



DARWIN CLASSIC CITY STAY

THE GHAN

ADELAIDE TO DARWIN

DEPARTING SATURDAY (MARCH TO NOVEMBER)

DEPARTING TUESDAY (APRIL TO OCTOBER)

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. Be captivated by the fascinating historic outback town of Alice Springs and the inspiring gorge landscape of Katherine on your Off Train Experiences. Make your way to Darwin, the capital of the Northern Territory, which is yours to explore with three nights' accommodation as your base. Toast the Top End's legendary sunsets on a sunset cruise on Darwin Harbour Cruises' Charles Darwin catamaran, while enjoying a Territory-style dinner.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights aboard The Ghan, Adelaide to Darwin, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in the Clare Valley, Flinders Ranges, Marla, Alice Springs and Katherine
- Transfer from Darwin Rail Terminal to hotel
- 3 nights accommodation in Darwin, including breakfast daily
- Darwin Harbour Sunset Dinner Cruise
- 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Penobscot Farm for a signature dining experience in the Clare Valley
- Discover the remarkable Flinders Ranges
- Explore the outback town of Alice Springs
- Cruise through ancient Nitmiluk Gorge in Katherine
- Enjoy dinner with a breathtaking tropical sunset view on your Darwin Harbour Cruise
- Experience the relaxed vibe of Darwin along the waterfront

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: 3 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)

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DAY 3 – 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 4 – 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.

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: 3 nights Vibe Hotel Darwin Waterfront

DAY 5 – DARWIN HARBOUR CRUISE

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

You haven't seen a sunset until you see a Darwin sunset, and this evening you'll understand why they're so special. Board Darwin Harbour Cruise's catamaran, the Charles Darwin, to savour the sights and enjoy the swirl of the sea breeze as you cruise the Harbour by water. Enjoy a sumptuous meal onboard focused on local produce and fresh seafood. Nothing is more relaxing than soaking up the splendour of the skies, champagne flute in hand. (B, D)

DAY 6 – DARWIN

Today is for further exploration of the Darwin waterfront and its top-notch restaurants, taking in the relaxed pace of life in the north. Alternatively, consider an optional tour (additional expense) to make the most of your time in the Top End. (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 7 – FAREWELL

After breakfast check-out of your accommodation and say farewell to Darwin. You're leaving with memories of awe-inspiring landscapes and unique outback experiences that will last a lifetime. (B)