



JOURNEY BEYOND

THE GHAN

SOUTHERN WINE AND WILDLIFE

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DARWIN TO ADELAIDE

DEPARTING WEDNESDAY

(MARCH AND NOVEMBER)

9 Days / 8 Nights

From the natural, rugged beauty of Kangaroo Island to the vine-clad hills of the Barossa Valley, South Australia is yours to discover on this wine and wildlife adventure. Travelling from Darwin on The Ghan, you will traverse Outback Australia through the heart of the Red Centre, with stops in Katherine and Alice Springs. Rolling into Adelaide, you'll be primed for further epicurean delights to follow. Local produce, refreshing wines and spectacular scenery are the highlights of this journey.

INCLUSIONS

- Transfer from Darwin Convention Centre to Darwin Rail Terminal
- 2 nights aboard The Ghan, Darwin to Adelaide, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Katherine and Alice Springs
- Transfer from Adelaide Parklands Terminal to hotel
- 4 nights' accommodation in Adelaide, including breakfast daily
- Northern Barossa Valley Voyager tour including lunch
- The Iconic Penfolds Experience tour, including a three-course lunch with matching wines
- Return flights from Adelaide to Kangaroo Island
- Return hotel to airport transfers in Adelaide to meet the return flight
- 2-night Kangaroo Island in Style tour, including flights to and from the Island, accommodation, most meals and personalised touring
- 8 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 4 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise through ancient Nitmiluk Gorge in Katherine
- Explore the outback town of Alice Springs
- Visit the original Grange Cottage at Penfolds
- See Penfolds' underground cellars
- Indulge in an exclusive selection of Penfolds' most coveted wines
- Wildlife experience at Seal Bay Conservation Park
- Explore Flinders Chase National Park, Admirals Arch and Remarkable Rocks`

- Discover the history of the Barossa Valley
- Enjoy cellar door tastings, and a delicious lunch with a glass of wine to accompany it

DAY 1 – BOARD THE GHAN IN DARWIN

Settle into the comforts of The Ghan by relaxing in your cabin or mingling 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: 2 nights The Ghan

DAY 2 – THE GHAN, ALICE SPRINGS

Your arrival into Alice Springs after breakfast provides you with time to explore the iconic town in the red heart of Australia. Your Off Train Experience choices today include visiting the spectacular Alice Springs Desert Park and Reptile Centre, walking Simpsons Gap, or exploring the historic Telegraph Station and Royal Flying Doctor Service. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – THE GHAN, ADELAIDE

Watch the dramatic scenery of the Flinders Ranges appear before passing through the mid north of South Australia for your arrival into Adelaide. Here you will transfer to your accommodation, home for the next three nights. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Sofitel Adelaide

DAY 4 – BAROSSA VALLEY

Today, delight your senses with boutique wine and food touring to the historic Barossa Valley, with its 80 cellar doors. You'll even visit one of the oldest vineyards in the world, where Shiraz vines were planted in 1843. Enjoy running commentary from your driver as you make your way towards the world-renowned wine region and be guided though some of the best wines South Australia has to offer. Tours are small groups up to 8 people only to ensure a relaxed and unhurried day. Whether you prefer red or white, there will be something to tantalise and delight with tastings at three wineries throughout the day, and a delicious lunch with an accompanying glass of wine included in your tour. (B,L)



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DAY 5 – PENFOLDS MAGILL ESTATE

As far as gourmet experiences go, today you are about to indulge in one of Australia's best. The legendary Penfolds Magill Estate, where some of the world's great wines are produced, is your venue for an epicurean adventure you'll never forget.

Make your way from the hotel to Penfolds Magill Estate by your own arrangements, ready to enjoy tastings, including Grange, in the Estate's private rooms, before heading to the Magill Estate Cellar Door for a sumptuous lunch. (B,L)

DAY 6 – ADELAIDE TO KANGAROO ISLAND

Please note: Day 6 and 7 may be interchanged.

Depart from Adelaide Airport for your flight to magical Kangaroo Island, where you will be met by your guide and begin your 'Island Life' tour. Island Life provides a taste of the way of life in this bucolic spot, where things take time, drivers wave as they go by, and passers-by stop for a chat.

Have a cuppa with some home-made treats before taking a walk down a country track through towering Eucalyptus trees, where koalas snooze overhead or chew languidly on leaves. Listen for the sounds of the bush – brightly coloured honeyeaters and brilliant parrots, cicadas or perhaps just the sound of silence. You'll travel through the island's most productive countryside to the north coast and walk through the bush with your guide, learning what makes that noise and whose tracks those are. Watch for small wallabies, a kangaroo found only on Kangaroo Island, and a variety of other birds, plants and animals.

Lunch is at a private bush camp, where you'll enjoy a delicious meal featuring King George whiting – a local sea fish, fresh salads and fine South Australian wines. At Seal Bay Conservation Park, take a private tour with your guide among Australian sea lions on a beautiful sandy beach. Watch pups nursing or playing in the surf and old bulls bearing the scars of territorial disputes and learn about their unique breeding biology.

After a day of touring, you will return to your accommodation, with dinner included at your hotel. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Mercure Kangaroo Island Lodge

DAY 7 – KANGAROO ISLAND

Begin the day travelling through some of the regenerating landscapes of Kangaroo Island. Learn about fire ecology and how nature deals with this natural hazard. Some of the native flora species only flower following fire.

Travel into Flinders Chase National Park and explore the massive shapes of Remarkable Rocks, a natural sculpture perched impossibly on top a granite dome plunging into the ocean. Then you'll break for an elegant picnic lunch in the bush, or if weather permits, on a spectacular clifftop. Evidence of the power of the Southern Ocean swell continues at Admirals Arch – a coastal grotto that provides a haul out for a large colony of Long-nosed Fur Seals, which swim effortlessly through the crashing waves.

After your last day of touring, you will return to your accommodation, with dinner included at your hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 – KANGAROO ISLAND TO ADELAIDE

This morning, you'll be transferred to the airport for your return flight to Adelaide. Arriving in Adelaide, you will be transferred to your city accommodation to leave your bags and spend the remainder of the day at your leisure.

The evening is free to explore some of Adelaide's many dining and entertainment precincts. (B)

OVERNIGHT: 1 night Sofitel Adelaide

DAY 9 – FAREWELL

After breakfast, check out of your accommodation, bringing your epicurean adventure to an end. (B)