

13 DAY THE GHAN EXPEDITION, KIMBERLY & KAKADU

DESTINATIONS

—
BROOME
HORIZONTAL FALLS
KUNUNURRA
DARWIN
KAKADU NATIONAL PARK
KATHERINE
ALICE SPRINGS
COOPER PEDY, SA
ADELAIDE



TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

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

Welcome to Broome! On arrival, please make your own way to your hotel.

Check in & arrival information.

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 2

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

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 3

Destination	Broome ➔ Horizontal Falls ➔ Broome
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ The Continental Hotel, or similar

Today you will be collected from your hotel to journey deep into the heart of pristine wilderness. 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. Your highly experienced skipper navigates your boat back and forth through the Horizontal Falls.

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Itinerary note: Due to tidal conditions, this activity may take place a day prior or a day after. This tour runs twice per day, morning (Starting 5:30am) and afternoon (Starting 11:30) and runs for approximately 6 hours. You will be booked based on availability on either the morning or afternoon tour.

Meals: Note, either breakfast OR lunch will be provided on this day depending on your tour starting time

DAY 4

Destination	Broome 🚗 Willie Creek Pearl Farm ➔ Broome
Meals included	
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 snacks 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

DAY 5

Destination	Broome ➔ Kununurra
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Freshwater Apartments, or similar

Enjoy a leisurely start this morning. At the appropriate time, make your way to the airport to board your flight to Kununurra.

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

Today you will be collected from your accommodation at 11.30am and taken by coach through Durack country to Lake Argyle. As we near Lake Argyle, we will take a short break at the historic Durack Homestead Museum. This Museum was constructed as a replica of the original family Homestead and uses the original Homestead stone.

Reboarding the coach, you will drive a short distance to Lake Argyle Resort before viewing the enormous Lake Argyle from a scenic look-out. Crossing the Ord Top Dam wall, you will see the Ord Hydro-Power Station before boarding your boat for a scenic journey back to Kununurra. Marvel at the spectacular scenery, wildlife, flora and fauna found along the way, including the elusive freshwater crocodile! Enjoy afternoon tea at our riverside camp before heading back to Kununurra. Take in a colourful East Kimberley sunset before docking back at the Marina and re-boarding your coach for your accommodation, arriving at approximately 6.00pm

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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 ✈ Bungle Bungles (Scenic Flights) ✈ Kununurra
Meals included	Lunch
Hotel	4 ★ Freshwater Apartments, or similar

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. This highly popular scenic flight departing from Kununurra takes you on an adventure over some of the most stunning and renowned sites in the Kimberley. Aircraft are air-conditioned and comfortable, with large windows ideal for viewing the spectacular landscape below. During this two-hour flight, you will soar over the beautiful Bungle Bungle Range, Lake Argyle, the Argyle Diamond Mine and the Ord River Irrigation Area. You will also witness the stunning Carr Boyd and Osmand Ranges, the Ord and Bow Rivers, before returning to Kununurra.

DAY 8

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

Today you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to Kununurra airport to board your flight to Darwin. Most flights depart Kununurra from 3:30pm onwards giving you free time in the morning. On arrival in Darwin, please make your way to your hotel for check-in. Your hotel is located approximately 10km from Darwin Airport and a taxi ride will cost you between \$25 and \$35.


DAY 9

Destination	Darwin 🚗 Kakadu National Park 🚗 Nourlangie Rock 🚗 Yellow Water Billabong 🚗 Darwin
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Travelodge 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.


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DAY 10

Destination	Darwin  Katherine
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Train: The Ghan, or similar

Your journey begins with a morning departure from Darwin. The Ghan will collect you from your hotel and transfer you to the station. Once you're settled into your private cabin, mingle with fellow travellers or sample the exceptional food, wine, and service onboard. When it's time for lunch, savour the regionally-inspired menu accompanied by a selection of all-inclusive wines and beverages, before an early afternoon arrival at the Top End township of Katherine. Choose between a relaxing cruise through Nitmiluk Gorge's ancient natural wonders and exploring the region's rich Indigenous culture, or experience a glimpse into the lives of those who call the outback home, with a fascinating day of discovery on a huge cattle station. Enjoy dinner as the sun sets over the outback, then back in your cabin you'll find your bed turned down. Fall asleep as the train rolls soothingly onwards.

DAY 11

Destination	Katherine  Alice Springs  Telegraph Station Million Star Experience
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Train: The Ghan, or similar

After your first night on The Ghan, you'll be greeted by a morning view of the spectacular Red Centre. A full day of excursions awaits you in the outback town of Alice Springs. An optional upgrade is a scenic flight to Uluru, returning in time to meet the rest of your fellow guests at a spectacular barbeque dinner under a million stars at the historic Alice Springs Telegraph Station.

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ULURU FIXED WING SCENIC FLIGHT & OUTBACK BBQ DINNER

Experience an amazing scenic flight and landing at Uluru;

You will fly just south of Pine Gap where the United States and Australian Joint Defence Space Research Facility is located before heading directly to Uluru – Kata Tjuta National Park. On arrival at Ayers Rock Airport, you will be met by your tour guide to commence your immersive experience of Uluru.

