



 The Ghan Rail



THE GHAN: TOP END EXPLORER 2027 (TOUR CODE: 12607)

STARTS AND ENDS

Adelaide to
Darwin

TRAVEL PERIODS

Departs Sat (Mar - Oct) & Tue
(Apr - Sep) 2027

EXPERIENCE

[Cultural](#)
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TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Journeys

Connect with culture and country by combining two iconic national parks with one legendary rail journey.

Highlights

- Explore the outback town of Alice Springs
- Cruise through ancient Nitmiluk Gorge in Katherine
- Cruise on the Mary River spotting wildlife, including saltwater crocodiles and an abundance of birdlife
- Visit the Ubirr art site within Kakadu National Park, home to some of the world's most outstanding rock art
- Swim in a waterfall at Litchfield National Park
- Take in the sparkling waters of Darwin Harbour on a Sunset Dinner Cruise

Connect with the heart of Australia by combining two iconic national parks with one legendary rail journey. Journey through remote and breathtaking landscapes aboard The Ghan, before continuing to Kakadu and Litchfield National Parks, where you'll discover the Top End's diverse wildlife, landscapes and natural habitats.



INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights aboard The Ghan, Adelaide to Darwin, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in the Clare Valley, Flinders Ranges, Marla, Alice Springs and Katherine
- Visit Penobscot Farm for a signature dining experience in the Clare Valley
- Explore the Southern Flinders Ranges, blending historic towns, rugged peaks and outback heritage
- Cruise through ancient Nitmiluk Gorge in Katherine
- Transfer from Darwin Rail Terminal to hotel
- 3 nights' accommodation in Darwin, including breakfast
- 2 nights Kakadu touring, East Alligator River and Litchfield touring with Outback Spirit, travelling on 4WD Mercedes-Benz vehicle, incl. accommodation, guided tours and meals
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- Visit the Ubirr art site within Kakadu National Park, home to some of the world's most outstanding rock art
- Swim in a waterfall at Litchfield National Park
- Darwin Harbour Sunset Dinner Cruise
- 8 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 6 dinners

ITINERARY

Day

1

Board The Ghan in Adelaide Clare Valley

Your journey on The Ghan begins in Adelaide this afternoon, as you step aboard and settle into the rhythm of life on the rails. Watch the countryside roll past your window as the train makes its way north, a hint of the adventure to come.

By early evening, the train arrives at Long Plains, where you step off and transfer into the rolling vineyards of the Clare Valley – one of South Australia's most celebrated wine regions. At Penobscot Farm, a signature dinner awaits in the reimagined Woolshed, curated exclusively for guests of The Ghan. Every dish is drawn from the farm's own biodynamic produce, paired with Clare Valley's celebrated Rieslings and reds under the guidance of Executive Chef Nicola Palmer. As the sun sets over the vines, raise a glass to the days of discovery ahead. After dinner, return to the train and retire for the night as The Ghan continues its journey north.

Overnight stay aboard **The Ghan**.

Dinner



CHECK-IN ASSISTANT ON THE PLATFORM

Day

2

The Ghan: Flinders Ranges

Wake to the changing countryside as The Ghan arrives into Port Augusta, South Australia's gateway to the outback. After breakfast, step off the train and prepare for a full day discovering one of the nation's most remarkable regions: the Flinders Ranges.

Your Off Train Experience takes you deep into one of the oldest mountain ranges on Earth, where 600 million years of geological history has folded the land into dramatic gorges and red rock outcrops. Stand amid ancient rock formations and take in a landscape millions of years in the making.

From here, head to the historic town of Quorn, once a vital crossroads on the Trans-Australian Railway and now home to the heritage Pichi Richi line. Settle in for lunch paired with the botanicals of Flinders Gin, distilled from the landscape around you. Visit the ruins of Kanyaka Station and hear stories of the ruined dreams of colonial farmers in this harsh and unrelenting landscape — a striking introduction to the outback.

After a day of exploration, rejoin the train for a relaxed evening on board recalling the day's adventures.

Overnight stay aboard **The Ghan**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **3**

The Ghan: Alice Springs

After a night of fine dining and relaxed comfort aboard The Ghan, wake to a spectacular outback sunrise at Marla, a remote outpost 160 kilometres from the Northern Territory border and gateway to the legendary Oodnadatta Track. With red dirt beneath your feet and a bonfire casting warmth into the cool morning air, pause to take in the stillness of this extraordinary place.

Back on board, enjoy a leisurely brunch as the desert landscape unfolds on the journey north to Alice Springs.

