

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 Off Train Experiences along the way.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights' accommodation in Darwin including breakfast daily
- Half day Darwin City Sights tour
- Darwin Harbour Sunset Dinner Cruise
- 1 night Kakadu and East Alligator River including accommodation and guided touring
- 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
- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 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
- Take in the sparkling waters of Darwin Harbour over a delicious dinner of local seafood and produce

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 Double Tree by Hilton Esplanade

DAY 2 DARWIN

Take in the top sights of this tropical city on a morning tour, 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. This evening soak up a Darwin sunset while you enjoy a Territory style dinner featuring local seafood and produce, all while sailing in the comfort of a modern and spacious catamaran. (B, D)

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: 1 night 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 Marrawuddi Art Gallery before returning to Darwin.

OVERNIGHT: 1 night Double Tree by Hilton Esplanade (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. Alternatively, get a glimpse into life on an outback cattle station with Katherine Outback Experience.

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

DAY 6 THE GHAN EXPEDITION, ALICE SPRINGS

After breakfast you'll arrive into Alice Springs, with plenty of time to explore the iconic town in the red heart of Australia. Prepare for a day of fascinating excursions and, in the evening, meet the rest of your fellow guests at a spectacular barbeque dinner under a million stars at the historic Alice Springs Telegraph Station.. (B, L, D)

DAY 7 THE GHAN EXPEDITION, COOBER PEDY

From your morning stop at 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 8 THE GHAN EXPEDITION, ADELAIDE

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 before your arrival into Adelaide, completing one of the world's great travel experiences. (B)