



Important Information about Gallipoli 2012 Commemorations

The following information is provided to assist you in communicating important information to visitors attending the Anzac Day commemorations in Gallipoli.

Latest information on works on the Gallipoli peninsula

The following information will assist your tour leaders in explaining the works currently underway at Anzac Cove, Gallipoli. We encourage you to spread the word to all those visiting the area in the coming months.

- Necessary works to protect and preserve the Anzac Cove area have been underway since August 2011. Anzac Cove is eroding and without some action to preserve it, it is likely to succumb to further deterioration.
- The works include installing an improved drainage system and retaining walls to ensure the integrity of the road, stability of surrounding slope and subsequently the beach at Anzac Cove. Visitors can still access the beach.
- The work is being undertaken by Turkish authorities and is anticipated the works will be completed in time for the 2012 Anzac Day commemorations.
- Staff from the Australian Embassy and Consul in Canakkale are regularly visiting the site and monitoring progress.

Visitor Registration

- The Department of Veterans' Affairs recommends all visitors and tour leaders register their intention to attend the Gallipoli Anzac Day commemorations at www.gallipoliregistration.com.
- Registration on the DVA registration system assists with planning for the commemorations and for visitors to receive updates should there be any changes to the arrangements for the commemorations. It is important for visitors to register the mobile phone number they will use while travelling to ensure they receive updates.
- All Australian visitors to Turkey are also encouraged to register their itinerary at www.smartraveller.gov.au, read the travel advisories for the countries they are visiting and have comprehensive travel insurance.

- Registering your intention to travel on the DVA registration page does not automatically transfer your information to Smartraveller. Visitors should therefore register on both systems.
- It is important to note that just prior to Anzac Day, DVA plans to share the name and mobile phone contact details of those who have registered on DVA with the DFAT consular team. This information will only be used by DFAT in case of an emergency.

Site Opening Times and Visitor Movements

- Visitor safety is of paramount importance. Visitors to Gallipoli should be aware there may be delays as visitors are screened as they pass through security.
- In 2012 the Anzac Commemorative Site will open at 1800hrs (6pm) on 24 April. While sites on Second Ridge Road will be accessible to tours, the Anzac Commemorative Site will not open before the designated opening time.
- Tour leaders and coach drivers in Gallipoli will need to ensure they obtain a coach card and visitor coach identification tags at Kabatepe to assist their visitors identifying coaches following the services.

Special Needs Assistance

- Visitors to Gallipoli should be reasonably fit. They will walk up to 8km between Anzac Commemorative Site, Lone Pine, Turkish 57th Regiment Memorial and Chunuk Bair. Much of this walk is uphill on steep, unpaved roads.
- There is no transport between the sites other than for people who have registered for Special Needs assistance prior to the commemorations with the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Capacity for Special Needs assistance is limited and eligibility criteria apply. Applications can be made in writing to gallipoli@dva.gov.au.

Conditions on site

- In Gallipoli, visitors can spend up to 30 hours in the open exposed to the elements. There is no shelter on the commemorative sites and the temperature can drop below freezing overnight. Rain is a possibility. The weather can also be quite warm during the day. Visitors should ensure that they are appropriately equipped for these conditions.

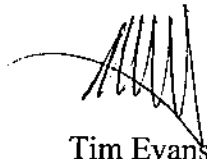
Gallipoli 2015

In the lead up to the centenary there is and will continue to be a great deal of interest in visitors wishing to attend the Anzac Day commemorations in Gallipoli in 2015. It has come to my attention that a number of tour providers have made commitments and begun taking bookings for tours for the Gallipoli Anzac Day commemorations in 2015.

- Following the report of the National Commission on the Commemoration of the Anzac Centenary earlier this year, an Anzac Centenary Advisory Board has been established to consider the response of the Government to the Commission's recommendations. A response is expected in mid 2012, and negotiations with Turkey and New Zealand will need to be conducted before the arrangements for the commemorations can be finalised.
- Access may be limited and processes to manage attendance may be in place. You will be advised when a determination is made on these matters. Until such time no promises should be made to visitors, nor any guarantees made regarding the centenary commemorations.

More information is available on the DVA website www.dva.gov.au

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the Commemorations Operations team via Gallipoli@dva.gov.au



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