



ANZAC DAY 2015

April 25th, 2015 is the 100th anniversary of ANZAC troops landing at Gallipoli. This marked the beginning of over eight months of trench warfare, at times with ANZAC and Turkish troops merely metres apart. It also marked the emergence of the ANZAC spirit, as both Australia and New Zealand began to internationally define their individual and unique national spirits.

Topdeck Travel is the longest running tour operator to take 18 to 30-somethings to Gallipoli for the ANZAC Day Commemorative Services, honouring the brave servicemen who fought, were wounded and died in Gallipoli. 2015 will mark over 30 years of Topdeck trips visiting ANZAC Cove for the Commemorative Services.

Topdeck Travel is in communication with the Australian governmental departments who are organising the 2015 ANZAC Day Commemorative Services. During our most recent meeting with the Australian Department of Veterans Affairs Topdeck were advised that no details about ANZAC Day 2015 will be known, decided upon or released until some months after ANZAC Day 2012. All tour providers are being encouraged not to make any promises about tours for 2015 until after further announcements have been made:-

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 services 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 services in 2015. Tour providers should note the following points when considering plans for the 2015 services:

- In April 2010 the Australian Government announced the formation of the National Commission on the Commemoration of the Anzac Centenary. The National Commission presented its report in March 2011 and a Government response is expected by the end of 2011. Following the Australian Government response, multi-national negotiations will be conducted to determine the shape of, and access arrangements for, the centenary commemorations in 2015.
- Until such time as the arrangements for the 2015 commemorations are determined, tour providers would be ill advised to make any commitments to visitors. 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 can be made to visitors, nor any guarantees made regarding the centenary commemorations.

Planning your trip to Gallipoli in 2015

If you are planning on making the pilgrimage with Topdeck to Gallipoli in 2015 for the 100th anniversary in 2015, Topdeck has set up a special mailing list so that you can be kept advised of any updates.

We understand some companies are accepting deposits from passengers for the 2015 services, without trips yet being on sale and finalised. Here at Topdeck we know that whilst early planning for this special event is important, we do not want to take money from our loyal passengers without confirmation from the Australian government regarding the organisation of the event.

Given that, following the advice from the Australian Department of Veterans' Affairs, we are currently unable to confirm the precise trip arrangements that we will be offering for ANZAC day in 2015, we are instead inviting Topdeck passengers who are interested in attending the 2015 Commemorative Services to [sign up to our newsletter](#), and tick the box marked "*Yes, I would like to receive ANZAC 2015 updates*". As we receive further updates regarding the arrangements for 2015 we will be able to keep you updated, and once we have finalised our 2015 ANZAC trips for sale, we will be able to advise all of our passengers by email.

We wish you all the very best in preparing for ANZAC Day in 2015. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.