

# TASTE OF THE TOP END

## THE GHAN

ADELAIDE TO DARWIN | DEPARTURE SUNDAY (Additional departures on Wednesday April - October)

Step aboard The Ghan in Adelaide and experience the wonders of Alice Springs and Katherine on your way to Darwin. 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**

- 3 Days aboard The Ghan, Adelaide to Darwin, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Marla, Alice Springs and 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
- 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a delicious dinner of local seafood and produce with a sunset view on your Darwin Harbour Cruise
- Get close to the prehistoric crocodiles
- Be impressed by the amazing 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, rainforest pockets and sacred 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 down into the deep waterhole at the base of Tolmer Falls
- Swim in the rock pools of Wangi Falls

### DAY 1 - BOARD THE GHAN IN ADELAIDE

Depart Adelaide aboard The Ghan. Watch the passing scenery and marvel as the spectacular Flinders Ranges disappear into the horizon. This evening, relax and enjoy the comforts of the lounge and dine in the restaurant with an enticing range of menu options. (L,D)

**OVERNIGHT: 2 nights The Ghan** 

### DAY 2 - THE GHAN, ALICE SPRINGS

Wake up with a coffee or juice and witness an unforgettable sunrise off train at Marla, in the remote reaches of South Australia. After more incredible outback scenery, arrive in Alice Springs early in the afternoon and join an Off Train Experience to explore the many facets of this historic outback city. (B,L,D)

## DAY 3 – THE GHAN, KATHERINE AND DARWIN

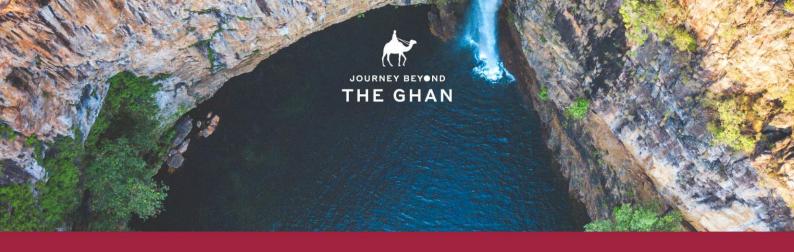
Today you will discover the wonders of Nitmiluk Gorge with a variety of Off Train Excursions to choose from. The stunning Nitmiluk Gorge lies within the massive 292,000 hectares of the Nitmiluk National Park. You'll have the chance to explore it from the water with guided cruise options - an Off Train Experience you'll never forget.

Having worked up an appetite with your morning adventures, make your way to the restaurant for a late lunch. Continue into the lounge before arriving in Darwin and transferring to your accommodation. (B,L)

**OVERNIGHT:** 4 nights Oaks Darwin Elan Hotel

### DAY 4 – 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)



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#### **DAY 5 – 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)

# DAY 6 - 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. First stop of the day is Florence Falls, where you have the opportunity for a scenic and interpretive bush and monsoon vine forest walk. There is also a chance 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 down 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. A great day for taking many fascinating photos, including the amazing stand of termite mounds. (B,L)

### DAY 7 – FAREWELL

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