

RED CENTRE SPECTACULAR

THE GHAN

ADELAIDE TO DARWIN

DEPARTING WEDNESDAY (APRIL TO SEPTEMBER)

**Sunday departures also available March to October with Red Centre touring in reverse order to below*

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 10-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, Adelaide to Alice Springs, including all meals, beverages, and an Off Train Experience in Marla and Alice Springs
- Transfer from Alice Springs Rail terminal to hotel
- 1 night Alice Springs accommodation, including breakfast
- 5 nights intimate small group touring with Outback Spirit Tours, travelling onboard a state-of-the-art 4WD Mercedes-Benz vehicle, including accommodation, meals and guided touring
- 1 night Alice Springs accommodation, including breakfast
- Transfer from hotel to Alice Springs Rail Terminal
- 1 night aboard The Ghan, Alice Springs to Darwin, including all meals, beverages and an Off Train Experience in Katherine
- 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the incredible rugged beauty of Australia's Red Centre
- 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
- 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

- Dine under the stars at the 'Sounds of Silence' dining experience
- Visit Kings Canyon for a guided scenic walk and journey through the West MacDonnell Ranges, visiting Stanley Chasm and Ormiston Gorge

DAY 1 – BOARD THE GHAN IN ADELAIDE

Board The Ghan in Adelaide, heading for the Flinders Ranges and beyond. The city streets will give way to rural South Australia before the impressive mountains of the Flinders Ranges come into view. Lunch and dinner will be your introduction to dining on board and set the scene for the meals to come. (L,D)

OVERNIGHT: The Ghan

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. Upon arrival into Alice Springs you will join your choice of Off train Experience. Once your experience is complete, you will be transferred to your hotel to enjoy the evening at leisure. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 1 night at DoubleTree by Hilton Alice Springs

DAY 3 – ALICE SPRINGS TO ULURU

Today heralds the start of your 5-night Red Centre adventure with Outback Spirit Tours. You will be met by your friendly and professional crew at your hotel to depart Alice Springs. On our drive we pass Atila (Mount Connor), known as the third giant of the desert, before we enter Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Enjoy a drive around the base of Uluru before checking in to the award-winning Sails in the Desert Hotel, part of the Ayers Rock Resort. This evening head to an exclusive dune top location with majestic views of Uluru for drinks and canapes as artist Bruce Munro's global phenomenon 'Field of Light' comes to life. You'll then have the opportunity to explore the stunning display via dedicated pathways. **PLEASE NOTE:** Dinner this evening will be at approximately 9pm. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 Nights at Sails in the Desert Hotel

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DAY 4 – 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.

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 menu. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 – ULURU TO KINGS CANYON

This morning we farewell Uluru and visit Curtin Springs for an informative paper talk, before arriving at Kings Creek Station for lunch. After a short walk at Kathleen Springs, we arrive at Kings Canyon Resort mid-afternoon. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights at Kings Canyon Resort

DAY 6 – KINGS CANYON – WATARRKA NATIONAL PARK

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

Upon returning to the resort this afternoon, there is an opportunity to take a helicopter flight over Kings Canyon and the Watarrka National Park. **PLEASE NOTE:** Additional costs are applicable and weight limits apply to all scenic flights. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 – KINGS CANYON TO ALICE SPRINGS

Today we depart Kings Canyon and travel the Mereenie Loop through the Western MacDonnell Ranges to Alice Springs. Visit Standley Chasm and Ormiston Gorge before arriving at your hotel in Alice Springs this evening. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 1 night at DoubleTree by Hilton Alice Springs

DAY 8 – ALICE SPRINGS

Get to know Alice Springs on a town tour, including Anzac Hill, and learn about this unique outback town. The afternoon is yours to explore more of the town or simply relax at your hotel and enjoy the facilities. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 1 night at DoubleTree by Hilton Alice Springs

DAY 9 – BOARD THE GHAN IN ALICE SPRINGS

Check out after breakfast and join a scheduled transfer to the Alice Springs Rail Terminal, then 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

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 Experience 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)