THE ULTIMATE TERRITORY TOUR

THE GHAN, DEPARTURE TUESDAY (April to August 2022)

If your dream is to see the best of the Australian outback and immerse yourself in the heart of it with hands-on experiences, this is your ultimate holiday. It doesn't come any better than travelling on The Ghan, exploring Uluru and Kata Tjuta, cruising Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge and touring Kakadu, all in one sensational journey through the nation's heartland.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights accommodation in Darwin including breakfast daily
- Darwin Harbour Sunset Dinner Cruise
- 1 night Kakadu and East Alligator River including accommodation and guided touring
- Transfer from hotel to Darwin Rail Terminal
- 1 night aboard The Ghan Expedition Darwin to Alice Springs, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Excursion in Katherine
- Transfer from Alice Springs Rail Terminal to hotel
- 2 nights accommodation in Alice Springs including breakfast daily
- 5 nights intimate small group touring with Outback Spirit traveling onboard a state of the art 4WD Mercedes-Benz vehicle
- Transfer from hotel to Alice Springs Rail Terminal
- 2 nights aboard The Ghan Expedition Alice Springs to Adelaide, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Excursions in Alice Springs and Coober Pedy
- 13 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 9 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Take in the sparkling waters of Darwin's Harbour over a delicious buffet dinner of local seafood and produce
- Experience the dramatic scenery of the Yellow Water Billabong
- Be amazed by rock art galleries at Nourlangie
- Go ashore in Arnhem Land, one of the Top End's most striking natural destinations
- Dine under the stars at the 'Sounds of Silence' dining experience
- Explore the rock formations of Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) and Walpa Gorge
- Admire the internationally acclaimed 'Field of Light' display at Uluru and watch as it illuminates the desert night

DAY 1 DARWIN

You've arrived in Darwin – it's yours to explore. Spend the day at your leisure before checking in to your accommodation.

OVERNIGHT: 2 Night at Hilton Darwin

DAY 2 LEISURE DAY, DARWIN HARBOUR DINNER CRUISE

Explore Darwin at your leisure. Tonight, enjoy a dinner cruise on the 'Charles Darwin' catamaran in air-conditioned comfort. View the famous Darwin sunset while enjoying a delicious Territory style dinner (B,D)

DAY 3 DARWIN TO KAKADU NATIONAL PARK

Travel along the Arnhem Highway to the heart of Kakadu National Park. Visit Warradjan Cultural Centre, cruise Yellow Water Billabong and stop at Nourlangie where you will be guided to ancient rock art galleries.

OVERNIGHT: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel (B,L)

DAY 4 KAKADU NATIONAL PARK TO DARWIN

Explore the World Heritage area of Ubirr, climb up through the ancient Aboriginal rock art galleries to the lookout for the view over the surrounding wetlands. Then join the Guluyambi Cruise and, with special permission of the traditional owners, enjoy the privilege of going ashore in Arnhem Land. To cap off the day, stop at Marrawuddi Art Gallery Visitor Centre before returning to Darwin.

OVERNIGHT: 1 Night Hilton Darwin (L)

DAY 5 BOARD THE GHAN EXPEDITION IN DARWIN

Settle into the comforts of The Ghan, relax in your cabin or mingle with fellow travellers in the Outback Explorer Lounge. Enjoy lunch ahead of your Off Train Excursion in Katherine. In a region renowned for jaw-dropping natural assets, Katherine boasts one of the Top End's best – the incredible Nitmiluk Gorge.

OVERNIGHT: 1 night The Ghan Expedition (B,L,D)

DAY 6 THE GHAN EXPEDITION, ARRIVE ALICE SPRINGS

On arrival in Alice Springs you will be transferred to your accommodation. This afternoon is yours to explore Alice Springs at your own pace. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 2 Nights at Mercure Alice Springs

DAY 7 ALICE SPRINGS

In Alice Springs you will be met by your friendly and professional crew to enjoy a brief afternoon town tour including Anzac Hill and learn about this unique outback town before dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

DAY 8 ALICE SPRINGS TO KINGS CANYON

Today, depart Alice Springs and travel the Mereenie loop through the Western MacDonnell Ranges to Kings Canyon. Enjoy the scenic drive and visit Standley Chasm and Ormiston Gorge before checking in to the Kings Canyon Resort where you will spend the next two nights.

OVERNIGHT: 2 Nights at Kings Canyon Resort (B,L,D)

DAY 9 KINGS CANYON – WATARRKA NATIONAL PARK

Today enjoy the wonders of the majestic Kings Canyon. Several walks are available, including the 6 km rim walk. This walk features breathtaking views of the Watarrka National Park before descending into the 'Garden of Eden'. A less arduous walk is also available along the canyon floor (2.6km). (B,L,D)

DAY 10 KINGS CANYON TO ULURU

Pass through Kings Creek Station and enjoy an informative paper talk and lunch at Curtin Springs, before arriving at Uluru. Enjoy this evening's unique 'Sounds of Silence' dining experience under the stars. Beginning with canapes and chilled sparkling wine, listen to the sound of the didgeridoo and the resident star talker decode the southern night sky while enjoying a premium bush tucker inspired buffet.

OVERNIGHT: 2 Nights at Sails in the Desert Hotel (B,L,D)

DAY 11 ULURU KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK

Early risers will experience the sun rising over Uluru and the colours of dawn spreading across the landscape. After breakfast, head off to discover Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) and admire the stunning rock formations on a guided walk into Walpa Gorge.

Learn about traditional Anangu culture on a guided tour around the base of Uluru, which stands 348 metres above the desert plains. Late this afternoon head to an exclusive dune top location with majestic views of Uluru. Enjoy drinks and canapes as artist Bruce Munro's global phenomenon 'Field of Light' gently illuminates and the 50,000 glass spheres come to life before heading off to explore the stunning display via dedicated pathways. (B,L,D)
PLEASE NOTE: dinner this evening will be at approximately 9pm.

DAY 12 ULURU TO ALICE SPRINGS

After a leisurely breakfast set your sights for Alice Springs. Pause at Mount Conner, known as the third desert tor before arriving at your hotel in Alice Springs this afternoon.

OVERNIGHT: 1 Night Mercure Alice Springs (B,L)

DAY 13 THE GHAN EXPEDITION, DEPART ALICE SPRINGS

Checking out after breakfast, a day of excursions awaits you in the outback town of Alice Springs. This evening, transfer to the Alice Springs Telegraph Station for a truly unique and authentic dinner experience. Become immersed in the spirit and grandeur that is the history of the Australian Outback. Tuck into a mouth-watering meal, enjoy a cold beer or a fine wine all whilst under a chandelier of stars.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights The Ghan Expedition (B,L,D)

DAY 14 THE GHAN EXPEDITION, COOBER PEDY

From your morning stop at the outback outpost of Manguri, you'll venture into the weird and wonderful opal mining township of Coober Pedy, where more than half of the residents live underground. Here, you'll enjoy a day of discovery, and a gourmet lunch in the most unique of locations: underground. Dinner is served back on the train where you can enjoy a nightcap as your journey continues. (B,L,D)

DAY 15 THE GHAN EXPEDITION, ARRIVE ADELAIDE

From your cabin window this morning you'll see a dramatic change in landscape, as the rich ochre tones of the outback make way for the green fields of South Australia. Enjoy a leisurely brunch as you pass through the majestic Flinders Ranges and prepare for your mid-morning arrival into Adelaide, completing one of the world's great travel experiences. (B)