



JOURNEY BEYOND  
THE GHAN



## DISCOVER DARWIN

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#### DEPARTURE SUNDAY

Prepare yourself to embark on one of Australia's great train journeys, The Ghan. Settle into your cabin and watch the world go by as you get used to the unbeatable hospitality and all-inclusive dining. Be captivated by the fascinating historic outback town of Alice Springs and inspiring gorge country of Katherine on your Off Train Excursions. Make your way to the capital of the NT where Darwin is now yours to explore with three nights' accommodation as your base. Toast to the Top End's legendary sunsets as you enjoy a cruise along the harbour in the comfort of a modern catamaran while enjoying a sunset dinner.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 3 days/2 nights aboard The Ghan, Adelaide to Darwin, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Marla, Alice Springs and Katherine
- Transfer from Darwin Rail Terminal to hotel
- 3 nights' accommodation in Darwin including breakfast daily
- Transfer from hotel to Darwin Rail Terminal
- Charles Darwin' Sunset Buffet Dinner Cruise
- 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a full buffet dinner with a breathtaking tropical sunset view on your Darwin Harbour Cruise
- Experience the relaxed vibe of Darwin along the waterfront
- Take in the fascinating history on offer in the northern city, visit the museums celebrating the city's rich past and galleries showcasing the region's renowned Indigenous art. Nature is truly Darwin's backyard with the iconic national parks only a few hours away.

#### DAY 1 – BOARD THE GHAN IN ADELAIDE

Step aboard The Ghan in Adelaide for your unforgettable adventure to the Top End. As the train leaves the city heading for the Flinders Ranges and beyond, it's your chance to settle into your cabin and watch the changes in landscape from the privacy of your own cabin.

**OVERNIGHT:** 2 nights The Ghan (L, D)

#### DAY 2 – THE GHAN, ALICE SPRINGS

After your first night enjoying the fine dining and relaxed luxury of this iconic train, you'll wake to an amazing outback sunrise at Marla – a remote outpost 160 kilometres from the Northern Territory border that marks the start of the Oodnadatta Track. Enjoy more incredible outback scenery before arriving into Alice Springs early in the afternoon to enjoy an Off Train Excursion that reveals more of this historic outback town. Alternatively, you may elect to visit Simpsons Gap, a magical location where important elements of flora, fauna and Indigenous culture come together, this is one of the Off Train Excursion options and the choice is yours to explore. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 3 – 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.

Alternatively, experience a glimpse into the lives of those who call the outback home and prepare to be mesmerised as you visit a huge cattle station owned by multiple Golden Guitar winner Tom Curtain. See the teamwork with a young horse, demonstrating how they build a bond and explaining the psychology between man and horse. Enjoy the enthusiasm of the beloved working dogs as the team demonstrate how they build-up their confidence and prepare them for working life on the land.

The show is never complete without a few of Tom's chart-topping songs – often performed with guitar in hand and from the saddle of a horse. This is a show not to be missed. (seasonal)

A few hours later as evening falls, you'll arrive in Darwin for a transfer to your accommodation where you can settle in and reminisce on your outback adventure thus far.

**OVERNIGHT:** 3 nights Adina Apartment Hotel Darwin Waterfront (B)



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### **DAY 4 – DARWIN HARBOUR DINNER CRUISE**

Stroll around Darwin today, taking in the fascinating history at your own pace. Wander to the Stokes Hill Wharf area, Botanic Gardens or the Chinese Temple and don't forget a visit to the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory. This evening, prepare to be amazed by the breathtaking and legendary tropical sunsets from a location like no other, savour the sights and feel the sea breeze as you sail and dine in comfort on a modern and spacious catamaran. Enjoy a sumptuous meal prepared onboard using local produce and fresh seafood. Relax and soak in the splendour of the skies, champagne flute in hand. (B, D)

### **DAY 5 – DARWIN**

Today is free to further explore the waterfront restaurants and relaxed vibe of Darwin. Alternatively, consider an optional tour (additional expense) to make the most of your time in the Top End. (B)

#### *OPTIONAL TOUR:*

#### **Croc N History Explorer**

**From \$105 per person**

Combine two of Darwin's premier attractions with the one ticket. The flexible Croc N History Explorer ticket gives you entry to both Crocosaurus Cove and the Royal Flying Doctor Service Tourist Facility as well as access to the 24 hour Hop On Hop Off Big Bus.

### **DAY 6 – FAREWELL**

Your Top End experience comes to an end this morning as you farewell Darwin and check out of your accommodation after breakfast, leaving with the memories of the awe-inspiring landscapes and the unique outback experiences that will last you a lifetime. (B)