

# GHAN TRAIN ADELAIDE TO DARWIN



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## The Ghan, Adelaide to Darwin with City Stay

**Duration:** 5 days

**Stay:** 2 nights Ghan Gold Twin cabin, 2 nights hotel

**Travel style:** Independent with all-inclusive train

**Booking code:** GHANAD5M

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# 5 Days The Ghan Adelaide to Darwin & City Stay

## About the holiday

The iconic Ghan travels through the Australia's heartland on an extraordinary journey from South Australia through to the Northern Territory's Top End.

The Ghan Red Centre Explorer begins in Adelaide and as you travel north you'll witness South Australia's green hills gradually change to the ochre red of the Flinders Ranges. The all-inclusive journey continues into the Northern Territory as you glide through the MacDonnell Ranges and enjoy regionally inspired dining and complimentary drinks onboard. Following your comfortable night on The Ghan, watch a breathtakingly beautiful sunrise before rolling into Alice Springs.

After time to explore 'a town like Alice' it's full steam ahead for Katherine, where with the choice of off-train experiences you can cruise Nitmiluk Gorge and learn about ancient Indigenous culture. After a sensational three-day adventure, roll into Darwin for a two-night stay in the tropical north!

## Why you'll love this trip...

- Indulge in fully-inclusive luxury aboard the famous Ghan for two nights
- All-inclusive meals, fine wine and beverages
- Immersive off-train experiences in Marla, Alice Springs & Katherine
- The extended holiday has two nights to explore Darwin!

## Travel dates

**2024** – see the website for departure dates from April to October\*

\*Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price varies depending on travel dates.

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## Holiday Inclusions

### Rail package includes:

**Ghan Train** – 3 days Adelaide to Darwin

2 nights Ghan private Gold Twin cabin with private facilities

All meals onboard Ghan

FREE beverages throughout your train journey

Complimentary toiletries kit

Cabin steward service, in-cabin music and commentary

Use of Outback Explorer Lounge

Off-train experiences in Marla, Alice Springs & Katherine

**Accommodation** – 2 nights Darwin hotel, standard room based on twin share

Stay at Darwin City Hotel, Metro Apartments, Capitanos Hotel or similar

**Darwin Day Tour** – Darwin Hop-On Hop-Off Bus

### Package excludes:

Flights to Adelaide/from Darwin – please contact us for the latest airfare deals

Airport & hotel transfers

Meals, sightseeing & activities not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Travel insurance is strongly recommended

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single traveller rates

***This package is subject to confirmation by the rail company, hotels and local operators.***

***Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.***

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## Itinerary

### **DAY 1: Ghan Train Adelaide to Alice Springs**

Make your own way to the Ghan railway station to begin your journey. Departing Adelaide at noon, what lies ahead is rugged, beautiful and spectacular – through the Red Centre to the tropical north of Australia. Settle into your cabin and watch the rolling pastoral lands of South Australia from your window, or meet your fellow travellers in the lounge car. Before long some of the oldest rock formations in the world, the Flinders Ranges, come into view. As darkness envelops the rugged outback, it's time to indulge in a regionally-inspired dinner and all-inclusive fine wines and beverages.

### **Day 2: Alice Springs**

Begin with a freshly brewed coffee or juice as the day dawns at Marla, an outback outpost in the remote reaches of South Australia. It is here, deep inland, that you will enjoy a one of a kind experience, as you watch the desert come to life at sunrise. All aboard for brunch as you make your way through the MacDonnell Ranges to Alice Springs where a choice of Off Train Excursions awaits. Alice is an iconic Red Centre outpost. 1,500 kilometres from the nearest major city, it may be remote, but offers plenty to explore – home to doctors who fly, rivers that run dry, and a cast of colourful characters. Your time in the 'capital out of the outback' offers numerous opportunities to explore its historic legacy and unique environment.

