

THE GHAN EXPEDITION

SOLOS MIX Best Suited 50 Years and Over



4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

An icon of Australian rail travel and one of the world's great train journeys, ride the rails of history aboard **The Ghan with this expedition between Darwin and Adelaide.**

This flagship rail journey is the ultimate way to explore the Australian outback. This four day and three night, 2979km **all-inclusive journey** will take you to some of the most remote and captivating parts of Australia in style and comfort.

The Ghan Expedition takes in immersive off train excursions in Katherine, extended time in Alice Springs inclusive of an authentic Red Centre dinner under the stars, and a full day in Coober Pedy. The Ghan Expedition itinerary also offers the upgraded option to tour Uluru.

It's the ultimate Australian outback experience, all in the company of other solo travellers.

Like to see more?

Add extensions in Darwin and Adelaide. In Darwin, opt for a fully day tour with Litchfield National Park and the Jumping Croc Cruise. In Adelaide, stay over and join the full day Barossa Valley small group tour.

FELLOW TRAVELLERS

You will enjoy this group experience with a maximum of 20 travellers in our group.

This is a Solos Mix tour. We have a group onboard The Ghan but there are other travellers, not part of our group and they will be couples or otherwise.



TOUR INCLUSIONS

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- 4 days / 3 nights aboard The Ghan
- Gold Class cabins onboard The Ghan
- A regionally-inspired menu paired with a selection of local wines
- All-inclusive meals, fine wines, and beverages

SIGHTSEEING & GUIDES

- Off train experiences in Katherine and Alice Springs
- A full day in Coober Pedy
- A spectacular dinner under the stars at the historic Telegraph Station
- Your choice between Nitmiluk Gorge's powerful natural wonders and rich Indigenous culture, or a glimpse authentic outback life with a horse and working dog demonstration
- Venture into the underground opal mining town of Coober Pedy

TRAVEL

- Rail travel aboard The Ghan, Darwin to Adelaide

Travel insurance is a mandatory requirement for joining this tour and is in addition to the package price.

Not included:

- Airfares to Darwin, and from Adelaide (unless requested)
- Airport transfers unless specified
- Travel insurance
- Excess baggage
- Visa fees if applicable
- Any tips or portorage at airports, hotels, drivers & local staff
- Meals and beverages not specified on itinerary
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry & medical expenses
- Incidental expenses such as taxi fares, telecommunications

TOP 5 REASONS TO JOIN

1. Age-matched holiday groups
2. Travel with like-minded solo travellers
3. Small groups
4. Early bird savings with many tours
5. Roommate matching option

FIT TO TRAVEL [1 OUT OF 5]

We require you to complete our Booking Form including a self-completed Fit to Travel declaration. Travellers of 75 years or over, or with a pre existing medical condition or disability, may be required to return a Fit to Travel form that is completed by their doctor.

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ABOUT US

At *Encounter Travel* we offer holiday groups for solo travellers. All trips are age-matched so there's more chance you'll share your journey with like minded travellers.

Visiting destinations across Australia and around the globe, choose from short escapes to adventure trips and leisurely touring.

We are the winner of the Solo Travel Awards 2017 & 2018. We are ATAS accredited A10439 and a member of the Australian Council of Tour Operators (CATO). Encounter Travel is a registered trademark of A Rendezvous Group Pty Ltd ABN 23 119 642 992.

Since 2006 we've paved the way for solo travellers to destinations in Australia and across the globe.



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Our website has full trip details and content in this flyer is only a part of the information. For full details please refer to our website.

TRAVEL DATES:

WED 13 - SAT 16 OCT 2021
WED 12 - SAT 15 OCT 2022

PRICE:

Gold Class Single Cabin, share bathroom
OCT 2021: AUD \$3589
OCT 2022: AUD \$3645

Gold Class Twinshare Cabin, ensuite
OCT 2022: AUD \$3995

prices stated per person

PRE OR POST TOUR STAY

Joining from interstate, arrive the day before the rail expedition leaves from Darwin, and why not enjoy a night in Adelaide after arriving by The Ghan to Adelaide City. The cost of the additional night/s of stay applies. Ask our travel team about this option, and the additional costs.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 Darwin and Katherine

Your journey begins with a morning departure from Darwin. 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.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

DAY 2 Alice Springs

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.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3 Manguri and Coober Pedy

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.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 Arrive to Adelaide

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.

Meals: Brunch

Itineraries may be subject to change, due to circumstances outside of our control. If there is any itinerary change prior to departure of significance we aim to inform you prior to travel. Itinerary changes while on tour will be informed by your

tour leader/guide while on tour. The rail journey is on The Ghan and operated by Journey Beyond Rail Expeditions.

