

ADELAIDE LUXURY STAY

THE GHAN EXPEDITION

DARWIN TO ADELAIDE

DEPARTING WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY

(MARCH TO NOVEMBER)

7 Days / 6 Nights

Travel through Australia's Red Centre by train to make your way to Adelaide, South Australia's food and wine capital. With the perfect combination of meals on and off the train, you'll make the most of the gastronomic side of your rail journey, while also exploring the sights of Nitmiluk Gorge, Alice Springs and the unusual town of Coober Pedy. Upon arriving in Adelaide, indulge in a luxurious stay at Sofitel Adelaide, your elegant base for exploring one of South Australia's most famous food and wine regions.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights aboard The Ghan Expedition, Darwin to Adelaide, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Katherine, Alice Springs and Coober Pedy
- Private vehicle transfer from Adelaide Parklands Terminal to hotel
- 3 nights' accommodation in Adelaide, including breakfast daily
- Small Batch Wine Tour 'Uncork McLaren Vale' premium full-day tour including lunch
- 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise through ancient Nitmiluk Gorge in Katherine
- Explore the outback town of Alice Springs and the unusual underground town of Cooper Pedy
- Discover hidden-gem wineries of McLaren Vale
- Enjoy cellar door tastings and a delicious restaurant lunch featuring the flavours of the region.

Please note, itineraries are subject to change.

DAY 1 – BOARD THE GHAN EXPEDITION IN DARWIN

Settle into the comforts of The Ghan, relax in your cabin, or mingle 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 and a cruise is on offer to showcase the beauty of this spot. Alternatively, the Katherine Outback Experience lets you into the lives of those who call the outback home, while the Cutta Cutta Cave system is home to a variety of native wildlife and is rich in Indigenous culture and modern European history. Or, take it all in from the air, with an optional upgrade helicopter flight over Nitmiluk. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights The Ghan Expedition

DAY 2 – THE GHAN EXPEDITION, ALICE SPRINGS

Your arrival into Alice Springs after breakfast provides you with time to explore this iconic town in the red heart of Australia on an Off Train Experience. There's an experience to suit everyone, including an off-road e-bike adventure, the Alice Explorer tour that takes in the historic Telegraph Station and Royal Flying Doctor Service, a cultural experience at Standley Chasm, meeting the wildlife at the Desert Park, or taking in the astounding beauty of Simpson's Gap. Alternatively, spot Uluru and Kata Tjuta from the air, with an optional upgrade scenic flight.

In the evening, the hallmark experience of The Ghan Expedition begins. Dine under a blanket of stars at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station, with red earth at your feet and white tablecloths at your fingertips. This will be a night to remember. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – THE GHAN EXPEDITION, COOBER PEDY

From your morning stop at Manguri, you'll venture into the weird and wonderful opal mining township of Coober Pedy, where more than half of the residents live underground. Here, you'll enjoy a day of discovery, and a gourmet lunch in the most unique of locations: underground. Off Train Experiences on offer include exploring the majestic Breakaways, touring the town, learning more about mining history on the Opal Experience, or an optional upgrade with the Painted Hills and Lake Eyre scenic flight.

Dinner is served back on the train, where you can enjoy a nightcap as your journey continues. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – THE GHAN EXPEDITION, ADELAIDE

This morning, you'll see a dramatic change in landscape as the rich ochre tones of the outback make way for the green

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fields of South Australia. Enjoy a leisurely brunch as you pass through the Flinders Ranges before arriving in Adelaide, completing one of the world's great rail experiences.

Upon arriving in Adelaide, you will be transferred to your accommodation in the heart of the Adelaide CBD.

After your morning arrival leave your luggage with the concierge team and enjoy ample time to explore the city of Adelaide.(B)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Sofitel Adelaide

DAY 5 – MCLAREN VALE

Experience a fabulous day out in stunning McLaren Vale with 'Small Batch Wine Tours' to discover hidden-gem wineries on a premium McLaren Vale wine tour like no other. Visiting boutique, usually sustainably-focussed wineries you'll see, smell, taste, and learn about fantastic wine all day. In addition to discovering the Mediterranean-inspired wines of McLaren Vale, you'll also enjoy a stellar restaurant lunch at a popular local restaurant featuring the flavours of the region. (B,L)

DAY 6 – ADELAIDE

Do as little or as much as you please today, the choice is yours.

You may wish to explore more of Adelaide at your leisure or hop on the tram and head to Adelaide Central Market, one of the largest undercover fresh produce markets in the Southern Hemisphere, buzzing with life and colour.

Perhaps you'd like to get more of that gourmet experience by visiting another wine-growing region, Barossa Valley is the perfect option. Small Batch wine tours offer a premium tour to take you off the beaten path on a whimsical tour of boutique Barossa wineries (additional charge applies, and pre-booking is required). (B)

DAY 7 – FAREWELL

After breakfast, check out of your accommodation where your Adelaide Luxury stay concludes (B)