

## TOP END & THE GHAN EXPEDITION

28 JULY 2025 - 6 AUGUST 2025

Tour Cost (\$AUD):\$10,850 (land only)  
Single Supplement (\$AUD):\$875

Tour Duration:10 days



### OVERVIEW

*Join us on an exciting 10-day journey from the Top End capital of Darwin to the South Australian capital, Adelaide. The centrepiece of this diverse and extraordinary itinerary is a three-night journey on Australia's iconic train, The Ghan – among the most renowned rail journeys in the world.*

Our tour begins in the vibrant and dynamic coastal city of Darwin which is the gateway to the massive Kakadu National Park. After a two-day exploration of the city, we board our coach and travel through pristine wetlands to the National Park. Here we experience the dramatic scenery of cliffs, gorges and billabongs as we look out for the myriad birdlife and a diverse array of wildlife. At the World Heritage area of Ubirr we discover the extraordinary 20,000 year old Aboriginal rock art and enjoy spectacular views of the surrounding wetlands. After our two-night stay at Kakadu, we return to Darwin and board The Ghan for our three-night rail journey through the magnificent Red Centre. We enjoy multiple stops and a variety of excursions at the township of Katherine, Alice Springs and Coober Pedy, before the landscape changes to the lush green of the Flinders Ranges, as the train rolls on to Adelaide. Join us on a fabulous fully escorted tour through the very heart of Australia, from the tropical north to the sublime hills of the south.

**Tour Fitness Level: Moderate**

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## TOUR MAP



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### ITINERARY

#### 28/07/2025 Darwin (D)

On arrival into Darwin make your way to the hotel. The afternoon is at leisure before a welcome dinner in the evening.

#### Vibe Hotel

Darwin Waterfront

#### 29/07/2025 Darwin (BD)

Today we enjoy a half day tour of Darwin including the Aviation Museum and the Botanic Gardens. The afternoon is free to continue exploring the city or relaxing at the hotel. Late afternoon we board the Spirit of Darwin, for a sunset dinner cruise. We get a bird's eye view of the famous Darwin sunset whilst enjoying a delicious buffet meal prepared with fresh, local produce. After our cruise we return to the hotel.

#### 30/07/2025 Darwin – Kakadu NP (BLD)

After breakfast we travel through pristine wetland regions to Kakadu National Park. In the afternoon our Driver Guide takes us to the World Heritage area of Ubirr, where we climb up through the ancient Aboriginal rock art galleries, believed to be 20,000 years old. We'll take a cruise on the East Alligator River, and our Aboriginal guide will provide an insight into their culture and local mythology.

#### Cooinda Lodge

Kakadu National Park

#### 31/07/2025 Kakadu NP (BLD)

This morning we head out to Nourlangie creek where you will find some of the world's oldest and most impressive rock art with spectacular views of the Arnhem Land escarpment. We then visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre. After lunch we have some

free time before we join our local guide on an award winning cruise to experience the dramatic scenery of the Yellow Water Billabong. The region is renowned for its diverse array of wildlife and colourful range of birdlife, and we may even see saltwater crocodiles. Later we return to our hotel for dinner.

#### 01/08/2025 Kakadu NP – Darwin (BLD)

After breakfast we begin the journey back to Darwin. The afternoon is at leisure.

#### Vibe Hotel

Darwin Waterfront

#### 02/08/2025 Darwin – Aboard The Ghan (BLD)

This morning we depart Darwin aboard The Ghan. We settle into our cabins and perhaps mingle with fellow travellers. At lunch we savour the regionally-inspired menu which is accompanied by a selection of all-inclusive wines and beverages. Early afternoon we arrive into the Top End township of Katherine, where there is a choice of taking a cruise through Nitmiluk Gorge, or taking a glimpse into the lives of those who live on a huge cattle station. Back onboard The Ghan we enjoy dinner as the sun sets over the outback.

#### The Ghan

#### 03/08/2025 Aboard The Ghan (BLD)

This morning we wake up to views of the spectacular Red Centre. We enjoy a full day of excursions in the outback town of Alice Springs. There is the option to upgrade to a scenic flight to Uluru. In the evening we enjoy a spectacular barbeque dinner under the stars at the historic Alice Springs Telegraph Station.

#### The Ghan

#### 04/08/2025 Aboard The Ghan (BLD)

The train rolls on through the Red Centre stopping at Manguri and then the weird and wonderful opal mining township of Coober Pedy, where more than half of the residents live underground. Here we enjoy

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a day of discovery and a gourmet lunch in the most unique of locations: underground. Back on the train we enjoy dinner as the train continues on its journey south.

### The Ghan

05/08/2025 The Ghan - Adelaide (BD)

This morning we see a dramatic change in the landscape as the rich ochre tones of the outback give way to the green fields of South Australia. We enjoy a leisurely brunch as we pass through the majestic Flinders Ranges before our mid morning

arrival into Adelaide, having completed one of the world's great train journeys. On arrival into Adelaide we transfer to our hotel and enjoy a farewell dinner.

### Majestic Roof Garden Hotel

Adelaide

06/08/2025 Adelaide (B)

Our tour concludes this morning after breakfast.