



ALICE SPRINGS CLASSIC CITY STAY

THE GHAN

ADELAIDE TO DARWIN

DEPARTING SATURDAY (APRIL TO OCTOBER)

7 Days / 6 Nights

Embark on a mesmerising journey aboard The Ghan, where you'll surrender to the soothing rhythm of the rails en route to the Red Centre. 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 re-joining The Ghan to journey north.

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights aboard The Ghan, Adelaide to Alice Springs, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in the Clare Valley, Flinders Ranges and Marla
- 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
- 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Penobscot Farm for a signature dining experience in the Clare Valley
- 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 the historical site of the Alice Springs Telegraph Station
- Visit the ancient Nitmiluk Gorge

Please note, itineraries are subject to change.

DAY 1 – BOARD THE GHAN IN ADELAIDE, CLARE VALLEY

Your journey on The Ghan begins in Adelaide 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, the train arrives at Long Plains, where you step off and transfer into the rolling vineyards of the Clare Valley – one of South Australia's most celebrated wine regions. At Penobscot Farm, a signature dinner awaits in the reimagined Woolshed, curated exclusively for guests of The Ghan. Every dish is drawn from the farm's own biodynamic produce, paired with Clare Valley's celebrated Rieslings and reds under the guidance of Executive Chef Nicola Palmer. As the sun sets over the vines, 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 north. (D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights The Ghan

DAY 2 – THE GHAN, FLINDERS RANGES

Wake to the changing countryside 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 one of the oldest mountain ranges on Earth, where 600 million years of geological history has folded the land into dramatic gorges and red rock outcrops. Stand amid ancient rock formations and take in a landscape millions of years in the making.

From here, head to the historic town of Quorn, once a vital crossroads on the Trans-Australian Railway and now home to the heritage Pichi Richi line. Settle in for lunch paired with the botanicals of Flinders Gin, distilled from the landscape around you. Visit the ruins of Kanyaka Station and hear stories of the ruined dreams of colonial farmers in this harsh and unrelenting landscape — a striking introduction to the outback.

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

DAY 3 – THE GHAN, ARRIVE 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



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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.

Upon arrival into Alice Springs, you will be transferred to your hotel to enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. (B,L)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters

DAY 4 – 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 5 – 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 6 – BOARD THE GHAN IN ALICE SPRINGS

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before checking out and transferring to the Alice Springs Rail Terminal.

Re-join The Ghan and as the train heads north, enjoy watching the beautiful scenery pass by your window as you relax with fellow travellers in the Outback Explorer Lounge. (B, D)

OVERNIGHT: 1 night The Ghan

DAY 7 – 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 Alice Springs by train draws to a close. (B, L)