Here, a variety of Off Train Experiences awaits. Choose an off-road e-bike adventure across ochre-coloured earth, explore the town's key landmarks on the A Town Called Alice tour, or embrace a cultural experience at Standley Chasm. Nature lovers can meet the wildlife at the Desert Park or marvel at the striking beauty of Simpsons Gap. For a bird's-eye view, upgrade to a scenic helicopter flight and witness the sheer scale of this remarkable region.

Return to the train in the late afternoon, with time to refresh before dinner is served and another unforgettable evening begins.

Overnight stay aboard **The Ghan**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



ALICE SPRINGS

Day 4

The Ghan: Katherine and Darwin

Your final day begins in the tropical north, where the landscape gives way to rocky escarpments and fast-flowing canyon streams. Here, you'll experience one of the Top End's greatest natural wonders on a cruise through the majestic Nitmiluk Gorge. As you glide along the water, your guide will share the cultural significance of this place to the Jawoyn people, weaving in stories that highlight their deep spiritual connection to the land.

Alternatively, step into the lives of those who call the outback home at the Katherine Outback Experience, or venture underground to explore the limestone chambers of the Cutta Cutta Caves, rich in native wildlife, Indigenous culture and European history. For a different perspective, upgrade to a helicopter flight and witness the scale and grandeur of Nitmiluk from above.

After your day's adventures, return to the train and journey onwards to Darwin, where you'll disembark The Ghan and be transferred to your overnight accommodation. After checking in, you may wish to explore the Waterfront Precinct with its many restaurants and bars.

Overnight stay in Darwin at **Hilton Garden Inn Darwin** (or similar).

Breakfast, Lunch



NITMILUK NATIONAL PARK

Darwin Litchfield and Kakadu National Park

As one adventure ends, another begins with Outback Spirit. This morning, depart Darwin and head towards Batchelor, the gateway to Litchfield National Park. Containing several types of typical Top End habitats, Litchfield National Park is abundant with lush monsoon forests, termite mounds, unusual rock formations, waterfalls, and cascades.

After stopping for morning tea, the next stop is Florence Falls. Here you can watch from the scenic viewing platform as the spectacular falls cascade into the plunge pool below.

Next, move onto Wangi Falls; a large plunge pool surrounded by shady grassed areas. The falls flow all year round and you can take a dip in the crystal-clear pool. After a light lunch, cross the Adelaide River and continuing east, enter the World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park before arriving at your accommodation for the next two nights, the Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel at Jabiru, so named for the crocodile shape it takes.

Note: Swimming at Wangi Falls is subject to National Park No Croc Safety Clearance.

Overnight stay at **Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel** (or similar).

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Kakadu National Park

An early start today as you head to Jabiru Airstrip, where you'll gain another perspective on this incredible environment. Take to the skies on a 60-minute scenic flight over ancient escarpments, floodplains and winding rivers, exhibiting the results of 1.8 billion years of continuous erosion. Your flight includes live commentary from your pilot as you glide over these spectacular ancient lands.

After landing at Jabiru Airport, depart for the East Alligator River region, known as the gateway to Arnhem Land. Take a spectacular local indigenous cruise on the East Alligator River and listen to the stories of the region as you spot the large saltwater crocodiles that dwell in these waters.

After a peaceful cruise, it's time to reboard the coach and head to the World Heritage Ubirr art site, home to some of the world's most outstanding rock art. Enjoy a 1-kilometre circular track walk and take in the amazing rock art. There will be time for those feeling fit to make the steep 250m climb to the top of the rocky escarpment for magnificent views across the Magela floodplain.

Enjoy lunch before heading to Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) Art Site where you can take in ancient rock paintings and spectacular vistas whilst enjoying the 1.5 kilometre walk around this incredible indigenous site. Then it's time to head back

to the hotel to relax and enjoy dinner.

**Due to the seasonal weather experienced in the Top End during March and April you will experience Nourlangie after your scenic flight instead of Ubirr, and the cruise will occur on Yellow Waters*

Overnight stay at **Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel** (or similar).

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **7**

Kakadu National Park Darwin

This morning, depart Kakadu National Park and travel along the Arnhem Highway through the Mary River National Park with its vast wetlands attracting many migratory birds.

On arrival at Mary River, you will take to the water on a cruise that showcases the local wildlife, including saltwater crocodiles and the abundance of birdlife in the region.

From here, travel through the productive region of Humpty Doo, where an array of tropical fruits are grown before heading to Darwin, arriving early evening, where your three-day Simply Kakadu Tour comes to an end.