### **DAY 3: Katherine & Darwin**

Your day dawns in the tropical north. The pristine wilderness of Katherine is stirring and powerful, and you'll have the chance to explore it from the water or land with your choice of off train experiences. Cruise the jaw-dropping Nitmiluk Gorge, learn more about its ancient Indigenous rock paintings and gain insight into the culture of the traditional owners of Nitmiluk, the Jawoyn people. As evening falls, arrive in Darwin to complete your epic Australian train journey.

When you arrive into Darwin you can sense the cosmopolitan and thriving atmosphere of this historic tropical north Australian city. Upon arrival at the Top End, please catch a taxi to your Darwin hotel. You can relax and use the rest of the day to explore your hotel and its facilities, perhaps take a stroll around the neighbourhood and central Darwin.

#### **DAY 4: Darwin Hop-On Hop-Off Bus Tour**

Today it's time to explore the adventure, wildlife, and indigenous culture of the capital city of the Northern Territory of Australia with the Darwin Hop-on, Hop-off bus ticket. Discover the most famous landmarks of this small, cosmopolitan city and get top-deck views while traveling on an open-top bus. Enjoy this sightseeing excursion at your own pace as you hop off at any of the designated stops as many times and for as long as you want, and hop back on to continue to the next attraction. Cruise through the city while learning about Darwin's interesting history from the pre-recorded digital commentary, broadcast in English via speakers during your bus tour.

The tropical northern city of Darwin is located on a massive and spectacular harbour on the Timor Sea. It has a multicultural population of around 130,000 people, that is a melting-pot cultures from more than 50 countries, who pride themselves on their unique and friendly laid-back lifestyle. Darwin has year round balmy weather and has many popular attractions, including Aquascene, Burnett House, Casuarina Coastal Reserve, Charles Darwin National Park, Cullen Bay Marina, Darwin Convention Centre, Deckchair Cinema, East Point Reserve & Lake Alexander, Fannie Bay Gaol, George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens, Indo Pacific Marine, Lyons Cottage, Mindil Beach Sunset Markets, Museum & Art Gallery of the NT, Northern Territory Parliament House, USS Peary Memorial and the fascinating World War II Oil Storage Tunnels. There is plenty to see and do in the magnificent and vibrant Top End.

#### **DAY 5: Depart Darwin**

Please catch a taxi to Darwin airport for your flight home. We can also book additional nights in Darwin if you would like to visit Kakadu National Park, Katherine Gorge and Litchfield National Park.

**Please note: The day by day descriptions published are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road & rail conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that ultimately are for the client's benefit.**

**It is essential that clients are flexible and open minded in this regard.**

### **About The Ghan**

The Ghan has been operating for more than 80 years. It started in 1878 running out of Port Augusta, but it wasn't until 1929 that it made its way to Alice Springs and the Red Centre. It followed the same route as the telegraph through the centre of the country. A new standard-gauge railway track replaced the original in 1980. And after more than 100 years of discussion and \$1.3 billion in investment the track was finally extended all the way to Darwin in 2004. The train is named after the Afghan Express, which was the nickname given in 1923 by the railway-men to the passenger train that ran from Terowie, through Quorn to Oodnadatta. Afghan camel drivers were famous in the late 19th century and made a huge contribution to exploring Australia's desert areas. Today you can relax and take advantage of the luxury and of the modern conveniences of this now famous train as the rugged outback passes by.





## **Inclusions Onboard The Ghan**

Relax in your private Gold Class Cabin and watch the red heart of Australia pass by through your large window. Enjoy all meals onboard the Ghan in the stylish Queen Adelaide Restaurant Car (flexible times, hearty breakfasts, two course lunches, three course dinners).

Your package includes FREE soft drinks, beers, high-quality standard wines, base spirits, tea and coffee throughout your journey on board. You will also receive a FREE toiletries kit.

Regarded as one of the world's greatest rail journeys, The Ghan delivers so much more than an extended train ride. It promises access to parts of Australia no other holiday can come close to – the perfect balance of comfort and adventure culminating in an experience that will move you in every sense of the word.

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