GOLD CLASS, THE GHAN

- All-inclusive dining in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant
- Off Train Excursions and Outback Experience
- Access to the Outback Explorer Lounge for beverages and socialising
- All-inclusive Australian wines, beers, spirits and non-alcoholic beverages
- A compact sleeper cabin featuring a bed that converts to a seat by day, private vanity, with shared shower/toilet facilities located at the end of the carriage
- In-cabin safe
- In-cabin music channels and journey audio commentary
- Complimentary Australian bathroom amenities
- Complimentary shuttle bus transfers available between Darwin Terminal and the city centre
- 60 kg checked luggage allowance per guest (2 x 30 kg each).

Single Cabins: share bathroom
Twinshare Cabins: private bathroom

GETTING THERE

Tour Starts: Darwin
Tour Ends: Adelaide

Train Embarkation: Darwin

Coach transfers to Darwin Rail Terminal are available for Gold Service guests departing from selected Darwin hotels including Vibe Hotel Darwin Waterfront. Departures between 8AM-8:30AM

Train Disembarkation: Adelaide

After disembarkation onward transfers are by your own arrangement.



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PRE RAIL: DARWIN

DARWIN : LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK WITH JUMPING CROCODILE CRUISE + BUBBLY AND PRAWNS AT SUNSET

There's many things to do and explore in and around Darwin.

There's the option to add a full day small group tour to Litchfield National Park and experience the Jumping Crocodile Cruise.

This tour is the day prior to the Ghan departure. To join, book 2 additional nights of stay prior to the The Ghan Expedition departure

2 DAYS Prior :Arrive to Darwin.

1 DAY Prior: Join day tour Litchfield National Park and Jumping Crocodile Cruise

DAY 1: Depart Darwin on The Ghan

Tour Details

Enjoy the day out to visit and explore Litchfield National Park and cruise the Adelaide River to see the jumping crocs.

Pickup between 7-7.30am from our group hotel. Travel to Adelaide River for private cruise showcasing the jumping crocs. Onwards to Litchfield National Park where a picnic lunch is enjoyed at Wangi Falls where you can swim. Other places visited include Florence Falls and/or Buley Rockhole where there is also the chance to swim. Magnetic and Cathedral termite mounds are seen throughout the day. On arrival back into Darwin the group enjoys the end of the day with prawns and bubbly overlooking the magnificent Darwin harbor at sunset. Return to your hotel between 7 and 7.30pm.

This is a small group shared departure (other travellers that are not with the Encounter Travel group on The Ghan) with a maximum of 20. All bookings are subject to availability at time of booking. This tour is operated by a Third Party and subject to their booking terms and

conditions and cancellation penalties apply in addition to our cancellation service fees.

see website for booking terms and conditions.

DARWIN: CITY EXPLORER TOUR

Duration: 5 hours

Departure: 9AM approximately

A comprehensive tour of Darwin's attractions. This tour provides full commentary of the history of Darwin and visits WWII Oil Storage Tunnels, Museum and Art Gallery of NT, Defence of Darwin Experience, Qantas Hanger and Darwin Aviation Museum. Along the way an expert local guide tells you about the people, facts and antidotes that have shaped the city.

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Passengers should carry their own water bottles and hand sanitiser.

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POST RAIL: ADELAIDE

ADELAIDE; BAROSSA VALLEY VOYAGER DAY TOUR

Time: 9.00am to 5.15pm

This tour is the day after The Ghan arrives to Adelaide and passengers disembark. To join this tour you need to book 2 additional nights of stay in Adelaide.

The tour will give wine lovers the opportunity to visit four wineries/cellars, including wine tastings and a group lunch.

This world renowned wine region is a must see for wine lovers visiting Adelaide. Full of history, this region is home to over 80 Cellar Doors. Visit one of the oldest vineyards in the world, with Shiraz vines planted in 1843 (that's 177 years old).

Enjoy up to four wineries / Cellar Doors and be guided through the wine tasting experience by passionate vignerons. Two wine regions combined make up the Barossa Valley; Eden Valley for amazing Riesling and cool climate wines and Barossa Valley, home to some of the world's best Shiraz as well as Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon, Mataro, Semillon and Chardonnay. Barossa also has a long relationship with fortified wines with many Cellar Doors offering outstanding tawny port!

A delicious lunch with choice of meal and a glass of wine is included.

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Pickup from our Adelaide group hotel
- All Transportation to and from Adelaide
- Inclusive informative narration from friendly driver/guide
- 2 course restaurant lunch with a glass of wine
- All standard wine tasting fees as per itinerary at four cellar doors

Cellar doors may include: Chateau Tanunda, Rockford, Langmeil, Elderton, Bethany, Tscharke's, Yalumba or Seppeltsfield. Subject on change – depending on availability on the day.

This is a shared departure; there may be other passengers that are not Encounter Travel passengers. If we have enough interest this may change to a private group for Encounter Travel.

All Small Group Tours are guaranteed to depart with a minimum of 2 people, maximum 10 people.

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