

MONARTO LUXURY STAY

THE GHAN

ADELAIDE TO DARWIN
DEPARTING THURSDAY (MARCH TO NOVEMBER)
DEPARTING SUNDAY (APRIL TO OCTOBER)
6 Days / 5 Nights

Travel to Monarto Safari Lodge nested in the heart of Monarto Safari Park's Wild Africa precinct. Combining the thrill of the wild with the comforts of world-class hospitality, experience the ultimate indulgence in luxurious Safari Tents. Enjoy access to an exclusive sunset safari in Wild Africa, along with a multi-day general admission pass to Monarto Safari Park. Join The Ghan traversing Australia's Red Centre to make your way to Darwin. With the perfect combination of meals on and off the train, you'll make the most of your rail journey while exploring the sights of Alice Springs and Katherine.

INCLUSIONS

- Private vehicle transfer from Adelaide CBD Hotel or Adelaide Airport 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 Parklands Terminal
- 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
- 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 5 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- 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
- 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

Please note, itineraries are subject to change.

DAY 1 – ARRIVE MONARTO SAFARI LODGE

Upon arrival into 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. (D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Monarto Safari Lodge

DAY 2 – 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.



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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 3 – BOARD THE GHAN IN ADELAIDE, CLARE VALLEY

This morning it is it time to farewell Monarto Safari Lodge and be transferred by private vehicle to Adelaide Parklands Terminal. You'll leave with a connection to the picturesque Murraylands and the animals that make Monarto Safari Lodge iconic.

Your journey begins in Adelaide with a welcome experience before you step aboard The Ghan and settle into the rhythm of life on the rails. Watch the countryside roll past from the comforts of your cabin, or mingle with fellow travellers in the lounge carriage as the train makes its way north.

By early evening, arrive at Long Plains before continuing by coach into the rolling vineyards of the Clare Valley, one of South Australia's most celebrated wine regions. Here, a signature dinner awaits in a reimagined Woolshed, set amongst the picturesque surrounds. With a menu of seasonal produce grown and curated exclusively for guests of The Ghan, every dish is drawn from the farm and paired with the 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. (B,D)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights The Ghan

DAY 4 – THE GHAN, FLINDERS RANGES

This morning, wake to the changing countryside as The Ghan arrives into Port Augusta, South Australia's gateway to the outback. After a hearty 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 home to the heritage Pichi Richi line. Settle in for a delicious lunch paired with the botanicals of Flinders Gin, then visit the ruins of Kanyaka Station to hear stories of the broken dreams of colonial farmers in this harsh and unrelenting landscape. Rejoin the train for a relaxed dinner on board recalling the day's adventures. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 – THE GHAN, ALICE SPRINGS

After a night of fine dining and 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 journey continues north and the desert landscape unfolds. Arriving in Alice Springs, choose from a range of Off Train Experiences that reveal the history, culture and character of this remarkable outback town. Take a guided town tour and gain a deeper sense of place, from its pioneering history to the people and stories that have shaped Alice Springs, or venture into the West MacDonnell Ranges for a guided experience at Simpsons Gap or Standley Chasm, where towering red rock walls and ancient landscapes hold deep spiritual significance for the Arrernte people. At Alice Springs Desert Park, encounter native wildlife and the unique ecosystems of Central Australia, while those seeking a different perspective can upgrade to a scenic helicopter flight over the surrounding ranges, taking in their scale and rugged beauty from above.

By late afternoon, return to the train with time to freshen up for dinner and another unforgettable evening on board. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – THE GHAN, KATHERINE AND ARRIVE DARWIN

Your final day begins in the tropical north, where the landscape gives way to rocky escarpments and fast-flowing canyon streams. Enjoy breakfast on board as The Ghan makes its way towards Katherine.



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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.

After your day's adventures, return to the train and journey onwards to Darwin, where your unforgettable journey of exploring Australia by train draws to a close. (B,L)