



TASTE OF THE TOP END

THE GHAN

ALICE SPRINGS TO DARWIN | DEPARTURE MONDAY
(Additional departures on Thursday April - October)

The rail journey from Alice Springs to Darwin connects you with incredible landscapes and an Off Train Experience along the way. From here explore spectacular Litchfield National Park, see the famous jumping crocodiles then toast the Top End's legendary sunsets on a sunset cruise on Darwin Harbour Cruises' Charles Darwin catamaran, while enjoying dinner.

INCLUSIONS

- 2 Days aboard The Ghan, Alice Springs to Darwin, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experience in Katherine
- Transfer from Darwin Rail Terminal to hotel
- 4 nights' accommodation in Darwin, including breakfast daily
- Darwin Harbour Sunset Dinner Cruise
- Half day Jumping Crocs and Nature Adventure including Jumping Crocodile Cruise and touring
- Full day Litchfield National Park Waterfalls, including lunch and touring
- 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a delicious dinner of local seafood and produce with a breathtaking tropical sunset view on your Darwin Harbour Cruise
- Get close to prehistoric crocodiles
- Be impressed by the array of native birdlife
- Enjoy a view of a wetland ecosystem up close at the Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve
- Take in the splendour of thundering falls, pockets of rainforest and historic sites of Litchfield National Park
- Discover the incredible architecture of the termite mounds
- View the spectacular double waterfalls of Florence Falls
- Marvel at the water cascading into the deep waterhole at the base of Tolmer Falls
- Swim in the rock pools of Wangi Falls

DAY 1 – BOARD THE GHAN IN ALICE SPRINGS

Today, 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 on board dinner, accompanied by fine wines. (D)

OVERNIGHT: 1 night The Ghan

DAY 2 – THE GHAN, KATHERINE AND DARWIN

As you head further north into the tropics, 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 Experience you'll never forget. A few hours later, you'll arrive in Darwin and transfer to your accommodation. (B,L)

OVERNIGHT: 4 nights Oaks Darwin Elan Hotel

DAY 3 – LEISURE DAY, DARWIN HARBOUR DINNER CRUISE

Today is yours to explore Darwin at your leisure. This evening enjoy a dinner cruise on Darwin Harbour aboard a modern and spacious catamaran in air-conditioned comfort. View the famous Darwin sunset while enjoying a delicious Territory-style dinner. (B,D)

DAY 4 – JUMPING CROCODILES

This morning is free for you to explore Darwin at your leisure. Perhaps make your way down to the waterfront and enjoy the tropical Darwin weather. Much of Darwin's action happens along its revitalised waterfront, which is lined with restaurants, shops, sandy lagoons and parklands.

This afternoon, your jumping croc adventure begins. Just 60 km from Darwin lies the Adelaide River, home to more than 1600 crocodiles and the location of the famous Jumping Crocodiles. Travel down the Stuart Highway to the Adelaide River. Cruise the river and thrill as these awesome creatures launch themselves out of the water. The cruise will enable you to see these prehistoric creatures at close range. Afterwards, continue to the Fogg Dam Nature Reserve to see a wetland ecosystem up close. (B)



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DAY 5 – LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK

Litchfield National Park contains several types of typical Top End habitats, including lush monsoon forests, termite mounds, unusual rock formations, waterfalls, and cascades. The first stop of the day is Florence Falls, where you have the opportunity to take a scenic interpretive bush and monsoon vine forest walk. There is also the possibility for a swim by making your way down the stairs to the plunge pool below. Travel on to Tolmer Falls for a magnificent view of the water cascading to the deep waterhole. To finish the day, you will visit Wangi Falls, with its large, crystal-clear pool, another relaxing spot for a swim. This is a great day for photography, including the amazing stand of termite mounds. (B,L)

DAY 6 – FAREWELL

This morning after breakfast, check out of your hotel as your adventure comes to its end, leaving you with memories of awe-inspiring landscapes and unique Top End and outback experiences that will last a lifetime. (B)