JOURNEY THROUGH THE



# **HEART OF AUSTRALIA**

# THE GHAN **EXPEDITION** JOURNEY MAY 2025



# FULLY ESCORTED GIPPSLAND DEPARTURE

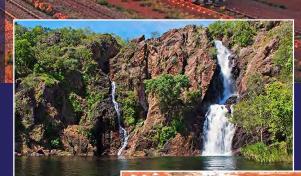
EPIC 4 DAY / 3 NIGHT RAIL JOURNEY SOUTHBOUND FROM DARWIN TO ADELAIDE. COMBINED WITH DARWIN TOP END TOURING HIGHLIGHTS 10 DAY / 9 NIGHTS DEPARTING ON 04TH MAY 2025

A unique and epic experience, explore the wonders of Australia's vast interior with one of the world's most renowned rail journeys – The Ghan Expedition from Darwin to Adelaide.

Our experienced tour leaders take care of your travel arrangements to ensure a hassle free and enjoyable holiday. Experience for yourself the Legendary Ghan, combined with Highlights of Darwin, Katherine, Alice Springs and Coober Pedy. Spend time in Darwin including visiting the breathtaking Litchfield & Kakadu National Parks, Mary River Wilderness Park, Darwin Highlights Tour, Corroboree Creek Billabong Cruise and more.

Ready yourself for an incredible, one-of-a-kind experience on The Ghan Expedition Journey, travelling Gold Class your adventure begins as you board The Ghan in Darwin for an epic four day, three night 2979km tour that will take you to some of the most remote yet captivating parts of Australia in style and luxury.

The Ghan Expedition promises the adventure of a lifetime taking you deep into the heart of Australia and back again.







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#### Sunday, 04th May 2025

## Bairnsdale - Melbourne - Darwin.

Please be at your planned pick-up point 15 minutes prior to our departure time for a transfer to Melbourne Airport where we will check in for your evening flight to Darwin. On arrival into Darwin you will be transferred to the Hilton Darwin for your next 2 nights.

Accommodation: Hilton Darwin.

#### Monday, 05th May 2025

#### Darwin (BD)

Following a relaxing breakfast at the hotel, you will have the perfect introduction to Darwin with a 1/2 day Darwin City Highlights tour. Sit back and relax as your Driver Guide takes you through the beautiful city of Darwin. Enjoy a tour of the historic sites of the city including the East Point Military Precinct, Mooring Basin and the Stokes Hill Wharf area. You'll gain insights into Australia's WWII history and the bombing of Darwin. There is also time to explore the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory which showcases collections encompassing Aboriginal art and Northern Territory. Afternoon at leisure. This evening enjoy a sunset dinner at the Darwin Sailing Club

Accommodation: Hilton, Darwin

# Tuesday, 06th May 2025

## Darwin – Kakadu (BD)

Enjoy an included breakfast before checking out and departing for Stokes Hill Wharf. Visit Royal Flying Doctor Service before heading to Kakadu. See and feel a re-enactment of the Bombing of Darwin with their state of the art equipment. The RFDS Display will give you an appreciation of how important this service is for people who live in remote parts of Australia. Depart Darwin for Kakadu and stop en route at Humpty Doo Pub for lunch (own expense). Visit Bowali Visitor Centre and get an introduction to Kakadu. Learn about the landscapes and wildlife of Kakadu. Late afternoon arrival at the hotel and check in before enjoying a 2 course dinner at Cooinda Lodge

Accommodation: Cooinda Lodge

## Wednesday, 07th May 2025

#### Kakadu National Park (BLD)

Enjoy an included breakfast. This morning depart for Ubirr. Marvel at ancient aboriginal rock art and take in the beautiful views across the floodplains from atop Ubirr. Enjoy a buffet lunch back at Cooinda. This afternoon take a 1.5 hour Yellow Water Billabong cruise. Be amazed by the wildlife en masse – crocodiles; birdlife; buffalo and waterlilies abound. Relax back at the hotel before for a couple of hours before enjoying a course dinner at the hotel rectaurant.

Accommodation: Cooinda Lodge

### Thursday, 08th May 2025

#### Kakadu to Darwin (B)

Enjoy breakfast at your accommodation and leisurely morning before checking out. This morning visit Nourlangie Rock for fine exambples of aboriginal rock art – Nourlangie is home to hundreds of colourful paintings of animals, people and weapons. Stop for lunch at Mercure Crocodile (own expense). Late afternoon return to Darwin and check into your hotel room. After a short breakto check in and refresh travel to Mindil Beach Night Markets and see the famous sunset (6:30pm). Grab a souvenier and try cuisine from one of the dozens of vendors that represent the myriad of cultures that now makeup Darwin (Dinner own expense). Reboard coach for your return shuttle back to your hotel.

