove
- Australian Service on Lone Pine
- NZ Service on Lone Pine
- Return to the hotel and return to Istanbul (B)



Day 17 Istanbul

Enjoy a day at leisure to relax, shop, have a Turkish Bath or catch up on sleep!

Day 18 Istanbul

Transfer to the airport for return home. (B)

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SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

UNESCO SITES VISITED

- **Old City**, Istanbul
- **Hieropolis** in Pammukale
- **Goreme** in Cappadocia
- **Xanthos** near Kas
- **Troy**

Istanbul Visits to Topkapi Palace, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, Bosphorus cruise, Grand Bazaar

Ankara Museum of Anatolian Civilisation and the Mausoleum of Ataturk

Cappadocia Visit unique rock formations, Goreme Open Air Museum, an underground city.

Konya See Mevlana's Museum and Tomb

Aspendos Sit in one of the best preserved Ancient Roman theatres in the world.

Kas Be immersed in Ancient Lycian and Roman sites of Phaselis and Olympos. Cruise to Kekova Island.

Pammukkale See the iconic travertine terraces "cotton castles" and Roman Hieropolis, an ancient "health spa".

Bodrum Be surprised by the Underwater Archaeological Museum housed in Bodrum Castle.

Ephesus Sightseeing doesn't get much better. See the great Library of Celsus, sit in the Great Theatre, walk down the streets. *Option to see the terrace houses being uncovered.*

Pergamum Visit the acropolis and Hellenistic theatre.

Troy See the "Wooden horse". Visit the famous ruins of ancient cities.

Gallipoli Spend time at ANZAC Cove, visit Lone Pine, the Cemetery, Chunuk Bair Memorial.

ANZAC Day Attend the Dawn service. Walk to Lone Pine for Australian and New Zealand services.

PRICE:

\$5399 for AIR AND LAND Package

Single supplement \$700

DISCOUNT PRICE for AIR AND LAND Package for HTA members, teachers and partners - \$4999

Single supplement \$500

DEPOSIT of \$2000pp by 30 November 2011.

See attached Booking Sheet for details

Minimum for tour is 10 persons.

INCLUSIONS:

- **Fully escorted tour**
- Return air flights with Singapore Air
- 17 nights accommodation in 3-4 star and special class hotels, with daily breakfast
- All hotel service charges, baggage handling and local taxes included
- 6 lunches and 8 dinners
- Transfers, all sightseeing and admission fees
- English speaking professional guide
- Air conditioned transportation
- Domestic flight Istanbul to Ankara
- Bosphorus Cruise
- Kekova Island boat trip

Introducing your Tour Leader

Dr Jennifer Lawless, currently the NSW Board of Studies' Inspector for Human Society and Its Environment (History). Dr Lawless was awarded an Endeavour Research Fellowship for Turkey in 2006 and completed her PhD on the topic '*The Australian Prisoners of War Captured at Gallipoli*'.

Dr Lawless has led 4 other tours through Turkey and has visited regularly since 1993 - being married to a Turk!

*The Gallipoli campaign remains an important part of the mandatory NSW History Years 7-10 syllabus.**

** All teachers will receive a certificate from HTANSW outlining how many hours of work-related professional learning were undertaken during the tour which can be used for tax deductions (see tax advisor) and accreditation purposes. HTANSW is an approved accreditation agent of the NSW Institute of teachers. **

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Booking Form

PRICES: \$5399pp TWIN SHARE / \$700 single supplement

HTA Members & partners: \$4999pp TWIN SHARE / \$500 single supplement

Title	SURNAME (as in passport)	FIRST NAME (as in passport)	PASSPORT NUMBER	EXPIRY DATE	Date of Birth	ROOM TYPE Twin, Double, Single,

ADDRESS _____

_____ Postcode _____

PHONE: (Home) _____ Mobile: _____

EMAIL/S: _____

TRAVEL INSURANCE REQUIRED YES [] NO [] **HTA Member number or teacher S/N** _____

SPECIAL MEALS FOR FLIGHTS: _____

FLEXIBLE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS: (If you require travel arrangements different to the itinerary provided, change dates, stopovers, please advise so an individual quote can be prepared).

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

[] CHEQUE – Please make payable to Mid City Travel

[] DIRECT DEPOSIT – **ST GEORGE BANK; BSB 112879**

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 056165779

ACCOUNT NAME: Mid City Travel

[] CREDIT CARD- Visa or Mastercard + 2% surcharge

Card type: _____ Card Number: _____ Expiry date ____/____/____

DEPOSIT \$ _____ (by Nov 30, 2011) **TOTAL COST: \$** _____

I /We have read, understood and agree to the tour conditions;

Signed: _____

NAME 1: _____ Date ____/____/11

Signed: _____

NAME 2: _____ Date ____/____/11

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

Mid City Travel

P.O. BOX 7345 ALEXANDRIA 2015

Phone: 02 9283 5818 Fax: 02 9283 5898

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All bookings are accepted according to the following conditions. Please read carefully

GENERAL

- Prices and availability are subject to confirmation at the time of booking and are correct at the time of printing.
- Passengers with disabilities are welcome providing a paying companion capable of providing all assistance accompanies them
- No traveller will be permitted on tour or continue on tour if their physical or mental state, behavior or hygiene, in the opinion of the tour operator or its agents makes them objectionable to the tour party as a whole. At all times all travellers must behave in a socially acceptable and legal manner.

RESERVATIONS /DEPOSITS

- A deposit of \$2000 per person is payable by 30 November 2011. **The balance is due 31 January 2012.**
* or pay in full by 30 Nov 2011 to avoid currency fluctuation charges, if any.
- Travel insurance is recommended.

CHANGES

- Due to the specific nature of the tour *BC&AD Step Back in Time Tours* reserves the right to change any element of the tour to another day or time without notice. If any element is cancelled the passengers will be reimbursed for the cancelled portion.
- All arrangements booked for the passenger have been made on prices at the time of booking and are subject to change in accordance with advice from the service provider regarding changes to airfares, fluctuations in exchange rates, increased levies to service providers or variations in the itinerary caused by cancellations of services or rescheduling. *The passenger agrees to pay any such additional charges prior to ticketing and travel departure.*

CANCELLATIONS and REFUNDS - the following FEES apply

DATES PRIOR TO DEPARTURE	LOSS OF
Up to 29/02/2012	Deposit
1/03/2012- 14/03/2012	Deposit plus 25% Tour Cost
15/03/2012 -29/03/2012	Deposit plus 50% Tour Cost
30/03/2012 - departure	100% of Tour Cost

- Passengers will not be entitled to a refund for any unused services after commencement of Tour.

AMENDMENT FEES

- A fee of \$50.00 per booking per amendment will be charged after the originally requested itinerary has been confirmed, in addition to any fees imposed by the airlines/service providers. Amendments requested after the final payment has been made and travel documents issued may have additional fees applied by the airlines/service providers.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

- We strongly recommend travel insurance to cover unexpected losses, damage or theft and expenses such as medical or hospital.

DISCLOSURE OR PERSONAL INFORMATION

- The passenger consents to provide details to *BC&AD Step Back in Time Tours* and for that information to be used where necessary in order to make airline and other travel arrangements on his/her behalf.

RESPONSIBILITY

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