8 Days The Ghan Expedition & Indian Pacific - Darwin to Sydney

Day-by-Day Itinerary

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DURATION	FROM PRICE	TOUR TYPE	TOUR CODE
8 Days	**$6,295**	**Rail Tours**	**Journey Beyond**

Overview

From Darwin to Adelaide to Sydney, you'll experience three capital cities that are as different as the landscapes that connect them and everything in between. Starting your journey in Darwin, you'll spend three nights travelling south on The Ghan Expedition, stopping for two nights in Adelaide before boarding the train again and travelling east on the Indian Pacific. Settle into the comforts of The Ghan, relax in your cabin, or mingle with fellow travellers in the Outback Explorer Lounge. Enjoy lunch ahead of your Off Train Experience in Katherine. In a region renowned for jaw-dropping natural assets, Katherine boasts one of the Top End’s best – the incredible Nitmiluk Gorge and a cruise is on offer to showcase the beauty of this spot. Alternatively, the Katherine Outback Experience lets you into the lives of those who call the outback home, while the Cutta Cutta Cave system is home to a variety of native wildlife and is rich in Indigenous culture and modern European history. Or, take it all in from the air, with an optional upgrade helicopter flight over Nitmiluk. OVERNIGHT: 3 nights The Ghan Expedition (B,L,D)

Itinerary

1

Board The Ghan Expedition IN Darwin

Meals: Lunch

Settle in to the comforts of The Ghan, relax in your cabin or mingle with fellow travellers in the Outback Explorer Lounge. Enjoy lunch ahead of your Off Train Excursion in Katherine. In a region renowned for jaw-dropping natural assets, Katherine boasts one of the Top End’s best – the incredible Nitmiluk Gorge. OVERNIGHT: 1 night The Ghan (L,D)

2

The Ghan Expedition, Alice Springs

Upon arrival into Alice Springs provides you with a full day to explore the iconic town in the red heart of Australia on one of your included off train excursions. After returning with the group to the train station, you farewell your fellow travellers and will be transferred to your hotel at 4pm. This evening is free to relax and ready yourself for your adventure tomorrow. OVERNIGHT: Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters (B,L)

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The Ghan Expedition, Coober Pedy

When you disembark in remote Manguri, you’ll enjoy a full day exploring the amazing opal mining township of Coober Pedy. (B,L,D)

4

The Ghan Expedition, Adelaide

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

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 Flinders Ranges before arriving into Adelaide, completing one of the world’s great rail experiences. (B) B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner _Alternate Journeys_ Adelaide to Darwin – The Ghan (Departs Wednesday and Sunday)

5

Adelaide

Stay: Hilton Hotel, Adelaide • Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

This morning, we visit the UNESCO-listed Naracoorte Caves, where an expert guide reveals the secrets of ancient limestone formations. After marveling at this underground wonder, we continue to Adelaide CBD for our final night together. 1 Night Stay: Hilton Adelaide

6

Board The Indian Pacific IN Adelaide

Meals: Two Course Dinner

Check out of your accommodation this morning and take in any last minute sights before transferring to Adelaide Parklands Terminal. Start your journey with a delicious welcome dinner before joining the Indian Pacific, where you can settle into your cabin or mingle with fellow travellers in the Outback Explorer Lounge. OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Indian Pacific (B,D)

7

Indian Pacific, Broken Hill

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

Crossing another border during the night, you'll wake up in Broken Hill, New South Wales. Enjoy a hearty breakfast, ready for the day's activities in the Silver City. You'll have a choice of four Off Train Experiences, including guided history, art and cultural experiences that showcase the highlights of Australia's first heritage-listed city. Returning to the train for lunch, admire the scenery as the Indian Pacific travels through regional New South Wales. Tonight, dinner is served on board as you make the most of your final night exploring Australia by train. (B,L,D)

8

Indian Pacific, Blue Mountains And Sydney

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

The Blue Mountains is known for its soaring sandstone ridges wrapped in native flora. This World Heritage-listed area marks your final stop before arriving in Sydney. Say goodbye to the Indian Pacific after breakfast, to travel deep into the mountains for this afternoon's Off Train Experiences. Scenic World includes four phenomenal mountain experiences, from the Scenic Skyway, which takes you over ancient ravines, with 360-degree vistas to the Scenic Cableway that glides over the forest to the valley floor and the Scenic Railway, the steepest passenger railway in the world. Alternatively, stretch your legs on a guided walk with spectacular views from numerous lookouts along the trail. Both experiences end at Echo Point Lookout, perched on the edge of the escarpment in Katoomba, where a light lunch is served. Complete your journey on our chartered New South Wales rail service (fully hosted by our crew) into Sydney Central Station. Alternatively, if you prefer to arrive in Sydney earlier, stay on board the Indian Pacific to travel directly to Sydney Central Station. (B,L) (B) B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Inclusions

• Transfer to Darwin Rail Terminal • Welcome experience with light refreshments, barista coffee and sparkling wine • 3 nights aboard The Ghan Expedition, Darwin to Adelaide, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Katherine, Alice Springs and Coober Pedy • Cruise through ancient Nitmiluk Gorge in Katherine • Explore the outback town of Alice Springs and the unusual underground town of Cooper Pedy • Transfer from Adelaide Parklands Terminal to hotel • 2 nights' accommodation in Adelaide including breakfast daily • Discover Adelaide at your own pace • Transfer from hotel to Adelaide Parklands Terminal • 2 nights aboard the Indian Pacific, Adelaide to Sydney, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Broken Hill and the Blue Mountains • Experience the outback town of Broken Hill • Travel through the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains to Sydney • 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners

Ready to Book?

Contact our travel experts to discuss this tour.

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