

World Conservation Programs

Gallipoli Volunteer 2017 Program Information



- ◆ Visit the significant battlefields of the Gallipoli Peninsula
- ◆ Join a team that serves Anzac Day visitors
- ◆ Visit the ancient ruins of Pergamum and Ephesus

Application Period 4th August 2016 - 30th September 2016



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You are invited to take part in a special experience...and the chance to serve...

Gallipoli is a special place for Australian and New Zealand people and was a turning point in our identity. Since the historical WW1 battle on the shores of Turkey, Gallipoli has been immortalized in film, books, TV and forms a rich and tragic part of Australia and New Zealand's history.

Conservation Volunteers, under the supervision of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Veterans Affairs' NZ, conduct the Gallipoli Volunteer program.

Conservation Volunteers and Gallipoli

Conservation Volunteers (CV) is the largest not-for-profit environmental volunteering organisation in Australia and New Zealand. Since 1982, Conservation Volunteers has been involved in connecting people with meaningful conservation and heritage projects.

Conservation Volunteers, under the supervision of the Australian Department of Veterans' Affairs and Veterans' Affairs New Zealand, has been assisting with the activities in Gallipoli since 2006 and provides volunteers with an opportunity to serve visitors who are attending these important commemorative services.

What's involved?

On this amazing volunteer opportunity, you will have the chance to experience the beauty, tragedy and reverence of this incredible historic location and play an important part in providing visitor support to those attending the Gallipoli Commemorative Services.

Join Conservation Volunteers, the Event Managers, the Australian Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Veterans' Affairs New Zealand in the preparation for, and the support of visitors to the commemorative services.

The Conservation Volunteers Gallipoli Volunteer team provides assistance and support to visitors at the commemorative services on 24th & 25th April. Volunteers assist with a range of visitor services that aim to help visitors maximize their enjoyment of the services, while minimizing their impact on this very special site.



The main tasks of the volunteer team are:

- ◆ Welcoming
- ◆ Conducting bus registrations
- ◆ Providing information
- ◆ Wrist banding visitors
- ◆ Distributing information kits
- ◆ Providing support to assisted mobility visitors
- ◆ Distributing water
- ◆ Collecting surveys
- ◆ Bus departures and
- ◆ other duties in supporting visitors



It is important for volunteers to be flexible and responsive to situations that arise on the program.

Site and Experiences

Volunteers are taken on guided visits and experiences at significant sites on the Gallipoli Peninsula, providing each person with an opportunity to absorb the significance of Gallipoli, which then culminates with our own contribution at the Dawn commemorative service.

Visits include:

- ◆ Walking the beach at Anzac Cove
- ◆ Walking in Shrapnel Valley where Simpson and his donkey would have passed many times
- ◆ Visiting Quinn's Post - 'the most dangerous post on the peninsula'
- ◆ Contemplating Lone Pine, the site of a famous and courageous victory that came at an awful cost
- ◆ Looking out on the Aegean from the Nek, the site of the famous charge depicted in the movie "Gallipoli"
- ◆ Gazing on the Dardanelles from the heights of Chunuk Bair
- ◆ Walking the Rhododendron trail (conditions permitting)
- ◆ Touring the Cape Helles battlefields at the tip of the peninsula

A highlight is a cruise (conditions permitting) along the Anzac coastline, seeing the hills and ridges much as they were when first seen by the original Anzacs in 1915.

See the itinerary for more details of the program.



Health and Fitness

To be a volunteer requires a high level of health and fitness. Team members' work through the night of 24th of April to provide visitor services, however, a three hour rest break is scheduled. The temperature overnight typically drops to around zero degrees Celsius. There are some long walks in the program and a need to be on your feet for long periods.

As a guide, to determine if you have the necessary fitness levels, ask yourself:

- ◆ Can I stand for long periods of time (e.g 5 hours)?
- ◆ Can I walk 5km over rough, undulating terrain (including some long downhill sections)?
- ◆ Can I climb 5 flights of stairs?
- ◆ Can I go without sleep for one night?

If you answered 'NO' to any of these questions then this program is not recommended.

It is important for potential volunteers to self-assess their health and fitness before making an application. The Gallipoli Volunteer Program is rewarding and enjoyable, however it should be stressed that it is demanding and without good health and fitness it is not recommended.

Who can volunteer on the Gallipoli program?

There is a minimum age requirement of 18 years to apply for the Gallipoli Volunteer Program. Applications are reviewed based on health and fitness, interest in the program and Gallipoli, travel and life experiences, useful skills or attributes and team composition.

There is a specific need for some volunteers to have medical experience e.g nursing. This is particularly in relation to providing support to Assisted Mobility visitors. Typically there are many elderly people that attend the services that require our support. Our experience has shown that nurses, doctors, paramedics and care-givers are well suited to this role. There are extensive medical support services provided at the commemorative services apart from any care provided by the volunteers. There is a specific allocation of places for volunteers with medical backgrounds.

Volunteers with medical experience and volunteers with general skills will rotate through a number of activities on the Gallipoli Volunteer Visitor Services Roster.



