

ADELAIDE HILLS LUXURY STAY

THE GHAN EXPEDITION

DARWIN TO ADELAIDE

DEPARTING WEDNESDAY (MARCH TO NOVEMBER)

DEPARTING SATURDAY (APRIL TO OCTOBER)

6 Days / 5 Nights

This six-day itinerary is a feast for the senses, 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, settle into your Adelaide Hills Luxury accommodation at Sequoia Lodge for the next two nights and use it as your base to discover some of South Australia's best food, wine and scenery in the picturesque Piccadilly Valley and surrounding Adelaide Hills. It's the perfect retreat for those seeking a luxurious blend of nature, relaxation, and epicurean exploration.

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
- Transfer from Adelaide Parklands Terminal to Sequoia Lodge, Mount Lofty
- 2 nights accommodation at Sequoia Lodge including daily a la carte breakfast in Sequoia Lounge, a Welcome Drink and curated minibar selection with local artisan produce to enjoy
- Dinner in Hardy's Verandah Restaurant with a Degustation menu and matched wines on one evening
- Sequoia complimentary onsite experiences and activities
- Transfer from Sequoia Lodge, Mount Lofty to the Adelaide Airport or Adelaide CBD
- 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise through ancient Nitmiluk Gorge in Katherine
- Explore the outback town of Alice Springs and the unusual underground town of Cooper Pedy
- Learn fascinating stories of the Mt Lofty region and meet fellow guests in an intimate and engaging Lodge Welcome experience
- Enjoy a South Australian Cheese and Wine Discovery Experience

- Rejuvenate your body and mind and soak in the artesian spring-fed hot pools
- Join a guided nature walk of the Mount Lofty Botanic Garden, along the Heysen Trail, with sweeping views of Adelaide and the Mount Lofty Ranges
- Indulge in a fine-dining Degustation Dinner Experience paired with matched wines at the 3-chef hat Hardy's Verandah Restaurant

Please note, itineraries are subject to change.

DAY 1 – BOARD THE GHAN EXPEDITION, KATHERINE

Celebrate the beginning of your journey with a welcome drink and light refreshments and pause for a photo with The Ghan's iconic red locomotive before stepping on board. Settle into your home for the next few days, enjoying the comforts of your cabin, or mingle with fellow travellers in the Outback Explorer Lounge. As The Ghan begins to travel south, a chef-prepared lunch awaits before your Off Train Experience in Katherine.

Here you'll choose how to explore this remarkable region. Cruise through the towering sandstone cliffs and dramatic beauty of Nitmiluk Gorge and uncover its deep cultural significance. Alternatively, step into the Katherine Outback Experience for an authentic glimpse into the lives of those who call the outback home. Or venture underground at the Cutta Cutta Caves, where fascinating limestone formations, native wildlife and stories of Indigenous culture are waiting to be shared. For a different perspective, upgrade to a helicopter flight and take in the scale of Nitmiluk from above. (L, D)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights The Ghan Expedition

DAY 2 – THE GHAN EXPEDITION, ALICE SPRINGS

Wake to the wide-open skies of the outback as The Ghan draws closer to the iconic town of Alice Springs. After a hearty breakfast on board, step into the heart of Central Australia with a choice of Off Train Experiences designed to suit every traveller.

Take to the red dirt on an off-road e-bike adventure, join the A Town Called Alice tour to uncover the town's major landmarks, or immerse yourself in culture with a guided journey through Standley Chasm and Simpsons Gap. Here, sheer rock walls blaze red in the sunlight and ancient landscapes hold deep spiritual significance for the Arrernte people. Wildlife lovers



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can meet desert creatures at Alice Springs Desert Park, while those seeking a grander perspective can opt for a scenic flight over Uluru and Kata Tjuta.

As night falls, the hallmark experience of The Ghan Expedition awaits. At the historic Alice Springs Telegraph Station, dine beneath a canopy of stars, surrounded by the red earth of the desert. With white tablecloths, fine food and live entertainment, it's an evening you'll never forget. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – THE GHAN EXPEDITION, COOBER PEDY

Today brings you to the extraordinary outback town of Coober Pedy, where life is anything but ordinary. Known as the opal capital of the world, this desert settlement hides its treasures both above and below, and more than half the population live underground.

Your adventure begins with a morning stop at the remote outpost of Manguri to take in the sunrise, before continuing on to Coober Pedy for a day of exploration. A highlight is a gourmet lunch enjoyed underground, a dining experience as unique as the town itself. Off Train Experiences include visiting the striking Breakaways, uncovering the town's quirky attractions, or learning the fascinating history of opal mining on the Opal Experience. For an unforgettable view, upgrade to a scenic flight over the Painted Hills and Lake Eyre.

Back on board for your final night, dinner is served in the dining carriage before one last nightcap in the lounge with fellow travellers as The Ghan journeys towards Adelaide.(B,L,D)

DAY 4 – THE GHAN EXPEDITION, ADELAIDE HILLS

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. Enjoy a leisurely brunch as you pass through the Flinders Ranges before arriving into Adelaide.

Upon arrival in Adelaide, you will be transferred to your Luxury accommodation in the Adelaide Hills, Sequoia Lodge at Mount Lofty.

Sequoia is an intimate, luxury lodge, nestled in the highlands of the glorious Adelaide Hills in South Australia. Designed as a private sanctuary with many exclusive amenities and bespoke onsite and personalised offsite activities, Sequoia will take you by the hand, sweep you off your feet, and will do everything to make this the trip of your lifetime.

Your private open-plan suite is perched on the edge of the Piccadilly Valley, boasting panoramic views from the sunken lounge, bedroom and bathroom.

Sink into the large bathtub, take a nap or relax on your spacious private balcony day bed with a bottle of sparkling wine and watch the wallabies and kangaroos forage beneath your feet as you indulge in losing track of time.

After settling into your accommodation, you are invited to join the Sequoia's welcome event at sunset to hear the stories of the region over a glass of local wine overlooking the Piccadilly Valley. This is the perfect opportunity to meet fellow guests.

A culinary degustation dinner experience to remember at the 3-chef hat Hardy's Verandah Restaurant is included during your stay. (B, D)

Please note, dinner can be arranged for either evening of your stay. Your dedicated Experience Curator will contact you before your arrival at Sequoia Lodge to confirm your preference.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Sequoia Lodge – Mount Lofty

DAY 5 – ADELAIDE HILLS

Part of Sequoia's philosophy is to connect you with the land and its people through a range of intimate and curated onsite experiences that are included in your stay. As part of these daily and seasonally changing experiences listen to ancient dreamtime stories, savour and learn from artisan producers or join a guided tour of the Mount Lofty Botanic Garden. There are endless wonderful memories to be made, and you will receive a pre arrival call from the Sequoia Experience Curation Team to plan your escape and curate your bespoke Itinerary at Sequoia and exploring the region.

Due to the nature of its exclusive experience offerings, Sequoia Lodge, only accommodates guests over the age of 18 years. (B)

DAY 6 – FAREWELL

This morning it is time to farewell your luxurious retreat. You'll leave with a connection to the land, the people and the animals that make Adelaide's hills so arresting - Sequoia will connect you to the South Australia you never knew existed. (B)