

ADELAIDE LUXURY STAY

THE GHAN EXPEDITION

DARWIN TO ADELAIDE
DEPARTING WEDNESDAY (MARCH TO NOVEMBER)
DEPARTING SATURDAY (APRIL TO OCTOBER)
7 Days / 6 Nights

Travel through Australia's Red Centre by train to make your way to Adelaide, South Australia's food and wine capital. With the perfect combination of meals on and off the train, you'll make the most of the gastronomic side of your rail journey, while also exploring the sights of Nitmiluk Gorge, Alice Springs and the unusual town of Coober Pedy. Upon arriving in Adelaide, indulge in a luxurious stay at Sofitel Adelaide, your elegant base for exploring one of South Australia's most famous food and wine regions.

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 hotel
- 3 nights accommodation in Adelaide, including breakfast daily
- Small Batch Wine Tour 'Uncork McLaren Vale' premium full-day tour including lunch
- 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise through ancient Nitmiluk Gorge in Katherine
- Explore the outback town of Alice Springs and the unusual underground town of Cooper Pedy
- Discover hidden-gem wineries of McLaren Vale
- Enjoy cellar door tastings and a delicious restaurant lunch featuring the flavours of the region.

Please note, itineraries are subject to change.

DAY 1 – BOARD THE GHAN EXPEDITION IN DARWIN

Celebrate the start of your journey with a welcome drink and light refreshments, then pause for a photo with the iconic red locomotive before stepping on board. For the next few days, The Ghan will be your home away from home. Settle into the comforts of your cabin or mingle with fellow travellers in the lounge carriage. Enjoy lunch on board as The Ghan makes its way south towards Katherine, before your first Off Train Experience.

Here, the choice is yours as to how to explore this remarkable region. Cruise through the towering sandstone cliffs of Nitmiluk Gorge, uncovering its deep beauty and cultural significance. Step into the Katherine Outback Experience for an authentic glimpse into the lives of those who call the outback home. Or venture underground to 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's 13 gorges from above. (L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights The Ghan Expedition

DAY 2 – THE GHAN EXPEDITION, ALICE SPRINGS

This morning, wake to the wide-open skies of the outback as The Ghan rolls deeper into Central Australia and towards the iconic town of Alice Springs. After a hearty breakfast on board, step into the heart of the Red Centre with a choice of Off Train Experiences that offer different perspectives on this remarkable part of the country.

Gain a sense of Alice Springs through its pioneering history, distinctive character and connection to the surrounding desert, or venture into the West MacDonnell Ranges for a guided experience at Simpsons Gap or Standley Chasm. Here, sheer red rock walls rise from the ancient landscape, a place of deep spiritual significance for the Arrernte people. Visit Desert Park to encounter native wildlife and gain an insight into the unique desert environments of Central Australia, take to the red dirt on an off-road e-bike adventure, or for those seeking a grander perspective, upgrade to a scenic flight over Uluru and Kata Tjuta.



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As night falls, a signature experience of The Ghan's southbound journey awaits at the historic Alice Springs Telegraph Station. Settle in beneath a canopy of stars, where white-clothed tables, fine food and live entertainment create a memorable evening surrounded by the red earth of the Australian desert. (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 ground, with more than half of its population living underground.

Your adventure begins as The Ghan arrives at the remote outpost of Manguri, where you'll continue by coach to Coober Pedy. Explore the striking Breakaways, uncover the town's quirky character and attractions, or delve into the fascinating history of opal mining. For a different perspective, upgrade to a scenic flight over Painted Hills and Lake Eyre, taking in the vastness of this ancient landscape from above. A highlight of the day is a gourmet lunch served underground, offering a taste of the town's unique way of life.

Return to the train and settle in for your final evening on board The Ghan. Enjoy dinner in the dining carriage before raising one last nightcap in the lounge with fellow travellers as the train continues south towards Adelaide. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – THE GHAN EXPEDITION, ADELAIDE
As the sun rises, watch the landscape transform as the rich ochre tones of the outback give way to the green fields of South Australia. Enjoy light refreshments as The Ghan travels through the Flinders Ranges before continuing towards Adelaide.

Upon arriving in Adelaide, you will be transferred to your accommodation in the heart of the Adelaide CBD.

After your morning arrival leave your luggage with the concierge team and enjoy ample time to explore the city of Adelaide. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Sofitel Adelaide

DAY 5 – MCLAREN VALE
Experience a fabulous day out in stunning McLaren Vale with 'Small Batch Wine Tours' to discover hidden-gem wineries on a premium McLaren Vale wine tour like no other.

Visiting boutique, usually sustainably focussed wineries you'll see, smell, taste, and learn about fantastic wine all day. In addition to discovering the Mediterranean-inspired wines of McLaren Vale, you'll also enjoy a stellar restaurant lunch at a popular local restaurant featuring the flavours of the region. (B, L)

DAY 6 – ADELAIDE
Do as little or as much as you please today, the choice is yours.

You may wish to explore more of Adelaide at your leisure or hop on the tram and head to Adelaide Central Market, one of the largest undercover fresh produce markets in the Southern Hemisphere, buzzing with life and colour.

Perhaps you'd like to get more of that gourmet experience by visiting another wine-growing region, Barossa Valley is the perfect option. Small Batch wine tours offer a premium tour to take you off the beaten path on a whimsical tour of boutique Barossa wineries (additional charge applies, and pre-booking is required). (B)

DAY 7 – FAREWELL
After breakfast, check out of your accommodation where your Adelaide Luxury stay concludes (B)