Accommodation

While at the Gallipoli Peninsula the team will be accommodated at the Kum Hotel. The Kum hotel is the closest hotel to the Anzac region on the peninsula.

At Pergamum we are staying at the Pergamum Hotel and at Kusadasi we stay at the Korumar Hotel.

Our last night on the program is in Istanbul where we will stay at the WOW Hotel.

Rooms are twin share. Single rooms are available.

Food

Meals are prepared by hotel staff and are typical of traditional Turkish cuisine, such as:

- ◆ Breakfast - Boiled eggs, ham, cheese, tomatoes, olives, jams, toast, tea and coffee.
- ◆ Lunch & Dinner -salad, soup, fish, sausages, tomato, capsicum, rice.

The meals that take place outside of the hotel catering are at reputable cafes/restaurants.

There are some meals where volunteers will choose where they will eat. Refer to itinerary for details.

Clothing supplied

Each volunteer is supplied with:

- ◆ one waterproof fleecy lined jacket
- ◆ two Gallipoli Volunteer (red) polo shirts (short sleeved and long sleeved)
- ◆ one Conservation Volunteers (blue) polo shirt
- ◆ one cap and one beanie



Essential items

Participants on the program will receive advice with regards what to bring with them. In the meantime please note essential items which you may not currently own include: waterproof walking shoes or boots, thermals, fingerless gloves, waterproof over pants and a head torch.

Preparation

The Conservation Volunteer leaders will be in regular contact with team members prior to departure to provide all necessary information in preparation for this program. The leaders are also available to assist anyone on the team with individual attention.

Other matters that are essential in preparation are:

- ◆ **Travel insurance** all Gallipoli Volunteers need to purchase their own travel insurance. This is to be done immediately you are selected for the team.
- ◆ **Visa** entry to Turkey
Australians need to purchase an online Visa (\$60USD currently).
No Visa is required for New Zealand passport holders.
- ◆ **Vaccination** – discuss your requirements with your doctor. In general there is a recommendation to have Hepatitis A and Typhoid vaccination.

Program Itinerary

18th of April to the 30th of April – 2017

The Itinerary below is indicative and is subject to change with weather conditions and Visitor Services commitments.

Day	Date	Meals Included	AM	PM	Accommodation
1	18 th April Tuesday	<i>Inflight meals</i>	Leave Australia		
2	19 th April Wednesday	BLD	Arrive in Istanbul Go directly to the Gallipoli Peninsula	Orientation tour to Anzac Region	Kum Hotel
3	20 th April Thursday	BLD	Anzac Region including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Australian Commemoration Site (ACS) ◆ Ari Brunu ◆ Anzac Cove ◆ Queensland Point ◆ Pluggee's Plateau Views of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Monash Valley ◆ Razor Edge ◆ Russells Top ◆ North Beach ◆ Suvla Bay 	Anzac Region including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Australian Lone Pine memorial and cemetery ◆ Lone Pine trenches ◆ Johnston Jolly ◆ New Zealand Chunuk Bair memorial and cemetery 	Kum Hotel
4	21 st April Friday	BL	Gallipoli Visitor Service briefing – ACS Cape Helles Region Including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ V Beach ◆ Cape Helles memorial <i>Lunch – at Cape Helles</i>	Cape Helles Region Including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ ABIDE ◆ Achi Baba <i>Dinner in Canakkale – free choice</i>	Kum Hotel
5	22 nd April Saturday	BLD	Gallipoli Visitor Service briefing – Kum Hotel	Anzac Region – LP to the Nek Including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Quin's Post ◆ 57th Regiment Memorial ◆ Walkers Ridge ◆ The Nek <i>6 pm - Drinks with DVA representatives</i>	Kum Hotel

Day	Date	Meals Included	AM	PM	Accommodation
6	23 rd April Sunday	BLD	Rhododendron Ridge track Walk from Chunuk Bair to Embarkation Pier	Aegean Cruise	Kum Hotel
7	24 th April Monday	BLD	Morning in Eceabat / Canakkale Lunch in Canakkale/Eceabat	Rest at the Kum	ACS
8	25 th April (Anzac Day) Tuesday	B LD	Visitor Services volunteer activity	Visitor Services volunteer activity	Kum Hotel
9	26 th April Wednesday	BLD	Gallipoli to Pergamum	Pergamum Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Acropolis of the Hellenistic City ◆ Altar of Zeus ◆ Ascleption 	Pergamum Hotel
10	27 th April Thursday	BLD	Pergamum to Kusadasi	Free time in Kusadasi Farewell dinner	Korumar Hotel in Kusadasi
11	28 th April Friday	BL <i>D - flight</i>	Visit Ephesus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Library of Celsus ◆ Temple of Hadrian ◆ Theatre of Odeon ◆ Basilica of St John 	Ephesus to Izmir to *Istanbul TK 2335 20:05 flight to Istanbul Dinner in flight 21:20 arrive at Istanbul Ataturk Airport	WOW Airport Hotel - Istanbul
12	29 th April Saturday	B <i>LD-Flight</i>	Depart Istanbul		
13	30 th April Sunday	<i>In-flight meals</i>	Arrive in Australia		

* As advised by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the GV2017 program is avoiding any activity in Istanbul. We will be in Istanbul only for arrival and departure at the Istanbul Airport. No time or tours of Istanbul have been scheduled.

