



SOUTH AUSTRALIA WINE AND WILDLIFE

THE GHAN EXPEDITION

DARWIN TO ADELAIDE | DEPARTING WEDNESDAY
(APRIL TO OCTOBER)

South Australia is something of a hidden hotspot when it comes to fine food, wonderful wine and a plethora of wildlife. These highlights paired with the iconic journey of The Ghan Expedition between Darwin and Adelaide make for an unforgettable experience as you sample the bounty of the fertile soils of South Australia, meet the locals on Kangaroo Island, and travel from the red ochre of the outback through spectacular regional South Australian countryside.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights aboard The Ghan Expedition, Darwin to Adelaide, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Katherine, Alice Springs and Coober Pedy
- Transfer from Adelaide Parklands Terminal to hotel
- 2 nights' accommodation in Adelaide, including breakfast daily
- The Iconic Penfolds Experience tour, including a three-course lunch with matching wines
- 2 nights Kangaroo Island in Style tour, including flights to and from the Island, accommodation, most meals and personalised touring
- Return Hotel to airport transfers in Adelaide to meet the return flight
- 2 nights' accommodation in Adelaide, including breakfast daily
- 1 day Northern Barossa Valley Voyager tour, including tastings and lunch
- 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 5 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the ancient Nitmuluk Gorge in Katherine
- Dine under the stars at the old Telegraph Station in Alice Springs
- Explore underground living in Cooper Pedy and admire the Breakaways
- Visit the original Grange Cottage at Penfolds
- See Penfolds underground cellars
- Indulge in an exclusive selection of Penfolds' most coveted wines

- Wildlife experience at Seal Bay Conservation Park
- Explore Flinders Chase National Park, Admirals Arch and Remarkable Rocks
- Discover the history of the Barossa Valley
- Enjoy cellar door tastings, and a beautiful 2 course lunch with a glass of wine to accompany it

DAY 1 – BOARD THE GHAN EXPEDITION IN DARWIN

Settle into the comforts of The Ghan, by relaxing in your cabin or mingling with fellow travellers in the Outback Explorer Lounge. Enjoy lunch ahead of your Off Train Experience in Katherine. In a region renowned for jaw-dropping natural assets, Katherine boasts one of the Top End's best – the incredible Nitmiluk Gorge. (L, D)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights The Ghan

DAY 2 – THE GHAN EXPEDITION, ALICE SPRINGS

After breakfast, you'll arrive in Alice Springs with plenty of time to explore the iconic town in the red heart of Australia. Prepare for a day of fascinating Off Train Experiences and, in the evening, meet the rest of your fellow guests at a spectacular dinner under a million stars at the historic Alice Springs Telegraph Station. (B, L, D)

DAY 3 – THE GHAN EXPEDITION, COOBER PEDY

From your morning stop at the outback outpost of Manguri, you'll venture into the unusual opal mining township of Coober Pedy, where more than half of the residents live underground. Here, you'll enjoy a day of discovery, and a gourmet lunch in the most unique of locations: underground. Discover the incredible diversity of Coober Pedy's spectacular Breakaways on a guided walking tour, taking in the colourful low hills that appear from a distance and look as if they have 'broken away' from the higher ground of the reserve. The landscape was once an inland sea and over time has been transformed into a dramatic landscape that changes colour with the passing of the sun, creating an almost surreal panorama. Dinner is served back on the train, where you can enjoy a nightcap as your journey continues. (L, D)



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DAY 4 – THE GHAN EXPEDITION, ADELAIDE

This morning you'll see a dramatic change in landscape as the rich ochre tones of the outback make way for the green fields of South Australia. Enjoy a leisurely brunch as you pass through the majestic Flinders Ranges before your arrival into Adelaide, completing one of the world's great rail journeys.