**Due to the seasonal weather experienced in the Top End during March and April you will enjoy the famous 'Jumping Croc Cruise' in place of the Mary River cruise.*

Overnight stay at **Hilton Garden Inn Darwin** (or similar).

Breakfast, Lunch



CROCODILE AT KAKADU NATIONAL PARK

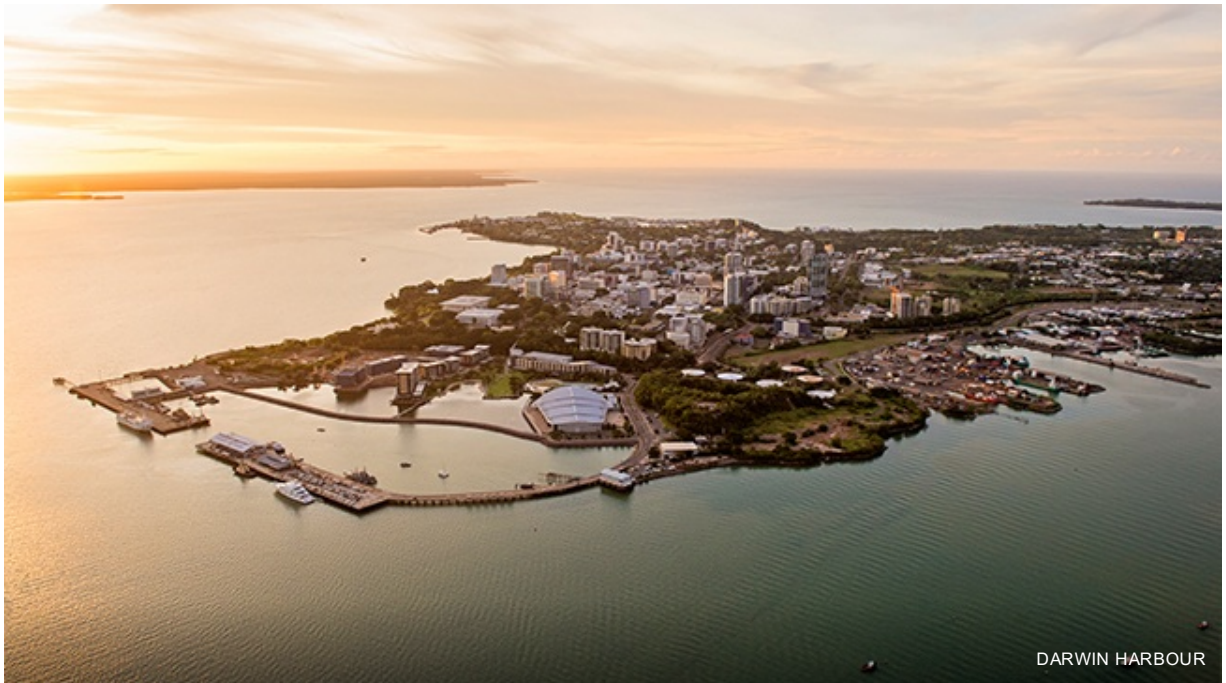
Day **8**

Darwin

Today is free for you to enjoy the sights of Darwin at leisure. Perhaps take a stroll along the Waterfront Precinct or visit the George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens. In the evening, admire a spectacular sunset while feasting on a Territory-style dinner featuring local seafood and produce on a Darwin Harbour Sunset Cruise.

Overnight stay at **Hilton Garden Inn Darwin** (or similar).

Breakfast, Dinner



DARWIN HARBOUR

Day **9**

Farewell

Your Top End experience comes to an end as you check out of your accommodation after breakfast and farewell Darwin.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

The Ghan

UPGRADE AVAILABLE

GOLD

Immerse yourself in the world of romance that epitomises rail travel with Gold Service.

Choose between **Gold Twin** or **Single cabins**, both of which provide the perfect place to relax and recharge after a day's journey. Spend hours deep in conversation with new friends in the shared Outback Explorer Lounge, sipping on barista made coffee, or a glass of white wine. Later make your way to the Queen Adelaide Restaurant to dine.

Gold includes hearty breakfasts, two-course lunches and three-course dinners. You may also choose to complement your meal with our selection of premium wines and beverages, all included in your fare.

Gold Twin Cabins

Gold Twin offers a comfortable sleeper cabin featuring private ensuite and upper and lower berths that convert to a three-seater lounge by day.



