



# **PRE-08 Epic Chronicles of Çanakkale and the Dardanelles: From Troy to Gallipoli 9-12 NOVEMBER**

The Çanakkale region is a treasure trove of history and natural beauty, boasting iconic sites such as the legendary city of Troia, the poignant battlefields of the Gallipoli Peninsula, and the charming vineyards of Tekirdag. From ancient ruins to stunning landscapes, Çanakkale offers a unique blend of cultural heritage and scenic wonders waiting to be explored.





### **DAY 1 / 9 NOV SAT/ ARRIVAL**

Arrive at İstanbul Airport by 17:00 . Upon arrival, meet at the airport with SATW Conference logo sign transfer to Tekirdağ for about 2 hours to your hotel. Check in after refreshments, transfer to Barbare Wineyard for dinner between 20:00 – 21:30. Overnight Tekirdag Ramada Hotel. (D)

### **DAY 2 / 10 NOV SUN / ALEXANDRIA TROAS - TROIA**

After breakfast, check out from your hotel at 08:30, drive 2 hours to Çanakkale, and transfer to Alexandria Troas. This ancient city was an important port on the Aegean Sea and was visited by the Apostle Paul during his missionary journeys. We will explore the archaeological remains of this once-thriving city before continuing our journey to the Troia Museum. The museum houses a wealth of artifacts and exhibits relating to the ancient city of Troia, where the legendary Trojan War took place. After lunch at a local restaurant, we will visit the Troia Ancient City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This archaeological site contains the ruins of the city of Troia, immortalized in Homer's epic poems The Iliad and The Odyssey. We will wander through the ancient walls and gates, imagining the battles that once took place on these grounds. In the evening, we will enjoy a traditional Turkish dinner at Hayati Şef restaurant, before checking into our hotel in Çanakkale for the night. Overnight Doubletree Hilton. (B/L/D)

- All ancient cities are flat and easy to walk, tennis shoes will be perfect.







### **DAY 3 / 11 NOV MON/ GALLIPOLI**

After breakfast at the hotel, we check out at 08:30 and make our way to the Gallipoli Peninsula Historical Site. This iconic site holds immense significance as the location of the famous World War I battle of Gallipoli, where Allied forces fought against the Ottoman Empire in a grueling and tragic campaign. We will explore the memorials, cemeteries, and trenches that stand as a sobering reminder of the sacrifices made during this historic conflict. Following our visit, we will enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant before continuing to Istanbul which will take us about 3 hours. As we arrive in this vibrant and cosmopolitan city, we check into our hotel and settle in before enjoying dinner at Giritli restaurant. Overnight Eresin Sultanahmet. (B/L/D)

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### **DAY 4 /12 NOV TUE/ DEPARTURE**

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the convention hotel around 12:00. (B)

**What's Included:**

- All hotel accommodations as indicated in the itinerary, all taxes and breakfast included.
- All meals, as indicated: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner. (B/L/D)
- Water, soft drinks and limited alcoholic beverage with meals included.
- Professional English-speaking guide and all expenses.
- Air-conditioned tour bus with professional driver, minibus with 14 seats for 4-12 pax, Midibus with 31 seats for 13 - 15 pax.
- All tours and all group transfers as mentioned in itinerary.
- All parking fees and toll roads.
- Only hotel and restaurant tips, where meal is included.
- All entrance fees and admissions.
- Baggage handling.
- Domestic Flights.

**Not Included:**

- International flights
- Turkish bath, massage, etc.
- Visa to Türkiye.