# Friday, 09th May 2025

## Litchfield National Park (BL)

Accommodation: Hilton, Darwin

Rise early and enjoy included breakfast this morning. Today, heading to Litchfield National Park through Bachelor where we will visit the main falls. First stop is Florence Falls, where you have the opportunity for a forest walk and the chance for a swim in the plunge pool below. Enjoy a BBQ lunch at Litchfield Café. After lunch, visit Wangi Falls, with its large crystal clear pool, another relaxing spot for a swim. On the way back to Darwin, a great day for taking many fascinating photos, including the amazing stand of termite mounds. Back to Darwin at approximately 6:00pm. Free evening in Darwin (Dinner at own expense).

Accommodation: Hilton, Darwin

# Saturday, 10th May 2025

#### Onboard The Ghan (BLD)

Checkout is no later than 6:30am, be waiting with your bags for your coach transfer to Darwin Convention Centre, where you will check in and enjoy a light breakfast and refreshment service as you mingle and feel the anticipation build. Coach transfers begin departing from Darwin Convention Centre at approximately 08:15am, travelling to Darwin Berrimah Rail Terminal, where you will start your journey on The Ghan. Arriving at Darwin Berrimah Rail terminal, you will see The Ghan in its entirety, eagerly awaiting departure. Our Hospitality Attendants will welcome you on board, acquaint you with your cabin, and confirm your Off Train Experience bookings for the journey. Your Guest Experience Manager will then welcome you into the lounge car with a toast to the journey ahead and provide your dining times. As The Ghan begins its journey from Darwin to Adelaide, enjoy a morning at leisure, taking in the magnificent scenery as you discover Australia by train. When it's time for brunch, savour a regionally inspired menu, accompanied by an all-inclusive selection of beverages. In the early afternoon, arrive at the Top End township of Katherine for your first Off Train Experience.

Accommodation: The Ghan

# Sunday, 11th May 2025

# Onboard The Ghan (BLD)

This morning, you will be greeted by views of the expansive red heart of Australia. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before your mid-morning arrival into the outback town of Alice Springs. Spend the afternoon exploring the Red Centre on your choice of Off Train Experience, which includes lunch off-train. In the evening, rejoin

your fellow guests for a spectacular dinner under a blanket of stars at the historic Alice Springs Telegraph Station before reboarding The Ghan to continue your journey south.

Accommodation: The Ghan

#### Monday, 12th May 2025

#### Onboard The Ghan (BLD)

Start your day admiring the early morning colours of central South Australia at the remote railway siding of Manguri. After breakfast on board, travel into the weird and wonderful opal mining township of Coober Pedy, where more than half of the residents live underground. Here, you'll enjoy a day of discovery on your chosen Off Train Experience, including a lunch in the most unique of locations: underground. Tonight, dinner is served on board as you make the most of your final night on The Ghan.

Accommodation: The Ghan

# Tuesday, 13th May 2025

# Adelaide – Melbourne - Bairnsdale (B)

Looking out of your window this morning you'll notice a dramatic change in landscape as the rich ochre tones of the outback make way for the beautiful green fields and pastoral lands of South Australia. After breakfast you'll have time to reflect on your journey before The Ghan rolls into Adelaide for our transfer to Adelaide Airport to our connecting flight to Melbourne, where our coach transfer to Bairnsdale awaits.

#### **INCLUDES**

- Experienced Tour Escort
- Return Coach Transfers from Gippsland
- Domestic airfare Mel/Darwin/Adelaide/
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- Gold Service on the Ghan Darwin to Adelaide
- All meals & beverages on the GhanOff train excursions Katherine, Alice
- Off train excursions Katherine, Alice Springs & Coober Pedy
- All Accommodation, Touring as per Itinerary
- Meals as specified in your Itinerary
  (B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

# **FARES TOTAL PACKAGE**

TWIN/DOUBLE SHARE \$10,750.00 PER PERSON

SINGLE PER PERSON \$11,560.00

Single fare based on a Gold Single cabin, pricing for exclusive occupancy of a Gold Twin fare is available. Prices are based on a minimum of 20 people travelling and are valid for travel on the specified date only. Booking and payment conditions apply. All fares and timetables are subject to change without notice. A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000.00 per person is required to secure your booking, please enquire for full terms & conditions.



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