



MONARTO SAFARI STAY

THE GHAN

ADELAIDE TO DARWIN

DEPARTING THURSDAY (MARCH TO NOVEMBER)

DEPARTING SUNDAY (APRIL TO OCTOBER)

6 Days / 5 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
- 3 nights aboard The Ghan, Adelaide to Darwin, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in the Flinders Ranges, Marla, Alice Springs and Katherine
- 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 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
- Discover the remarkable Flinders Ranges
- 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.

Your journey on The Ghan begins this afternoon, as you step aboard and settle into the rhythm of life on the rails. Watch the countryside roll past your window as the train makes its way north, a hint of the adventure to come.

By early evening, you'll arrive at Long Plains, where you'll step off the train and transfer to a celebrated South Australian wine region. Here, a special dinner experience awaits, showcasing the region's exceptional produce and fine wines. As the sun sets over the vineyards, raise a glass to the days of discovery ahead.

After dinner, return to the train and retire for the night as The Ghan continues its journey towards north. (B, D)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights The Ghan

DAY 4 – THE GHAN, FLINDERS RANGES

Wake to the changing landscapes of South Australia as The Ghan arrives into Port Augusta, South Australia's gateway to the outback. After breakfast, step off the train and prepare for a full day discovering one of the nation's most remarkable regions: the Flinders Ranges.

Your Off Train Experience takes you deep into this ancient landscape, where rugged ranges, dramatic gorges and red rock outcrops tell stories millions of years in the making. From sweeping lookouts to encounters with native wildlife, the Flinders Ranges offers a striking introduction to the outback.

After a day of exploration, rejoin the train for a relaxed evening on board recalling the days adventures. (B, L, D)

DAY 5 – THE GHAN, ALICE SPRINGS

After a night of fine dining and relaxed comfort aboard The Ghan, wake to a spectacular outback sunrise at Marla, a remote outpost 160 kilometres from the Northern Territory border and gateway to the legendary Oodnadatta Track. With red dirt beneath your feet and a bonfire casting warmth into the cool morning air, pause to take in the stillness of this extraordinary place.

Back on board, enjoy a leisurely brunch as the desert landscape unfolds on the journey north to Alice Springs. Here, a variety of Off Train Experiences awaits. Choose an off-road e-bike adventure across ochre-coloured earth, explore the town's key landmarks on the A Town Called Alice tour, or embrace a cultural experience at Standley Chasm. Nature lovers can meet the wildlife at the Desert Park or marvel at the striking beauty of Simpsons Gap. For a bird's-eye view, upgrade to a scenic helicopter flight and witness the sheer scale of this remarkable region.

Return to the train in the late afternoon, with time to refresh before dinner is served and another unforgettable evening begins. (B, L, D)

DAY 6 – THE GHAN, KATHERINE AND DARWIN

Your final day begins in the tropical north, where the landscape gives way to rocky escarpments and fast-flowing canyon streams. Here, you'll experience one of the Top End's greatest natural wonders on a cruise through the majestic Nitmiluk Gorge. As you glide along the water, your guide will share the cultural significance of this place to the Jawoyn people, weaving in stories that highlight their deep spiritual connection to the land.

Alternatively, step into the lives of those who call the outback home at the Katherine Outback Experience, or venture underground to explore the limestone chambers of the Cutta Cutta Caves, rich in native wildlife, Indigenous culture and European history. For a different perspective, upgrade to a helicopter flight and witness the scale and grandeur of Nitmiluk from above.

After your day's adventures, return to the train and journey onwards to Darwin, where your unforgettable journey of exploring Australia by train draws to a close. (B, L)