



THE ULTIMATE OUTBACK – THE GHAN & RED CENTRE

10 Nights / 11 Days

FEATURING THE LEGENDARY TRAIN EXPEDITION



ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA to DARWIN, NT OR VICE VERSA

DEPARTING MOST TUESDAYS AND SATURDAYS (MARCH TO OCTOBER)

DARWIN TO ADELAIDE

DEPARTING MOST WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS (MARCH TO OCTOBER)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Welcome experience with light refreshments, barista coffee and sparkling wine
- 2 nights aboard The Ghan Expedition Adelaide to Alice Springs, including all meals and beverages, and Off Train Experience in Clare Valley

- 7 nights of intimate small-group touring with Outback Spirit, travelling on board a state-of-the-art 4WD Mercedes-Benz vehicle, including accommodation, meals with beverages and guided touring
- Travel through the West MacDonnell Ranges, visiting Standley Chasm and Ormiston Gorge
- Visit Kings Canyon for a guided scenic walk
- See the spectacular Light Towers installation
- Visit World Heritage-listed Uluru and enjoy a guided base tour
- Early risers can experience the magic and beauty of the sun rising over Uluru
- Dine under the stars at the 'Sounds of Silence' dining experience
- Explore the rock formations of Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) and Walpa Gorge
- Admire the internationally acclaimed 'Field of Light' display at Uluru and watch as it illuminates the desert night
- Witness the breathtaking cultural experience of Wintjiri Wiru
- 1 night aboard The Ghan Expedition Alice Springs to Darwin, including all meals and beverages and Off Train Experience in Katherine
- Visit ancient Nitmiluk Gorge
- 10 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 10 dinners

THE GHAN

Regarded as one of the world's greatest train journeys, The Ghan delivers so much more than an extended train ride. It promises access to parts of Australia no other holiday can come close to – the perfect balance of comfort and adventure, culminating in an experience that will move you in every sense of the word.

Onboard you will find sumptuous dining, elegant private cabins, attentive service, and the camaraderie of your fellow travellers. And when the train stops, the adventures begin.

Settle into The Ghan's gentle rhythm as you travel through the country and immerse yourself in the Northern Territory's breathtaking natural wonders on this spectacular 11-day journey. From exploring the West MacDonnell Ranges to taking your place beside spiritual Uluru and Kata Tjuta, you'll understand why people travel great distances to see the Territory's remarkable landscapes and icons.



Please note, itineraries are subject to change.

DAY 1 – BOARD THE GHAN EXPEDITION IN ADELAIDE

Your journey on The Ghan begins in Adelaide this afternoon, as you step aboard and settle into the rhythm of life on the rails. Watch the countryside roll past your window as the train makes its way north, a hint of the adventure to come. By early evening, the train arrives at Long Plains, where you step off and transfer into the rolling vineyards of the Clare Valley – one of South



Australia's most celebrated wine regions. At Penobscot Farm, a signature dinner awaits in the reimagined Woolshed, curated exclusively for guests of The Ghan. Every dish is drawn from the farm's own biodynamic produce, paired with Clare Valley's celebrated Rieslings and reds under the guidance of Executive Chef Nicola Palmer. As the sun sets over the vines, raise a glass to the days of discovery ahead. After dinner, return to the train and retire for the night as The Ghan continues its journey north. (D)
OVERNIGHT: 1 night The Ghan Expedition

DAY 2 – THE GHAN EXPEDITION, FLINDERS RANGES

Wake to the changing countryside as The Ghan arrives into Port Augusta, South Australia's gateway to the outback. After breakfast, step off the train and prepare for a full day discovering one of the nation's most remarkable regions: the Flinders Ranges.

Your Off Train Experience takes you deep into one of the oldest mountain ranges on Earth, where 600 million years of geological history has folded the land into dramatic gorges and red rock outcrops. Stand amid ancient rock formations and take in a landscape millions of years in the making.

From here, head to the historic town of Quorn, once a vital crossroads on the Trans-Australian Railway and now home to the heritage Pichi Richi line. Settle in for lunch paired with the botanicals of Flinders Gin, distilled from the landscape around you. Visit the ruins of Kanyaka Station and hear stories of the ruined dreams of colonial farmers in this harsh and unrelenting landscape — a striking introduction to the outback.

