

TASTE OF THE TOP END

THE GHAN

DEPARTURE MONDAY

Step aboard The Ghan in Alice Springs and experience the wonders of Katherine on your way to Darwin. From here explore spectacular Litchfield National Park, see the famous jumping crocodiles along with a host of other popular Top End attractions.

INCLUSIONS

- 2 days/1 night aboard The Ghan, Alice Springs to Darwin, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Excursion in Katherine
- Transfer from Darwin Rail Terminal to Hotel
- 4 nights accommodation in Darwin including breakfast daily
- Half day Jumping Crocs and Nature Adventure including Jumping Crocodile Cruise and touring
- 1 day Litchfield National Park Waterfalls including lunch and touring
- 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner

HIGHLIGHTS

- Get up close to the prehistoric crocs
- Be impressed by the amazing array of native birdlife
- Visit the Window on the Wetlands Visitor Centre
- Enjoy superb views across the Marrakai Plains and the Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve
- Take in the splendour of thundering falls, rainforest pockets and sacred historic sites of Litchfield National Park
- Discover the incredible architecture of the termite mounds
- View the spectacular double waterfalls of Florence Falls
- Marvel at the water cascading down into the deep waterhole at the base of Tolmer Falls
- Swim in the rock pools of Wangi Falls

DAY 1 BOARD THE GHAN IN ALICE SPRINGS

Today you follow in the footsteps of history as you board The Ghan on your way to Darwin. Before long you'll be mingling with fellow travellers in the Outback Explorer Lounge and preparing for a sumptuous three-course dinner accompanied by fine wine.

OVERNIGHT: The Ghan (D)

DAY 2 THE GHAN, KATHERINE AND DARWIN

When the landscape transforms into the tropics as you head further north, prepare to experience one of the Top End's most impressive natural wonders near Katherine. The stunning Nitmiluk Gorge lies within the massive 292,000 hectares of the Nitmiluk National Park. You'll have the chance to explore it from the water with guided cruise options - an Off Train Excursion you'll never forget. A few hours later, you'll arrive in Darwin for a transfer to your accommodation.

OVERNIGHT: 4 nights Vibe Hotel Darwin Waterfront (B,L)

DAY 3 LEISURE DAY

Today is yours to explore Darwin at your own pace. Take in a spot of souvenir shopping or simply relax at your accommodation. (B)

WE RECOMMEND

'Charles Darwin' Sunset Buffet Dinner Cruise from \$110 per person

The Dinner Cruise aboard the 'Charles Darwin' is a great way to get a bird's eye view of the famous Darwin sunset whilst enjoying a delicious Territory style buffet with Australian seafood and local produce all in air-conditioned comfort. This two & half hour cruise on the 'Charles Darwin's' Captain's Deck (main Deck) offers the best value for money dinner cruise on Darwin harbour. This sunset cruise is the perfect way to feed the family and enjoy the scenery.

DAY 4 JUMPING CROCODILES

This morning is free for you to explore Darwin at your leisure. Perhaps make your way down to the waterfront and enjoy the tropical Darwin weather. Much of Darwin's action happens along its revitalised waterfront, which is lined with restaurants, shops, sandy lagoons and parklands.

This afternoon, your jumping croc adventure begins. Just 60km from Darwin lies the Adelaide River, home to more than 1600 crocodiles and the location of the famous Jumping Crocodiles. Travel down the Stuart Highway to the Adelaide River. Cruise the river and thrill as these awesome creatures launch themselves out of the water. The cruise will enable you to see these prehistoric creatures at close range. Afterwards, continue to the Window on the Wetlands Visitor Centre for views over the Marrakai Plains, and then it's onto Fogg Dam Nature Reserve to see a wetland ecosystem up close. (B)

DAY 5 LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK

Litchfield National Park contains several types of typical Top End habitats including lush monsoon forests, termite mounds, unusual rock formations, waterfalls and cascades. First stop of the day is Florence Falls, where you have the opportunity for a scenic and interpretive bush and monsoon vine forest walk. There is also the chance for a swim by making your way down the stairs to the plunge pool below. Travel on to Tolmer Falls for a magnificent view of the water cascading down to the deep waterhole at the base of the falls. To finish the day, you will visit Wangi Falls, with its large crystal clear pool, another relaxing spot for a swim. A great day for taking many fascinating photos, including the amazing stand of termite mounds. (B,L)

DAY 6 FAREWELL

This morning after breakfast, check out of your hotel. (B)