

7 DAY THE GHAN & KAKADU

DESTINATIONS

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ADELAIDE
MARLA,NT
ALICE SPRINGS,NT
KATHERINE,NT
DARWIN
KAKADU NATIONAL
PARK,NT



TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Adelaide
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Crowne Plaza Adelaide, or similar

Welcome to Adelaide! On arrival, make your way to your hotel. Your tour will start early tomorrow morning when you are picked up from your hotel.

Check in & arrival information.

From Adelaide airport to the city there are a few options. The Jetbus runs regular services from the Airport to the city terminal and costs approx \$16 per person. Alternatively, taxis cost around \$18 - \$30 to the CBD. 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	Adelaide 🚗 Flinders Ranges (viewing) 🚗 Marla
Meals included	Breakfast, 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.

Your train departs at approximately 12:10PM. Check in for your rail journey opens approximately two hours prior to your scheduled departure time. All guests are required to check in at least 60 minutes prior to departure to be welcomed onboard. Please bring your travel itinerary and Photo I.D.

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

DAY 3

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.

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DAY 4

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.

DAY 5

Destination	Darwin 🚗 Kakadu National Park 🚗 Nourlangie Rock 🚗 Yellow Water Billabong 🚗 Darwin
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
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 6

Destination	Darwin
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Rydges Hotel Darwin, or similar

Today is a full day at leisure to enjoy the tropical surrounds of Darwin.

CHARLES DARWIN SUNSET CRUISE (JUNE - SEPTEMBER ONLY)

This afternoon, make your way to the pier to board your sunset cruise at 5:45PM. It's a great way to take in the view of the famous Darwin sunset whilst enjoying a delicious Territory style buffet. The menu typically includes Australian seafood, a variety of meat and poultry options, fresh salads, a selection of cakes and local fruits. You can choose to enjoy the spread from the air-conditioned comfort of the lower deck or capture the stunning scenery from the Captain's Deck whilst the infamous Darwin sunset spreads magnificent colours across the harbour.

The cruise departs from: DOCK 3, located at the very end of Stokes Hill Wharf, City Side. Crew members will meet guests under the large white umbrellas and will commence boarding 20 minutes prior to the cruise departure time.

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DAY 7

Destination	Darwin
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today your Red Centre and Top End discovery comes to an end. 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.

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Inclusions

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Arrive in Adelaide and enjoy the city of churches
- 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

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Incredible sightseeing, travel on The Ghan from Adelaide to Darwin through the fiery red centre, witness crocodiles in Kakadu and stunning landscapes
- 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
- 4 nights' accommodation in mostly 4 star hotels
- 11 meals throughout
- Day tour to experience Kakadu National Park
- 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 \$1,1870 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 \$1,870 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 7th of July 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 (whichever 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.

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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 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 \$3,500 per person within 7 days. This is a requirement of The Chan 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
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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

- 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: \$326 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast
- Post-tour accommodation in Darwin: \$310 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast

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OPTIONAL TOURS

To enhance your journey, we're offering the following optional tours that you can participate in on your free days:

- Day 6: Charles Darwin Sunset Cruise - \$130 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.

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 "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

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

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

Single Supplement for the hotels

The single supplement for this portion of the trip is \$824. Please see

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above regarding The Ghan.

Triple Share

Not available.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

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.

Group Size

This package is made up of multiple components which will be provided by different operators throughout your trip. As such, group size will differ between operators and can be as intimate as 2 people or as lively as up to 60 people, depending on the activity and advertised inclusions. There may be unique cases where your selected travel date exceeds the expected group size for special events or types of activities, particularly during popular times of travel. For packages that include a train or cruise, you will be travelling with other passengers up to the capacity of this component.

When travelling with a group, no matter the size, we ask you to be understanding of the various needs and preferences of your group - patience with your fellow travellers is sometimes required for the benefit of everyone's travel experience.

Bedding requests

We do our best to meet your bedding preference, however, bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only and cannot be guaranteed. All efforts will be made to meet your preference, however, any changes are beyond our control and limited by the hotel facilities and availability.

Tour Styles - This package is a Independent style.

To meet the needs of various types of travellers, we choose to operate various types of tours and depending on your selected package will mean different services are provided throughout your trip. The following descriptions of each tour style we hope will ensure that each traveller has appropriate expectations before they start their travels:

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- 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 who assist in fulfilling your booking and delivering an enjoyable on-tour experience. Each package will consist of multiple operators meaning both guides and fellow travellers may change day to day. But don't worry, regardless of the operator, you'll be in good hands to experience the most out of each destination.