

12 DAY THE GHAN, KIMBERLEY & KAKADU

DESTINATIONS

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ADELAIDE
ALICE SPRINGS
KATHERINE
DARWIN
KAKADU NATIONAL PARK
KUNUNURRA
BROOME



TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Adelaide 🚂 Flinders Ranges (viewing) 🚂 Marla
Meals included	Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Train: The Ghan, or similar

Your unbelievable journey on the Ghan begins today. Departing Adelaide, 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.

The train departs from the Adelaide Parklands Terminal on Richmond Road Keswick South Australia, 5035 (also known as Keswick Terminal). Terminal access from Richmond Road or Sir Donald Bradman Drive. The departure time is approx. 12:10pm.

Check in for your rail journey opens approximately two hours prior to your scheduled departure time. All guests need to check in at least 60 minutes prior to departure. Please bring your travel itinerary and Photo I.D.

Please note: Off train excursions are booked upon boarding the train

DAY 2

Destination	Marla 🚂 Alice Springs 🚂 Katherine
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Train: The Ghan, or similar

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

Destination	Katherine 🚂 Nitmiluk Gorge (Katherine Gorge) 🚂 Darwin
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	4 ★ Rydges Hotel Darwin, or similar

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, or discover authentic outback life on a cattle station. As evening falls, arrive in Darwin to complete your epic train journey.

On arrival in Darwin, you will be met and transferred to your central Darwin hotel.

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DAY 4

Destination	Darwin 🚌 Kakadu National Park 🚌 Nourlangie Rock 🚌 Yellow Water Billabong 🚌 Darwin
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Rydges Hotel Darwin, or similar

This morning you'll be collected from your hotel. Travel across the Adelaide River and Marrakai Plains and deep into Kakadu National Park. Visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre and view the informative displays depicting the traditions of the Aboriginal people in Kakadu; we join our local guide for a cruise on the famous Yellow Water Billabong. Search for saltwater crocodiles and the colourful range of birdlife for which this region is renowned. After a lunch stop at Nourlangie Rock, your guide will lead a walk to view ancient Aboriginal rock art, before returning to Darwin this evening.

DAY 5

Destination	Darwin ✈️ Kununurra
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Freshwater Apartments, or similar

Today you begin the Western Australia leg of your journey. At the appropriate time, make your way to Darwin airport. Your hotel is located approximately 10km from Darwin Airport and a taxi ride will cost you between \$25 and \$35.

Kununurra is the gateway town to the East Kimberley, and a great base if you'd like to explore some of Western Australia's most remarkable natural attractions.

On arrival in Kununurra, board your included transfer to your hotel for check-in.

DAY 6

Destination	Kununurra ✈️ Bungle Bungle 🏰 Cathedral Gorge 🏰 Piccaninny Creek ✈️ Kununurra
Meals included	Lunch
Hotel	4 ★ Freshwater Apartments, or similar

From 13th March 2022 to 27th March 2022 & From 25th September to 30th October:

Today you'll be collected from your hotel before boarding a 2 hour scenic flight that takes you on an unforgettable adventure over the Bungle Bungle Range, Lake Argyle, the Argyle Diamond Mine and the Ord River Irrigation Area. You will also fly over the stunning Carr Boyd and Osmand Ranges, the Ord and Bow Rivers before returning to Kununurra

From 10th April 2022 to 18th September 2022:

Today you'll be collected from your hotel before boarding a scenic flight that takes you on an unforgettable adventure over the Bungle Bungle Range, Lake Argyle, the Argyle Diamond Mine and the Ord River Irrigation Area. You will also fly over the stunning Carr Boyd and Osmand Ranges, the Ord and Bow Rivers. Reaching Purnululu National Park, you will land at the remote and unsealed Bellburn Airstrip, where you are met by a tour guide and an air-conditioned 4WD bus. From the Airstrip, your guide will drive further into the Park, to begin the guided walk throughout the famous eroded towers and black and orange banded beehive domes of the Bungle Bungle Range. This walk is of moderate intensity, and is about 3-kilometres in distance. Follow your guide into Cathedral Gorge, where towering cliffs open up



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to form a space with incredible natural acoustics. Whilst in the Gorge, enjoy a tasty picnic-style lunch whilst relaxing in one of the most beautiful spots in the park. After a short rest, walk along the dry creek bed of Piccaninny Creek, before returning to Bellburn Airstrip. You will then board your return scenic flight to Kununurra, with views of the Argyle Diamond Mine along the way.

