8 Days Top End Explorer

Day-by-Day Itinerary

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DURATION	FROM PRICE	TOUR TYPE	TOUR CODE
8 Days	**$5,265**	**Rail Tours**	**Journey Beyond**

Overview

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Itinerary

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Board The Ghan IN Adelaide

Depart Adelaide aboard The Ghan and marvel as the spectacular Flinders Ranges pass by. OVERNIGHT: The Ghan (L,D)

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The Ghan, Alice Springs

Witness an unforgettable outback sunrise at Marla, in the remote reaches of South Australia, before arriving into Alice Springs. Transfer to your accommodation where you can settle in or head out to start exploring this unique town. OVERNIGHT: 4 nights Mercure Alice Springs Resort (B,L)

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The Ghan, Katherine And Darwin

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

Today you will discover the wonders of Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) with a variety of Off Train Excursions to choose from before continuing to your final destination, Darwin. (B,L) B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

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Darwin TO Litchfield And Kakadu National Parks

Meals: Morning Tea, Lunch

As one adventure ends, another begins with Outback Spirit. This morning, we depart Darwin and head towards Batchelor, the gateway to Litchfield National Park. Containing several types of typical Top End habitats, Litchfield National Park is abundant with lush monsoon forests, termite mounds, unusual rock formations, waterfalls, and cascades. After stopping for morning tea, our next stop is Florence Falls. Here you can watch from the scenic viewing platform as the spectacular falls cascade into the plunge pool below. Next, we move onto Wangi Falls; a large plunge pool surrounded by shady grassed areas. The falls flow all year round and you can take a dip in the crystal-clear pool. After a light lunch we cross the Adelaide River and continuing east, we enter the World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park before arriving at your accommodation for the next two nights, the Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel at Jabiru, so named for the crocodile shape it takes. Note: Swimming at Wangi Falls is subject to National Park No Croc Safety Clearance. OVERNIGHT: 2 nights at Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel (B,L,D)

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Kakadu National Park

Meals: Two Course Dinner

This morning, we take to the water for the Yellow Water (Ngurrungurrudjba) wetlands cruise. This area is home to an array of birdlife and some impressive saltwater crocodiles. Then we depart for Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) rock art site, with more amazing rock paintings dating back 20,000 years. There are several sites and galleries to see. You also have the opportunity to climb up to the Gunwarddehwarde lookout for majestic views! We return to the Mercure Crocodile hotel in time for dinner. (B,L,D)

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Kakadu National Park TO Darwin

Meals: Two Course Dinner

It's an early start today as we head to the airstrip, where you'll gain an aerial perspective on this incredible environment. Take to the skies on a 30 minute scenic flight over ancient escarpments, floodplains and winding rivers, exhibiting the results of 1.8 billion years of continuous erosion. Your flight includes live commentary from your pilot as you glide over these spectacular ancient lands. Setting our sights for Darwin, we will cross the South Alligator River with its expansive wetlands which, for many years, were used for buffalo hunting. We'll travel via Humpty Doo before arriving into Darwin where your 8 Day Arnhem Land and Kakadu Explorer tour comes to an end. Upon arrival into Darwin you will be transferred to the Hilton Garden Inn Darwin, where you can enjoy an evening at your leisure before your Ghan Expedition adventure begins the following day. OVERNIGHT: 1 night Hilton Garden Inn Darwin Please note: Dinner is not included this evening (B,L)

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Darwin, Darwin Harbour Dinner Cruise

Meals: Two Course Dinner

Today is free for you to enjoy the sights of Darwin at leisure. Perhaps take a stroll along the Waterfront Precinct or visit the George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens. In the evening, admire a spectacular sunset while feasting on a Territory-style dinner featuring local seafood and produce on a Darwin Harbour Sunset Cruise (B,D)

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Farewell

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

After breakfast, check out of your accommodation. This signals the end of your epic journey across Australia. (B) B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner ALTERNATIVE JOURNEYS Sydney to Perth Adelaide to Sydney Sydney to Adelaide

Inclusions

• 2 nights aboard The Ghan, Adelaide to Darwin, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Marla, Alice Springs and Katherine • Explore the outback town of Alice Springs • Cruise through ancient Nitmiluk Gorge in Katherine • Transfer from Darwin Rail Terminal to hotel • 1 nights' accommodation in Darwin, including breakfast • 2 nights of intimate small-group Kakadu, East Alligator River and Litchfield touring with Outback Spirit, travelling on board a state-of-the-art 4WD Mercedes-Benz vehicle, including accommodation, guided touring and meals • Cruise on the Mary River spotting wildlife, including saltwater crocodiles and an abundance of birdlife • Visit the Ubirr art site within Kakadu National Park, home to some of the world's most outstanding rock art • Swim in a waterfall at Litchfield National Park • 2 nights' accommodation in Darwin, including breakfast daily • Darwin Harbour Sunset Dinner Cruise • 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 5 dinners

Ready to Book?

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