

## ALICE SPRINGS CLASSIC CITY STAY

### THE GHAN

ALICE SPRINGS TO DARWIN

DEPARTING MONDAY

(APRIL TO OCTOBER)

5 Days / 4 Nights

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 before embarking on a mesmerising journey aboard The Ghan, where you'll surrender to the soothing rhythm of the rails en route to Darwin.

#### INCLUSIONS

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn how the town of Alice Springs has evolved
- See how the essential services of the region are delivered from Alice Springs to the community at the Royal Flying Doctor Service
- Marvel at the dramatic beauty of Simpson's Gap
- Explore the cultural and geological wonder of Standley Chasm
- Visit historical sites, such as the Alice Springs Telegraph Station
- Visit the ancient Nitmiluk Gorge

*Please note, itineraries are subject to change.*

#### DAY 1 – ARRIVE ALICE SPRINGS

You've arrived in Alice Springs – it's yours to explore. Spend the day at your leisure before checking in to your accommodation.

**OVERNIGHT:** 3 nights Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters

#### DAY 2 – 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 3 – ALICE SPRINGS

Begin today's adventure with a visit to Flynn's Grave, a tribute to Reverend John Flynn, the visionary founder of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. This historic site offers a glimpse into the pioneering spirit that shaped the more recent exploration of the Red Centre.

Next, marvel at the dramatic beauty of Simpson's Gap. Join your Driver Guide for a guided walk through this stunning natural corridor, carved over millions of years. Keep an eye out for the elusive black-footed rock wallaby, often spotted among the rugged cliffs.

Explore the cultural and geological wonder of Standley Chasm, a site of deep significance to the local Arrernte people. On a one-hour guided walk, witness the sandstone walls come alive with vibrant hues as the midday sun illuminates the Chasm. Afterward, enjoy the opportunity to purchase lunch at the Standley Chasm Café (own expense).

Conclude your tour at the historic Alice Springs Telegraph Station, the birthplace of the town. Learn about the early pioneers and the critical role this outpost played in connecting Australia to the rest of the world. (B)

#### DAY 4 – BOARD THE GHAN IN ALICE SPRINGS

Step into the comforts of The Ghan, relax in your cabin or mingle with fellow travellers in the Outback Explorer Lounge. Watch as the beautiful scenery passes by your window. (B,D)

**OVERNIGHT:** 1 night The Ghan

#### DAY 5 – THE GHAN, KATHERINE AND DARWIN

The landscapes continue to transform as you head towards Katherine, where you'll embark on an Off Train Experience exploring natural wonders that you'll never forget. A few hours later, you'll arrive in Darwin, completing your journey through the Red Centre. (B,L)