

## **DISCOVER DARWIN**

## **THE GHAN**

## **DEPARTURE SUNDAY**

Darwin is yours to explore when you start your journey with three nights' accommodation in the tropical, laid-back city. Make the most of the city's sunsets for which it is famed when you board the 'Charles Darwin' catamaran for a sunset buffet dinner cruise. After a relaxed start to your journey, it's time to amp up the excitement by boarding the iconic Ghan Expedition as it makes its way across the country from Darwin to Adelaide through the Red Centre. Enjoy this all-inclusive experience and be captivated by the Off Train Excursions in Katherine, Alice Springs and Coober Pedy.

## **INCLUSIONS**

- 3 nights accommodation in Darwin including breakfast daily
- 'Charles Darwin' Sunset Buffet Dinner Cruise
- 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, 3 lunches, 4 dinners

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Experience Darwin at your leisure
- Enjoy the relaxed vibe of Darwin along the waterfront
- Take in the fascinating history on offer in the tropical 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 of Kakadu and Litchfield only a few hours away
- Enjoy a full buffet dinner with a breathtaking tropical sunset view on your Darwin Harbour Cruise

## **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: 3** nights Adina Apartment Hotel Darwin Waterfront

#### DAY 2 - DARWIN

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 3 - 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 Ticket 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 4 - 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. 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 team work 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)

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

## DAY 5 - 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, 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 6 - THE GHAN EXPEDITION, COOBER PEDY

From your morning stop at the outback outpost of Manguri, you'll venture into the 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. Discover the incredible diversity of Coober Pedy's spectacular Breakaways on your guided walking tour and take in the colourful low hills that appear from a distance which look as if they are 'broken away' from the higher ground of the reserve. The landscape was once an inland sea and over time has been transformed into a dramatic landscape that changes colour with the passing of the sun creating an almost surreal panorama, a truly remarkable landscape and one not to be missed. Dinner is served back on the train where you can enjoy a nightcap as your journey continues. (B, L, D)

## DAY 7 - THE GHAN EXPEDITION, ADELAIDE

Watch the dramatic scenery of the Flinders Ranges appear before passing through the mid north of South Australia for a mid-morning arrival into Adelaide, where your journey comes to an end. Leaving with you will be the memories of the awe-inspiring landscapes and the unique outback experiences that will last you a lifetime. (B)