Enjoy a picnic lunch before travelling around the base of Uluru by vehicle. Hear cultural stories and environmental information from your local guide.

On return to Ayers Rock Airport, board your aircraft and take to the skies again where you will fly closely around Uluru for a different perspective and see Kata Tjuta. Return to Alice Springs Airport and The Ghan to freshen up for dinner.

Transfer to the Alice Springs Telegraph Station for a truly unique and authentic dinner experience (already included as part of the Ghan package)

To avoid disappointment we highly recommend guests pre-book this tour, however, the space may not be guaranteed. By choosing this option we will be able to pre-register your interest in joining.

Important: This tour is subject to flight weather conditions and National Park access.

Please note weight restrictions do apply and vary depending on total weight of all passengers in the aircraft. If you choose this excursion, you will not be able to participate in the included Off Train Excursions.

DAY 12

Destination	Alice Springs 🚗 Coober Pedy
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Train: The Ghan, or similar

From your morning stop at the outback outpost of Manguri, you'll venture 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, and a gourmet lunch in the most unique of locations: underground. Dinner is served back on the train where you can enjoy a nightcap as your journey continues.

DAY 13

Destination	Coober Pedy 🚗 Flinders Ranges (Scenic Viewing) 🚗 Adelaide
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

From your cabin window this morning you'll see a dramatic change in landscape, as the rich ochre tones of the outback make way for the green fields of South Australia. Enjoy a leisurely brunch as you pass through the majestic Flinders Ranges and prepare for your mid-morning arrival into Adelaide, completing one of the world's great travel experiences. In the smart southern city, you can extend your experience with a holiday package to the Barossa Valley, fascinating Kangaroo Island, or an expertly-curated tour of this food and wine loving capital.

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Your 13 Day The Ghan Expedition, Kimberley & Kakadu comes to an end upon arrival to Adelaide. The Ghan station (Adelaide Park Terminal) is located approximately 5km from the city centre.

Contact us should you want to extend your stay in Adelaide and we can assist you arrange additional accommodation at Adelaide's Crowne Hotel.

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Inclusions

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- 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
- 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
- Visit Kakadu National Park and cruise Yellow Water Billabong
- Board the incredible Ghan Expedition from Darwin to Adelaide for an incredible 3 nights
- Enjoy a spectacular barbeque dinner under a million stars at the historic Alice Springs Telegraph Station.
- Off train experiences in Katherine, Alice Springs, and Coober Pedy

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Incredible sightseeing, travel on The Ghan Expedition from Darwin to Adelaide through the fiery red centre, witness crocodiles in Kakadu, fly to the Bungle Bungles and visit the Horizontal Falls by sea and air
- 3 nights on board The Ghan Expedition 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 mostly 3-4 star hotels
- Included flights from Broome to Kununurra to Darwin
- Unbelievable flights over the Horizontal Falls and Purnululu National Park
- 15 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 \$2,630 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 \$2,630 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

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 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

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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.

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

- Book now and secure your package with a \$99 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$4,500 per person within 7 days. This is a requirement of The Ghan to secure your cabin.
- *Note: If upgrading to Platinum, the upgrade cost will be added to your 2nd instalment.*
- 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
- 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

- 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.

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

OPTIONAL TOURS

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

- Broome (Day 2) - Half Day Broome Sights - \$169 per person
- Kununurra (Day 6) - 30 Minute Helicopter Flight of the Bungle Bungle - \$423 per person
- Alice Springs (Day 11) - Uluru Fixed Wing Scenic Flight & Outback BBQ Dinner - \$1,259 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.

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EXCLUSIONS

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

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 "2".

2 - Leisurely Pace - This itinerary will be conducted at a relaxed pace. You will typically spend several nights at one location which means less time spent packing and unpacking, and more sightseeing. You will be required to move about unassisted, including getting on and off vehicles, walking up and down stairs and handling your own luggage.

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

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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 \$3,900 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

Single Supplement for the hotels

The single supplement for this portion of the trip is \$1,473. 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.

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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.

Group Size

This package is made up of multiple components which will be provided by different operators throughout your trip. Group size will differ from operator to operator and can be as small as 2 people or up to 60 people depending on the activity. There may be unique cases where it exceeds this for special events or types of activities. For packages which include a train or cruise, you will be travelling with other customers up to the capacity of this component.

Tour Styles

This package is a Partially Escorted style. We operate various types of tours ranging from Fully Escorted to Independent, depending on your selected package will mean different services are provided throughout your trip.

- 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.
- Partially Escorted - A portion of these packages runs as a group tour where you will be escorted by an expert tour leader. Another portion is independent, whether conducted by rail, cruise or land, and you will travel between destinations on your own, with free time to explore at your own pace.
- Fully Escorted - This tour is fully escorted by an expert English-speaking guide who will accompany you throughout the tour.

Who is operating this package

We have partnered with a wide range of third party operators to deliver you this holiday. Each package will consist of multiple operators which means guides and fellow travellers may change day to day. However, regardless of the operator, you'll be in good hands to experience the destination.