

RED CENTRE SPECTACULAR

THE GHAN

ADELAIDE TO DARWIN | DEPARTURE SUNDAY

**Wednesday departures also available April-August*

Immerse yourself in the Northern Territory's breathtaking natural wonders and settle into The Ghan's gentle rhythm as you travel across the country on this spectacular 11-day journey. From exploring the West MacDonnell Ranges to taking your place beside spiritual Uluru and Kata Tjuta, you'll soon understand why people travel great distances to see the Territory's remarkable landscapes and icons.

INCLUSIONS

- 2 days/1 night aboard The Ghan, Adelaide to Alice Springs, including all meals, beverages, and Off Train Experience in Marla
- Transfer from Alice Springs Rail terminal to hotel
- 6 days/5 nights intimate small group touring with Outback Spirit traveling onboard a state of the art 4WD Mercedes-Benz vehicle
- 2 nights Alice Springs accommodation including breakfast
- Transfer from hotel to Alice Springs Rail Terminal
- 2 days/1 night aboard The Ghan, Alice Springs to Darwin, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Excursion in Katherine
- 9 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches, 7 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the incredible rugged beauty of Australia's Red Centre
- Visit Kings Canyon for a guided scenic walk and journey through the West MacDonnell Ranges, visiting Stanley Chasm and Ormiston Gorge
- Visit World Heritage Listed Uluru and enjoy a guided base tour
- Early risers will experience the magic and beauty of the sun rising over Uluru
- Dine under the stars at the 'Sounds of Silence' dining experience
- Explore the rock formations of Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) and Walpa Gorge
- Admire the internationally acclaimed 'Field of Light' display at Uluru and watch as it illuminates the desert night with dazzling effect

DAY 1 – BOARD THE GHAN IN ADELAIDE

Board The Ghan in Adelaide, heading for the Flinders Ranges and beyond. (L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 1 night The Ghan Expedition

DAY 2 – THE GHAN, ARRIVE ALICE SPRINGS

Wake to an unforgettable outback sunrise at Marla and enjoy the jaw-dropping natural landscapes that pass by as you travel to Alice Springs. On arrival in Alice Springs you will be met by your friendly and professional crew. This afternoon enjoy a brief town tour of Alice Springs including Anzac Hill and learn about this unique outback town before dinner at the hotel. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 1 night at Mercure Alice Springs

DAY 3 – ALICE SPRINGS TO KINGS CANYON

Today, depart Alice Springs and travel the Mereenie loop through the Western MacDonnell Ranges to Kings Canyon. Enjoy the scenic drive and visit Standley Chasm and Ormiston Gorge before checking in to the Kings Canyon Resort where you will spend the next two nights. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Kings Canyon Resort

DAY 4 – KINGS CANYON AND WATARRKA NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy the wonders of the majestic Kings Canyon. Several walks are available, including the 6 km rim walk. This walk features breathtaking views of the Watarrka National Park before arriving into the 'Garden of Eden'. A less arduous (2.6km) walk is also available along the canyon floor.

Upon returning to the resort, there is an opportunity to take helicopter flights over Kings Canyon and the Watarrka National Park. 15-minute flights cost approximately \$175 per person. (B,L,D)

PLEASE NOTE: Weight limits apply to all scenic flights.

DAY 5 – KINGS CANYON TO ULURU

This morning, depart Kings Canyon for Uluru. Pass through Kings Creek Station and enjoy an informative paper talk and lunch at Curtin Springs, before arriving at the award-winning Sails in the Desert Hotel, part of the Ayers Rock Resort.

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Enjoy a lap of Uluru before returning to the resort, ready for this evening's unique 'Sounds of Silence' dining experience under the stars. Offering the best of the Red Centre distilled into four magical hours, the evening begins with canapes and chilled sparkling wine served on a viewing platform overlooking the Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park. As the sun sets and darkness falls, listen to the sound of the didgeridoo and enjoy premium bush tucker inspired buffet incorporating native bush ingredients. Afterwards, relax by the campfire and listen to the resident star talker decode the southern night sky. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights at Sails in the Desert Hotel

DAY 6 – ULURU KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK

Early risers will experience the sun rising over Uluru and the colours of dawn spreading across the landscape. After breakfast, head off to discover Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) and admire the stunning rock formations on a guided walk into Walpa Gorge.

Learn about traditional Anangu culture on a guided tour around the base of Uluru, which stands 348 metres above the desert plains.

This evening head to an exclusive dune top location with majestic views of Uluru. Enjoy drinks and canapes as artist Bruce Munro's global phenomenon 'Field of Light' gently illuminates and the 50,000 glass spheres come to life before heading off to explore the stunning display via dedicated pathways. (B,L,D)

PLEASE NOTE: dinner this evening will be at approximately 9pm.

DAY 7 – ULURU TO ALICE SPRINGS

After a leisurely breakfast set your sights for Alice Springs. Pause at Mount Conner before arriving at your hotel in Alice Springs this afternoon. (B,L)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Mercure Alice Springs

DAY 8 – ALICE SPRINGS LEISURE DAY

Today is yours to explore Alice Springs at your own pace. (B)

DAY 9 – BOARD THE GHAN IN ALICE SPRINGS

It's time to get back on board The Ghan and get reacquainted with your cabin. As the train heads north, enjoy watching the beautiful scenery pass by your window as you relax with fellow travellers in the Outback Explorer Lounge. (B,D)

OVERNIGHT: 1 night The Ghan Expedition

DAY 10 – THE GHAN, KATHERINE AND DARWIN

The landscapes continue to transform as you head towards Katherine, where you'll embark on an Off Train Excursion exploring natural wonders that you'll never forget. A few hours later, you'll arrive in Darwin completing your journey through the Red Centre. (B,L)