

## DISCOVER ALICE SPRINGS

### THE GHAN

DARWIN TO ALICE SPRINGS

DEPARTING WEDNESDAY

(MARCH AND NOVEMBER)

5 Days / 4 Nights

Embark on a mesmerising journey aboard The Ghan, where you'll surrender to the soothing rhythm of the rails en route to the Red Centre. Experience the heart of Australia with a three-night stay in Alice Springs. Immerse yourself in this outback town, affectionately known as 'The Alice', as you discover its evolution over time.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 1 night aboard The Ghan, Darwin to Alice Springs, including all meals, beverages, and Off Train Experience in Katherine
- 3 nights' accommodation in Alice Springs including breakfast daily
- Half-day A Town Like Alice tour
- 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the ancient Nitmiluk Gorge
- Learn how the town of Alice Springs has evolved
- Hear how children who cannot access schools are educated by radio at The School of the Air
- Visit historical sites, such as the Alice Springs Telegraph Station
- See how the essential services of the region are delivered from Alice Springs to the community at the Royal Flying Doctor Service
- Encounter reptiles at the Alice Springs Reptile Centre

#### DAY 1 – BOARD THE GHAN IN DARWIN

Settle into the comforts of The Ghan, 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: 1 night The Ghan

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

Wake to an unforgettable outback sunrise out your window and enjoy the jaw-dropping natural landscapes that pass by as you travel to Alice Springs this morning. Upon arrival into Alice Springs, you will be transferred to your hotel to enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters

#### DAY 3 – ALICE SPRINGS

This morning is yours at leisure, you may wish to take a stroll to the Olive Pink Botanic Garden or simply relax in the comfort of your hotel.

Explore Alice Springs this afternoon, touring the sights including The School of the Air, where you learn how children who cannot access schools are educated by radio. Stop at the historic Telegraph Station, which marks the original site of the first European settlement in Alice Springs. Visit the Royal Flying Doctors Service, where you will see how medical aid reaches those who live in the remote outback. We also make a stop at the Alice Springs Reptile Centre, where you can see, and potentially touch, the lizards and snakes of Central Australia's semi-arid desert, such as the Perentie Lizard and the Thorny Devil. Your tour concludes with a panoramic view of the township of Alice Springs and the MacDonnell Ranges from the top of Anzac Hill. (B)

#### DAY 4 – ALICE SPRINGS

Today is yours to do as you please. Depending on your interests, perhaps take a dip in the swimming pool or visit the day spa at your hotel. Or if you want to get out and explore further, visit the Museum of Central Australia, Alice Springs Desert Park, or the Araluen Arts Centre. (B)

#### DAY 5 – FAREWELL

Your Discover Alice experience comes to an end when you check out of your accommodation after breakfast and farewell Alice Springs. (B)