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*Sample Tour: Turkey
Typical 7 Day Itinerary*

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Ben Lawries Travel creates tailor made school Battlefield Tours to a variety of overseas destinations. These tours are designed to bring the National Curriculum to life and to help pupils to gain a better understanding of past events. Detailed below is just one example.

Turkey: Battlefield Tour – 7 days

The Gallipoli Peninsula has had a long and remarkable history extending from before the Peloponnesian Wars. Its rugged landscape and historic towns provide the backdrop to the battlefields of 1915, places of heroism and sacrifice which are of immense national significance to the British and other soldiers who fought there.

Day 1 – Arrival Istanbul

Arrive mid-afternoon at Istanbul airport and transfer by private coach to your hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure. *Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.*

Day 2 – Istanbul – Canakkale

After breakfast depart by private coach for Canakkale and follow the Sea of Marmara connecting the Black Sea in the northeast and the Aegean Sea in the southwest. On arrival at Canakkale, after checking in to your hotel, proceed to take a sightseeing tour of the ancient city of Troy. Many believed Troy to be a mythological site until ruins were found in 1822 and later excavated between 1870 and 1890. Troy, first mentioned by Homer in the “Iliad” and later in the “Odyssey”, became a popular subject in history with recounts of stories regarding the sacking of Troy, the Trojan Horse and Helen of Troy, whose beauty launched a thousand ships. *Dinner and overnight in Canakkale.*

Day 3 – Canakkale

After breakfast take a full day tour of Canakkale located on Hellespoint, North West Turkey. The Dardanelles Strait is the most important geographical feature in the area as throughout history whoever controlled this gateway commanded a highly strategic area. During the First World War Britain and its Allies wanted to take Istanbul and to do so had to pass through the Dardanelles. The eight month long struggle between Allied and Turkish forces is known as the Battle of Gallipoli where both sides suffered major casualties. Today visit the Commonwealth Helles Memorial, W Beach, V Beach and the Turkish Defenses, French Memorial, Turkish Martyrs Memorial and the Lancashire Landing Cemetery. *Dinner and overnight in Canakkale.*

Day 4 – Canakkale

After breakfast take a full day tour of Canakkale and the area. Visit the ANZAC front, ANZAC Cove, the Anzac Commemorative Site, Brighton Beach, Kabatepe Museum, Johnstones Jolly and the Lone Pine Australian Memorial. *Dinner and overnight in Canakkale.*

Day 5 – Canakkale/Istanbul

After breakfast take a half day tour visiting Suvla Bay, Laba Cemetery, Hill 60 Cemetery, and Green Hill Cemetery before departing for Istanbul after lunch. This time travel back along the Sea of Marmara towards the Black Sea and Istanbul herself. *Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.*

Day 6 – Istanbul

After breakfast depart for a city tour of Istanbul. Visit Hagia Sophia from the Golden Age of Byzantine. This once Christian church is an extraordinary building in terms of architecture and plays a very important role in the Byzantine Empire and later as a mosque during the Ottoman Empire. Visit The Blue Mosque, one of the most prominent landmarks of Istanbul especially when viewed from the shore of the Sea of Marmara. Take in Topkapi Palace which was more than just the private residence of the Sultan and his court. It was the seat of the Supreme Executive and the Judiciary Council. Experience all the sights, sounds and aromatic smells in the historic city where Europe meets Asia. *Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.*



Day 7 – Departure Istanbul

After breakfast the morning is free for some last minute sight seeing and shopping before transferring to Istanbul Airport for your homeward flight.

Guide Prices £650 per person including flights ex Edinburgh based on 6 nights half board. Destination coach transfers and all excursion fees included.

The above itinerary is for illustration purposes only. All tours are tailor made to the requirements of the individual client.

Other Battlefield Tours

Ypres 6 days – £495 per person

