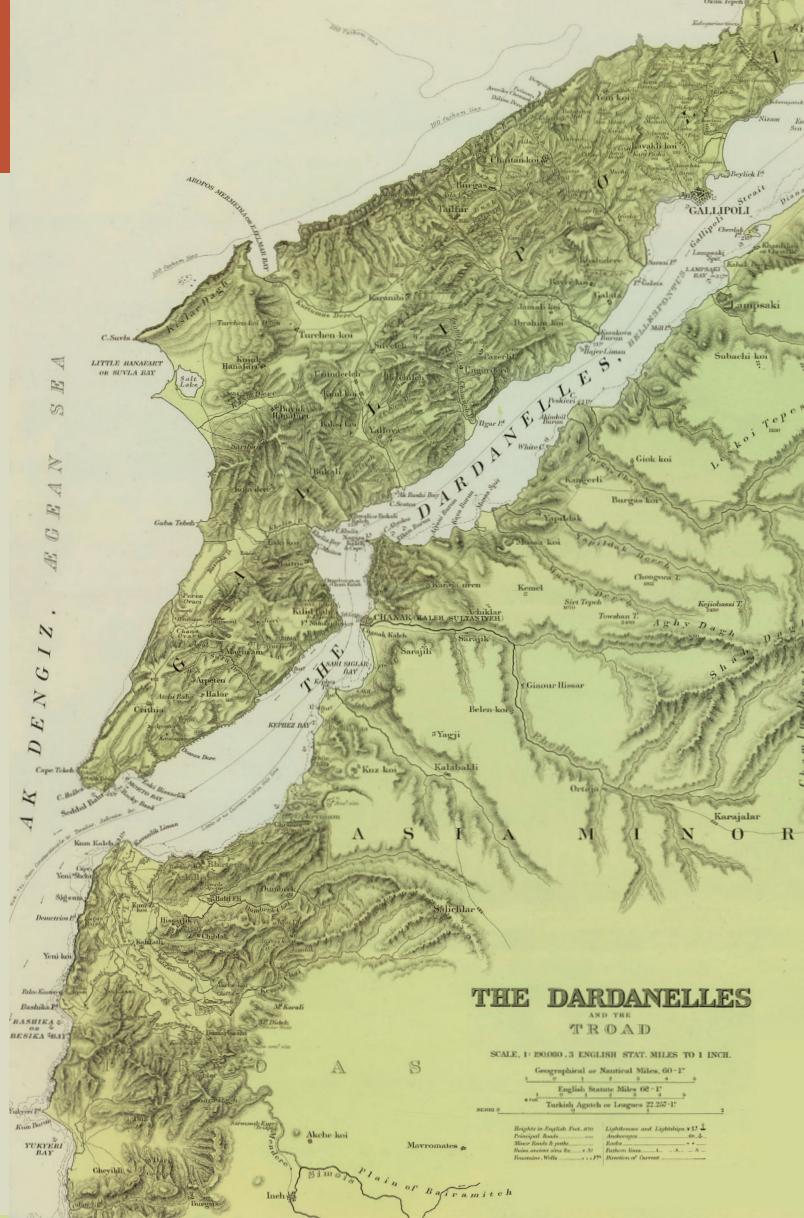


Fortress Study Group / Eternal Greece Ltd Dardanelles/Çanakkale (Turkey) Tour 2-8 May 2027

The FSG Dardanelles/Çanakkale 2027 tour is a specialist seven-day, six-night journey focused on the Ottoman fortifications of the Dardanelles, as well as gun emplacements and shore batteries. The tour is organised and operated by Eternal Greece Ltd.



Starting in Istanbul on 03 May 2027, with arrival and overnight in Istanbul on 02 May, the tour continues into the Gallipoli and Çanakkale region, combining major **fortress sites, coastal batteries, gun emplacements, memorial landscapes, museums** and a contextual **boat excursion** through the Dardanelles.



The provisional programme includes Cimpe Kalesi, Bigali Kalesi, Camburnu, Eceabat, Kilid Bahi, Namazgah, Rumeli Hamidiye, Rumeli Mecdiye, Yildiz, Hissarlik Burnu, the Turkish Memorial, Tott's Battery, Seddülahir, Ertugrul, V Beach, Helles Memorial, Helles French, Nara Burnu and Kalesi, Çanakkale Museum, Cimenlik Kalesi, Anadolu Hamidiye, Dardanos, Orhaniye, Kum Kale Cakaltepe, Mesudiye and Turgut Reis.

The full list of sites is in the following page.

The tour also includes a **boat excursion** between Seddülahir and Nara, possibly including Suvla and Küçükanafta, offering a wider geographical understanding of the straits and the defensive system that controlled them.



Çimpe Kalesi is one of four forts in the Bulair Lines, built across the Gallipoli peninsula in response to Russian threats during the Crimean War. Largely intact.

