



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA WINE AND WILDLIFE

### THE GHAN

DARWIN TO ADELAIDE | DEPARTURE WEDNESDAY

March / November 2024 departures only

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 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

- 2 nights aboard The Ghan, Darwin to Adelaide, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Katherine, Alice Springs and Manguri
- Transfer from Adelaide Parklands Terminal to hotel
- 3 nights' accommodation in Adelaide, including breakfast daily
- 1 day Northern Barossa Valley Voyager tour, including tastings and lunch
- 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
- 1 nights' accommodation in Adelaide, including breakfast
- 8 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 4 dinners

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the majesty of Nitmiluk Gorge
- Explore the outback outpost of Alice Springs
- Discover the history of the Barossa Valley
- Enjoy cellar door tastings, and a delicious lunch with a glass of wine to accompany it.
- 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

#### DAY 1 – BOARD THE GHAN IN DARWIN

This morning, board and 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: 2 nights The Ghan

#### DAY 2 – ALICE SPRINGS

Your arrival into Alice Springs after breakfast provides time to explore the iconic town in the red heart of Australia. Your Off Train Experience choices today include visiting the spectacular Alice Springs Desert Park and Reptile Centre, walking Simpsons Gap, or exploring the historic Telegraph Station and Royal Flying Doctor Service. (B, L, D)

#### DAY 3 – THE GHAN, 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 after exploring the food and wine capital of South Australia at your leisure. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Sofitel Adelaide

#### DAY 4 – BAROSSA VALLEY

Today, your boutique wine and food touring commences 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



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be something to tantalise and delight, with tastings at three wineries and a delicious lunch with an accompanying glass of wine. (B, L)

### 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. Begin your two days of touring on Kangaroo Island 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. Then you'll break for an elegant picnic lunch in the bush, or if weather permits, on a spectacular cliff-top. Evidence of the power of the Southern Ocean swell continues at Admirals Arch – a coastal grotto that provides a haul out for a large colony of Long-nosed Fur Seals, which swim effortlessly through the crashing waves.

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

Today, enjoy 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 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

This morning you'll be transferred to the airport for your return flight to Adelaide, then arriving in Adelaide you will be transferred to your CBD accommodation.

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

**OVERNIGHT:** 1 night Sofitel Adelaide

### DAY 9 – FAREWELL

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