After a day of exploration, rejoin the train for a relaxed evening on board recalling the day's adventures. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – THE GHAN, ARRIVE ALICE SPRINGS

After a night of fine dining and relaxed comfort aboard The Ghan, wake to a spectacular outback sunrise at Marla, a remote outpost 160 kilometres from the Northern Territory border and gateway to the legendary Oodnadatta Track. With red dirt beneath your feet and a bonfire casting warmth into the cool morning air, pause to take in the stillness of this extraordinary place. Back on board, enjoy a leisurely brunch as the desert landscape unfolds on the journey north to Alice Springs. Our arrival in Alice marks the start of a new adventure. Your eight-day Red Centre Explorer tour commences on arrival at the Alice Springs Rail Terminal. Here, you will be met by the passionate Outback Spirit crew, who will be guiding you as you take in all the Red Centre has to offer over the next eight days.

Then, you'll check-in at your Alice Springs hotel, where we'll stay for the first two nights. In the evening, the group will meet for welcome drinks and a short briefing on what you can expect during your tour. Tonight's dinner is at the hotel. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters (4.5* hotel)

DAY 4 – ALICE SPRINGS

Today, explore Alice Springs and its surrounds, taking in natural rock formations that are truly spectacular. After breakfast, venture to the West MacDonnell Ranges and enjoy a walk to Simpsons Gap. Known as 'Rungutjirpa' by the Arrernte people, Simpsons Gap is an important spiritual site and home to dozens of rare plants and a host of native wildlife.

We'll then visit Standley Chasm – Angkerle Atwatye – a cultural icon of Central Australia, which is 100% owned and operated by the Arrernte community. We'll break for morning tea before departing the West MacDonnell Ranges to visit the Alice Springs Desert Park. Here, enjoy a guided tour that will challenge your perception of the desert, leaving you with an understanding that the desert is full of life.

This evening, enjoy a classic-style outdoor BBQ and show under the incredible night sky. (B,L,D)



Walking: The Standley Chasm is an easy flat walk on a wide path with some minor gradients. Distance – 2 km, 1 hr
Simpsons Gap walk is easy and flat. Distance – 1 km, 25 mins.

DAY 5 – ALICE SPRINGS TO KINGS CANYON

Today, we say goodbye to Alice Springs as we go deeper into the outback. First up is a visit to Ellery Creek for a short walk and morning tea, then we travel to Ormiston Gorge to see its towering red cliffs. After lunch, we'll travel on to the mighty Kings Canyon and Watarrka National Park.

As we drive through the outback, we'll take the scenic Mereenie Loop 4WD track through the West MacDonnell Ranges and arrive at Kings Canyon Resort, where we'll spend the next two nights.

Tonight, dinner is at Carmichael's, a relaxed restaurant situated in Kings Canyon Resort, surrounded by native trees and bushlands. If you're lucky, you may spot an inquisitive dingo wandering through the grounds. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Kings Canyon Resort (4* hotel)

DAY 6 – KINGS CANYON – WATARRKA NATIONAL PARK

This morning, we depart early to experience the beauty of Kings Canyon. Two walks are available, including the spectacular 6km rim walk, which features breathtaking views of the Watarrka National Park before descending into the 'Garden of Eden'. For those who wish to save energy, a more relaxed walk is also available along the creek on the canyon floor (2.6km).

There is also the opportunity to take a 15-minute helicopter flight over Kings Canyon and Watarrka National Park (at own expense).

After the morning's activities, we return to Kings Canyon Resort for lunch and to rest and refresh. For those wishing to take the optional helicopter flight over Kings Canyon, this afternoon offers some time to enjoy Kings Canyon from the air (at own expense), or you can enjoy a relaxing afternoon at your leisure.

As afternoon turns to evening, we'll enjoy sunset drinks and canapes at Light-Towers, an immersive sound and light installation by the acclaimed artist Bruce Munro. Tonight, we'll enjoy dinner at the newly renovated Kings Canyon Bar & Grill and gather to recall the day's adventures. (B,L,D)

Walking: the 6.5 km Kings Canyon rim walk is very very steep with some scrambling on hands and knees. It starts with about 500 bush rock stairs unevenly spaced on a narrow track. Once you reach the Canyon Rim it's mostly flat and even. The descent is steep and narrow and requires you to watch your feet at all times – Distance: 6.5 km, approx. 3.5 hrs

The alternative Kings Canyon creek walk is easy and flat plus in semi shade for the 2nd half of the walk. Distance 2.4 km, 1.5 hrs.