30 MINUTE SCENIC HELICOPTER FLIGHT OVER THE BUNGLE BUNGLES


The sandstone massif of the Bungle Bungle Range is almost 50 times the area of Uluru – there are more stunning features and spectacular landforms to see in this half hour scenic flight than you would imagine possible. View the hidden red rock gorges of the north-west tip, Piccaninny Gorge from end to end and the unique beehive formations that have contributed to the listing of Purnululu National Park as one of Australia's World Heritage areas.

DAY 7

Destination	Kununurra  Ord River  Kununurra
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Freshwater Apartments, or similar

Today you will be collected from your accommodation at 11.30am to cruise the 55km to Lake Argyle, you will marvel at the spectacular scenery, wildlife, flora and fauna found along the way, including the elusive freshwater crocodile! Remaining on the boat at the base of the Ord Top Dam, you will cruise back towards Kununurra, stopping for afternoon tea at our riverside camp. Scenic photographers will appreciate the contrast in colours as the light changes the way the gorges and ranges look on the return journey. We will return you to your Kununurra accommodation at around 6.00pm after enjoying an East Kimberley sunset on board the boat.

DAY 8

Destination	Kununurra  Broome
Meals included	
Hotel	3 ★ The Continental Hotel, or similar

Today, at the appropriate time, your transfer will pick you up from your hotel and take you to Kununurra airport in time to board your flight to Broome.

Where the red dirt meets the ocean, the colourful pearling capital of Broome beckons travellers from around Australia and the world

On arrival in Broome, please make your own way to your hotel. A taxi from Broome airport to your accommodation costs approximately \$20-23 per car. Hotel check in is at 2pm. Should you arrive earlier than this, hotel staff will do all possible to check you in as soon as possible. If your room is not available before check-in time, you are welcome to leave your luggage in storage and explore the surrounding area.

DAY 9

Destination	Broome
Meals included	
Hotel	3 ★ The Continental Hotel, or similar

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Enjoy a full day at leisure in Broome to relax by the pool, or join in more sightseeing.

OPTIONAL TOUR: HALF DAY BROOME SIGHTS

Enjoying full commentary, we begin in Chinatown hearing fascinating stories of this colourful precinct. Learn about the ancient art of pearling from one of the local pearl producers, Cygnet Bay, and enjoy a historical sound show at the famous Sun Pictures, the worlds oldest operating open air picture garden (now listed in the Guinness World Records).

We take a drive through Old Broome to view typical Broome architecture and old Pearling Masters homes then view the aqua waters of Roebuck Bay at Town Beach and learn of Broome's One Day War. We then stop at Matsos Broome Brewery to sample their hand made ales and famous ginger beer (complimentary tasting included). Afterwards, visit the tranquil Japanese Cemetery and take an easy paced walk at Gantheaume Point known for dinosaur footprints and the story of Anastasia's Pool.

DAY 10

Destination	Broome ✈️ Horizontal Falls ✈️ Broome
Meals included	Lunch
Hotel	3 ★ The Continental Hotel, or similar

Today you will be collected from your hotel to journey deep into the heart of pristine wilderness on a full-day tour from Broome. Experience the Horizontal Falls and more via return scenic flights and fast boat cruise. Be amazed by the incredible forces of one of the world's largest tidal movements. Be amazed by the incredible forces of one of the world's largest tidal movements. Your highly experienced skipper navigates your boat back and forth through the Horizontal Falls. Have your camera ready as your one-hour return flight takes off from Cockatoo Island, flying low across the Horizontal Falls for an aerial perspective of your day in the Kimberley.

Itinerary note: Due to tidal conditions, this activity may take place a day prior or a day after.

