



2026 DARWIN CUP

THE GHAN

ADELAIDE TO DARWIN

DEPARTING WEDNESDAY 29 JULY 2026

7 Days / 6 Nights

Explore Australia by train on Australia's iconic rail adventure, The Ghan. Settle into your cabin and watch the world go by as you familiarise yourself with exceptional hospitality and all-inclusive dining. Spend four nights in Darwin, including a harbour cruise aboard the Charles Darwin catamaran with a Territorian-style lunch.

Finally Immerse yourself in the vibrant energy of the Top End as Darwin comes alive for the excitement of the Darwin Cup. Enjoy exclusive access to The Ghan Marquee at one of the Northern Territory's most anticipated events.

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights aboard The Ghan, Adelaide to Darwin, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Marla, Alice Springs and Katherine
- Transfer from Darwin Rail Terminal to hotel
- 4 nights' accommodation in Darwin including breakfast daily
- Darwin Harbour Lunch Cruise, with return hotel to wharf coach transfers
- The Ghan Marquee entry at Darwin Cup Carnival, Monday 3 August, including a deluxe buffet luncheon, 6-hour select beverage package and return hotel to racetrack coach transfers
- 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the outback town of Alice Springs
- Cruise through ancient Nitmiluk Gorge in Katherine.
- Enjoy a Territorian style grazing platter on your Darwin Harbour Lunch Cruise.
- Experience the vibrant energy of the 2026 Darwin Cup Carnival with reserved table seating in a Marquee, a deluxe buffet luncheon including a selection of fresh seafood, and a 6-hour beverage package

Please note, itineraries are subject to change.

DAY 1 – BOARD THE GHAN IN ADELAIDE

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 season flavours. (L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights The Ghan

DAY 2 – 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. Enjoy the magnificent scenery as you make your way onwards to Alice Springs, where you have a selection of Off Train Experiences to choose from. There's an experience to suit everyone, from an off-road mountain bike adventure, to the Alice Explorer tour, 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. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – THE GHAN, KATHERINE AND DARWIN

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. Alternatively, the Katherine Outback Experience lets you into the lives of those who call the outback home. There is also a helicopter flight upgrade available, for those wishing to see Nitmiluk from an aerial perspective.

A few hours later as evening falls, you'll arrive in Darwin and transfer to your accommodation, where you can settle in and reflect on your outback adventure thus far. (B,L)

OVERNIGHT: 4 nights Hilton Darwin



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DAY 4 – DARWIN HARBOUR CRUISE

A late morning transfer from your hotel will take you to the departure point of your harbour cruise. See, taste and embrace the Top End lifestyle as you cruise the magnificent waters of Darwin Harbour. Sit back and relax on board the Charles Darwin in air-conditioned comfort, as you learn more about the Top End with commentary provided. Lunch is a Territorian style grazing platter, featuring local produce - beverages are available to purchase onboard.

The evening is at your leisure. Perhaps explore the Darwin waterfront and its top-notch restaurants, taking in the relaxed pace of life in the north. (B,L)

DAY 5 – DARWIN

Stroll around Darwin today, taking in the fascinating history of the northern capital at your own pace. Take a walk through the Botanic Gardens and don't forget a visit to the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory visit the Chinese Temple.

Consider an optional tour (additional expense) to make the most of your time in the Top End.

This evening you might wish to visit the iconic Mindil Beach Sunset Markets and soak up the atmosphere, flavours and famous Mindil Beach sunset. Located less than 3km from Darwin City Centre and easily accessible by taxi or uber, with public transport options also available.(B)

WE RECOMMEND:

Croc 'N' History Explorer Ticket

Additional Expense (ask our friendly Travel Consultants for pricing)

Combine three of Darwin's premier attractions with one ticket and save. The flexible Croc 'N' History Explorer package gives you full day entry to Crocosaurus Cove, RFDS Tourist facility and the Darwin Big Bus, for a hop-on, hop-off transport option.

DAY 6 – DARWIN CUP CARNIVAL DAY

Today you're off to one of the biggest social and sporting events in the Northern Territory – the Darwin Cup!

As part of your entry to The Ghan Marquee, you'll have reserved table seating and a deluxe buffet luncheon. Included in entry is a selection of fresh seafood, a 6-hour beverage package with selected beers, premium wines, soft drinks, basic spirits and entertainment.

Upon conclusion of the days race events, you will have the choice of returning to your hotel with the included coach transfer or staying on to enjoy the after-race entertainment. (B,L)

DAY 7 – FAREWELL

After breakfast check-out of your accommodation and say farewell to Darwin. You'll take with you the stories shared, the connections made, and the sense of wonder that only a journey through the heart of Australia can bring. (B)