DAY 7 – KINGS CANYON TO ULURU-KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK

Today is special. This morning we visit Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience and Tours, an indigenous owned and operated cultural tour. In the Aranda language, Karrke is the Aboriginal name for the western Bowerbird, which is native to Central Australia, and our guide will teach us



about bush tucker and bush medicines used for spiritual and physical healing.

We then depart Karrke for Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, passing through Kings Creek Station to enjoy lunch at Curtin Springs, a million-acre cattle station. In the early afternoon, we arrive at the award-winning Sails in the Desert Hotel, part of the Ayers Rock Resort.

This evening, we are transferred to the Wintjiri Wiru Sunset Dinner. A breathtaking cultural storytelling experience through choreographed drones, lasers and projections illuminating the night sky. After a short journey from the resort, we venture to an open-air theatre set upon a dune top. Enjoy cocktails infused with native ingredients while taking in the incredible views of Uluru. As darkness descends, enjoy a gourmet dinner hamper where native ingredients are combined with modern techniques to create a balanced and flavourful palette as the night sky lights up before our eyes. Witness the ancient Mala story re-told and feel a powerful connection to country listening to a traditional Inma soundtrack and narration in the local Pitjantjatjara language. (B,L,D)

Overnight: Sails In The Desert Hotel (5* hotel)

DAY 8 – ULURU KATA-TJUTA NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, we depart to discover Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) and admire the stunning rock formations on a guided walk into Walpa Gorge, an ancient temple crafted by nature.



Take in the cultural centre and take a guided tour around the base of Uluru, which stands 348 metres above the desert plains. Learn about traditional Anangu culture and why Uluru, one of the largest monoliths in the world, is such a sacred site.

This afternoon is at your leisure. You may choose to explore the Town Square, arrange a scenic flight (own cost) or relax in the comfort of your hotel.



Field of Light – 50,000 stems crowned with frosted glass spheres



Canyon walking

Departing the resort before sunset, we head to an exclusive dune-top location, again with majestic views of Uluru. Enjoy drinks and canapes as artist Bruce Munro's global phenomenon Field of Light gently illuminates. Aptly named Tili Wiru Tjuta Nyakutjaku (looking at lots of beautiful lights), Field of Light features 50,000 slender stems, crowned with radiant, frosted-glass spheres, spread across an area the size of seven football fields. After your host provides insight into this remarkable installation, you can explore the stunning display via dedicated pathways.

This evening, return to the hotel for dinner. (Please note dinner will be at approximately 9.00pm). (B,L,D)

Walking: Kata-Tjuta Walpa Gorge walk is slightly uphill to the lookout. It is on mostly rock track which is uneven. Distance 2.6 km , 1 hr

DAY 9 – ULURU-KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK

Early risers can experience the sun rising over Uluru this morning and the colours of dawn spreading across the landscape. Breakfast is at the hotel, before we depart for the Mala Walk. Admire the fine examples of rock art along this walk before arriving at Kantju Gorge, a place of profound peacefulness surrounded by sheer vertical walls.

We return to the hotel for lunch with an afternoon ahead of us. You can spend this time at your leisure or participate in additional touring of the area, including a visit to the Gallery of Central Australia or other informative guest activities.

This evening, enjoy the unique Sounds of Silence dining experience under the stars. Offering the best of the Red Centre distilled into four magical hours, the evening begins with canapes and chilled sparkling wine served on a viewing platform overlooking the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. As the sun sets and darkness falls, listen to the sound of the didgeridoo and enjoy a premium bush tucker inspired buffet incorporating native bush ingredients. Afterwards, settle back and listen to the resident star talker decode the southern night sky.

After this incredible experience, we return to Sails in the Desert Hotel for our final night. (B,L,D)

Walking: the Mala walk is flat and easy. Distance 2 km, 1.5 hrs

DAY 10 – ULURU-KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK TO ALICE SPRINGS, THE GHAN EXPEDITION

Enjoy a hearty breakfast at the hotel before making the journey by road from Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park to the Alice Springs Rail Terminal, where your Red Centre Explorer tour comes to an end.

