

Proposal: Varsity College Senior School 2010 Tour of Anzac Cove & The Western Front in France



Who: Varsity College Senior School students (+ parents if Ed Qld guidelines allow)
Margaret Moore is keen to include the Tourism, Hospitality & Fine Foods students. The tour will be open to any student who wishes to go and can afford to do so.

What: 2.5 – 3 week tour of Anzac Cove and the Western Front in France

When: September 2010 – depending on the availability of flights eg: Last week Term 3 (Wk Beg. 13 Sept. – 8 Oct.)

Cost: Approx. \$5000 based on 2008 cost estimations by 1 tour operator. I am required to obtain 3 quotes. The quote does not include personal costs such as passports, visas, tips, entrances to museums or to tourist attractions (eg EuroDisney/Eiffel Tower), spending money

The 2010 proposed itinerary is as follows:

DATE	TRANSFERS / TOURS	ACCOMMODATION/ MEALS
Wed 15 Sept	Brisbane to Singapore - connecting flight to Turkey	
Thur 16 Sept	Arrive Istanbul , Turkey @ 0600 and transfer to hotel in the Old City. Small bottled water will be given upon arrival. (Rooms may not be available until 1200 noon.) Visit the Topkapi Palace for lunch and the Grand Bazaar . Overnight at the Pierre Loti Hotel. This hotel is a 3 star in the Old City in Istanbul. It is extremely central on the tram line, and nice. (Lunch = L, Dinner = D).	Pierre Loti Hotel, Sultanahmet (Old City), Istanbul. (or similar) (L at Topkapi Palace, D)
Fri 17 Sept.	Drive to Gallipoli Peninsula . Afternoon visit Kapetebe Museum, Anzac Cove and Ari Burnu, Beach Cemetery, Quinn's Post, The Nek and Chunuk Bair (NZ Memorial.) Opportunity to have a Ceremony at the Commemorative Anzac Site at North Beach. Cross Dardanelles by ferry, and overnight at Canakkale.	Iris Hotel, Canakkale (B, Boxed L, D)
Sat 18 Sept.	Gallipoli tour: On Gallipoli Peninsula, visit the Turkish, British and French Memorials at Cape Helles, and also Lone Pine . Overnight Canakkale. Dinner in local restaurant.	Iris Hotel, Canakkale (B, Boxed L, D)
Sun 19 Sept.	Tour Troy in the morning. Afternoon return to Istanbul. Dinner at Turquoise Restaurant with a Belly Dancer.	Pierre Loti Hotel, Sultanahmet. (B, D)
Mon 20 Sept.	Morning Tour Istanbul : Visit Hippodrome and Blue Mosque; Hagia Sophia and Yerebatan Cistern . Afternoon free for shopping or exploring).	As above (B)
Tues 21 Sept	Early transfer to the airport. Fly to Brussels Arrive Brussels, Belgium, and meet the professional Battlefields Guide. Drive by coach to Ypres , Belgium (Flanders), visiting Messine Ridge . Optional visit to the Cloth Hall Museum in Ypres, and have some free/shopping time. Evening participate in the Menin Gate Last Post Ceremony (time 1940hrs).	Sultan Hotel, Ypres (or similar). (B, D)
Wed 22 Sept	Full Day Sightseeing Tour . Visit the Hill 62 Battlefields Museum, Passchendale Battlefield, Polygon Wood 5 th Division Memorial, Tyne Cot Cemetery and Langemark German Cemetery.	As above (B)
Thur 23 Sept	Drive to the Somme Battlefields area in France. Visit Vimy Ridge and Fromelles (Cobbers Memorial and VC Corner). Visit Poziers (Windmill and Gibraltar) and Moquet Farm .	Hotel Moderne, Arras, or similar. (B)
Fri 24 Sept	Sightseeing in the Somme Battlefields . Visit the Red Baron Crash site near Corbie, Villers Bretonneux Adelaide Cemetery (exhumation site of the Unknown Australian Soldier, now in the Australian War Memorial), the Victoria School Museum and Australian Memorial .	As above. (B)
Sat 25 Sept	Sightseeing on the Somme Battlefields in the morning. Visit Bullecourt Museum and Digger Memorial. Drive to Paris, and drop at your Paris hotel.	Holiday Inn GC PTE Saint, Paris (3 star) or similar. (B)
Sun 26 Sept	Day available for Paris sightseeing.	As above (B)
Mon 27 Sept	Day available for Euro Disney or Paris/Palace of Versailles sightseeing. Farewell dinner.	As above (B, D)
Tues 28 Sept	Free in morning for shopping or sightseeing. Afternoon transfer to Charles de Gaulle Airport. Fly to Istanbul connecting to Singapore to arrive in Australia	