

DARWIN UNPACK & THE GHAN EXPEDITION

Tour Local

8 DAYS from **\$9,090pp**
20th—27th August 2024

INCLUSIONS

- 7 Nights Quality Accommodation
- B: 7 // L: 5 // D: 6
- Quality Touring Coach with Friendly and Experienced Driver Guide
- Home Pickup & Return* service
- Flights—Return (Melb, Syd, Bris, Adel)
- Entries to all listed Highlights & Attractions
- **Ghan Expedition—Gold Class Cabin**

Twin/Double: \$9,090pp

Single: \$9,630pp



FLY INTO THE DARWIN AND EXPERIENCE THE GHAN EXPEDITION

HIGHLIGHTS & ATTRACTIONS

- 4 Nights staying at the Vibe Waterfront Darwin
- Enjoy a Darwin Sunset Dinner Cruise
- Relax in the beauty of the Litchfield National Park
- Thrilling Jumping Croc Cruise
- Wander through the Mindil Markets, with spectacular Sunset to behold
- Darwin Touring incl. Botanic Gardens; Military Museum; Defence of Darwin; and Royal Flying Doctors

ON THE GHAN

All-inclusive meals, fine wines, and beverages

A regionally-inspired menu paired with a selection of local wines

Off Train Experiences in Katherine, Alice Springs, and Coober Pedy

Evening Off Train Experience in Manguri

A spectacular dinner under the stars at the historic Telegraph Station, Alice Springs

Explore Nitmiluk Gorge's powerful natural wonders and rich Indigenous culture

Venture into the underground opal mining town of Coober Pedy



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DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1 : Home to Darwin (B, L, D)

Today is all about escaping the cold, and heading for a warmer climate—paradise!

Board your plane, and soon enough, step foot in Darwin ready for adventure!

STAY: Darwin - Vibe Waterfront

DAY 2 : Darwin (B,D)

A fascinating and educational morning awaits us today.

We start off with a visit to the Defence of Darwin Military Museum, which houses an array of weaponry from (what seems like) a bygone era. Make sure you watch the video on display here - truly something else.

From here, we stop in at the Darwin Botanic Gardens, where you'll be able to explore these garden tropics, full of delight around every corner. Its back to the hotel after this, where you'll have a chance to relax and freshen up, before we pay visit to the Bombing of Darwin attraction at the Royal Flying Doctor Service Facility. View virtual reality experiences and holographs in displays of cutting edge technology. Tonight we finish our stay in Darwin on a high note as we remain at Stokes Wharf to join our sunset dinner Cruise in Darwin harbour.

STAY: Darwin - Vibe Waterfront

DAY 3 : Darwin (B, D)

Today is all about you—and for you to do as you please. Relax at our amazing hotel; meander along the waterfront; swim in the beach right along side our hotel; browse through Darwin's amazing shopping precinct—its up to you!

This afternoon we are out to the Mindil Markets, where you have some time to shop at these various and unique markets; indulge in the many foods and cuisines that line it's road, and watch the sun drop on the famed Mindil Beach.

STAY: Darwin - Vibe Waterfront

DAY 4 : Darwin: Litchfield (B, L, D)

Our first stop this morning is at the Adelaide River Jumping Croc Cruise—where your nerves will be put to the test as 5+meter crocs swim up to, and jump right along side our boat. A thrill to be sure...keep those hands inside the boat please.

From here, we head out to the beautiful Litchfield National Park, which is one of the Territory's newest parks and has 146,000 of largely untouched hectares. Entering Litchfield National Park, we will come across countless termite mounds. You will have the opportunity to take many interesting photos, particularly a group of magnetic termite mounds, which resemble giant tombstones in a graveyard. Our afternoon is spent at the glorious Wangi Falls, where you can take a short walk and be rewarded with spectacular views of the falls. Wangi Falls, is a serene crystal clear pool, where you can relax and enjoy a swim. You may also want to do some birdwatching. We return to Darwin in the early evening for a casual dinner.

