

Darwin Rail Escape

Departing from Melbourne

Take The Ghan through the centre of Australia to enjoy this short Darwin Escape. Join a short Harbour Cruise and see the city highlights, visit the friendly Tiwi community on Bathurst Island, and spend a day exploring the waterfalls and scenery in Litchfield National Park.

DEPARTS EVERY SUNDAY – 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS

Sunday: This morning fly to Adelaide and make your way to the Adelaide Parklands Rail Terminal to board The Ghan. Settle into your Gold Service cabin, and watch the rolling pastures from your window. See the old rock formations of the Flinders, and the beginning of the rugged outback as night falls. *Overnight: The Ghan, 2 nights (LD)*

Monday: This morning stop at Marla, a remote outpost in South Australia, to watch the sunrise and the desert come alive with a hot cup of coffee. Enjoy brunch back on board, before arriving into Alice Springs, Australia's Red Centre. Choose from a walking tour through the picturesque Simpsons Gap, or visit the Desert Wildlife Park, where you will enjoy front row seats at their free flight bird show, followed by the chance to meet the birds and trainers during a private training session. Return to The Ghan, and enjoy dinner as you continue your rail journey north. *(BLD)*

Tuesday: This morning there is a choice of three tours on your arrival into Katherine. You may like to cruise both the first and second gorges, or perhaps only do the first gorge, and see an Indigenous rock art site up close on a short walking tour. Alternatively visit the Katherine Outback Experience, and see real horse-starting and working dog demonstrations, along with live music and humorous bush tales. In the afternoon arrive into Darwin and be transferred to your accommodation. *Overnight: Argus Hotel Darwin or similar, 4 nights (BL)*

Wednesday: Travel by ferry to Bathurst Island, where you will be met by a local Tiwi Island guide, keen to show you their community. Experience the traditional 'Welcome to Country' smoking ceremony, visit the Patakijiyali Museum and historic mission precinct, and enjoy a cultural art session, where you can take your artwork home as a memento. *(L)*

Thursday: Cruise around the beautiful harbour, and learn about Darwin's city, it's wharves, and its history, from the WWII involvement through to Cyclone Tracey. At the end of the cruise you may like to stay and have lunch at one of the many restaurants in the Cullen Bay Marina.

Friday: This morning join AAT Kings for your full day Litchfield National Park tour. See the amazing Termite Mounds, and then it's on to the waterfalls that make this park so famous. Florence Falls is a double waterfall, Tolmer Falls is home to several colonies of bats, and Wangi Falls is the most accessible of the rock pools, so don't forget your bathers if you want to take a dip! *(L)*

Saturday: Today depart Darwin at a time suitable to you, or you may like to extend your stay and explore the Top End further.

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

Inclusions

- > Air travel, Melbourne to Adelaide
- > Gold Service on The Ghan, Adelaide to Darwin, including all meals, beverages and off train excursions in Alice Springs and Katherine
- > Complimentary transfer from Darwin Station to your hotel
- > 4 nights in Darwin at Argus Hotel Darwin or similar
- > Full day Tiwi Island by Design tour, including ferry transfers and lunch
- > Harbour Highlights Cruise
- > Full day Litchfield National Park tour, including lunch
- > Air travel, Darwin to Melbourne
- > Transfers & Meals as stated - 2 x breakfast / 5 x lunch / 2 x dinner

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