



PREMIUM HOLIDAYS



invites you to join our military historian
Dr Maria Hill
on 3 fully-escorted luxury ANZAC tours

Premium holidays, the Mediterranean travel specialists, have designed three luxury Anzac tours to Turkey, Greece and Crete for April-May Anzac commemorations in 2012 that will excite the most discerning travellers who can choose to attend one, two or all three of the tours. Their "First Anzacs" (1915) tour has as its focus the commemorative visit to Anzac cove and the Gallipoli peninsular for 25 April 2012, combining it with a unique stay at the strategically important island of Lemnos, where 3 Australian Hospital was based, providing an exclusive writing workshop for those interested. A visit to the Greek island of Rhodes forms part of this amazing vacation, that includes an exploration of the most significant archaeological sites along Turkey's eastern coast. It is a 21 day tour departing from Australia on 11th April 2012.

The second time the Anzacs fought together was on mainland Greece in World War Two when Australian Officer Commanding - General Thomas Blamey formed the 1st Anzac Corp on 12 April 1941. The "2nd Anzacs" (1941) tour follows the footsteps of the 6th Australian division as they land in Athens and deploy to Northern Greece. This boutique tour takes you to locations not frequented by tourists, including famous Fort Rupel, part of the fortifications built by General Metaxas to protect Greece's northern border with Bulgaria. It also stops at towns where Anzacs were deployed such as Volos, Veria and Vevi in the north, where a wreath laying will take place at the memorial at Xino Nero. It also passes through villages that helped soldiers trapped behind enemy lines, such as Ritini near the town of Katerini. After reaching the town of Florina near Albania

it heads south following the allied retreat to the Peloponnese and the beaches where the troops were evacuated such as Kalamata, Monemvasia and Nafplion, incorporating visits to archaeological as well as Byzantine sites like Olympia, Epidaurvros and Mystras. Consisting of 18 days this tour departs on 29 April 2012 from Australia.

The "Battle of Crete" tour to commemorate the 71st anniversary of the campaign involves attendance at moving commemoration ceremonies on Crete at Rethymnon where the Australians fought, Suda Bay the landing spot for all the allied forces on Crete, Galatas where the New Zealand commemoration is held as well as Heraklion, Sfakia and Prevali Monastery. It is an 18 day tour, commencing on 15 May 2012 from Australia, concluding with three days on the island of Santorini.

Premium Holidays aim to provide a unique cultural experience with a stimulating lecture program presented by military historian Dr Maria Hill, a graduate of the Australian Defence Force Academy and author of *Diggers and Greeks: the Australian Campaigns in Greece and Crete*, shortlisted for the 2010 Queensland Premier's Literary Awards and guest speaker at the 2011 Brisbane Writers Festival. Maria will supply reading lists, briefings as well as conducting writing workshops for each of the tours.



OFFERING HIGH QUALITY 4- AND 5-STAR ACCOMMODATION AND RETURN AIRFARES AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE

1ST ANZACS (1915) TOUR

WWI Gallipoli & Lemnos
Rhodes, Izmir & Istanbul

Take part in the commemorations at Anzac Cove including an exclusive visit to the island of Lemnos and a Bosphorus cruise.

21 days **\$6990pp***

11 April 12-1 May 12

*Rate includes return airfares ex Australia

2ND ANZACS (1941) TOUR

Northern Greece &
Peloponnese Tour

Follow the footsteps of the Anzacs north to Veria Pass and south to the evacuation beaches at Kalamata.

18 days **\$6290pp***

29 April 12-16 May 12

*Rate includes return airfares ex Australia

BATTLE OF CRETE (1941) TOUR

71 Anniversary Tour for the
Battle of Crete

Take part in the commemorations at Chania, Suda Bay, Rethymnon and Heraklion. Includes 3 days on Santorini.

18 days **\$6490pp***

15 May 12-1 June 12

*Rate includes return airfares ex Australia

2 or more tours can be combined and a brochure can be emailed. For more information and to book, please contact Premium Holidays
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Dr Maria Hill is a professional historian and is an expert on the Greek and Crete campaigns. She has an Honours, Masters and PhD in History from the University of NSW. In 2003, she was awarded a Commonwealth Centenary medal for her contribution to Education and an Army History grant to conduct research for her book, *Diggers and Greeks: the Australian Campaigns in Greece and Crete*, published by UNSW Press in March 2010. It examines the relationship that was forged between Australian soldiers and Greek people in 1941 and was shortlisted for the 2010 Queensland Premier's Literary Awards.