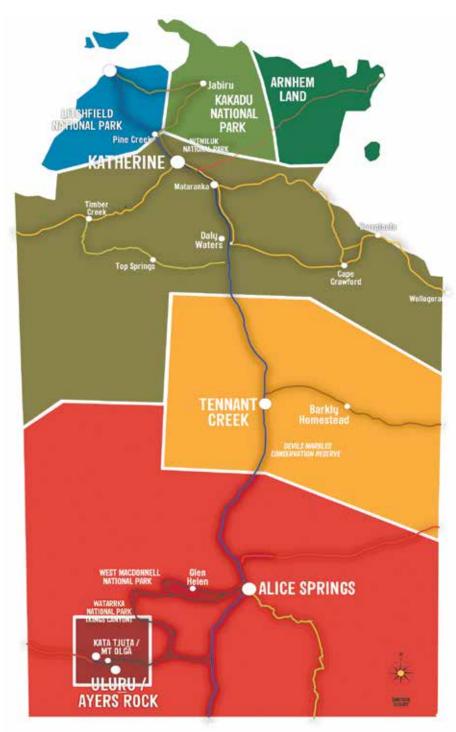
# HOW TO DO THE NT

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# DO THE NT ~ GO TO A BETTER PLACE NOW

The Northern Territory encompasses a variety of contrasting landscapes and experiences divided into regions - each with their own distinct personality.

The Top End of the Northern Territory is known for its tropical weather, rich indigenous culture, great fishing, famous sunsets, national parks and laid back lifestyle.

It is home to an eclectic mix of cultures whose outdoor lifestyle is complemented by brilliant sunsets, fantastic fishing and a colourful calendar of outdoor events.

**Darwin** is the Northern Territory's multicultural capital, famed for its markets and festivals, Asian cuisine and beautiful natural harbour. It is also the perfect base from which to explore the natural treasures of World Heritage listed **Kakadu** and Litchfield National Parks as well as the Tiwi Islands and **Arnhem Land**.

**Kakadu** National Park, the largest national park in Australia is approximately 3 hours from Darwin on the Arnhem Highway. Renowned internationally for its natural and cultural wonders, **Kakadu** has one of the highest concentrated areas of Aboriginal rock art sites in the world.

Further south, the **Katherine** region is a vast network of rivers, escarpments and gorges that weave through sprawling plains of cattle stations, national parks and reserves. In Nitmiluk National Park, the mighty **Katherine** River slices through towering sandstone cliffs to form the world famous **Katherine** Gorge. Here you can canoe, kayak or enjoy a sunset dinner cruise through the gorge.

Alice Springs is a welcoming outback town and popular centre for adventure activities. While you're here, explore Alice's rich and diverse art scene and intriguing outback history. Once you've set up a base in Alice, discover what lies beyond as you head out into a diverse and fascinating region filled with so many things to see and do.

Hike, climb and cycle your way through the chasms and craters of the MacDonnell Ranges, or cool off with a refreshing swim at one of the many natural waterholes, pack a picnic for the perfect day trip. Four-wheel drive the expansive Simpson Desert in the southeast. Travel west to the Finke Gorge National Park for the desert oases of Palm Valley and Finke River, or head north to Halls Creek and Gemtree. Rainbow Valley, 1.5 hours to the south, reveals a shifting palette of sandstone colours throughout the day - be sure to visit at sunrise or sunset when the colours of the rock appear to change - a photographer's dream.

Located 4.5 hours south-west of Alice Springs, Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park is home to the world-famous Uluru/Ayers Rock and the 32 weathered rock domes known as Kata Tjuta/ The Olgas. The sight of these extraordinary ancient natural wonders glowing and appearing to change colour at sunrise or sunset is an unforgettable natural show.

Explore **Uluru**/Ayers Rock by taking to the skies in a helicopter, or up close from the walking track at its base, or climb onto the back of a camel for a truly unique experience at sunrise or sunset. Learn more about the local flora, fauna, bush tucker, ancient paintings and the Dreamtime stories of this Anangu sacred site on an Indigenous Cultural tour. The Anangu people are **Uluru**'s traditional custodians and have lived in the area for at least 22,000 years. Stop in at the Cultural Centre to purchase their distinctive art, or watch craft demonstrations.

Ancient and monumental, Kata Tjuta/The Olgas soar above the desert, some domes taller in height than **Uluru**; challenge yourself to the 7.4 kilometre Valley of the Winds walk for spectacular views over the desert plains.

There has never been a better time to visit the Northern Territory, with so much to see and do no matter which region you chose to visit.

