



MONARTO SAFARI STAY

THE GHAN

ADELAIDE TO DARWIN

DEPARTING FRIDAY AND MONDAY

(MARCH TO NOVEMBER)

5 Days / 4 Nights

Stay wild at Monarto Safari Resort in the picturesque Murraylands where you'll be surrounded by Africa's wildest animals. Offering an unparalleled escape into nature's embrace, Monarto Safari Resort combines premium accommodation with exclusive experiences, creating memories that last a lifetime. Join The Ghan traversing Australia's Red Centre to make your way to Darwin. With the perfect combination of meals on and off the train, you'll make the most of your rail journey while exploring the sights of Alice Springs and Katherine.

INCLUSIONS

- Private vehicle transfer from Adelaide CBD Hotel or Adelaide Airport to Monarto Safari Resort
- 2 nights' accommodation at Monarto Safari Resort, including breakfast daily
- Sunset Wildlife Safari with exclusive access to Monarto Safari Park's Wild Africa area after hours
- Monarto Safari Park general admission ticket
- Private vehicle transfer from Monarto Safari Resort to Adelaide Parklands Terminal
- 2 nights aboard The Ghan, Adelaide to Darwin, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Marla, Alice Springs and Katherine
- 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience breathtaking landscapes in premium accommodation
- Explore the parklands from the comfort of a custom built Safari Truck
- Observe Southern White Rhinos, Giraffes, Cheetahs, Eland, Ostriches, and Zebras
- Experience Monarto Safari Park at your leisure via the guided hop-on hop-off Zu-Loop bus
- Explore the outback town of Alice Springs
- Cruise through ancient Nitmiluk Gorge in Katherine

Please note, itineraries are subject to change.

DAY 1 – ARRIVE MONARTO SAFARI RESORT

Upon arrival into Adelaide, you will be transferred by private vehicle to Monarto Safari Resort, approximately 50 minutes from the city centre and nestled in South Australia's expansive Murraylands. Monarto Safari Resort offers an unparalleled escape into nature's embrace, combining premium accommodation with authentic experiences, during your stay you'll be surrounded by Africa's wildest animals.

Settle into your new and well curated accommodation before joining the Sunset Wildlife Safari, soaking in the last rays of sun on your small group guided tour. Enjoy exclusive access to Monarto Safari Park's Wild Africa area after hours with ample opportunity to immerse yourself in the vast parklands and watch the free-roaming herds of African animals across 550 hectares. As you explore the lands from the comfort of a custom built Safari Truck, you'll have the opportunity to observe and photograph animals including Southern White Rhinos, Giraffes, Cheetahs, Eland, Ostriches, and Zebras. Drinks and canapes will be served during the tour, capping off the unforgettable experience. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Monarto Safari Resort

DAY 2 – MONARTO SAFARI RESORT

Today is yours to explore Monarto Safari Park via the guided Zu-Loop bus experience, or a combination of the Zu-Loop bus and walking. Monarto is the largest open-range safari experience in the world outside of Africa and spans more than 1,500 hectares and is home to more than 50 species of exotic and native mammals, birds and reptiles.

You can hop on and off the bus at the wildlife viewing platforms and spend time observing your favourite animal species, including Giraffes, Elephants, Lions, Cheetahs, Rhinos, Chimpanzees, and more. Additionally, you can enhance your visit by attending Daily Keeper Presentations and booking a range of intimate behind-the-scenes animal experiences.

Later today you may choose to indulge in the luxurious day spa, laze by the two stunning pool areas or enjoy world-class dining at the onsite restaurant at Monarto Safari Resort. (B)



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DAY 3 – BOARD THE GHAN IN ADELAIDE

This morning it is time to farewell Monarto Safari Resort and be transferred by private vehicle to Adelaide Parklands Terminal. You'll leave with a connection to the picturesque Murraylands and the animals that make Monarto Safari Resort iconic.

Board The Ghan in Adelaide for an incredible showcase journey of inland Australia. As the train leaves the city heading for the Flinders Ranges and beyond, the dramatic changes in landscape from pastoral land to arid outback scenes will ignite your imagination. Lunch is served on board – this is the first of many superb, chef-prepared gourmet meals, showcasing regional flair and seasonal flavours. Spend the rest of the day settling into life on train and getting to know your fellow travellers, and as afternoon turns to evening, dinner service begins with another chef-prepared gourmet meal and selection of Australian wines, beers and non-alcoholic beverages for you to choose. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights The Ghan

DAY 4 – THE GHAN, ALICE SPRINGS

After your first night enjoying the fine dining and relaxed comfort of this iconic train, you'll wake to an unforgettable outback sunrise at Marla – a remote outpost 160 kilometres from the Northern Territory border that marks the start of the Oodnadatta Track. With red dirt at your feet and a bonfire warming the morning air, you'll have some time to appreciate the remote part of Australia you find yourself in.

Reboard the train for brunch and enjoy the magnificent scenery as you make your way onwards to Alice Springs. Here you'll have a selection of Off Train Experiences to choose from. There's an experience to suit everyone, from an off-road mountain bike adventure across ochre-coloured earth, to the Alice Explorer tour taking you to the town's major attractions, a cultural experience at Standley Chasm, meeting the wildlife at the Desert Park, or taking in the astounding beauty of Simpson's Gap. Alternatively, take it all in from the air, with an optional upgrade helicopter flight.

You'll return to the train late afternoon where you'll have time to rest and refresh before dinner is served. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 – THE GHAN, KATHERINE AND DARWIN

Your day dawns in the tropical north and when the landscape transforms into rocky gorges and fast-flowing canyon streams, prepare to experience one of the Top End's most impressive natural wonders on a boat cruise along Nitmiluk Gorge. Making this experience even more memorable is the commentary that explains the significance of Nitmiluk to the Indigenous Jawoyn people and the many stories that celebrate their spiritual connection to the gorge. There is also a helicopter flight upgrade available, for those wishing to see Nitmiluk from an aerial perspective.

Alternatively, the Katherine Outback Experience lets you into the lives of those who call the outback home, with a fascinating day of discovery showing what it's like to live and work on a huge cattle station.

After the day's activities, you'll reboard the train and continue to Darwin, where your journey exploring Australia by train concludes. (B,L)