The Senior Newspaper and Travelrite International invites you to join us for the 2025 escorted tour

# THE GHAN, KANGAROO ISLAND AND DARWIN ESCAPE

18 to 29 September 2025

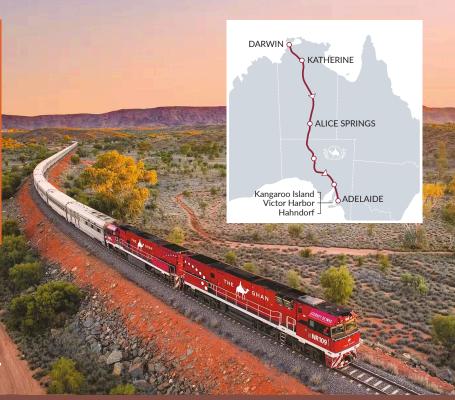
Darwin, The Ghan, Adelaide, Kangaroo Island & Victor Harbor





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This will be a wonderful experience travelling on The Ghan. The tour is fully escorted and includes sightseeing tours in each city and special events for tour members. We hope that you can join us.



# THE GHAN EXPEDITION

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. Your adventure through the country's vast, varied, and captivating interior will leave you speechless. It's the ultimate Australian outback experience.

Darwin

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# **ITINERARY**

# DAY 1 Thursday, 18 September 2025

Tour members will be met at Darwin Airport at 3.00pm this afternoon and transferred to our hotel. We will have a welcome dinner to meet the group and celebrate the start of the tour.

# DAY 2 Friday, 19 September 2025

On our sightseeing tour today we visit Crocosaurus Cove and enter the world of the awesome saltwater crocodile, with some of the largest held in captivity. We safely watch the jumping croc feeding and walk through the air-conditioned reptile display. On the Darwin City tour we see the Chinese Temple and the lush Botanic Gardens and visit the historic sites including the East Point Military Precinct.

#### DAY 3 Saturday, 20 September 2025

#### The Ghan

This morning we are transferred to Darwin Berrimah Rail Terminal to embark The Ghan. As The Ghan Expedition begins its transcontinental expedition through the heart of Australia, settle into your private cabin and be welcomed on board by one of our friendly Hospitality Attendants, who will orient you with your cabin and arrange your dining and Off Train Experience bookings for your journey. Enjoy the morning at leisure, mingle with fellow travellers and 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 for your first Off Train Experience at the picturesque Nitmiluk Gorge.



# DAY 4 Sunday, 21 September 2025

#### The Ghan

After your first night on The Ghan Expedition, you will be greeted by a morning view of the expansive Red Centre. A full day of experiences await you in the outback town of Alice Springs. This evening rejoin your fellow guests for a spectacular barbeque dinner under a million stars at the historic Alice Springs Telegraph Station before reboarding The Ghan to continue your journey south.



DAY 5 Monday, 22 September 2025

#### The Ghan

Start your day admiring the early morning colours of central South Australia at the remote railway siding of Manguri. After breakfast on board, travel 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 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 6 Tuesday, 23 September 2025

#### The Ghan/Adelaide

This morning, while enjoying a leisurely brunch, you'll see a dramatic change in landscape as the rich ochre tones of the outback make way for the green fields of South Australia before your morning arrival into Adelaide. After disembarking the train we enjoy a sightseeing tour of Adelaide the "City of Churches", so called due to its 529 exquisite, architecturally designed churches, with the Holy Trinity Anglican Church being the oldest, dating from 1838. We then check into our hotel.

# DAY 7 Wednesday, 24 September 2025

#### Adelaide

Today we travel to the quaint town of Hahndorf – "Australia's Oldest German Town", settled in 1839 by Lutherans fleeing religious persecution in Prussia. Hahndorf was named after the ship's captain Hahn, whilst dorf is German for village. There is free time before we return to Adelaide midafternoon.



DAY 8 Thursday, 25 September 2025

# Kangaroo Island

This morning we travel to Cape Jervis to catch the ferry to Kangaroo Island. Kangaroo Island is a South Australian icon and one of the world's finest nature destinations, with breathtaking landscapes, fascinating wildlife and a renowned food and wine industry. Upon arrival we will have a gourmet tour of the island visiting some of the wine, cheese and gourmet food producers that Kangaroo Island is famous for. We then check into our hotel in Kingscote.



# DAY 9 Friday, 26 September 2025

#### Kangaroo Island

This morning we visit the westernmost part of the Island, Flinders Chase National Park, one of Australia's largest and earliest conservation parks. We travel through the park and enjoy breathtaking views of its unique trees, plants and coastal scenery. We will see the rock formations known as The Remarkables and Admirals Arch as we continue around the rugged southern coastline. In the afternoon we continue to the southern coast of the island, where we will have a tour of Seal Bay, viewing the sea lion colony and learning about their habitats before returning to Kingscote early evening.

# DAY 10 Saturday, 27 September 2025

# Victor Harbor

This morning we depart Kangaroo Island and travel to Victor Harbor via McLaren Vale. We will stop at one of the McLaren Vale wineries for a tasting.

