



## TERRITORY ESCAPE

### THE GHAN EXPEDITION

DARWIN TO ADELAIDE

DEPARTURE SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Unwind during your stay at magical Mindil Beach and discover why Top End sunsets are so special. Explore spectacular Litchfield National Park, learning its ancient and geological history. Then, step aboard The Ghan Expedition in Darwin to experience the wonders of Katherine, Alice Springs and Coober Pedy on your way to Adelaide.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights' accommodation at Mindil Beach Casino Resort including breakfast daily
- \$150 resort credit to use towards food and beverages or spa treatments at Mindil Beach Casino Resort
- Full day Litchfield National Park Waterfalls tour, including lunch
- Transfer from hotel to Darwin Rail Terminal
- 4 Days aboard The Ghan Expedition, Darwin to Adelaide, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Katherine, Alice Springs and Coober Pedy
- 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy the facilities and unwind during your stay at Mindil Beach Casino Resort
- Experience tropical sunsets at Mindil Beach
- Soak up the atmosphere and flavours of the iconic Mindil Beach Sunset Market nearby (seasonal)
- Take in the splendour of thundering falls, pockets of rainforest and sacred historic sites of Litchfield National Park
- View the spectacular double waterfalls of Florence Falls
- Swim in the rock pools of Wangi Falls
- Cruise through ancient Nitmiluk Gorge in Katherine
- Explore the outback town of Alice Springs and the unusual underground town of Cooper Pedy

#### DAY 1 – ARRIVE DARWIN

You've arrived in Darwin – it's yours to explore. Time to unwind, relax and enjoy the resort facilities and surrounds.

You might wish to visit the iconic Mindil Beach Sunset Markets and soak up the atmosphere, flavours, and famous Mindil Beach sunset.

*Please note that the Mindil Beach Sunset Markets are seasonal and traditionally operate 4-9 pm Sundays and Thursdays from late April through to October.*

**OVERNIGHT:** 3 nights Mindil Beach Casino Resort

#### 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. The first stop of the day is Florence Falls, where you have the opportunity to take a scenic interpretive bush and monsoon vine forest walk. There is also the possibility 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 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. This is a great day for photography, including the amazing stand of termite mounds. (B,L)

#### DAY 3 – LEISURE DAY

Today is at your leisure. Relax and enjoy the facilities on offer at Mindil Beach Casino Resort or head out to explore more of the Top End. The choice is yours. (B)

#### DAY 4 – BOARD THE GHAN EXPEDITION 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 first 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:** 3 nights The Ghan

#### DAY 5 – THE GHAN EXPEDITION, 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 at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station. (B,L,D)



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### **DAY 6 – THE GHAN EXPEDITION, COOBER PEDY**

After a morning stop at the outback outpost of 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. Discover the diversity of Coober Pedy's spectacular Breakaways on your guided walking tour, taking in the colourful low hills that from a distance look as if they have 'broken away' from the higher ground of the reserve. This area was once an inland sea and over time, has transformed into a dramatic landscape that changes colour with the passing of the sun, creating an almost surreal panorama. 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**

After completing the famous north-south crossing of Australia's interior, you will arrive into Adelaide, where your Territory Escape comes to an end. You'll walk away with memories to last a lifetime and a deeper understanding and appreciation of Australia and its natural landscape. (B).