# TRAVELLING FROM DARWIN — DISTANCE AND TRAVEL TIME

DEPART DARWIN (incl. Stop)	APPROX DISTANCE (Kilometres)	FROM CITY (Miles)	DRIVE TIME Approx.	FLY TIME Approx.
Alice Springs	1491km	927mi	15hr	2hr
Batchelor	98km	61mi	1hr 15min	N/A
Jumping Crocodiles	66km	41mi	45min	N/A
Kakadu National Park	257km	160mi	3hr	1hr
Katherine	314km	195mi	3hr 30min	1hr 10min
Litchfield National Park	129km	80mi	1hr 30min	N/A
Mataranka	420km	261mi	4hr 30min	N/A
Tennant Creek	986km	613mi	10hr	3hr



# DARWIN ~ DO DIFFERENT ~ DO UNEXPECTED

From the sparkling harbour and WWII history to the city's Asian influenced food and tropical outdoor lifestyle, Darwin is a lively city well known as Australia's gateway to world class nature and cultural activities and experiences. It is a destination renowned for its diverse mixture of nationalities, colourful characters and laid back lifestyle.

# **DISCOVER**

Enjoy a relaxing cruise on Coroborree Billabong or the spectacular Darwin Harbour, view the WWII attractions and learn of the city's history or experience Darwin from the air on scenic flight for breath taking views of the city and harbour.

# **STAY**

Including 5 star luxury and unique B&B's, Darwin city and surrounds boasts a range of accommodation designed to appeal to the comfort, needs and the pockets of all visitors to the region.

# **PLAY**

Eyeball a crocodile at the popular Crocosaurus Cove, located in the heart of the CBD. Splash in the Wave pool, hire a bicycle to explore the city, enjoy a night of cinema under the stars, experience fine dining at Darwin's waterfront or, explore the Mindil Beach Sunset Markets as you soak up a famous Top End sunset on the beach.

# **GETTING HERE:**

# **FLIGHTS**

Darwin is generally around a 4 hour flight from most capital cities in Australia and is serviced by Virgin Australia, Qantas and Jetstar.

# **CRUISE**

We offer exclusive itineraries aboard a number of cruise ships which give you the opportunity to either embark or disembark in Darwin and thereby allowing you to spend more than one day in the Top End.

# RAIL

A journey aboard The Ghan, through the heart of the Northern Territory is an unforgettable way to travel to or from the Top End.

# JUMPING CROCS **₹** NATURE EXPLORER

On a Spectacular Jumping Crocodile Cruise travellers can view elusive, powerful crocodiles in their natural habitat. The friendly crew discuss crocodile survival skills, important for a Northern Territory adventure. In 1971 the Australian saltwater crocodile, believed to be facing extinction, was declared a protected species. Today increased numbers of saltwater crocs roam the waterways of the Northern Territory. Spectacular Jumping Crocodile Cruises are on the Adelaide River, an hour's drive from Darwin, on the Arnhem Highway on the way to Kakadu.

# from \$99 per person

# FRONTLINE AUSTRALIA WWII

Visit the sites hit by Japanese air raids on Darwin during WWII in February 1942 - the largest attacks mounted by a foreign power against Australia. Coming two months after Pearl Harbour, the sneak attack by 242 planes was an attempt to prevent the Allies using them as bases to contest Japan's invasions of Timor and Java. Visit historic bunkers in Charles Darwin National Park, with WWII era anti-aircraft guns. Cruise on Darwin Harbour and view Navy Base HMAS Coonawarra. Explore the Military Precinct at East Point and visit the Darwin Military Museum to see historic WWII relics. Visit the Catalina Flying Boat Base.

# from \$109 per person

# **CROC EXPLORER TICKET**

Combine two of Darwin's top attractions with the Croc Explorer and save time and money. This ticket will give you access to Crocosaurus Cove for the day and a 24hour Hop-on Hop-off pass for the Darwin Explorer. Experience the celebrated scenery, landmarks and attractions of Darwin aboard the Darwin Explorer, Darwin's top tourist bus complete with informative and entertaining commentary. Be introduced to the Worlds largest display of Australian reptiles and some of the largest Saltwater Crocodiles in the world, right in the heart of Darwin city. Also check out the freshwater aguarium with daily fish feeding. With over 70 Northern Territory reptile species in the reptile house, Crocosaurus Cove provides the perfect starting point for your Top End Adventure.

from \$63 per person

# DOUBLETREE BY HILTON ESPLANADE DARWIN

Set next to Darwin Entertainment Centre and overlooking the Esplanade, the welcoming DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Esplanade Darwin is within walking distance of the city centre, and historic attractions like the War Memorial and Parliament House. This Darwin hotel offers excellent recreation facilities, beautiful ocean views and a dedicated team of friendly staff. All of the comfortable guest rooms at this Darwin Esplanade hotel feature modern amenities, including spacious work areas and high-speed internet access. Cool down with a dip in the impressive outdoor swimming pool – the largest in Darwin.

