

RED CENTRE SPECTACULAR

THE GHAN EXPEDITION

DARWIN TO ADELAIDE | DEPARTURE WEDNESDAY

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

- 1 night aboard The Ghan Expedition, Darwin to Alice Springs including an Off Train Experience in Katherine
- Transfer from Alice Springs Rail Terminal to hotel
- 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 nights aboard The Ghan Expedition, Alice Springs to Adelaide, including Off Train Experiences in Alice Springs and Coober Pedy
- 10 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, 8 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 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 Experience in Katherine. In a region renowned for jaw-dropping natural assets, Katherine boasts one of the Top End's best – the incredible Nitmiluk Gorge. (L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 1 night The Ghan Expedition

DAY 2 – THE GHAN EXPEDITION, ARRIVE ALICE SPRINGS

After arriving into Alice Springs and disembarking The Ghan, your small group tour with Outback Spirit will commence. Includes a brief town tour of Alice Springs including Anzac Hill. (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. Visit Standley Chasm and Ormiston Gorge before arriving at Kings Canyon. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Kings Canyon Resort

DAY 4 – KINGS CANYON AND WATARRKA NATIONAL PARK

Experience the wonders of the majestic Kings Canyon with your choice of walk, including the 6 km rim walk featuring breathtaking views of the Watarrka National Park or a less arduous 2.6 km walk along the canyon floor. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 – KINGS CANYON TO ULURU

Pass through Kings Creek Station and enjoy an informative paper talk and lunch at Curtin Springs, before arriving at Uluru. Enjoy this evening's unique 'Sounds of Silence' dining experience under the stars. Beginning with canapes and chilled sparkling wine, listen to the sound of the didgeridoo and the resident star talker decode the southern night sky while enjoying a premium bush tucker inspired buffet. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights at Sails in the Desert Hotel

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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 – THE GHAN EXPEDITION, ALICE SPRINGS

A day of experiences awaits you in Alice Springs. This evening, enjoy a truly unique dining experience. Tuck into a mouth-watering meal, enjoy a cold beer or a fine wine all whilst under a chandelier of stars. (B,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights The Ghan Expedition

DAY 10 – 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 11 – 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)