STAY: Darwin - Vibe Waterfront

DAY 5 : The Ghan Expedition (All Inclusive)

A unique and epic experience, explore the wonders of Australia's vast interior with one of the world's most renowned rail journeys – The Ghan Expedition from Darwin to Adelaide.

Beginning in Darwin, this four day, three night, 2,979km all-inclusive journey will take you to some of the most remote and captivating parts of Australia in style and comfort. Operating April to October, your adventure through the country's vast, varied, and captivating interior will leave you speechless. It's the ultimate Australian outback experience.

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. Take a relaxing cruise through Nitmiluk Gorge's ancient natural wonders and exploring the region's rich Indigenous culture. 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.

DAY 6 : The Ghan Expedition (All Inclusive)

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.

DAY 7 : The Ghan Expedition (All Inclusive)

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.

DAY 8 : The Ghan Expedition to Home

Enjoy a leisurely brunch as you prepare for your mid-morning arrival into Adelaide. A Tour Local representative will meet you in Adelaide, and see you safely to Adelaide airport, where your flight will be waiting to carry you back home.



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Payment Policy

Your non-refundable **\$500pp DEPOSIT** is required to secure your booking.

Your **FULL PAYMENT** is required 2 months (60 days) prior to our departure date.

Payment Methods

REFERENCE NUMBER : *Unique to you, this will be emailed to you at the time of your booking.*

CREDIT /DEBIT CARD:

Go online **OR** Contact our office (min. 1.5% surcharge applies)
Please ensure you put the reference number provided to you.

DIRECT DEPOSIT:

Westpac: Tour Local
BSB: 033-636 Acc: 238103
Please ensure you put the reference number provided to you.

AT A WESTPAC BRANCH: *contact our office for your unique identifier number*

Refunds & Cancellations

Should you cancel the tour, the following conditions will apply

91+ Days: Deposit is fully transferable*
61-90 Days: Forfeiture of deposit*
0-60 Days: Full Forfeiture of fare
*less any unclaimable bookings already made on your behalf (air, rail, cruise etc)

*Tour Local HIGHLY recommends
Travel Insurance*

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Why Tour with Tour Local?

- We are a proud family owned & operated company, who have been providing quality tours around Australia for over 15 years now.
- Once you are out on the road with us rest assured that you will be well looked after; memorable and enjoyable experiences are our guarantee.
- If we can do anything for you in the lead up to your departure day, please just let us know - we are always here to help.
- Our tours are designed for ages of 50+ and we take this into consideration when planning all aspects of our day to day activities.

To Make a Booking:

- Please head online to www.tourlocal.com.au and book under your desired tour - this will send you an automatic confirmation of your booking (secure payments can be made here too) **OR**
- Contact our office during operating hours and we will gladly assist you in making your booking

Home Pickup & Return Service:

- The perfect way to start (and finish) your next amazing holiday with us! This service applies to ALL tours of 3 nights or more, and if you live within Melbourne; South East Suburbs; Gippsland; Mornington Peninsula
- Other pickups by prior arrangement incl. Airport/train station/Hotel/ or a central location - we are here to help, please just ask.

Accessibility and Room Requirements

- Although our tours are designed and catered for a senior demographic, and every effort is made on our part to secure ground level rooms with walk-in-showers, there will be times when we are unable to get all rooms to fulfil this criteria.
- If you require a disabled access room (Ground Floor and Walk in Shower) please make us aware of this at the time of booking.
No guarantees can be made if we are made aware of this after the fact.

Conditions of Travel

- Our tours are designed to be easy going and relaxing, and we will never force you to do anything beyond your capabilities.
All we ask is that you be able to navigate coach steps unassisted, and be able to carry (wheel) your own luggage.
- All bookings and payments are made in accordance with our Terms and Conditions of Travel. By booking on this tour, it is understood that you have read to and agreed with our Terms & Conditions. Please contact our office to obtain a copy.

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DIFFERENT ARRANGEMENTS MAY APPLY FOR GROUP BOOKINGS**