# Guest room including breakfast from \$180 per night

# MANTRA ON THE ESPLANADE

Providing comfort and convenience in the heart of the city, Mantra on the Esplanade is located just a few minutes walk from the CBD in a prime waterfront location on the Esplanade, overlooking Darwin Harbour. Enjoy memorable dining at the popular onsite restaurant, Finz Restaurant and Bar, or take some time to relax at the onsite beauty salon and soak up the tropical Darwin heat before cooling off in the refreshing outdoor pool. An onsite tour desk, secure parking, as well as a 24-hour reception and room service will all help to enhance your Darwin holiday experience at Mantra on the Esplanade.

# 1 bedroom city view apartment from \$219 per night









# KAKADU ~ Change how you see the world

World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park, covering almost 20,000 square kilometres, is a place of contrasting landscapes and diverse habitat. Rugged cliffs of the Arnhem Land escarpment hide deep sandstone gorges and pockets of monsoon rainforest. Waterfalls cascade into pools fringed with paperbarks and pandanus and an array of exotic birdlife fill the park.

# **DISCOVER**

Explore on foot, join a cruise or guided tour, and spot crocs and birdlife. Swim in waterfalls, and discover an ancient and fascinating local Aboriginal culture.

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Cruise the rivers, glide across the waters of serene floodplains, take a walk through ancient lands, cool off and swim in designated waterholes, join a tour and discover the richness of the local aboriginals or take to the skies and discover the true scale and majesty of the park - the choice is yours.

# **ESCAPE**

At Jim Jim Falls contrast the red ochre of the escarpment to the white sandy beaches and clear waters of the falls; a sight for sore eyes after an energetic journey.

# **GETTING HERE:**

# **TOUR**

There is a fantastic selection of tours to explore Kakadu from independent and guided overnight short breaks and extended touring to suit every kind of travellers taste.

# **COACH**

See Australia's most iconic sights, riding the hassle-free, affordable Greyhound from Jabiru to Darwin three times a week.

# TWIN FALLS GORGE BOAT SHUTTLE SERVICE

The Twin Falls Gorge Boat Shuttle Service operates with a guide, from the gorge, which is a short walk from the car park. It operates every day of the week during the dry season and transfers you through the gorge to the marked walking track at the base of the falls.

# KAKADU NATIONAL PARK EXPLORER

Covering an area of more than 19,800 square kilometres, World Heritage listed Kakadu is the largest National Park in Australia. The combination of mangrove fringed coastal areas, expansive flood plains, lowland hills, open woodland and forest habitats make Kakadu one of the most diverse landscapes you'll ever experience. Marvel at the concentration of rock art sites that illustrates Aboriginal culture found at Kakadu, some dating back 50,000 years. On this full day tour you will also be mesmerised as you wander the Nourlangie rock art site, join your local guide for a cruise on the Yellow Water Billabong and visit the Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre to introduce you to their way

# from \$275 per person (includes park entry)

# YELLOW WATER FISHING

Fishing experiences of three hours are perfect for enthusiasts and even novices wanting to try their luck in one of the world's most picturesque fishing locations. The fishing tours are led by experienced guides, who provide all of the fishing gear and will coach vou to cast, retrieve and how to make your lure the most attractive to the Yellow Water Barramundi. Fishing is with lures only so there is no need for live or fresh bait. The boat has a casting deck, seating, partial shade, iced water, refresher towels and keen guides full of fishing stories. And if you end up catching a fair sized fish, you can choose to bring it back for dinner, or return it to the billabong to fight another day.

# from \$150 per person

# FOOTPRINTS OF THE PAST

This enlightening tour allows you to not only see the less accessible and amazingly scenic parts of Kakadu but also travel through time, exploring the historical wonders of Kakadu; a truly memorable experience. This tour is suitable for most visitors, with easier access to locations and gourmet lunch provided. This informative tour focuses on the Indigenous, European, mining and pastoral history of the region, concluding with a spectacular finale; sundown at an exclusive private billabong. Footprints of the Past tours operate from June to October subject to accessibility and road conditions.

from \$250 per person

# MERCURE KAKADU CROCODILE HOTEL

From the marble foyer to the uniquely shaped exterior, Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel is a cool retreat in the midst of Kakadu National Park's wilderness. Just 3 hours' drive from Darwin, Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel is the only full service hotel for Kakadu accommodation and is the ideal base to explore the Ubirr, Nourlangie and Jim Jim areas of Kakadu. Facilities include a Restaurant, Fitness Centre (Close by), Golf Course (Close by), Pool and 24 Hour Reception.