DAY 11

Destination	Broome 🚌 Willie Creek Pearl Farm 🚌 Broome
Meals included	Lunch
Hotel	3 ★ The Continental Hotel, or similar

This morning you will be collected from your hotel for a Willie Creek Pearl Farm Tour. You will follow the progress of the huge Pinctada Maxima shells as they are placed in panels and suspended to feed in the fast flowing tidal waters of Willie Creek. The world's largest and most precious pearls grow on the Pearl Coast. After your tour including damper and tea, the Willie Creek Showroom reveals more insights into pearls and pearling, as well as offering affordable loose pearls, unique pearl farm jewellery and pearl shell products. Visiting the farm by air-conditioned coach is an excellent way to see some of the countryside with an experienced guide. Your coach captain will take the time to acquaint you with some of the more unusual native plants and wildlife on the 38km trip.

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DAY 12

Destination	Broome
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Today your Kimberley and Top End discovery comes to an end. At the appropriate time make your way to the airport or continue your onward journey. A taxi from Broome airport to your accommodation costs approximately \$20-23 per car.

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Inclusions

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Departing from Adelaide, travel coast to coast through the fiery red centre, experiencing Australia at its dramatic best on board The Ghan
- Make stops at Marla, Alice Springs and Nitmiluk Gorge as your train traverses North from Adelaide to Darwin.
- Visit Kakadu National Park and cruise Yellow Water Billabong
- Fly to Kununurra on the edge of the Western Australia and Northern Territory border
- Visit the sacred Purnululu National Park, home to the Bungle Bungle
- Cruise the Ord River with crocodiles lining the banks
- Access the Bungle Bungle by air, allowing you to witness the ever changing colours of the landscape
- Enjoy time in Broome, the gateway to the Kimberley
- Witness the awesome power of the Horizontal Falls by boat and experience one of the world's largest tidal movements
- See the Horizontal Falls by air to provide an alternative perspective of this nature phenomenon
- Tour Willie Creek pearl farm and learn how some of the world's largest and more precious pearls are made

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Incredible sightseeing, travel on The Ghan from Adelaide to Darwin through the fiery red centre, witness crocodiles in Kakadu, fly to the Bungle Bungles and visit the Horizontal Falls by sea and air
- 2 nights on board The Ghan in a Gold Twin cabin (upgrades available). All-inclusive meals, fine wines, and beverages. A regionally-inspired menu paired with a selection of local wines
- 9 nights' accommodation in 3-4 star hotels
- Included flights from Darwin to Kununurra to Broome
- Unbelievable flights over the Horizontal Falls and Purnululu National Park
- 10 meals throughout
- Day tours to experience Kakadu, Katherine, Bungle Bungles & the Horizontal falls plus more
- Transportation included as per the itinerary
- In depth sightseeing as per itinerary

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GHAN CABINS & UPGRADES

Gold Service (Included)

- Gold Twin, a comfortable sleeper cabin featuring private en suite and upper and lower berths that convert to a three-seater lounge by day
- Gold Single, a compact sleeper cabin featuring a bed that converts to a seat by day and shared shower/toilet facilities located at the end of the carriage
- Luggage allowance is 60kg per guest
- Power outlets in cabin

Platinum Service - From \$1,700 per person additional

Platinum Service promises and delivers a journey beyond expectations, it includes deluxe extras such as Platinum Transfers, access to the Platinum Club plus a superior food and wine offering.

- Spacious Double or Twin cabin almost twice the size of a Gold Service Twin cabin
- 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
- En suite equipped with separate shower, vanity with cupboard space, toilet and Australian bathroom amenities
- 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
- Transfers at the start and end of your journey available for guests within 60 km of the terminal
- 90 kg checked luggage allowance per guest (3 x 30 kg each)

Platinum cabins are almost twice the size of Gold Twin Cabins in both your room and private en suite. By day your cabin is configured as a private lounge with deluxe lounge seating, a table and two ottomans, by night the lounges convert into two comfortable twin beds.

From an additional \$1,700 per person and is subject to availability upon booking.