- Power outlets in cabin
- In-cabin music channels and journey audio commentary available
- All-inclusive dining in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant
- All-inclusive Australian wines, beers, base spirits and non-alcoholic beverages
- All-inclusive Off Train Excursions
- Luggage allowance is 60kg per guest
- Complimentary Shuttle bus transfers available in Darwin to selected hotels in the city centre

Room Upgrades

Gold Single Cabin

Your stylish and ultra-modern cabin cleverly accommodates your belongings with a series of compartments and shelving options incorporated into the compact design. Your comfortable seat with full leg extension bench seat by day converts to a cosy bed by night.

The soulful, reflective and contemplative nature of moving across the continent by train is ideally suited to travelling solo but you can be as quiet or as social as you wish and with your included choice of Off Train Experiences allows you to join fellow guests as you experience the amazing places you visit together.

Inside your cabin, choose from six music and journey commentary channels to add background ambience to your travels, and you have numerous power supply outlets to keep your devices charged. Complimentary shuttle bus transfers are available between Darwin Terminal and

the city centre, with a checked luggage allowance of 60 kg per guest (2 pieces at 30 kg each).



Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

Gold Premium

For travellers who want that little bit more, Gold Premium delivers an enhanced journey experience. Accommodated in newly designed, contemporary cabins, guests have exclusive access to the Gold Premium Lounge and Gold Premium Restaurant for meals and socialising. Enjoy delicious breakfasts, two-course, regionally inspired lunches and delectable four-course dinners in beautiful surrounds, accompanied by a selection of premium beverages.

Gold Premium offers some special touches to make the journey special, like priority check-in and an increased luggage allowance, a private ensuite, LaGaia amenities, tour preferencing and more.

Choose between a **Gold Premium Twin cabin** or **Gold Premium Suite**, which has a little more space. Whichever cabin you choose, Gold Premium offers a step up to a whole new style of train travel.

Gold Premium Twin cabin

A newly designed, contemporary cabin that converts from a lounge by day into sleeping berths at night.

Gold Premium Suite

The Gold Premium Suite has a three-quarter-size double bed plus a fold-down upper berth and a lounge area, with extra room to relax.

Gold Premium (Twin & Suite) service includes:

- Private en suite with LaGaia amenities, luxuriously soft linen and satin eye masks
- Exclusive access to the Gold Premium Lounge and Gold Premium Dining carriage
- Two-course, regionally inspired lunches and four-course dinners
- All-inclusive premium Australian wines, beers, spirits and non-alcoholic beverages
- All-inclusive Off Train Experiences and preferences on tour selections
- 75kg checked luggage allowance per guest (3 x 25 kg each)
- Priority luggage check-in
- Power outlets in cabin
- In-cabin music channels and journey audio commentary
- Complimentary shuttle bus transfers available in Darwin and Brisbane to selected hotels in the city centre



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Platinum

Tailored for the discerning traveller, Platinum sets a refined and elegant tone throughout your journey. Stylishly appointed and spacious cabins provide comfort after a day's exploring, while the Platinum Club carriage offers a sophisticated setting for meals, relaxation and socialising. As you'd expect, the food and wine is of the highest standard. Enjoy hearty breakfasts, two-course lunches and five-course dinners, all regionally inspired and paired with champagne and premium wines.

And it all begins before you've even stepped aboard. Platinum guests receive private transfers before and after your journey, beginning the adventure in style. Platinum cabins offer luxe extras, such as a full-size ensuite, expansive window views from the train. Add to that the luxurious linen, Champagne Bollinger, premium Jurlique amenities, Bracegirdle's chocolates, a nightcap at turndown and more, and you're in for an exceptional experience.

Platinum service includes:

- Spacious Double or Twin cabin almost twice the size of a Gold Premium Twin or Gold Twin cabin
- All-inclusive dining, beverages and Off Train Experiences
- By day, cabins are set up lounge-style with a moveable table and two ottomans
- By night, lounges are converted to double or twin beds
- Luxuriously soft linen and satin eye masks
- Ensuite equipped with separate shower, vanity with cupboard space, and toilet
- Premium Jurlique amenities
- Power outlets and in-cabin safe
- In-cabin music channels and journey audio commentary
- Panoramic windows offering views from both sides of the train
- Access to the exclusive Platinum Club for dining and socialising
- Freshly prepared continental breakfasts served upon request in-cabin
- Refreshments served in-cabin
- Transfers at the start and end of your journey available for guests within 60 km of the terminal (Platinum transfers in Alice Springs, Darwin and Brisbane are provided in shared vehicles)
- 90 kg checked luggage allowance per guest (3 x 30 kg each)
- Priority luggage check-in



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package