Useful websites

- ◆ Australian Government Smart Traveller
<http://smartraveller.gov.au/countries/europe/southern/pages/turkey.aspx>
- ◆ Health matters
<http://www.traveldoctor.com.au>
<http://www.travelvaccinationhealthcare.com.au/destination/turkey/>

Cost

The cost of the Gallipoli Volunteer 2017 Program is

	Full Cost Including airfare	Land Only
Australia	AUD \$5,720	AUD \$3,960

The single room supplement is an additional AUD\$800.

New Zealanders who are selected on the GV2017 program will be required to make program payments in Australian dollars through an international transfer to Conservation Volunteers bank account.

The payment process and details will be communicated with all GV2017 program participants.

The program price includes

- ◆ return international airfares departing Ex Syd/Mel/Bris/Perth
- ◆ most meals – see itinerary
- ◆ twin share hotel accommodation at Gallipoli and Istanbul
- ◆ all transportation
- ◆ battlefield visits
- ◆ program Team Leaders
- ◆ Turkish guide and
- ◆ Gallipoli Coast cruise
- ◆ **..... and the experience of a lifetime!**

Note: New Zealand Gallipoli Volunteers will need to make arrangements and pay for travel between Australian and New Zealand.



Additional travel

Many volunteers have previously taken the opportunity to do additional travel either before or after the Gallipoli Volunteer Program.

Assistance is available for all your onward travel booking needs. Conservation Volunteers has engaged Beaconsfield Travel as our agent and they can assist you. Conservation Volunteers has reserved flights for all volunteers with Singapore Airlines. It is also preferred that the GV2017 team travels together to Turkey.

Participants travelling prior to the program start will be required to meet the team at Istanbul.

Important dates for the selection and departure for the 2017 Conservation Volunteers Gallipoli Volunteer Program

Action	Date
Expressions of interest close	30 th July 2016
Applications open	4 th August 2016
Applications close	30 th September 2016
Team appointed and announced	30 th October 2016
Deposit (\$500) due	Within 7 days of appointment
Final payment due	20 th January 2017
Team departs Australia	18 th April 2017
Team returns to Australia	30 th April 2017

Applications

Applications close on the **30th September 2016**

To apply go to the 'Apply now for 2017' link at www.gallipolivolunteer.org.au

OR

Request an application form to be mailed or emailed to you by phoning Lindy on 1800 032 501 or email contact@gallipolivolunteer.org.au





Booking Terms and Conditions

Important Information for Prospective Volunteers

This program is a unique and exclusive overseas adventure. To ensure that participants are fully prepared for the program please read the following terms and conditions carefully.

This program requires a good general level of health, fitness and endurance. The major task for the Gallipoli Volunteer Team is a long volunteer period (approximately 30 hours) from 9am on April 24th through to the afternoon on April 25th. A 3 hour rest break is planned during this time. The night is likely to be very cold, volunteers will be on their feet for long periods, and, after the Dawn Service, may be required to walk approximately 3 km to Lone Pine.

Upon acceptance onto the program Conservation Volunteers requires a deposit of \$500 with each booking. Full payment is due no later than the 20th January 2017.

If it becomes necessary to cancel your booking, please notify us immediately. Your cancellation is effective from the date we receive your notification, and is subject to cancellation fees as follows:

- ◆ If cancellation takes place more than 60 days prior to your start date, your \$500 non-refundable deposit will be forfeited.
- ◆ If cancellation takes place between 60 days and 30 days prior to the start date, 50% of the total cost of your booking will be forfeited.
- ◆ If cancellation takes place less than 30 days before your start date, 100% of the total cost of your booking will be forfeited.
- ◆ Food, travel and accommodation will not be provided outside the specific program dates and details listed in the program itinerary.
- ◆ CV and the host agencies take all care in program planning but no responsibility will be accepted for any variation due to circumstances beyond their control.
- ◆ CV requires all volunteers to act responsibly for their own safety and that of others.
- ◆ This program involves physical activity and may take place in extreme weather conditions and / or remote locations. CV advises that all volunteers must be in good health and physical condition.
- ◆ In the event of a delay, cancellation or change of itinerary, CV reserves the right to cancel any program prior to departure including, but not limited to, by reason of too few bookings or changes to travel warnings given by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Australia), in which case participants will be given a full refund, of any deposits or payments made. CV is not responsible for any costs resulting from such cancellation (including, but not limited to, visa, passport and vaccination charges, gear purchases, airport or airline fares or charges).

Conservation Volunteers reserves the right to vary quoted program prices in the event of unforeseen fluctuations in exchange currencies. Participants will be notified in writing of any price variations.