1 overnight trip to Canakkale

At 7:00 am meet by guide at the lobby and drive to Dardanelles, today’s city of Canakkale (ca 350 km / 5 ½ hours). Upon arrival, lunch break at a local sea-house restaurant just by the Dardanelles. Then we will visit Gallipoli (Gelibolu is its Turkish name) National Park.

The Gallipoli campaign took place between April and December 1915 in an effort to take the Dardanelles from the Turkish Ottoman Empire (an ally of Germany and Austria) and thus force it out of the war. Some 60,000 Australians and 18,000 New Zealanders were part of a larger British force. Some 26,000 Australians and 7,571 New Zealanders were wounded; and 7,594 Australians and 2,431 NZs were killed. In numerical terms Gallipoli was a minor campaign but it took on considerable national and personal importance to the Australians and New Zealanders who fought there.

The Gallipoli Campaign was Australia’s and New Zealand’s introduction to the Great War. Many Australians and New Zealanders fought on the Peninsula from the day of the landings (April 25, 1915) until the evacuation of 20 December 1915. The 25th April is the New Zealand equivalent of Armistice Day and is marked as the ANZAC day in both countries with Dawn Parades and other services in every city and town.

Shops are closed in the morning. It is a very important day to Australians and New Zealanders for a variety of reasons that have changed and transmuted over the years. We able to see during to visit Gelibolu National Park; Kabatepe War Museum, Beach Cemetery (John Simpson’s Grave), ANZAC Cove, Ari Burnu (First ANZAC landing place), Lone Pine Cemetery (Australian memorial), Johnston’s Jolly (Walk in the ANZAC trenches), View Shrapnel Valley, Turkish Memorial, The Nek and Walker’s Ridge, Chunuk Bair (Main New Zealand memorial)

Early evening, pass through Dardanellas by ferry arrive city of Cannakkale and settle to our five star hotel.
Next morning, after breakfast at the hotel depart at 8:00 am to visit ancient Troy. View the Dardanelles as you travel south of Canakkale through pine covered forests to Homer’s Troy, excavated in 1871 by amateur archaeologist Heinrich Schliemann. It was the stronghold of King Priam, whose son Paris abducted the beautiful Helen, wife of the King of Sparta precipitating a war between Greece and Troy. A huge wooden horse marks the entrance to Troy. The Greeks won the war by tricking the Trojans into dragging a wooden horse filled with soldiers within their own walls. The Greeks then sacked the city and left it in ruins. Walk through the remains of the ancient city where nine settlements dating back to 3000 BC are superimposed atop one another. Examine walls from various periods, the bouleuterion or council chamber, built around Homer’s time of 800 BC, and the Temple of Athena, rebuilt by the Romans. Stand on the acropolis and look out across the plains of Scamander and Simois to the distant sea, gazing over the battle fields of Achaeans and Trojans, trying to visualize the duel of Hector and Achilles.

From Troy, drive back to Canakkale for a visit to the Archeological Museum which holds relics discovered during the excavations. At noon, return to Cananakkale and stop by at a fish restaurant for lunch break. After the lunch continue to drive back to Istanbul. Tour will be over at Istanbul around 7:00 pm.

Price for minimum 4 pax
Per person in DBL 385 € / SNG 425 €
Including:
- Luxury air-conditioned transportation
- English speaking guidance
- 2 lunches
- 1 overnight on BB basis
- Entrance fees mentioned above program
Price is not including
- Personal expenses
- Dinner
- Istanbul accommodation