

## RED CENTRE SPECTACULAR

### THE GHAN

DARWIN TO ADELAIDE | DEPARTING WEDNESDAY

*\*Valid for departures in March 2024 only*

Immerse yourself in the Northern Territory's breathtaking natural wonders and settle into The Ghan's gentle rhythm as you travel through the country on this spectacular 10-day journey. From exploring the West MacDonnell Ranges to taking your place beside spiritual Uluru and Kata Tjuta, you'll soon understand why people travel great distances to see the Territory's remarkable landscapes and icons.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 1 night aboard The Ghan Darwin to Alice Springs, including all meals and beverages and Off Train Experiences in Katherine and Alice Springs
- Transfer from Alice Springs Rail terminal to hotel
- 1 night Alice Springs accommodation including breakfast
- 5 nights intimate small group touring with Outback Spirit Tours traveling onboard a state of the art 4WD Mercedes-Benz vehicle including accommodation, meals and guided touring
- 1 night Alice Springs accommodation including breakfast
- Transfer from hotel to Alice Springs Rail Terminal
- 1 night aboard The Ghan Alice Springs to Adelaide, including all meals and beverages and Off Train Experience in Manguri
- 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the incredible rugged beauty of Australia's Red Centre
- Visit Kings Canyon for a guided scenic walk and journey through the West MacDonnell Ranges, visiting Stanley Chasm and Ormiston Gorge
- Visit World Heritage Listed Uluru and enjoy a guided base tour
- Early risers will experience the magic and beauty of the sun rising over Uluru
- Dine under the stars at the 'Sounds of Silence' dining experience
- Explore the rock formations of Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) and Walpa Gorge

- Admire the internationally acclaimed 'Field of Light' display at Uluru and watch as it illuminates the desert night with dazzling effect

#### DAY 1 – BOARD THE GHAN IN DARWIN

Settle into the comforts of The Ghan, relax in your cabin or mingle with fellow travellers in the Outback Explorer Lounge. Sit down to lunch on board 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:** 1 night The Ghan

#### DAY 2 – THE GHAN, ARRIVE ALICE SPRINGS

After breakfast you'll arrive into Alice Springs, where a day of fascinating experiences awaits you. Once your experience is complete, you will be transferred to your hotel to enjoy the evening at leisure. (B)

**OVERNIGHT:** 1 night DoubleTree by Hilton Alice Springs

#### DAY 3 – ALICE SPRINGS

Today heralds the start of your 5-night Red Centre adventure with Outback Spirit Tours. Early afternoon, you will be met by your friendly and professional crew before touring Alice Springs, including Anzac Hill, and learning about this unique outback town before dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

**OVERNIGHT:** 1 night DoubleTree by Hilton Alice Springs

#### DAY 4 – ALICE SPRINGS TO KINGS CANYON

Today, depart Alice Springs and travel the Mereenie Loop through the Western MacDonnell Ranges. Visit Standley Chasm and Ormiston Gorge before arriving at Kings Canyon. (B,L,D)

**OVERNIGHT:** 2 nights Kings Canyon Resort

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### DAY 5 – KINGS CANYON, WATARRKA NATIONAL PARK

Experience the wonders of the majestic Kings Canyon with your choice of walk, including the 6km rim walk, featuring breathtaking views of the Watarrka National Park or the less arduous 2.6km walk along the canyon floor. Upon returning to the resort this afternoon, there is an opportunity to take a helicopter flight over Kings Canyon and the Watarrka National Park.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Additional costs are applicable and weight limits apply to all scenic flights. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6 – KINGS CANYON TO ULURU

Pass through Kings Creek Station and enjoy an informative paper talk and lunch at Curtin Springs, before arriving at Uluru. Enjoy this evening's unique 'Sounds of Silence' dining experience under the stars. Beginning with canapes and chilled sparkling wine, listen to the sound of the didgeridoo and the resident star talker decode the southern night sky while enjoying a premium bush tucker inspired menu. (B,L,D)

**OVERNIGHT:** 2 nights Sails in the Desert Hotel

### DAY 7 – ULURU KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK

Early risers will experience the sun rising over Uluru and the colours of dawn spreading across the landscape. After breakfast, head off to discover Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) and admire the stunning rock formations on a guided walk into Walpa Gorge. Learn about traditional Anangu culture on a guided tour around the base of Uluru.

This evening head to an exclusive dune top location with majestic views of Uluru. Enjoy drinks and canapes as artist Bruce Munro's global phenomenon 'Field of Light' comes to life before heading off to explore the stunning display via dedicated pathways.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Dinner this evening will be at approximately 9pm. (B,L,D)

### DAY 8 – ULURU TO ALICE SPRINGS

After a leisurely breakfast set your sights for Alice Springs. Pause at Mount Conner, known as the third desert giant before arriving at your hotel in Alice Springs this afternoon. (B,L)

**OVERNIGHT:** 1 night DoubleTree by Hilton Alice Springs

### DAY 9 – THE GHAN, ALICE SPRINGS

Checking out after breakfast, the day is yours to explore Alice Springs before returning to your hotel to join a scheduled transfer to the Alice Springs Rail Station to rejoin the Ghan. (B,D)

**OVERNIGHT:** 1 night The Ghan

### DAY 10 – THE GHAN, ARRIVE 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. After completing the famous north-south crossing of the interior you will arrive into Adelaide, with memories of one of the world's great travel experiences. (B)