Re-join The Ghan Expedition in the late afternoon, with time to refresh before dinner is served and another unforgettable evening begins. (B,L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 1 night The Ghan Expedition

DAY 11 – THE GHAN EXPEDITION, KATHERINE & DARWIN

The landscapes continue to transform as you head towards Katherine, where you'll embark on an Off Train Experience exploring natural wonders that you'll never forget. A few hours later, you'll arrive in Darwin, completing your journey through the Red Centre. (B,L)



THE GHAN – CHOOSING THE RIGHT CABIN FOR YOU

Once you step aboard our trains, you can relax, knowing everything has been considered and included in your fare. From world-class food and wine to a range of immersive Off Train Experiences, the hardest decision you'll need to make is what to have for lunch and which experience to join.

Four levels of service are offered:

AUSTRALIS & AURORA SUITES

These luxurious suites blend contemporary elegance with the timeless romance of rail travel providing bespoke and personalised service with your own dedicated butler – the ultimate indulgence!

Every moment in the expansive Australis Suite or the generously proportioned Aurora Suite is elevated with premium inclusions, such as Champagne Bollinger La Grande Année, a curated private bar, premium Jurlique amenities, a full bedroom with luxurious bed linen and large ensuite. You may also dine privately in your suite, or join fellow travellers in Platinum Club.

The **Australis Suite** is the most luxurious suite in Australian train travel. At three times the size of a Platinum cabin it features a separate bedroom with a fixed custom-sized bed, full lounge set, personal bar and ensuite with double vanity. This Suite also has a writing desk as well as a wardrobe and ample room to stretch your legs or host friends and family in-suite.

Additional features of these suites include:

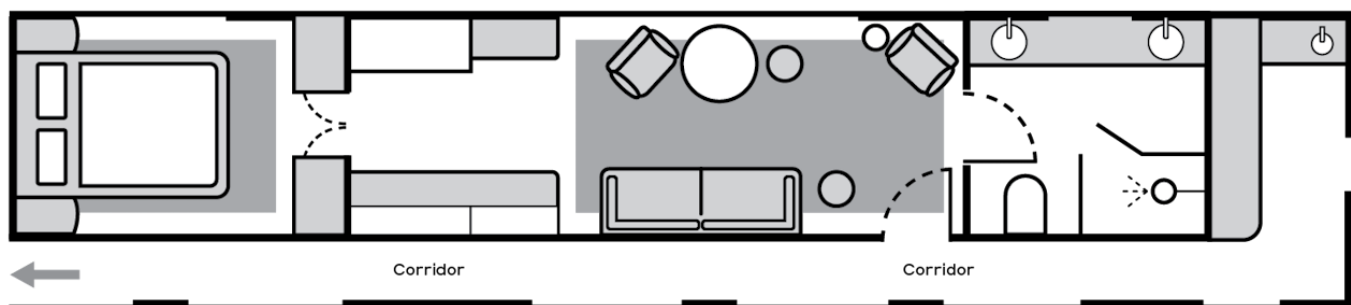
- A range of exclusive Off Train Experiences
- Private chauffeur for your arrival and departure of the train
- Unlimited luggage allowance (up to 32kg per bag)



AUSTRALIS SUITE

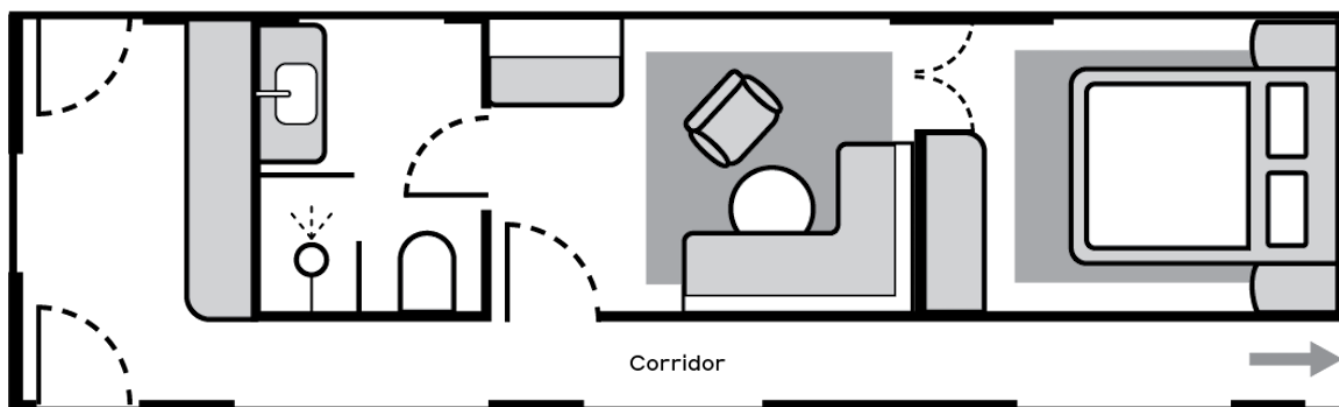
Australis Suite | 25m² (Length 12m, Width 2m)