# Standard room including breakfast from \$192 per night

# **COOINDA LODGE**

The village style property is located beneath a canopy of trees beside Yellow Water Billabong, home to world-renowned Yellow Water Cruises, where crocodiles and birds are seen on the flood plain amongst Paperbark, Pandanus and Fresh Water Mangroves. With its oasis style atmosphere, Cooinda Lodge offers an inviting shaded swimming pool, bistro-style dining, bars, petrol station and a store that offers locally-made crafts as well a wide range of essentials for touring.

Lodge room from \$199 per night









# ARNHEM LAND ~ UNCOVER ICONIC NEW ADVENTURES

Discover a spectacular landscape and escape to one of Australia's last true wilderness areas. Arnhem Land is one of the Top End's most spectacular natural destinations. Its scenery is beautiful and diverse, including rugged coastlines, remote islands, and rivers teeming with fish, lush rainforest, towering escarpments and savannah woodland. It is important to remember that you will need a permit before travelling to Arnhem Land. Permits can be obtained through http://www.dhimurru.com.au/permits.html This is to monitor the number of visitors to the area to ensure that Arnhem Land is kept in pristine condition and maintains its natural habitat.

# DISCOVER

Experience the richness of indigenous culture on a Yolgnu tour. You'll learn how to spear a fish, gather bush foods and medicine, and how the Yidaki (didgeridoo) is made and played.

# STAY

Choose from a range of accommodation options from island escapes, hotel or motel style, bush camping, on board luxurious chartered fishing tours or on an Aboriginal guided tour.

# **ESCAPE**

Set up camp on unspoilt beaches of white sand fringed by azure waters (you will need a permit to do so, which you can apply for at http://www.dhimurru.com.au/permits.html), chill out at a wilderness retreat on a tropical island, or just watch the sunset from Gove boat Club.

# **GETTING HERE:**

# **FLIGHTS**

Airnorth operates daily services from Darwin to Gove (1hr 15min). Charter flights are also available to destinations throughout Arnhem Land from a range of operators.

# **CRUISE**

The adventurous can cruise from Darwin to Nhulunbuy and return on a working cargo ship. You can mix up the journey by taking a flight and cruise combination.

# 4 DAY ARNHEM LAND & COBOURG PENINSULA TOUR

For the adventurous traveller who is keen to journey off the beaten track and straight into Arnhem Land, depart on this very unique 4 day tour from Kakadu. Highlights include: visiting Gunbalanya Indigenous community, Indigenous guided rock-art tour of Injalak Hill, Injalak Arts and Craft Centre, Cobourg Marine Park, Victoria Settlement ruins, Cobourg Coastal Camp accommodation and more. Your tour includes a professional guide/driver, luxury land cruiser 4WD vehicle, all permits and entry fees, accommodation and camp fees (twin share), Cobourg Peninsula boat tour and all meals as stated.

# from \$2990 per person

# **GOVE BOAT CLUB**

The Gove Boat Club is the sailor's gateway to the Northern Territory. Located in Melville Bay 12 kilometres from the town of Nhulunbuy at the top of the Gulf of Carpentaria, the club caters to local and visiting yachts and local boating enthusiasts. Facilities at the Gove Boat Club include a dining venue and bar. Visiting sailors are always made welcome at the Gove Boat Club and many extend their stay to take in the surrounding region of East Arnhem Land. Please note, much of the surrounding area is Aboriginal land and an access permit is required prior to travelling into the area. If you are keen to try your hand at boating, but don't know a jib from the tiller, you are invited to join a crew for a day of fun.

# KAKADU & ARNHEM LAND EXPLORER

Take in the sights of the tropical Top End. Relax on the Yellow Water Billabong and Guluyambi Cultural cruise; be amazed by ancient rock art at Ubirr and Nourlangie. Travel by 4WD into Arnhem Land and the Mikinj Valley with an Aboriginal Guide. This 2 night short break includes accommodation, Kakadu National Park Ticket, experienced driver guides, detailed and informative commentary, air-conditioned coach travel, meals as per the itinerary and return airport transfers (if required).

from \$925 per person

# **WALKABOUT LODGE**

From your base at the Walkabout Lodge, Nhulunbuy you can explore the unique landscape of East Arnhem Land, the magnificent fishing in the waters around the Gove Peninsula and experience first hand the traditional culture of the local Yolnu people. The Walkabout Lodge has a fully licensed restaurant, open everyday for lunch or dinner. Take advantage of the catered function facilities for your next business conference or special event. Begin your stay in style with a cocktail by the shaded resort swimming pool and then get ready for adventure.

Queen room from \$225 per night

# ARNHEM LAND BARRAMUNDI NATURE Lodge

Located on the far north coast the award-winning Arnhem Land Barramundi Nature Lodge is an hour flight from Darwin. Access by road is limited so guests are flown in and out by a regional airline or by private plane. The remote and exclusive Arnhem Land Barramundi Nature Lodge is situated high on an escarpment fringe with panoramic views westward to the Liverpool and Tomkinson River Valleys near the Aboriginal community of Maningrida. The hotel offers deluxe safari cabin accommodation set in a tropical bush environment.