Please note, there are no single rooms in the Platinum category

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GHAN OFF TRAIN EXPERIENCES

The Ghan offers a range of included off train experiences which can be viewed by [CLICKING HERE](#)

Off Train Experiences are included in your fare and can be booked on boarding the train (no pre-booking available).

Optional tours offered are paid. These optional activities are paid directly to The Ghan on board (no pre-booking available)

Fine Print

\$750 BONUS OFFER TERMS & CONDITIONS

Over \$750 Bonus Value per couple

- \$250 per couple Future Travel Credit with Inspiring Vacations to use in 2021 - Book today and use your credit to secure your next holiday
- \$125 per couple Future Travel Credit with Travel Spree - Book now and lock in your next domestic holiday with Travelspree.com.au, for use in 2021
- \$250 per couple Future Travel Credit with Inspiring Vacations to use in 2022 - Book today and use your credit to secure your 2022 adventure
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Note: The single traveller bonus value amount is \$450 per person.

How to add the bonus value offer to your booking

- Follow the 'book now' prompts
- After selecting your departure date and room type, add the Special Offer to your order by clicking 'add to booking'.

Terms and Conditions

- Offer valid until 11:59PM 19th May 2021, or until sold out. Bonus value is based on 2 people, single/solo booking value will be based on the 1 person equivalent.
- Inspiring Vacations reserves the right to finish the offer prior to the finishing date at its discretion.
- Future Travel Credits can not be used for existing bookings or used as a future payment method for any booking made in conjunction with this offer.
- Travel credit vouchers must be used within 12 months of issue date or are forfeited

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- All credit or voucher amounts will be issued within 14 days of the conclusion of the campaign or after your 1st installment payment has been made (which ever is greater).
- Amounts are not refundable for cash or transferable or combinable with any other offers or competition.
- Inspiring Vacations reserves the right to cancel the value offer in the instance of a force majeure event as described in the Inspiring Vacations terms & conditions.
- In such instances, no deferral, rebooking or compensation will be available.
- All other Inspiring Vacations terms & conditions along with specific package fine print continue to apply
- Only applicable to select packages

BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE

Inspiring Vacations has been globally recognised and awarded for its handling of COVID-19 during the pandemic. The safety and wellbeing of our guests is our highest concern during this time of uncertainty, and we are continuously monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation.

We have adopted the advice of the WHO to ensure all customers can travel with the knowledge of how to travel safely and with confidence.

Australian owned and operated with 100% Australian Customer Service support

We are proudly 100% Australian owned and operated, with our head office located in Melbourne, Victoria. When you make your booking, you will receive dedicated and ongoing support from our team of travel professionals throughout your booking, up until you are due to depart.

Flexible Date Change Option

INCLUDED - Date change may be requested prior to 65 days* before your original selected departure date ONLY IF due to government imposed restrictions only ie. Border closures.

*some packages may have a varied period in which you can request a date change due to limitations with the third-party provider.

The Flexible Date Change option does not cover cost incurred for components not fulfilled by Inspiring Vacations or in the event extra services have been booked with Inspiring Vacations outside of the standard package, including but not limited to airfares, pre/post accommodation or insurance.

Airfare Inclusive packages - The Flexible Date Change option applies to

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the tour portion of your package. Airfare flexibility will be subject to the airline's fare rules and a change fee plus any fare difference may be applicable.

Cooling off period

If you change your mind within 7 days of making your booking online, you can request a refund of your initial deposit payment as part of our cooling off period.

Once your purchase date falls outside of the 7 day period, our standard terms and conditions will apply. Please ensure that any request to cancel your booking is received via email to support@inspiringvacations.com, including the reason for cancellation.

HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

- Book now and secure your package with a \$99 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$3,200 per person within 7 days. This is a requirement of The Ghan to secure your cabin.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

- 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password
- Then select the red 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the red 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
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- Your booking is on request and will be confirmed by Inspiring Vacations once all components of your package have been secured with our partners, please see below for further information

Booking On Request

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- Your Inspiring Vacations package is made up of multiple components and travel partners. Once your booking is made and passenger details form submitted, we will begin to confirm all of your arrangements. Please note, this process can take several business days to complete.
- Once all elements have been confirmed we will send you an email confirmation, if we are unable to confirm we will provide you with alternative dates or offer a full refund of your deposit or re-credit your account if a travel credit was used.
- Please DO NOT book any additional services, such as flights, until we have confirmed your Inspiring Vacations package in writing. Inspiring Vacations will not be liable for any fees or charges incurred to change or cancel components not booked by Inspiring Vacations should your selected package be unavailable.

PRE & POST HOTEL INFORMATION

You can enhance your holiday by arriving early or staying longer upon conclusion of the tour. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

Pre and post tour accommodation

- Pre-tour accommodation in Adelaide: \$296 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast
- Post-tour accommodation in Broome: \$306 per room per night for double/twin/single, room only rate

EXCLUSIONS

- International or domestic airfares
- Airport transfers
- Visas (if applicable)
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses

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OPTIONAL TOURS

To enhance your journey, we are offering guests a choice of the following optional activities (prices are per person):

- Kununurra (Day 6) - Scenic helicopter flight over the Bungle Bungles - \$423 per person
- Broome (Day 9) - Half Day Broome Sights - \$169 per person

Optional tours can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add Optional Tours, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance. If you choose not to select them at this time, you can choose to add them later by logging in to your Account online or speaking with your Dedicated Support Agent for assistance.

Please note that you must select your Optional Tours no later than 65 days before departure, after which you will be required to purchase them on tour. Please keep in mind that anything purchased on-tour is subject to availability. We appreciate your understanding.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COVID-19

Due to COVID there may be disruptions to standard operating schedules of particular components of this itinerary. Should a component be effected a substitute will be confirmed prior to departure.

Fitness Requirements

While the itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity. These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers.

As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

This particular tour is categorised as a "3".

3 – Moderate Tour: A good level of fitness and mobility is required, as this tour includes a moderate level of physical activity and is considered a medium-fast paced tour. You should be able to walk up and down stairs and able to walk reasonable distances of approximately 2 kilometres per day or more with ease. Any physical ailments you may have must be disclosed at the time of booking to determine your

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suitability. If you have any form of walking aids, other than a walking stick or hiking poles, then this tour is not suitable.

Tour Type - Independent

On these packages you will travel from city to city on your own, exploring at your own pace. We have arranged transportation in most cases and day tours for you to see the destination. Enjoy the time and flexibility to linger longer or pick up the pace and see as much as possible. The choice is yours.

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however any changes are beyond our control.

Please note:

Gold Service - Available in twin configuration only. If selecting double upon check out, this configuration will only apply to your hotel accommodation.

Platinum Service - Available in double or twin configuration

Covid Itinerary Changes

Due to COVID there may be disruptions to standard operating schedules of particular components of this itinerary. Should a component be effected a substitute will be confirmed prior to departure

Single Supplement on the Ghan

There is no single supplement for the Ghan if utilising a Single Room. Single Rooms on the Ghan are very limited and pricing is subject to availability. If the single cabins are not available at the time of booking, you will need to pay for a twin cabin at an additional cost of approx \$2,700 for a Gold Twin in addition to the package price. This price is subject to change and as such, cannot be confirmed until after a booking has been made. If you are not happy with the price of the single supplement provided, you can request to cancel and receive a refund of your deposit. If the single supplement cost is suitable, this will be added to your invoice and part of the final balance payable. For an indicative cost prior to purchase, you are welcome to contact our Customer Service team.

Please note: Single rooms have shared bathroom facilities. There are no single Platinum Rooms available on board the Ghan

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Single Supplement for the hotels

The single supplement for this portion of the trip is \$1,150. Please see above regarding The Ghan.

Triple Share

Not available.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with nib to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply by clicking [HERE](#) to arrange your policy.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation including, e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

Children

Children must be 5 years old or above and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

Tour Length

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change, depending on the flight schedule. Please refer to the day-by-day itinerary for the time spent in your destination(s).