Bigalı Kalesi (recently restored), built in 1807 during the reign of Selim III. The site has been extensively restored in 2022 from a ruinous state close to its original state with 29 gun embrasures.

Çamburnu also built in 1807 with two embrasures, currently in a ruined state. The adjacent town of Eceabat includes the remains of an earlier coastal castle.

Kilitbahir Castle, built by Mehmet II opposite Çimenlik in 1462-63, was positioned at the narrows so cross-fire could control passage through the strait.

Namazgâh Battery, the first and largest late 19th century battery at the Dardanelles narrows. It later served as the 4th Heavy Artillery Regiment headquarters in 1915. Fully restored.

Rumeli Hamidiye Battery, adjacent to Namazgah, unrestored late 19th Century gun emplacements – *access to be determined*.

Rumeli Mecidiye Battery, a late 19th century work. One emplacement has a fully restored 240mm Krupp gun commemorating the battery personnel killed by Allied naval fire in March 1915.

Yıldız Battery, located on a hill above the strait and built for 150mm guns and 87mm mortars in the late 19th century.

Hisarlık Burnu is dominated by the Çanakkale **Martyrs' Memorial** above Morto Bay, within the site are a variety of defence works including **De Tott's Battery** (18th century) and a wide assortment of 20th century of ordinance.

Seddülbahir Castle, built with Kumkale in 1659 to guard the Dardanelles entrance, was heavily bombarded in 1914-15 and marks the start of the Gallipoli naval campaign. Was reconfigured in the late 19th century.

Ertuğrul Battery, late 19th Century work with emplacement for 240mm Krupp guns, overlooks **V Beach** at Cape Helles, 4.7 inch Armstrong, close to the Commonwealth **Helles Memorial** and the 25 April 1915 landing ground.

Helles Frence remains of four 240mm guns in a battery, emplaced to bombard Morto Bay. French cemetery.

Nara Burnu / Kalesi, built in 1807, Nara Battery stands on Nara Burnu opposite Bigalı and commands views towards both Marmara and the Aegean, it remains in military use so access must be confirmed.

The Çanakkale Naval Museum presents Turkish naval history, the 1915 Çanakkale naval victory and the fighting around the strait within the Çimenlik museum setting. A substantial artillery collection is on display.

Çimenlik Castle built by Mehmet II in 1452 opposite Kilitbahir to close the strait. It received emplacements in the late 19th century and later served as the Central Defence Group command centre in 1915.

Anadolu Hamidiye Battery, built in the early 1890s under Abdülhamid II, has been restored as a modern Çanakkale Wars history museum.

Dardanos Battery, played a vital role in resisting the Allied fleet on 18 March 1915, the shortened remains of the 150mm guns survive in the modern site.

Orhaniye Battery near Kumkale was built in the late 19th century to house 240mm Krupp guns, captured by the Allies in 1915, reworked in the 1930s and currently houses a 240mm Krupp, a British 6" and a smaller calibre gun.

Kumkale forms the Asian-side counterpart to Seddülbahir at the strait entrance, built in 1657 and reworked with new emplacements in the 19th Century, still in military hands. Two 1930s covered concrete emplacements are located at nearby Çakaltepe, still with their 6" guns mounted.

The Mesudiye or Baykuş Battery, two 6" guns still mounted.

Turgut Reis Battery at Güzelyalı/Çamtepe takes its name from guns removed from the former Ottoman battleship Turgut Reis. Two turrets with pairs of 280mm Krupp guns, still largely intact, were mounted there in the late 1930s.





The price is **GBP 1,685** per person sharing a double room,
or **GBP 1,775** for single occupancy.

The price includes :

- Air-conditioned **coach** transport from Istanbul to the Dardanelles region and back
- **Hotel** accommodation in Istanbul and Çanakkale
- **Breakfast, lunch and dinner**
- Expert **guiding** throughout
- The Dardanelles **boat trip**
- **Entry** tickets where applicable and **ferry** and **bridge crossings**

Exclusions:

- International travel to and from Turkey.
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions list.

The tour is priced at a **minimum** of **20 participants**, with a **deposit** of **GBP 400** required by 31 July after which date the deposit becomes non-refundable.

The balance is payable by 31 January 2027.

Deposit refunds are subject to a processing charge of GBP 25.

Remittances should be made to:

NatWest Bank, City Branch, 1 Princes st., London, United Kingdom

Beneficiary: Eternal Greece Ltd

Account number: 47526866

Sort code: 60-00-01



Accommodation is at specially-selected, European standard city hotels.

Transportation is by modern, air-conditioned coach, whilst the venues for lunch and dinner have been carefully chosen, not least with the hungry explorer in mind, but also to reflect the Turkish tradition where eating is central to social interaction and happy bonding.

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