Deluxe ensuite cabin from \$225 per night











# **KATHERINE** ~ SO MUCH TO SEE AND DO

If you're looking for adventure and dramatic landscapes, you'll find it all in the Katherine region. Katherine is where the outback meets the tropics and is best known for the spectacular Nitmiluk National Park. This area offers some of Australia's best adventure experiences. With great accommodation and the facilities of a modern town, Katherine is your base for the holiday of a lifetime. Make sure you allow yourself at least three days to explore this exciting adventure playground.

# **EXPLORE**

With such spectacular landscapes, there's no better way to explore than from a scenic flight. View stunning panoramas from a light plane or helicopter. Katherine is home to a number of great walking trails varying in skill level and length. Trek through the diverse and dramatic scenery of Nitmiluk National Park. The most famous of overnight walks is the Jatbula trail totalling 58km from Katherine Gorge and finishing at the popular Leliyn (Edith Falls).

# **PLAY**

There are so many ways to soak up Katherine. Relax with a glass of bubbles as you enjoy a sunset river cruise. If you're feeling more adventurous why not hire a canoe or kayak and explore on the Katherine Gorge at your own pace. There are also thermal pools and hot springs to relax the muscles after a long day of walking and exploring Katherine.

# DISCOVER

The adventurous will love Katherine. Choose from six day kayaking safaris, five-day bushwalking on the Jatbula Trail, four wheel driving on the Savannah Way, or fishing the elusive barramundi.

# **GETTING HERE:**

# **FLIGHTS**

Charter flights operate in-between Darwin and Katherine. The airport is located 15kms from town, car hire and taxi services need to be prearranged to meet all flights.

# RAIL

A year round weekly service aboard the iconic Ghan, through the heart of the Northern Territory is an unforgettable way to travel to or from Katherine.

# NITMILUK ULTIMATE TOUR

Embrace the spirit of Nitmiluk as you fly back into the Dreamtime to an authentic Indigenous art site. Landing beneath rock escarpments at your first out-of-the-way site, you will feel a deep connection to the land, its history and the traditional landowners - the Jawoyn people, as your pilot/guide explains the rock art to you. Swimming at your very own pristine waterfall at the next landing site is a highlight on this trip, the rock pool is exclusively yours, guaranteed! There is no road access to these spectacular and secluded sites and you will certainly not find them on a map. As you return flying over a horizon that never ends you may even sight wild buffalo, donkeys and other wildlife.

from \$769 per person

# NABILIL DREAMING SUNSET DINNER CRUISE

Sit back and relax as the tranquil surroundings transport you into a spiritual world of the Jawoyn culture and history. Discover the stories and ways of the Jawoyn people against the magnificent backdrop of the Nitmiluk Gorge, changing colour with the setting sun. Tour includes a three course candle light dinner, featuring fresh, local Australian produce cooked on board, and a complimentary glass of sparkling wine.

from \$154 per person

# SHARING OUR COUNTRY 3 GORGE SAFARI

3 Gorge Cruise with a Cultural Interpretation at a Rock Art site and swim opportunity: Visit a private Rock Art site reflecting on the ingenuity and knowledge that represents thousands of years of learning and observation adorning the gorge cliff faces. This cruise is not only educational but also interactive and can include basket weaving, didgeridoo playing, spear throwing and storytelling. There is also an opportunity for a refreshing swim. Your tour includes breakfast and refreshments.

from \$250 per person

# **IBIS STYLES KATHERINE**

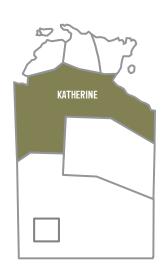
Located at the southern entrance to town, the Ibis Styles Katherine, set amongst four and a half hectares of tropical gardens, is an ideal base for a visit to Katherine. Chill out, play tennis, go swimming, have a barbecue or just sit back and relax and watch free in-house movies on the new flat screen televisions. Dine in the casual atmosphere of Galloping Jacks Restaurant and Bar. Whatever your trip is for, work or play, Ibis Styles Katherine has it waiting just for you with great accommodation, great food and great Ibis Styles hospitality.

Standard room from \$225 per night

# CICADA LODGE

Open all year round, the Lodge has been designed to provide a base from which guests can take part in an experience which very few get the chance to do; Cicada Lodge gives the opportunity to explore the cultural and natural landscapes of Nitmiluk and Kakadu National Parks, lands of the Jawoyn people. With experienced guides, immerse yourself in these ancient and authentic terrains and cultures. This may include ancient rock art sites, learning ancient Indigenous crafts and skills, or swimming in private and pristine waterholes accessible only by helicopter. Cicada Lodge will offer a totally unique opportunity to admire and embrace the wonders of the Top End in a style that evokes quality and care.

