



## MONARTO LUXURY STAY

### THE GHAN EXPEDITION

DARWIN TO ADELAIDE

DEPARTING WEDNESDAY (MARCH TO NOVEMBER)

DEPARTING SATURDAY (APRIL TO OCTOBER)

6 Days / 5 Nights

Journey aboard the iconic Ghan traversing Australia's Red Centre. The Ghan Expedition is a four-day rail adventure from Darwin to Adelaide, connecting you with incredible landscapes, culture and people through Off Train Experiences along the way. On arrival in South Australia's capital, Adelaide, travel to Monarto Safari Lodge in the picturesque Murraylands where you'll be surrounded by Africa's wildest animals. Offering an unparalleled escape into nature's embrace, Monarto Safari Lodge combines premium accommodation with exclusive experiences, creating memories that last a lifetime.

#### 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 Monarto Safari Lodge
- 2 nights accommodation at Monarto Safari Lodge, including breakfast, alfresco lunch and dinner daily, curated minibar, and all day beverage package
- 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 Lodge to Adelaide Airport or CBD Hotel
- 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise through ancient Nitmiluk Gorge in Katherine
- Explore the outback town of Alice Springs and the unusual underground town of Cooper Pedy
- 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

*Please note, itineraries are subject to change.*

#### DAY 1 – BOARD THE GHAN EXPEDITION IN DARWIN

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 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



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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 to Coober Pedy for a day of exploration.

The 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 AND MONARTO SAFARI LODGE

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 arriving in Adelaide, you will be transferred by private vehicle to Monarto Safari Lodge, approximately 1 hour from the city centre and nestled in South Australia's expansive Murraylands. Monarto Safari Lodge offers an extraordinary escape into nature's embrace, combining luxurious Safari Tents with authentic experiences, during your stay you'll be surrounded by Africa's wildest animals.

With some free time before checking in, you may choose to laze by the Lodge plunge pools, enjoy a game of pickle ball or indulge in the luxurious day spa at Monarto Safari Resort.

Settle into your luxurious Safari Tent and enjoy the views as far as the eye can see.

This evening dine at the Lodge delighting in a three course menu carefully curated by the onsite chef. (B,L,D)

**OVERNIGHT:** 2 nights Monarto Safari Lodge

### DAY 5 – MONARTO SAFARI PARK

This morning breakfast is served in the Lodge before heading out 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. Additionally, you can enhance your visit by attending Daily Keeper Presentations and booking a range of intimate behind-the-scenes animal experiences.

Early evening, join 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 Landcruiser, you'll have the opportunity to observe and photograph animals including Southern White Rhinos, Giraffes, Cheetahs, Eland, Ostriches, and Zebras. Light refreshments will be served during the tour, capping off the unforgettable experience.

Tonight you may choose to dine at the Lodge or in the Resort restaurant, Kutjera. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6 – FAREWELL

Today, your wild Monarto Luxury Stay comes to an end. After breakfast, check out of your accommodation and transfer by private vehicle to your choice of the Adelaide Airport or Adelaide CBD Hotel. (B)