Length of a Platinum Cabin



Aurora Suite | 17m² (Length 8m, Width 2m)

Length of a Platinum Cabin



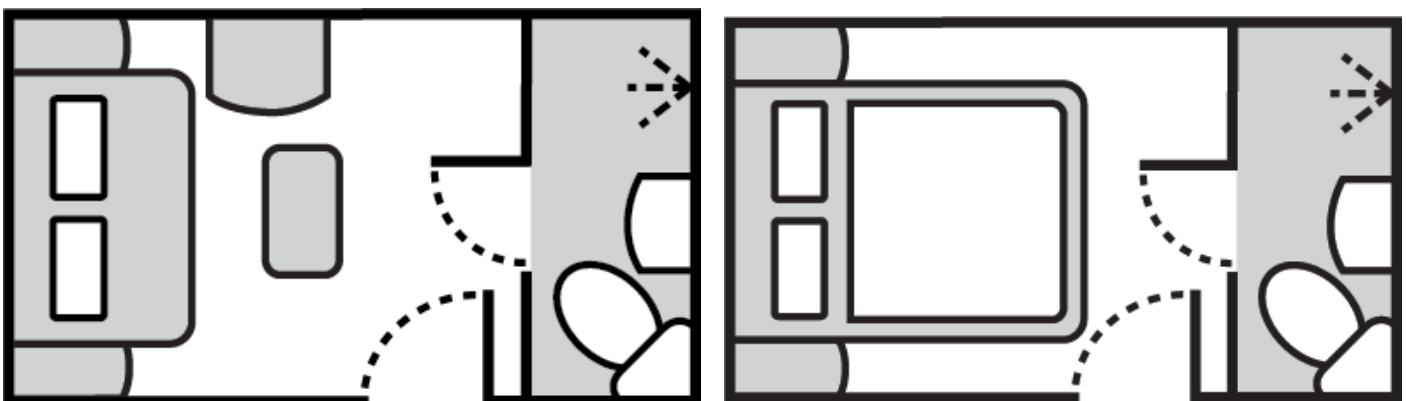
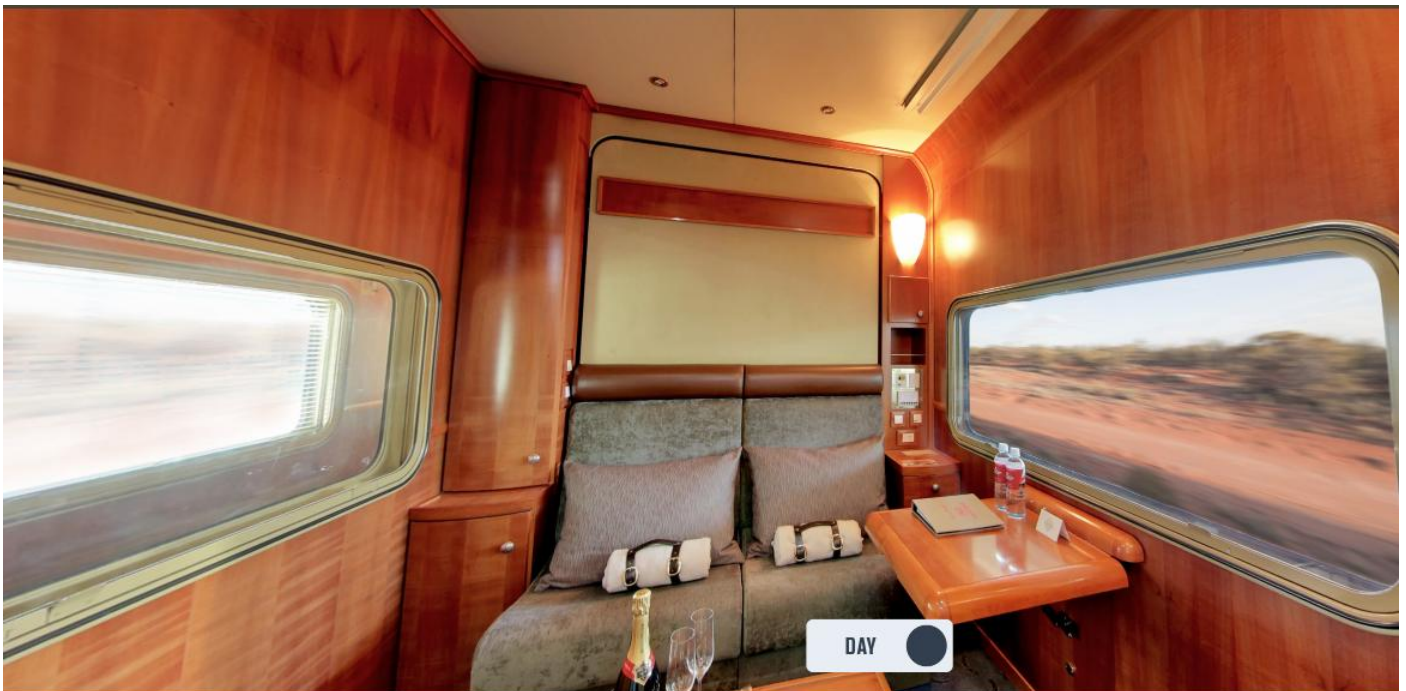
PLATINUM SUITES