Cicada Lodge room from \$395 per night









# TENNANT CREEK ~ A PLACE FULL OF SURPRISES

You'll find they're a friendly bunch - with links to the Overland Telegraph Line, the gold rush, long dusty days of droving cattle and the ancient Indigenous culture of the Warumungu people. Stay a while and experience everything Tennant Creek has to offer. Explore the spiritual side of Karlu Karlu/Devils Marbles, the permanent waterholes at lytwelepenty/Davenport Ranges National Park. Step back in history and learn about the Enjoy your stay and if you need anything just ask a friendly local.

# STAY

Break your journey with a night or two in Tennant Creek. Enjoy a comfortable cabin or motel, pitch your tent, or park your caravan and explore the region.

# EAT

There are plenty of options to choose from, including tempting Asian, gourmet Greek, meet some locals at the Memo club, or enjoy a BBQ under the stars.

# **PLAY**

Stay the night at Tennant Creek to meet outback characters, learn about life during the gold rush and immerse yourself in the history of this outback town.

# DISCOVER

Discover the iconic Karlu Karlu/Devils Marbles, believed by the Warmungu Aboriginal people to be the fossilised eggs of the Rainbow Serpent.

# **GETTING HERE:**

# **FLIGHTS**

Charter flights operate in-between Darwin and Alice Springs and Tennant Creek. The airport is located 1km from the township, and is serviced by Fly Tiwi and Chartair airlines.

# DRIVE

Tennant Creek is located 508km (5 hrs) from Alice Springs and 989 (4hrs 45min) from Darwin, the journey can be travelled independently or by a daily coach service.

# KAIL

A year round weekly service aboard the iconic Ghan, through the heart of the Northern Territory is a comfortable and unique way to travel to or from Tennant Creek.

# KARLU KARLU/DEVILS MARBLES

The Devils Marbles are a collection of massive granite boulders strewn across a valley south of Tennant Creek. Standing at up to 6 metres high and formed over millions of years, they continue to crack and change. Find out about the ancient Aboriginal mythology surrounding this geological marvel on a short self-guided walk around the reserve. Read the excellent interpretive signage that shares the Dreaming story of the marbles, or 'Karlu Karlu' to the local Warmungu Aboriginal people, who believe they are the fossilised eggs of the Rainbow Serpent. Feeling adventurous? Why not camp at the reserve overnight for the memorable scene of the marbles glowing red and changing colour in the early morning light and setting sun. Bring your camera to capture the drama of this awesome ancient landscape.

# THE BATTERY HILL MINING CENTRE

The Battery Hill Mining Centre is located in Tennant Creek 1.5 kilometres from the town centre along Peko Road. The Battery Hill Mining Centre overlooks the town, the surrounding countryside and is the site of the No. 3 Government Gold Stamp Battery, where it all started with the 1930's outback gold rush. Enjoy an underground mine tour and watch the machinery in action (cost applies). Wander through the two museums, Freedom, Fortitude and Flies, - a look at social life on the goldfields during the early formative years and the McLaughlin Minerals Collection - a spectacular array of mineral samples from around the world, Australia and local. Gold noodle on your own and keep what you find or simply purchase a souvenir to keep memories alive. Self guided nature walks around site and static Battery display.

# DAVENPORT RANGE NATIONAL PARK

A place of quiet beauty, the Davenport Ranges National Park (lytwellepenty) encompasses 1,120 square kilometres of the Davenport Range, east of Alice Springs. Explore via one of the many walking tracks within the park. See the Amelia Creek crater, an eroded remnant of a former impact crater. Pitch a tent at one of two camping spots, and have a swim at the Old Police Station Waterhole. This Waterhole can be reached via Kurundi/ Epenara (high clearance vehicle required) or alternatively via the Taylor's Creek track (four-wheel drive vehicle required).

# THE GOLDFIELDS HOTEL MOTEL

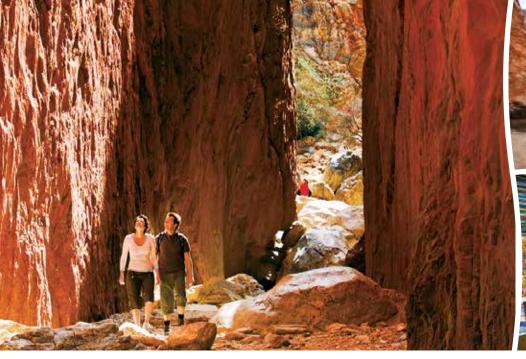
Explore Tennant Creek from the comfort of the Goldfields Hotel Motel which is centrally located, offering you the convenience of close by shopping, a post office and banking. Within the complex, are two pubs, a dining room and bottle shop, all open seven days a week (except Christmas Day and Good Friday). Offering some of the best value in town and newly refurbished rooms, the Goldfields Hotel Motel makes a perfect base to stay while you view the sights around Tennant Creek.

