

# **TASTE OF TWO CITIES**

# THE GHAN EXPEDITION

DARWIN TO ADELAIDE
DEPARTURE SUNDAY (APRIL – OCTOBER)
\*Wednesday departure also available April to
September

Darwin is yours to explore when you start your journey with three nights' accommodation in this laid-back city. Make the most of the tropical sunsets when you board Darwin Harbour Cruises' Charles Darwin catamaran for a sunset dinner cruise. After a relaxed start to your journey, it's time to amp up the excitement, boarding the iconic Ghan Expedition as it makes its way across the country from Darwin to Adelaide through the Red Centre. Take in everything this all-inclusive experience has to offer and be captivated by Off Train Experiences in Katherine, Alice Springs and Coober Pedy. Once you arrive into Adelaide, the food and wine capital of South Australia is yours to explore with a three-night stay.

# **INCLUSIONS**

- 3 nights' accommodation in Darwin, including breakfast daily
- Darwin Harbour Cruises Sunset Dinner Cruise
- Transfer from hotel to Darwin Rail Terminal
- 3 nights aboard The Ghan Expedition, Darwin to Adelaide, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Katherine, Alice Springs and Coober Pedy
- Transfer from Adelaide Parklands Terminal to hotel
- 3 nights' accommodation in Adelaide, including breakfast daily
- 1 day Taste the Barossa Premium Tour
- 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore Darwin's fascinating history through its museums and visit galleries showcasing the region's Indigenous art
- Enjoy dinner with a breathtaking tropical sunset view on your Darwin Harbour Cruise
- Discover the history of the Barossa Valley
- Visit the acoustic wonders of the Whispering Wall

- Dine on a delicious regional lunch platter at Peter Lehmann Wines
- Tastings at four wineries: Chateau Yaldara, Peter Lehmann Wines, Lambert Estate and Wolf Blass Wines

#### **DAY 1 - ARRIVE DARWIN**

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

**OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Hilton Darwin** 

#### **DAY 2 - DARWIN**

Stroll around the city today, taking in its fascinating history at your own pace. Wander to the Stokes Hill Wharf area, the Botanic Gardens or the Chinese Temple and don't miss a visit to the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory. This evening, prepare to be amazed by the breathtaking tropical sunset from a location like no other – savour the sights and enjoy the swirl of the sea breeze as you sail and on a spacious, modern catamaran. 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)

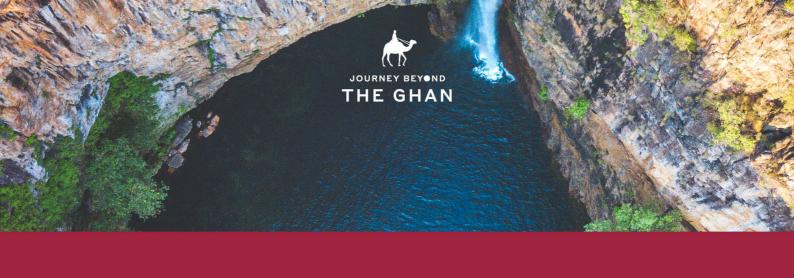
# DAY 3 – DARWIN

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 RECCOMMEND:

Optional tour – Croc N History Explorer Ticket From \$105 per person

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 4 - BOARD THE GHAN EXPEDITION IN DARWIN

Settle in to the comforts of The Ghan, relaxing in your cabin or mingling with fellow guests in the Outback Explorer Lounge. Enjoy lunch ahead of your Off Train Experience in Katherine. In a region renowned for jaw-dropping natural assets, Katherine boasts one of the Top End's best – the incredible Nitmiluk Gorge. The stunning gorge lies within the 292,000-hectare Nitmiluk National Park. You'll have the chance to explore it from the water with guided cruise options – an Off Train Experience you'll never forget.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights The Ghan (B, L, D)

#### DAY 5 - THE GHAN EXPEDITION, ALICE SPRINGS

Your arrival into Alice Springs after breakfast provides you with time to explore the iconic town in the red heart of Australia. Prepare for a day of fascinating experiences and in the evening, join your fellow guests at a spectacular barbeque dinner under a million stars at the historic Alice Springs Telegraph Station. (B, L, D)

# DAY 6 - 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. Discover the incredible diversity of Coober Pedy's spectacular Breakaways on your guided walking tour, taking in the colourful low hills that from a distance look as if they have 'broken away' from the higher ground of the reserve. The landscape was once an inland sea and over time has been transformed into a dramatic landscape that changes colour with the passing of the sun, creating an almost surreal panorama. Dinner is served back on the train, where you can enjoy a nightcap as your journey continues. (B, L, D)

# DAY 7 – THE GHAN EXPEDITION, ADELAIDE

After completing the famous north-south crossing of the interior, you will arrive into Adelaide, where you will be transferred to your hotel. The evening is free for you to explore one of the many dining options close by.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Hilton Adelaide (B)

#### **DAY 8 – BAROSSA VALLEY**

Travel through the Adelaide Hills to the Barossa Valley to experience a day of historical wineries, regional food, beautiful scenery and the people who make the Barossa Valley such a special destination. The first tasting is at Château Yaldara, one of the most photographed historic buildings in South Australia. Then, we traverse picturesque scenery and cross Jacobs Creek, heading towards the heart of the valley and the historic township of Tanunda. More internationally acclaimed wines are on the menu at the beautiful Peter Lehmann winery, paired with a lunch platter of local produce. After a stop a Mengler's Hill Lookout to admire the valley views, we head onwards to a wine-tasting experience at Lambert Estate Wines. Our final destination is Wolf Blass Wines, where we'll explore the state-of-the-art cellar door of the multi-award-winning wine brand. (B, L)

## **DAY 9 – LEISURE DAY**

Make the most of a free day to explore Adelaide, the food and wine capital of South Australia. Stroll along the cultural boulevard of North Terrace, home to the South Australian Museum and the Art Gallery of South Australia. Not far from here is Rundle Street and Rundle Mall, where you can indulge in some retail therapy or quench your thirst at one of the many bars or restaurants. Alternatively, the beachside suburb of Glenelg is an easy 25-minute tram ride away. (B)

# **DAY 10 - FAREWELL**

Your journey comes to an end this morning as you farewell Adelaide and check out of your accommodation after breakfast, leaving with memories of awe-inspiring landscapes and unique outback experiences that will last a lifetime. (B)