



## KAKADU SPLENDOUR

### THE GHAN

ALICE SPRINGS TO DARWIN | DEPARTURE MONDAY

The rail journey from Alice Springs to Darwin connects you with some incredible landscapes and an Off Train Experience along the way. For an even deeper connection with nature, our Kakadu Splendour itinerary takes you to the heart of this World Heritage wonderland.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 1 nights aboard The Ghan, Alice Springs to Darwin, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experience in Katherine
- Transfer from Darwin Rail Terminal to Hotel
- 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
- 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinner

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- View the 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 – 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:** 1 night The Ghan (D)

#### DAY 2 – THE GHAN, KATHERINE AND DARWIN

As you head further north into the tropics, 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 Nitmiluk National Park. You'll have the chance to explore it from the water with a guided cruise – an Off Train Experience you'll never forget. A few hours later, you'll arrive in Darwin for a transfer to your accommodation. (B,L)

**OVERNIGHT:** 2 nights Double Tree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin

#### DAY 3 – DARWIN

Take in the top sights of this tropical city on a morning tour, 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 4 – 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 southeast 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 Indigenous history of the area at the Warradjan Cultural Centre, and be guided to ancient rock art galleries at Nourlangie. (B,L)

**OVERNIGHT:** 1 night Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel



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### **DAY 5 – 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. (L)

**OVERNIGHT:** 1 night DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin

### **DAY 6 – FAREWELL**

Your Top End experience comes to an end as you farewell Darwin and check out of your accommodation after breakfast. (B)