Standard room from \$140 per night

# **TENNANT CREEK CARAVAN PARK**

The Tennant Creek Caravan Park is ideally situated in Tennant Creek, on the Stuart Highway, at the northern end of the shopping strip, just a five-minute walk from most shops and businesses. This location is close to all the attractions and facilities in Tennant Creek and is also a convenient pick up point for local tours. The park is generous in size, offering facilities from ensuite cabins to shady grassed lawns for camping. The park is generous in size, offering facilities from ensuite cabins to shady grassed lawns for camping, and a warm and friendly welcome is assured as well as advice on local attractions, tours and activities.









# ALICE SPRINGS & SURROUNDS ~ EXPLORE AN EXHILARATING DESTINATION

A thriving, spirited outback centre, Alice Springs is as famous for the personality of its locals and contemporary and traditional art as the natural wonders, including the stunning Larapinta Trail and the MacDonnell Ranges, which surround it.

# **DISCOVER**

Stunning landscapes, remote communities, and a unique pioneering history create a diverse and exhilarating destination to explore.

### STAY

Book a bed in Australia's most famous outback town, choose from comfortable B&B's, elegant award-winning resorts, self-contained cabins, familiar hotel chains, or serviced apartments.

# **PLAY**

Ride a bike to Simpsons Gap, survey the MacDonnell Range from the cockpit of a helicopter, or explore a working cattle station as part of a quad bike safari.

# **ESCAPE**

The waterholes, gorges and rocky ridges of the West MacDonnell Ranges are an easy drive from Alice Springs. Pack a picnic and set out for a day trip or overnight stay and cool off in the natural waterholes

# **GETTING HERE:**

# **FLIGHTS**

Both Qantas and Virgin Australia offer direct flights into Alice Springs from most capital cities. The city centre is 13km from the airport and is serviced by both taxis and shuttles.

# RAIL

The Ghan provides a weekly year round, overnight service from Darwin and Adelaide to Alice Springs. The town centre is a short 5 minute drive away.

# IUUK

Whether you start or finish in Alice Springs, there are a fantastic selection of touring options which combine the Red Centre and the Top End creating the perfect NT holiday.

# **PYNDAN CAMEL TRACKS**

Operating since 2000, Pyndan Camel Tracks is a family run business offering a memorable and relaxing camel ride experience in Australia's Red Centre. Pyndan Camel Tracks are the only established camel tour operator in Alice Springs. All tours begin at the camel yards, just 15 minutes from the Alice Springs CBD. Take a one-hour camel ride on one of the gentle camels through a scenic valley, up dramatically close to the majestic MacDonnell Range. See unique Australian animals like kangaroos and other native wildlife as you experience the true beauty of the Red Centre. The tour includes fantastic photo opportunities and complimentary pick up from your accommodation.

# from \$70 per person

# **OUTBACK BALLOONING**

Get to know your friendly crew as you journey to the launch site in the cool pre dawn darkness. Then begin the ascent just as the morning light begins to illuminate the rugged MacDonnell Ranges. Float gently across the vast expanse of the Australian Outback keeping an eye out for native wildlife including the iconic red kangaroo and gain an appreciation of the remoteness of the area as the balloon glides across landscape. At the balloon landing site, there is time to enjoy the desert tranquillity as light refreshments accompanied by Australian sparkling wine and tropical fruit juice are served.

# from \$265 per person

# **WEST MCDONNELL RANGES**

This morning you're headed for the beautiful West MacDonnell Ranges where your guide will point out significant landmarks and bird life at Angkerle (Standley Chasm) and you will see the amazing geology at Ellery Creek Big Hole. Explore the Ochre Pits then it's on to Ormiston Gorge. This afternoon enjoy a Ploughman's lunch at Glen Helen Resort with time visit to Glen Helen Gorge; the permanent waterhole here is home to many species of animals, including a variety of water birds and fish. After lunch, walk through Simpsons Gap to the waterhole, keeping an eye out for the elusive black-footed rock wallabies hiding among the rocks. Enjoy the late afternoon sun reflecting on the MacDonnell Ranges as you return to Alice Springs.

from \$129 per person

# **ALICE ON TODD APARTMENTS**

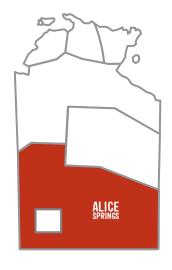
Alice on Todd Apartments offer a choice of fully self contained studio, one bedroom, one bedroom deluxe, two bedroom and two bedroom deluxe apartments. Situated overlooking the banks of the Todd River, Alice on Todd Apartments is within walking distance to most of the sporting facilities and the major areas of interest, including Alice Springs Casino and golf course precinct. Guests enjoy undercover parking, outdoor balconies, reverse cycle air conditioning, modern kitchens and laundry facilities.

