

FUSILIER BATTLEFIELD TOUR TO GALLIPOLI

MONDAY 1 – FRIDAY 5 JUNE 2020

After last year's very successful and popular battlefield tour to Cassino in 2019, the Regiment will be heading out to the Gallipoli battlefield sites next year. RHQ has again commissioned the professional battlefield tour guide company, Anglia Tours, to organise a 5-day battlefield tour in June 2020. 2020 also marks the 105th anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign. For those who have not had the privilege of visiting the Gallipoli battlefield and the numerous Commonwealth and Turkish cemeteries before I cannot recommend this opportunity highly enough to you.

Draft Itinerary

Note: this may change following discussions with the tour guide:

Day 1 Mon 1 Jun 20

0825 Check in London Heathrow Terminal 5
Meet your Guide: **Mark Brennan**

1025 BA676 Flight to Istanbul

1625 Arrive Istanbul and then transfer coach to your hotel

1800 Check into Hotel
Ibis Istanbul West Airport
Halkalı Merkez,
Tokel Sk. No:1,
34303 Küçükçekmece/İstanbul
Tel: 0090 212 404 0404
<https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-9815-ibis-istanbul-airport/index.shtml>

Note: this hotel is 50kms from the City centre.

1930 Dinner - included

Day 2 Tue 2 Jun - Drive to the Peninsula

0730 Depart Istanbul after breakfast with packed lunches and drive to Gallipoli Peninsula (5 to 6 hours depending on the traffic – it is best to get out of Istanbul as early as you can)

Naval Operations

Tekirdag sea front (fishing port) – Submarine Warfare in the sea of Marmara

Lunch break en route

Baklabrun (Bulair) Beach – RND Diversionary Operations

Kilitbhair – Namazgah Rampart - The Naval Campaign 4 Nov 14-18 Mar 15

Finish for the day and take boat to Canakkale

1930 Check into Hotel

Hotel Akol
Kordonboyu
Canakkale
0090 286 217 9456
www.hotelakol.com

2030 Evening meal in the Hotel

Day 3 Wed 3 Jun – Helles Landings

0830 Depart Canakkale

Achi Baba – Liman von Sander's Defensive Plan. Turkish defensive layout
Cape Helles
V Beach Landing of the Irish fusilier battalions

Light lunch Seddulbhair

Seddulbhair
W Beach (Lancashire Landing) short walk – Lancashire Fusiliers
X Beach (Implacable Landing) 1 Royal Fusiliers landing and subsequent operations

Finish for the day and take boat to Canakkale

1930 Dinner in the hotel - included

Day 4 Thu 4 Jun – The Krithia Offensives

0845 Depart from the hotel – or a later start this morning

First and Second Battles of Krithia

Light Lunch Alichtepe

Museum visit – Alichtepe

Third and Forth Battles of Krithia
Fusilier's Bluff
Act of Commemoration (location to be agreed)

Finish for the day and take boat to Canakkale

1930 Dinner in a local restaurant - included

Day 5 Fri 5 Jun – return Travel

0900 Depart hotel after breakfast

Drive to Istanbul

Light lunch en route

1530 Check in Istanbul Airport for return flights with Turkish Airlines

1735 **BA677 Flight to London**

1955 Flight arrives LHR T5

Tour Details

Group Name	RHQ The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers
Airline	British Airways
Outbound Flight Details	Date: Mon 1 June 2020 Dep. Airport: London Heathrow Dep. Time: 1025 Arrival Time: 1625 Arrival Airport: IST Flight No.: BA676
Return Flight Details	Date: Fri 5 June 2020 Dep. Airport: Istanbul Dep. Time: 1735 Arrival Time: 1955 Arrival Airport: LHR Flight No.: BA677
Baggage	Your cabin baggage restrictions are 56cm x 45cm x 25cm. Hold baggage has been booked with an allowance of 23kg.
Accommodation	Ibis Istanbul West Airport Halkalı Merkez, Tokel Sk. No:1, 34303 Küçükçekmece/İstanbul Hotel Akol Kordonboyu Canakkale
Meals	Full board with lunch from evening meal on day 1 to lunch on last day.
Other Tour Items	The services of 1 Anglia Tours Military Historian Coach and public transport (ferry) tickets for all transfers and visits Travel insurance (conditions apply) Pre-tour meeting Tour booklet
Entrance Fees	All entrances listed on the attached itinerary have been included

Package Tour Price

- £720 per paying person based on 35-39 paying passengers.
- Single room supplement: £100 per person per tour.

Notes:

This tour is slightly more expensive than the Cassino tour. It should be noted that the tour is a five-day tour and the flights to Turkey are more expensive.

RHQ is subsidising the cost of the tour by 20% for serving, veterans and their partners.

Reservations. There is a maximum of 38 places on the tour.

- **First deposits of £350 per paying person are due by Friday 25 October 2019.**
- **Final payment £370 is due by Friday 6 March 2020.**

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and are limited to a maximum of two places per member.

To secure your place or request further information then please email the Assistant Regimental Secretary, Captain (Retd) Andy Harris at asstregtsec@thefusiliers.org by 30 Sep 20.