



ADELAIDE AND DARWIN CITY STAY

THE GHAN

ADELAIDE TO DARWIN
DEPARTING THURSDAY AND SUNDAY
(MARCH TO NOVEMBER)
9 Days / 8 Nights

Start your journey with three nights' accommodation in Adelaide, discovering the food and wine capital of South Australia. Then, it's time to board The Ghan from Adelaide to Darwin, connecting with incredible landscapes and enjoying immersive Off Train Experiences along the way. Once you arrive in Darwin, the tropical, laid-back city is yours to explore during your three-night stay. Make the most of the city's spectacular sunsets when you board Darwin Harbour Cruises' Charles Darwin catamaran for a sunset dinner cruise to complete your experience.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights' accommodation in Adelaide, including breakfast daily
- Northern Barossa Valley Voyager tour, including lunch
- Transfer from hotel to Adelaide Parklands Terminal
- 2 nights aboard The Ghan, Adelaide to Darwin, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Marla, Alice Springs and Katherine
- Transfer from Darwin Rail Terminal to hotel
- 3 nights' accommodation in Darwin, including breakfast daily
- Darwin Harbour Cruises Sunset Dinner Cruise
- 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the history of the Barossa Valley
- Enjoy cellar door tastings and a restaurant lunch
- Explore the outback town of Alice Springs
- Cruise ancient Nitmiluk Gorge in Katherine
- Enjoy dinner with a breathtaking tropical sunset view on a Darwin Harbour Cruise
- Experience the relaxed vibe of Darwin along the waterfront

Please note, itineraries are subject to change.

DAY 1 – ARRIVE ADELAIDE

You've arrived in Adelaide – it's yours to explore. Spend the day at leisure before checking in to your accommodation.

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights The Playford Adelaide – MGallery

DAY 2 – ADELAIDE

Explore more of Adelaide at your leisure. If you'd like to get to the source of that gourmet experience by visiting another wine growing region, McLaren Vale is the perfect option. (B)

WE RECOMMEND:

McLaren Vale Winery Experience
\$235 per person

A tour to McLaren Vale along the beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula includes four cellar door experiences and a delicious restaurant lunch. The region is best known for its Shiraz, but expert vignerons will explain why Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay grapes also thrive in this unique microclimate.

DAY 3 – 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 through some of the best wines South Australia has to offer. Tours are small groups up to eight 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)

DAY 4 – BOARD THE GHAN IN ADELAIDE

Check out of your accommodation this morning and transfer to Adelaide Parklands Terminal. Step aboard The Ghan for an unforgettable adventure to the Top End. Settle into your cabin and see the changes in landscape from your window as the train leaves the city, heading for the Flinders Ranges and beyond. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights The Ghan



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DAY 5 – THE GHAN, ALICE SPRINGS

After your first night enjoying the fine dining and relaxed comfort of this iconic train, you'll wake to an unforgettable outback sunrise at Marla – a remote outpost 160 kilometres from the Northern Territory border that marks the start of the Oodnadatta Track. Enjoy the magnificent scenery as you make your way onwards to Alice Springs, where you have a selection of Off Train Experiences to choose from. There's an experience to suit everyone, from an off-road mountain bike adventure, to the Alice Explorer tour, a cultural experience at Standley Chasm, meeting the wildlife at the Desert Park, or taking in the astounding beauty of Simpson's Gap. Alternatively, take it all in from the air, with an optional upgrade helicopter flight. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – THE GHAN, KATHERINE AND DARWIN

When the landscape transforms into rocky gorges and fast-flowing canyon streams, prepare to experience one of the Top End's most impressive natural wonders on a boat cruise along Nitmiluk Gorge. Alternatively, the Katherine Outback Experience lets you into the lives of those who call the outback home. There is also a helicopter flight upgrade available, for those wishing to see Nitmiluk from an aerial perspective.

A few hours later as evening falls, you'll arrive in Darwin and transfer to your accommodation, where you can settle in and reflect on your outback adventure thus far. (B,L)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights Vibe Hotel Darwin Waterfront

DAY 7 – DARWIN HARBOUR CRUISE

Stroll around Darwin today, taking in the fascinating history of the northern capital at your own pace. Wander to the Stokes Hill Wharf area, stroll through the Botanic Gardens or the Chinese Temple and don't forget a visit to the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.

You haven't seen a sunset until you see a Darwin sunset, and this evening you'll understand why they're so special. Board Darwin Harbour Cruise's catamaran, the Charles Darwin, to savour the sights and enjoy the swirl of the sea breeze as you cruise the harbour by water. Enjoy a sumptuous meal on board focused on local produce and fresh seafood. Nothing is more relaxing than soaking up the splendour of the skies, champagne flute in hand. (B,D)

DAY 8 – DARWIN

Today is for further exploration of the Darwin waterfront and its top-notch restaurants, taking in the relaxed pace of life in the north. Alternatively, consider an optional tour (additional expense) to make the most of your time in the Top End. (B)

WE RECOMMEND:

Croc 'N' History Explorer Ticket

Additional Expense (ask our friendly Travel Consultants for pricing)

Combine three of Darwin's premier attractions with one ticket and save. The flexible Croc 'N' History Explorer package gives you full day entry to Crocosaurus Cove, RFDS Tourist facility and the Darwin Big Bus, for a hop-on, hop-off transport option.

DAY 9 – FAREWELL

After breakfast check-out of your accommodation and say farewell to Darwin. You're leaving with memories of awe-inspiring landscapes and unique outback experiences that will last a lifetime. (B)