

# Gallipoli 2015

Gelibolu

## GALLIPOLI BALLOT FAQ

### ***Why is there going to be a ballot?***

We need to manage attendance numbers – it's estimated up to 40,000 people from both sides of the Tasman are interested in attending Anzac Day services in Gallipoli on 25 April 2015. But, as the site is a small area surrounded by sea and steep terrain, it can comfortably and safely hold only about a quarter of that number. The Australian, New Zealand and Turkish governments have agreed to allow 10,500 people at the 25 April 2015 commemorations.

### ***When can I apply?***

The ballot is likely to open for applications on 1 November 2013.

### ***How do I register for the ballot?***

It is likely the ballot will be an online ballot. Details will be publicly advised later in the year, prior to the balloting opening.

### ***What is a direct descendant?***

The direct descendants of a soldier who served at Gallipoli are his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren etc. Nephews/nieces or great-nephews/nieces are not considered direct descendants for this ballot.

### ***What are the criteria to be considered a veteran?***

An individual who served overseas and holds the New Zealand War Service Medal 1939-45 or the New Zealand Operational Service Medal is considered a veteran for the purposes of the Gallipoli ballot. The individual's service must have been as a member of the New Zealand Armed Forces.

### ***If I am both a descendant and a veteran, can I apply in both categories?***

Yes.

### ***Can direct Gallipoli descendants/veterans enter the general category?***

Yes, if you are unsuccessful in the direct descendant or veteran ballot, you will automatically be entered in the general ballot.

### ***Why has New Zealand only 2000 places and Australia 8000?***

The allocation ratio is based on the relative number of casualties suffered by New Zealand and Australia during the Gallipoli campaign in 1915.

***When will I be advised if I am successful in the ballot?***

The ballot will be held in early 2014, and those successful in the ballot will be advised in April 2014. A waitlist will also be created, the tickets for which will be drawn from those successful in the ballot but unable to attend.

***I have a New Zealand passport but live in Australia. Am I eligible for the ballot?***

Yes. All New Zealand citizens and holders of New Zealand permanent resident visas (regardless of where they currently reside) are eligible to participate in the New Zealand-run ballot.

***I have already booked a Gallipoli 2015 tour with a travel agency; do I still have to enter the ballot to attend the Anzac Day 2015 commemorations?***

Yes. No allocations are available for commercial operators, only individuals. If you have booked a tour, you will need to apply for a pass through the ballot. You should bear in mind that you may be unsuccessful in the ballot.

***My partner is not a New Zealand citizen. If I am successful in the ballot can I take my partner with me?***

There are no citizenship restrictions for the second attendance pass. A person who is successful in the ballot can give the second attendance pass to whomever he or she wishes.

***Are there facilities for people with disabilities at Gallipoli?***

The Anzac Commemorative Sites are difficult to access for individuals who require special assistance. Limited assisted mobility passes are provided so that individuals requiring special assistance are seated in the assisted mobility stands, and have seats on the assisted mobility shuttles. These shuttles move between all the Anzac Commemorative Sites. The level of this support will be increased for 2015 to take account of the likely increased numbers of people requiring special assistance.

***How will the two Governments ensure that those who are successful in the ballot actually attend the commemoration?***

The two Governments will maintain ongoing communication with those successful in the ballot to confirm they will be travelling. Individuals who do not provide confirmed travel arrangements by a specified date will have their entitlement to an attendance pass cancelled. The attendance pass will be then reissued to the next person on the waitlist.

More answers to frequently asked questions can be found at:  
[www.gallipoli2015.govt.nz](http://www.gallipoli2015.govt.nz)