#### DAY 11 Sunday, 28 September 2025

# Victor Harbor

This morning we travel on the Cockle Train to the nearby town of Goolwa which is situated at the mouth of the Murray River. We begin with a spectacular journey along the coast before travelling inland through Port Elliott and Middleton. There will be free time in Goolwa before returning to Victor Harbor. This afternoon we will ride the historic Victor Harbor horse drawn tram across the Causeway to Granite Island. Tonight we will enjoy a Farewell Dinner.

# DAY 12 Monday, 29 September 2025

#### Departure

This morning after breakfast, we are transferred to Adelaide Airport for flights back home. Please book flights from 12.30pm onwards.





# Don't worry about coming alone

About a third of people on the tour travel alone. Single cabins are available! You won't be left alone; the Travelrite International tour manager will be there to guide you. There will be group activities almost every day.

# The advantages of The Senior escorted tour

The tour is fully escorted and will be a great, fun holiday with plenty of activities. Each evening you will dine with the group at our reserved tables. You will meet a fun group of people and have a fabulous time.



# Included in The Senior's Tour:

- Travel on The Ghan in Gold Class Standard
- All meals, entertainment and service charges on The Ghan
- 2 nights' accommodation in Darwin including breakfast
- · 2 nights' accommodation in Adelaide including breakfast
- 2 nights' accommodation in Kangaroo Island including breakfast
- 2 nights' accommodation in Victor Harbor including breakfast
- Sightseeing tours in Darwin, Katherine, Alice Springs, Coober Pedy, Adelaide, Kangaroo Island and Victor Harbor
- Welcome Dinner in Darwin
- Farewell Dinner in Victor Harbor
- Fully escorted by a professional Travelrite International Tour Manager
- Transfers from Darwin Airport on 18 September and to Adelaide Airport on 29 September
- Private on-train activities including Bingo

# Not included in the tour price:

- Flights to Darwin and from Adelaide
   Please talk to our travel consultant about special deals
- Travel insurance
- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary.
   These will be quoted for separately
- Drinks when not on the train
- Lunches and dinners not listed when not on the train







# GENERAL INFORMATION AND BOOKING CONDITIONS

Touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour organiser. The Ghan is operated by Journey Beyond and the train arrangements are subject to the terms and conditions and general information detailed in The Ghan brochure 2025. All passengers must complete and sign the Travelrite International booking form and agree to The Ghan terms and

TOUR COSTS: The tour costs are based on train, general trans-port and accommodation costs at 1 May 2025. Travelrite International reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to price will be made within 60 days of departure from Australia.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: A non-refundable deposit of \$750 per passenger should be sent with a completed Travelrite International booking form. As soon as the booking is confirmed, (usually within 24 hours), a tour confirmation advice will be emailed to the client. The confirmation advice will contain all details. Final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 90 days prior to the commencement of the tour. A 1.5% administration fee will be added to payments by credit card.

#### CANCELLATION CHARGES:

Days prior to Departure
Over 90 days
90 days or less
Non appearance/no written notice:
Cancellation Fee
\$750
100% of full fare
100% of full fare

**REFUNDS**: The tour is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE**: Adequate travel insurance is highly recommended to cover cruise members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the cruise and for cancellation fees which could result from events such as illness, accident, death etc.

BAGGAGE: There is limited baggage storage available in cabin on The Ghan. Day bags should be packed for your cabin and suitcases stored in the baggage compartment. Full details will be provided prior to departure.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The tour arrangements have been

made on the basis of a minimum number of passengers travelling. In the event that less than the required number of passengers have confirmed their booking 90 days from the date of departure, Travelrite International reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of monies paid, or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified fare.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ATAS No. A10538) is the tour organiser. Travelrite International Pty Ltd, its agents, officers, affiliates,and/ or suppliers of services pursuant to, or in connection with these tours, shall act only as agents in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, including transportation by train, restaurants, or any other service and do not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident or delay to person or property due to an act of negligence or a default of any hotel, carrier restaurant company or person rendering any services included in tours, or by act of God. Further, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labour disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism or other causes beyond their control. No responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omission, delays, re-routing or acts of any government authority. Baggage is at owners' risk throughout the fly/cruise. The passage contract between the carriers concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the purchasers of this tour and/or the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw any tour and/or make such changes in the tour as may be found desirable or necessary for the convenience of the parties and the proper carrying out of the tours. This contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia and any legal action must be undertaken in the State of Victoria. Attention is also directed to the terms and conditions of the The Ghan passage contract with Journeys Beyond, detailed on The Ghan website. If you do not have a copy of this form please contact Travelrite International and we will send one to you.

DELAYS AND UNFORESEEN EVENTS: You engage Travelrite to book this tour on your behalf and you acknowledge that Travelrite acts as your agent for the purpose of making contracts between you and the various providers of accommodation, transportation

and other services that comprise the tour. Travelrite may without reference to you provide or make available to you, or may as your agent engage any third party to provide or make available to you, any good or service which Travelrite reasonably believes is necessary for your benefit to maintain the tour itinerary, repatriate you or otherwise accommodate, transport or sustain you in circumstances in which the tour itinerary fails wholly or partly for any reason. You appoint Travelrite your attorney for this purpose. You agree to pay Travelrite any cost thereof and you indemnify Travelrite in respect of any cost it incurs in this regard. Travelrite advises you to obtain travel insurance generally including in respect of the risk that any such good or service may become required.

**HOW TO BOOK:** Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a non-refundable deposit of \$750 per person to:

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