

TRAIN : The Ghan

JOURNEY : Darwin – Alice Springs – Adelaide

Journey Duration : Upto 5 Days

Day to Day Itinerary

Day 1 : Darwin-The Ghan

Board the Ghan; travel south past lush tropical scenery to Katherine

Darwin is the gateway to the waterfalls and rock pools of Litchfield National Park and the colourful communities of the Tiwi Islands. Pass through the old gold mining town of Pine Creek and Adelaide River, once a World War II military headquarters when the Japanese were bombing Darwin.

Arrive at Katherine Gorge. You can cruise down Katherine Gorge past magnificent sandstone cliffs or fly over its interconnecting gorges on a helicopter. Get up close to the birds and animals of Nitmiluk National Park on a nature cruise or canoe down the Katherine River. If you just want to explore the town, take the shuttle bus and hop off at attractions such as the Railway Museum, historic Springvale Homestead and the local Aboriginal art gallery.

Day 2 : The Ghan to Alice Springs

Arrive Alice Springs in the morning.

Learn about the area's outback pioneers or immerse yourself in its Aboriginal history with a Central Arrernte guide. Visit a working camel farm or see the region's birds and wildlife at Alice Springs Desert Park. Fly over Simpson's Gap and the Larapinta Trail on a helicopter or go quad biking across the desert. To see the sights at your own pace, take the 70-minute shuttle bus with an experienced guide and hop off as you wish at the major attractions. Reboard and watch the train pull out of Alice before the sunset flames on the horizon.

Day 3 : Adelaide

Take in the multicoloured vistas as you travel through the small bush town of Kulgera and over the sandy Finke River. Look out at the small, rustic railway towns and vast tracts of Aboriginal land, where communities have maintained their connection with the land for thousands of years. Cross over Dog Fence, the world's longest fence and speed through Cadney Homestead. Pass through coastal Coonamia and Port Augusta. Arrive Adelaide Parklands Rail Terminal after having breakfast on board the train.