Stylishly appointed and spacious cabins (almost twice the size of Gold Premium Twin or Gold Twin cabins) provide comfort after a day's exploring, while the Platinum Club carriage offers a sophisticated setting for meals, relaxation and socialising. As you'd expect, the food and wine are of the highest standard. Enjoy hearty breakfasts, two-course lunches and five-course dinners, all regionally inspired and paired with champagne and premium wines.

By day cabins are set up lounge-style with a movable table and two ottomans then converted at night to double or twin beds. The cabin's panoramic windows offer views from both sides of the train. Refreshments and continental breakfasts are served upon request in-cabin.

Platinum guests receive private transfers before and after your journey, beginning the adventure in style. Platinum cabins offer luxe extras, like a full-size ensuite, expansive window views from the train. Add to that the luxurious linen, Champagne Bollinger, premium Jurlique amenities, Bracegirdle's chocolates, a nightcap at turndown.

The **Platinum Club** embodies the spirit of the train's Australian heritage, the décor features quartzite tabletops, timber flooring, brass fittings and leather banquette lounge seating in tones of ash, moss and sepia. The carriage offers a daytime lounge setting with adaptable dining options.



Platinum double cabin by day & night

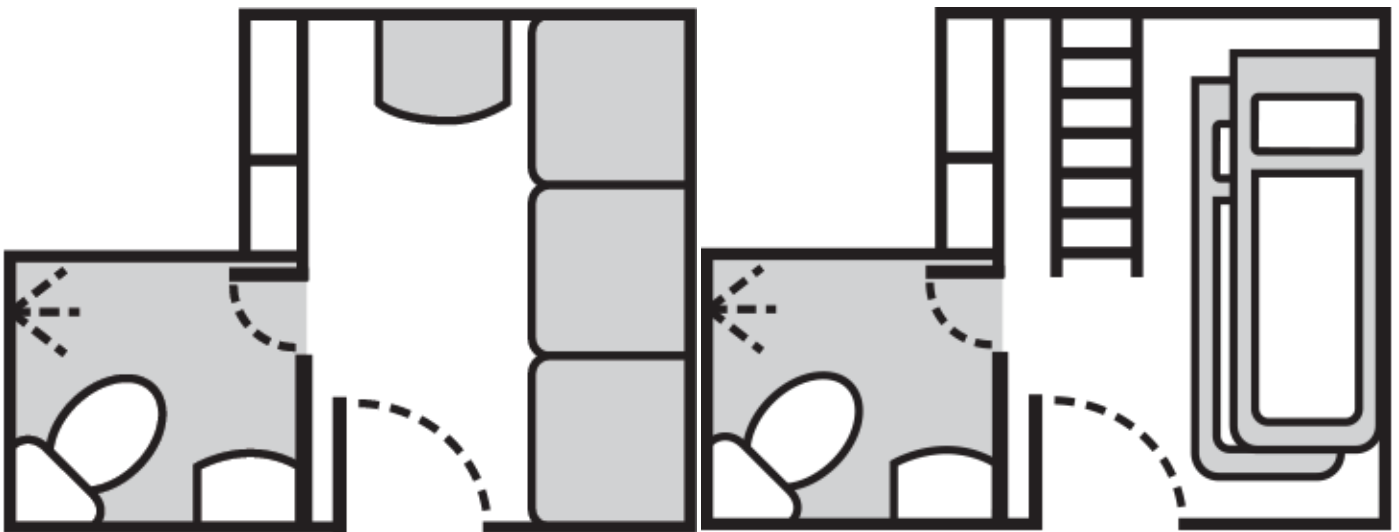
GOLD PREMIUM CABINS

Gold Premium offers some special touches to make the journey special, like priority check-in and an increased luggage allowance, a private ensuite, LaGaia amenities, tour preferencing and more. Guests have exclusive access to the Gold Premium Lounge and Gold Premium Restaurant for meals and socialising. Enjoy delicious breakfasts, two-course, regionally inspired lunches and delectable four-course dinners in beautiful surrounds, accompanied by a selection of premium beverages.

Choose between a Gold Premium Twin cabin or Gold Premium Suite, which has a little more space.



Gold Premium Twin – converts to a comfortable lounge-style by day and a two-bunk sleeping arrangement at night as per floor plan below.



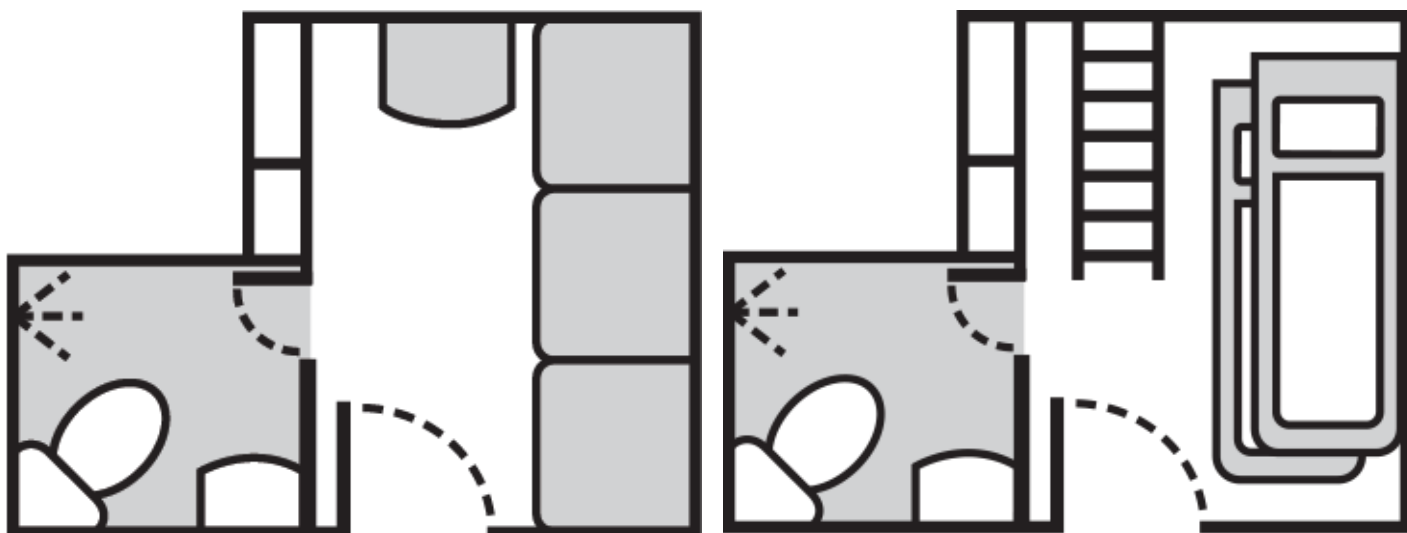
GOLD TWIN OR SINGLE CABINS

Relax in the shared Outback Explorer Lounge, sipping on barista made coffee, or a glass of white wine. Later make your way to the Queen Adelaide Restaurant to dine.

Gold includes hearty breakfasts, two-course lunches and three-course dinners. You may also choose to complement your meal with our selection of premium Australian wines, beers, spirits and non-alcoholic and beverages, all included in your fare.

