

KAKADU SPLENDOUR

THE GHAN EXPEDITION

DEPARTURE SATURDAY

For a deep connection with nature, our Kakadu Splendour itinerary takes you to the heart of this World Heritage wonderland. Followed by a journey aboard The Ghan Expedition from Darwin to Adelaide, connecting you with some incredible landscapes and an Off Train Excursion along the way.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights accommodation in Darwin including breakfast daily
- Half day Darwin City Sights tour
- 2 days/1 night Kakadu and East Alligator River including accommodation and guided touring
- Transfer from Hotel to Darwin Rail Terminal
- 4 days/3 nights aboard The Ghan Expedition, Darwin to Adelaide, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Excursions in Katherine, Alice Springs and Coober Pedy
- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- View the 19 aircraft on display at the Darwin Aviation Museum
- See the largest permanent display of Aboriginal artwork
- Stroll the George Brown Botanic Gardens
- Visit Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre
- Cruise Yellow Water Billabong in search of saltwater crocodiles
- Discover the beauty of Nourlangie and Ubirr
- Go ashore in Arnhem Land

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: 2 nights Doubletree by Hilton Esplanade

DAY 2 DARWIN

This morning your tour will take in the best of this tropical city, highlights including the Stokes Hill Wharf area, Botanic Gardens and the Chinese Temple, the Mooring Basin, and Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory plus Darwin Aviation Museum. This afternoon enjoy a stroll around Darwin, taking in the fascinating history at your own pace. The evening is yours to enjoy one of many of Darwin's dining options - perhaps you might wish to enjoy dinner as you sail the harbour on a 'Charles Darwin' Sunset Dinner Cruise - the choice is yours. (B)

DAY 3 DARWIN TO KAKADU NATIONAL PARK

It's time to visit one of the world's most incredible natural environments. As you travel along the Arnhem Highway south-east of Darwin the anticipation builds. Soon you'll be in the heart of the world famous Kakadu National Park enjoying a full day of immersive experiences. You'll cruise the Yellow Water Billabong, search for saltwater crocodiles, see a variety of informative displays depicting the rich Aboriginal history of the area at the Warradjan Cultural Centre, and be guided to ancient rock art galleries at Nourlangie.

OVERNIGHT: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel (B,L)

DAY 4 KAKADU NATIONAL PARK TO DARWIN

At the World Heritage area Ubirr, your guide will reveal extraordinary art sites of spiritual significance to local Indigenous people dating back more than 20,000 years. On your way to join the Guluyambi Cruise on the East Alligator

River, you'll visit a stunning lookout to take in the majestic vistas of the renowned Kakadu wetlands. Later, with special permission of the traditional owners, enjoy the privilege of going ashore in Arnhem Land. To cap off an enriching day, you'll visit the Bowali Visitor Centre before returning to Darwin.

OVERNIGHT: Doubletree by Hilton Esplanade (L)

DAY 5 BOARD THE GHAN EXPEDITION IN DARWIN

Settle in to 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: 3 nights The Ghan (B,L,D)

DAY 6 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 excursions and, in the evening, dine under a million stars. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 THE GHAN EXPEDITION, COOBER PEDY

When you next disembark in remote Manguri, you'll enjoy a full day exploring the amazing opal mining township of Coober Pedy. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 THE GHAN EXPEDITION, ADELAIDE

After completing the famous north-south crossing of the interior you will arrive into Adelaide. (B)