



Cousins Tours and Travel Dardanelles Swim Tour 25th–31st August 2023

Our six night package is based in fascinating and exciting Turkey. Discover the highlights of cultural and historic Istanbul and Gallipoli before fulfilling your aquatic goals by swimming from Europe to Asia in the Dardanelles Swim.

25th August

Arrive Istanbul - transfer to your hotel in the historical area of Sultanahmet.

Spend the remainder of the day settling in and enjoying the scents, sounds, shopping and cuisine in the surrounding area.

Stay overnight in Istanbul

26th August

Breakfast in the hotel

Today will be an interesting day of discovery with a walking tour of the historically celebrated and breath-taking Aya Sophia mosque and the Blue mosque followed by the Grand Bazaar, one of the largest covered markets in the World with over 500 shops and 60 streets – you'll be in awe and sensory overload and definitely won't go home empty handed.

Stay overnight in Istanbul

27th August

In the morning we will visit Topkapi Palace, the royal residence of the Ottoman Sultans for over 400 years and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Rest your legs over lunch at a traditional Turkish restaurant in the old city of Istanbul (own expense) – optional.

In the afternoon enjoy a tour to the Egyptian Spice Bazaar which is full of colourful shops with mystical aromas followed by a Bosphorus cruise where you will experience this very important stretch of water between Europe and Asia.

Stay overnight in Istanbul

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28th August

Breakfast in the hotel

In the morning we will transfer to Gallipoli via bus. On arrival at this very important site you'll have some lunch and then a guided tour of Gallipoli. The comprehensive tour includes visits to the Kabatepe Museum, Brighton Beach, Beach Cemetery, Anzac Cove, Ariburnu Cemetery, Anzac Commemoration Site, Lone Pine Australian Memorial, Johnston's Jolly (Turkish and Allied trenches and Tunnels), The Nek as well as Chunuk Bair New Zealand Memorial. It's a terribly moving and educational experience.

After the tour we will cross the Dardanelles by ferry to reach Canakkale. The ferry follows the swim course - your chance to note important land marks and plan tactics.

Transfer to hotel.

Evening drinks to meet other international swim competitors.

Stay overnight in Canakkale

29th August

Breakfast in the hotel

In the morning there is an opportunity to visit a private beach, a short walk out of Çanakkale's bustling centre. Here you can get used to the conditions and take advice from our swim coaches on any last - minute preparations.

Optional guided tour to the ancient city of Troy.

Afternoon race briefing which is compulsory for all swimmers.

Stay overnight in Canakkale

30th August

Breakfast in the hotel.

The world's most concentrated shipping lane is closed to all traffic as we participate in the annual Turkish Remembrance Day Hellespont Swimming race. You can either 'race to win it' or just go along at your own pace and enjoy the experience of swimming in the wake of Leander & Byron. Our course over the crossing is similar to an ellipse as we compensate for a left sided current.

Following the swim, the awards ceremony and dinner is held to commemorate this wonderful and unique swimming event.

Stay overnight in Canakkale

31st August

Breakfast in the hotel.

Transfer to Istanbul

Tour prize for Pier to Perignon Valued at over \$5,000

Inclusions:

- Return economy airfare Melbourne/Istanbul/Melbourne.
- 6 night Dardanelles Swim Tour package.

Cousins Tours & Travel is an accredited travel agency/tour operator. The winner of this prize is welcome to discuss options with us for any pre or post tour travel arrangements.

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