

TASTE OF THE TOP END

THE GHAN

AVAILABLE – FEB, MAR, NOV

DARWIN TO ALICE SPRINGS | DEPARTURE SATURDAY

Explore spectacular Litchfield National Park, see the famous jumping crocodiles along with a host of other popular Top End attractions before stepping aboard The Ghan Expedition in Darwin to Alice Springs, connecting you with some incredible landscapes and an Off Train Experience along the way.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights' accommodation in Darwin including breakfast daily
- 1 day Litchfield National Park Waterfalls including lunch and touring
- 'Charles Darwin' Sunset Dinner Cruise
- Half day Jumping Crocs and Nature Adventure including Jumping Crocodile Cruise and touring
- Transfer from Hotel to Darwin Rail Terminal
- 2 days/1 nights aboard The Ghan, Darwin to Alice Springs, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experience in Katherine
- 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Take in the splendour of thundering falls, rainforest pockets and sacred historic sites of Litchfield National Park
- Discover the incredible architecture of the termite mounds
- View the spectacular double waterfalls of Florence Falls
- Marvel at the water cascading down into the deep waterhole at the base of Tolmer Falls
- Swim in the rock pools of Wangi Falls
- Enjoy a full dinner with a sunset view on your Darwin Harbour Cruise
- Get up close to the prehistoric crocs
- Be impressed by the amazing array of native birdlife
- Visit the Window on the Wetlands Visitor Centre
- Enjoy superb views across the Marrakai Plains and the Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve

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: 4 nights Vibe Hotel Darwin Waterfront

DAY 2 – LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK

Litchfield National Park contains several types of typical Top End habitats including lush monsoon forests, termite mounds, unusual rock formations, waterfalls and cascades. First stop of the day is Florence Falls, where you have the opportunity for a scenic and interpretive bush and monsoon vine forest walk. There is also a chance for a swim by making your way down the stairs to the plunge pool below. Travel on to Tolmer Falls for a magnificent view of the water cascading down to the deep waterhole. To finish the day, you will visit Wangi Falls, with its large crystal-clear pool, another relaxing spot for a swim. A great day for taking many fascinating photos, including the amazing stand of termite mounds. (B,L)

DAY 3 – LEISURE DAY, DARWIN HARBOUR DINNER CRUISE

Today is yours to explore Darwin at your leisure. This evening, enjoy a dinner cruise on Darwin Harbour aboard a modern and spacious catamaran in air-conditioned comfort. View the famous Darwin sunset while enjoying a delicious Territory style dinner. (B,D)

DAY 4 – JUMPING CROCODILES

This morning is free for you to explore Darwin at your leisure. Perhaps make your way down to the waterfront and enjoy the tropical Darwin weather. Much of Darwin's action happens along its revitalised waterfront, which is lined with restaurants, shops, sandy lagoons and parklands.

This afternoon, your jumping croc adventure begins. Just 60km from Darwin lies the Adelaide River, home to more than 1600 crocodiles and the location of the famous Jumping Crocodiles. Travel down the Stuart Highway to the Adelaide River. Cruise the river and thrill as these awesome creatures launch themselves out of the water. The cruise will enable you to see these prehistoric creatures at close range. Afterwards, continue to the Window on the Wetlands Visitor Centre for views over the Marrakai Plains,



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and then it's onto Fogg Dam Nature Reserve to see a wetland ecosystem up close. (B)

DAY 5 – BOARD THE GHAN IN DARWIN

This morning it's time to board The Ghan. Settle in as you relax in your cabin or mingle with fellow travellers. Enjoy lunch on board before you arrive in Katherine for your Off Train Experience. In a region renowned for jaw-dropping natural assets, Katherine boasts one of the Top End's best – the incredible Nitmiluk Gorge. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 1 night The Ghan

DAY 6 – THE GHAN, ALICE SPRINGS

After breakfast you'll arrive into Alice Springs, with plenty of time to explore the iconic town in the red heart of Australia. Prepare for a day of fascinating experiences and, in the evening, dine under a million stars in Alice Springs. (B,L,D)