

Gallipoli 2018 - Tour Operator Information

Introduction and purpose

This information is intended to inform tour operators about the April 2018 Gallipoli commemorations in Turkey.

Accuracy

The information provided in this update is correct at the time of writing but could change depending on Turkish Jandarma requirements, visitor numbers, and other factors.

The Services

The Dawn Service will be held at the Anzac Commemorative Site commencing at 5:30 a.m. on 25th April.

The New Zealand Service will be held at Chunuk Bair commencing at 11:30 am on April 25th – timing is subject to confirmation.

Attendance

There is no ballot for 2018 but attendees will require an attendance pass. Tour operators may apply for an attendance pass on behalf of one or more of their customers ([apply here](#)). Attendance at the Dawn Service and the New Zealand Service at Chunuk Bair is open to anyone provided they follow the registration and event procedures and comply with the registration and event requirements.

Tour Group options – Dawn Service & New Zealand Service

The information provided below details the option for visitors to attend the Dawn Service and then proceed to the New Zealand service at Chunuk Bair.

Arrival on 24th April

Tour coaches may arrive at Mimosa Otopark for event registration from 9:30 pm on 24th April. Note that the Jandarma may stop coaches before Mimosza to make security checks. Coaches will **not** be registered before 9:30 pm. There is nowhere for visitors to comfortably wait and coaches will not be allowed to proceed past Mimosa Otopark.

Following coach registration at 9:30 pm, coaches will then proceed to Beach Cemetery to disembark their passengers. The walk into ACS for these visitors is approximately 700m. There will be shuttles available for visitors who may not be able to walk this

distance. The Anzac Commemorative Site will not open to visitors until 10:00 p.m. Coach registration will close at 2:30 a.m. on the morning of 25th April.

Overnight coach parking

After coaches have dropped off their passengers they will need to travel back to Kilye Bay Junction where they will turn left and travel through Bigalı and Büyükanafartala and park at the rear of the other coaches in the queue from the holding point north of Anzac Commemorative Site at Fisherman's Hut.

For safety reasons drivers must remain near their coach overnight as coaches may be required to pick up passengers early in the event of bad weather.

After the Dawn Service – Walkers

After the Dawn service, at approximately 7:00 a.m. on 25th April, visitors wishing to attend the New Zealand service will be invited to depart the Anzac Commemorative Site on foot.

They will walk south down Anzac Cove Road until they reach Artillery Track which they will follow up the hill to Lone Pine. At Lone Pine visitors will re-join 2nd Ridge Road, continuing the climb up to Chunuk Bair.

The total distance from the Anzac Commemorative Site to Chunuk Bair is approximately 9.5kms and climbs 260m in altitude. Visitors do not need to rush. A fast walker might make the journey in 1:45 hrs, while a slow walker could take over 3:0hrs to reach Chunuk Bair. Walkers that wish to attend the New Zealand service need to arrive at Chunuk Bair by 10:15am.

There will be a very limited shuttle lift from the Anzac Commemorative Site to Chunuk Bair available to take visitors who can't walk that distance. Any visitor interested in this option should enquire at the Anzac Commemorative Site Information Tent on the evening of April 24th.

It will not be possible for coaches to take their passengers direct to Chunuk Bair for the New Zealand service, as 2nd Ridge Road will not be open to public traffic until after 2:00 p.m. on 25th April.

Any walkers that wish to visit sites off 2nd Ridge Road, and did not want to attend the New Zealand service, should make their way to the holding area at Chunuk Bair by 12:30 p.m. if they have arranged to be collected by their coach as part of the managed Chunuk Bair coaching loading process.

Walker support

While walkers should be self-sufficient, there will be event officials along the route to assist anyone who experiences difficulties. There will be several Turkish first aid stations, and portable toilets will be available at Lone Pine.

After the Dawn Service – Coaches

After the walkers have been released from the Anzac Commemorative Site, coaches will move through Anzac Commemorative Site (one way only, from north to south) to wait at the junction of Anzac Cove and Second Ridge Road, prior to moving up Second Ridge Road when directed by the Jandarma.

If your visitors are attending the Australian service at Lone Pine or the New Zealand Service at Chunuk Bair or any other sites on Second Ridge after the Dawn Service they will need to walk up to these sites from Anzac Commemorative Site. Support is available for those visitors with mobility issues, but capacity to provide this transport is very limited.

Chunuk Bair waiting area

When visitors arrive at the Chunuk Bair waiting area (Hill 261 / Ataturk Peace Park) they will enter through a security checkpoint where their attendance pass will be scanned and they will be wristbanded. There will be shelter, toilets, water, medical support, and an information tent in this area. There will also be a food vendor (Turkish cash only). All visitors in possession of an attendance pass are welcome to attend the New Zealand Service. Visitors will be invited to move from Hill 261 onto the Chunuk Bair site from approximately 10:15 am.

After the New Zealand Service

After the formal service concludes at approximately 12:15 pm, visitors will have some time to reflect and to visit the memorial sites and graves at Chunuk Bair before coach loading commences at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Chunuk Bair coach loading

All visitors are to be collected from Chunuk Bair after the New Zealand service. There will be **no** coach loading at the Anzac Commemorative Site or Lone Pine. Please do not stop at Lone Pine or any other sites along Second Ridge Road while you are in the coach loading queue. If you wish to return to other sites on Second Ridge Road you will be able to do so after the road has reopened for general traffic at 2:00 pm on April 25th.

There is enough flat space at Chunuk Bair (2nd & 3rd Ridge Roads intersection) for five (5) coaches at a time to board their passengers. We ask that following coaches do not open their doors until they have moved into this loading area. Officials and the Jandarma will help manage the safe and efficient coach loading of your passengers

but we ask for patience as there will likely be some delay in getting everyone re-united with their tour coach.

It is important that the coach card signs provided at coach registration remain visible until after all your passengers have re-boarded the coach at Chunuk Bair. Visitors will be provided with a matching card at registration to assist them in locating their coach.

Visitor requirements

Visitor information is provided on our <http://ww100.govt.nz/anzac-day-2018-gallipoli> website including:

- the site conditions and limited facilities;
- the challenges of staying overnight exposed to the elements;
- recommended items for visitors to bring with them;
- items that are banned and must not be brought to the services;
- the required level of fitness and mobility for visitors who wish to make the walk to Chunuk Bair, or other 2nd Ridge Road sites.

Travel Advisory

Official travel advice for New Zealanders travelling in Turkey is provided at <https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/turkey>