Off Train Excursions and Outback Experiences are also included as well as complimentary transfers between Darwin Terminal and the city centre.

A **GOLD SUITE** cabin is larger and features a three-quarter size double bed plus a fold-down upper berth, lounge area, TV/DVD player, mini bar and ensuite.



Gold Twin Cabin by day & night



Gold Suite cabin

GOLD ACCESS CABIN

These cabins are exclusively reserved for wheelchair users and people with low mobility or disability. The features include:

- Two seats by day converting to two lower berths by night
 - Accessible ensuite bathroom with seat and hand rail facilities, flexible hand shower and shower chair
 - Mobile height adjustable table
 - In-cabin music channels and journey audio commentary available
 - All-inclusive dining in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant
 - All-inclusive Australian wines, beers, base spirits and non-alcoholic beverages
 - All-inclusive Off Train Excursions and Short Stops
 - Luggage allowance is 60kg per guest
 - Cabin Entry Door (Gold Access Cabin) – 0.85m (width)
- Power outlets in cabin



Gold Access cabin by night



Gold Access cabin by day



TRANSPORTATION

Travel in 5-star comfort aboard our all-terrain 4WD Mercedes-Benz coaches while touring in the Red Centre. These vehicles feature an excellent ride, quiet interior, reclining coach seats, ample legroom, Starlink Wi-Fi, air-conditioning, restroom & television.

SMALL GROUPS

Maximum of 22 guests per tour gives you the intimacy of boutique travel with the expertise and safety of a premium operator.

SCHEDULE 2027 :

Adelaide to Darwin

MARCH

13, 20, 27

APRIL

3, 10, 17, 20, 24

MAY

1, 8, 15, 18, 22, 25

JUNE

1, 5, 8, 12, 19, 22, 26, 29

JULY

3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, 31

AUGUST

3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 24, 28

SEPTEMBER

4, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28

OCTOBER

2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23

Darwin to Adelaide

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OCTOBER

2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 27

COSTS 2027: PER PERSON IN AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS

Adelaide to Darwin	SUITES	PLATINUM	GOLD PREMIUM	GOLD
March			\$10,590	\$9,790
10 – 24 April depts	TBA	\$15,890	\$12,590	\$11,790
May, June, July, Aug		\$15,390	\$11,890	\$11,090
3 April, Sept, Oct		\$14,790	\$11,590	\$10,890
Darwin to Adelaide :	SUITES	PLATINUM	GOLD PREMIUM	GOLD
March			\$11,190	\$10,390

31 March,		\$14,890	\$11,590	\$10,790
April, Sept, Oct		\$15,890	\$12,390	\$11,290
May, June, July, Aug	TBA	\$17,190	\$13,490	\$12,590

COST INCLUDES:

- 2 nights aboard The Ghan Expedition Adelaide to Alice Springs, including all meals and beverages, and Off Train Experience in Katherine
- 7 nights of intimate small-group touring travelling on board a state-of-the-art 4WD Mercedes-Benz vehicle, including accommodation, meals with beverages, and guided touring
- 1 night aboard The Ghan Expedition Alice Springs to Darwin, including all meals and beverages and Off Train Experience in Coober Pedy
- 10 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 10 dinners

BEST TIME TO TRAVEL

The best time to visit the **Australian Red Centre** is during the cooler months of May to September.

- **Winter:** June to August
Expect daily temperatures of 20 – 23 degrees C making it peak season for exploring. Nights and early mornings are very cold and temperatures can drop below 0 degrees. Pack warm layers for sunset and sunrise activities
- **Autumn & Spring:** March – May & September – November
Days are warm and sunny with temperatures ranging between 23 to 30 degrees C. Spring especially brings blooming desert wildflowers and active wildlife

The Top End, Darwin & The North:

- **March** – high humidity and lingering tropical showers or afternoon storms as the wet season start to ease. Temperatures reach highs of around 32 degrees C, and lows 24 degrees.
- April – rain tapers off and humidity begins to drop
- **May to August** (the dry season peak) – mild to warm days averaging 21 to 31 degrees C with cooler pleasant nights around 15 – 20 degrees C.
- **September – October** – hotter days, 34 – 36 degrees C with humidity building rapidly. October brings spectacular dramatic tropical lightening storms and high heat building towards the wet season

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