Check in to your accommodation then enjoy the rest of your day at leisure as you explore the food and wine capital of South Australia. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Sofitel Adelaide

DAY 5 – PENFOLDS MAGILL ESTATE

As far as gourmet experiences go, today you are about to indulge in one of Australia's best. The legendary Penfolds Magill Estate, where some of the world's great wines are produced, is your venue for an epicurean adventure you'll never forget.

Make your way from the hotel to Penfolds Magill Estate by your own arrangements, ready to enjoy tastings, including Grange, in the Estate's private rooms, before heading to the Magill Estate Cellar Door for a sumptuous lunch. (B, L)

DAY 6 – ADELAIDE - KANGAROO ISLAND

Please note: Day 6, 7 & 8 on Kangaroo Island may be interchanged subject to operations of tour partners

Depart from Adelaide Airport for your flight to magical Kangaroo Island, where you will be met by your guide. Then, begin your two days on Kangaroo Island enjoying the 'Island Life' tour. Island Life provides a taste of the way of life in this bucolic spot, where things take time, drivers' wave as they go by and passers-by stop for a chat.

Have a cuppa with some home-made treats before taking a walk down a country track through towering Eucalyptus trees, where koalas snooze overhead or chew languidly on leaves. Listen for the sounds of the bush – brightly coloured honeyeaters and brilliant parrots, cicadas or perhaps just the sound of silence. You'll travel through the Island's most productive countryside to the north coast and walk through the bush with your guide, learning what makes that noise and whose tracks those are. Watch for

small wallabies, a kangaroo found only on Kangaroo Island, and a variety of other birds, plants and animals.

Lunch is at a private bush camp, where you'll enjoy a delicious meal featuring King George whiting – a local sea fish, fresh salads and fine South Australian wines.

At Seal Bay Conservation Park, take a private tour with your guide among Australian sea lions on a beautiful sandy beach. Watch pups nursing or playing in the surf and old bulls bearing the scars of territorial disputes and learn about their unique breeding biology.

After a day of touring, you will return to your accommodation, with dinner included at your hotel. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Aurora Ozone Hotel Kangaroo Island

DAY 7 – KANGAROO ISLAND

Begin the day travelling through some of the regenerating landscapes of Kangaroo Island. Learn about fire ecology and how nature deals with this natural hazard. Some of the native flora species only flower following fire.

Travel into Flinders Chase National Park and explore the massive shapes of Remarkable Rocks, a natural sculpture perched impossibly on top a granite dome plunging into the ocean

Break for an elegant picnic lunch in the bush, or if weather permits, on a spectacular clifftop. Lunch features marinated poached chicken, fresh salads, cheeses accompanied by local wine, beer, soft drinks and spring water.

Evidence of the power of the Southern Ocean swell continues at Admirals Arch – a coastal grotto which provides a haul out for a large colony of Long-nosed fur seals which swim effortlessly through crashing waves.

After your last day of touring you will be returned to your accommodation, with dinner included at your hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 – KANGAROO ISLAND - ADELAIDE

After breakfast and check out, you'll be transferred to the airport for your return flight to Adelaide. Upon arrival into Adelaide you will be transferred to your city accommodation.



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The evening is free to explore some of Adelaide's many dining and entertainment precincts. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Sofitel Adelaide

DAY 9 – BAROSSA VALLEY

Today, your boutique wine and food touring continues with a visit to the historic Northern Barossa, with its 80 cellar doors. Enjoy running commentary from your driver as you make your way towards the fabulous Barossa Valley region and prepare to visit one of the oldest vineyards in the world, where Shiraz vines were planted in 1843.

Throughout the day, you will be guided through some of the best wines South Australia has to offer. Tours are small groups up to 8 people only, to ensure a relaxed and unhurried day. Whether you prefer red or white, there will be something to tantalise and delight, with tastings at three wineries and a delicious lunch with an accompanying glass of wine. (B, L)

DAY 10 – FAREWELL

After breakfast, check out of your accommodation, finishing your epicurean adventure. (B)