

# KAKADU SPLENDOUR

## THE GHAN

DEPARTURE MONDAY

The rail journey from Alice Springs to Darwin connects you with some incredible landscapes and an Off Train Excursion along the way. For an even deeper connection with nature, our Kakadu Splendour itinerary takes you to the heart of this World Heritage wonderland.

### INCLUSIONS

- 2 days/1 nights aboard The Ghan, Alice Springs to Darwin, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Excursion in Katherine
- Transfer from Darwin Rail Terminal to Hotel
- 3 nights accommodation in Darwin including breakfast daily
- Half day Darwin City Sights tour
- 2 days/1 night Kakadu and East Alligator River including accommodation and guided touring
- 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner

### HIGHLIGHTS

- View the 19 aircraft on display at the Darwin Aviation Museum
- See the largest permanent display of Aboriginal artwork
- Stroll the George Brown Botanic Gardens
- Visit Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre
- Cruise Yellow Water Billabong in search of saltwater crocodiles
- Discover the beauty of Nourlangie and Ubirr
- Go ashore in Arnhem Land

### DAY 1 BOARD THE GHAN IN ALICE SPRINGS

Today you follow in the footsteps of history as you board The Ghan on your way to Darwin. Before long you'll be mingling with fellow travellers in the Outback Explorer Lounge and preparing for a sumptuous three-course dinner accompanied by fine wine.

OVERNIGHT: The Ghan (D)

### DAY 2 THE GHAN, KATHERINE AND DARWIN

When the landscape transforms into the tropics as you head further north, prepare to experience one of the Top End's most impressive natural wonders near Katherine. The stunning Nitmiluk Gorge lies within the massive 292,000 hectares of the Nitmiluk National Park. You'll have the chance to explore it from the water with guided cruise options - an Off Train Excursion you'll never forget. A few hours later, you'll arrive in Darwin for a transfer to your accommodation.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Rydges Darwin Central (B,L)

### DAY 3 DARWIN

This morning take a stroll around Darwin, taking in the fascinating history at your leisure before joining your afternoon City Sights tour. This afternoon your tour will take in the best of this tropical city, highlights including the Stokes Hill Wharf area, Botanic Gardens and the Chinese Temple, the Mooring Basin, and Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory plus Darwin Aviation Museum. (B)

### DAY 4 DARWIN TO KAKADU NATIONAL PARK

It's time to visit one of the world's most incredible natural environments. As you travel along the Arnhem Highway south-east of Darwin the anticipation builds. Soon you'll be in the heart of the world famous Kakadu National Park enjoying a full day of immersive experiences. You'll cruise the Yellow Water Billabong, search for saltwater crocodiles,

see a variety of informative displays depicting the rich Aboriginal history of the area at the Warradjan Cultural Centre, and be guided to ancient rock art galleries at Nourlangie.

OVERNIGHT: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel (B,L)

#### **DAY 5 KAKADU NATIONAL PARK TO DARWIN**

At the World Heritage area Ubirr, your guide will reveal extraordinary art sites of spiritual significance to local Indigenous people dating back more than 20,000 years. On your way to join the Guluyambi Cruise on the East Alligator River, you'll visit a stunning lookout to take in the majestic vistas of the renowned Kakadu wetlands. Later, with special permission of the traditional owners, enjoy the privilege of going ashore in Arnhem Land. To cap off an enriching day, you'll visit the Bowali Visitor Centre before returning to Darwin.

OVERNIGHT: Rydges Darwin Central (L)

#### **DAY 6 FAREWELL**

Your Top End experience comes to an end this morning as you farewell Darwin and check out of your accommodation after breakfast. (B)