### Studio room from \$175 per night

# LASSETERS HOTEL

Lasseter's is the centre of entertainment in Alice Springs with four restaurants, four bars, a sports lounge, pool side cafe, night club and an international standard casino with tables and electronic games as well as free Wi-Fi property-wide. Stay in the 4<sup>1/2</sup> star hotel rooms and suites and enjoy access to a resort-style pool & spa as well as room service, concierge services and complimentary bikes to explore Alice Springs.

Standard room from \$130 per night









# ULURU ~ AUSTRALIA'S MOST RECOGNISABLE NATURAL ICON

Considered the spiritual heart of Australia, this region's gem is Uluru/Ayers Rock, but offers visitors so much more, and is only a short flight from some Australian capital cities. Wind your way through Kings Canyon, see the ancient red rocks of Kata Tjuta, marvel at star-filled skies, experience real outback stations and soak up the luxurious experiences.

# **DISCOVER**

Wake at dawn and witness the magic of desert landscapes and monolithic rocks absorbing colours that will bring you to a standstill.

# STAY

Places to stay near Uluru are all within the Aboriginal-owned Ayers Rock Resort. There you will find a range of accommodation, from self-contained apartments to an outback hotel, a 5-star luxury wilderness camp, hotels, backpacker rooms and a campground with sites and cabins.

# **ESCAPE**

Put the 'out' back in Outback and pack your Uluru adventure with everything from hiking, camel riding and quad biking to camping and scenic flights.

# **GETTING HERE:**

# **FLIGHTS**

Both Jetstar and Virgin Australia fly directly into Ayers Rock Airport from Sydney and Jetstar from Melbourne. Qantas operates daily flights to Ayers Rock Airport via Alice Springs from Sydney. Qantas also offers direct flights from Cairns and Alice Springs.

# **RESORT SHUTTLE**

A free shuttle bus circulates the Resort daily, departing approximately every 20 minutes from 10.30am-6pm & 6.30pm-12.30am. It stops at all hotels, the campgrounds, Resort Town Square and the Visitors Centre.

# COACH

Travel by luxury air-conditioned coach transfers through beautiful desert landscapes. Services operate between Uluru/Ayers Rock Resort, Kings Canyon and Alice Springs.

# **DESERT AWAKENINGS TOUR**

Experience the tranquillity of the pre-dawn land under a canopy of stars. Watch the amazing transformation of colours and life as the desert awakens with Uluru and Kata Tjuta as your backdrop. In the company of your expert guide and with no more than 15 other guests, Desert Awakenings is designed to introduce you to the natural and cultural landscapes of this remarkable region. Watch the distant domes of Kata Tjuta come into view as you enjoy a traditional Aussie breakfast, as the daylight reveals the myriad of animal tracks in the sand an insight into what activity took place during the night. Once the sun is up, enjoy a guided tour at the base of Uluru and the Cultural Centre, a vibrant and engaging place of learning where the local lore of the Anangu is explained in detail.

# from \$185 per person

# FIELD OF LIGHT

The Field of Light art installation by internationally acclaimed artist Bruce Munro, is coming to the place that inspired it - Uluru. The largest Field of Light installation to date, more than 50,000 stems crowned with frosted-glass spheres, will bloom as darkness falls over Australia's spiritual heartland. The 12-month solar-powered installation opens 1 April 2016. Ayers Rock Resort's guests can immerse themselves in Munro's grand-scale experiential artwork through a range of experiences.

# from \$35 per person

# TALI WIRU

'Tali Wiru', meaning beautiful dune in local Anangu language, encapsulates the magic of fine dining under the Southern Desert sky. Instead of walls, this open-air restaurant has magnificent views of Uluru and the distant domes of Kata Tjuta, and for unique ambiance there's the stillness of the desert at night. Relax with Champagne and canapés as the sun sets to the sound of a didgeridoo. As day turns to night, stroll to the top of the dune for a table d'hôte four-course dinner, matched with premium Australian wine. Embrace a unique dining experience on an isolated dune top overlooking Uluru and the distant domes of Kata Tiuta, for no more than 20 quests at any one time. Tali Wiru is so much more than a dining experience; it's a moment in time remembered forever.

from \$325 per person

# SAILS IN THE DESERT

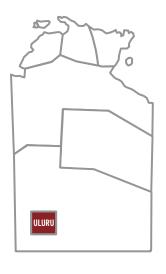
In the heart of Australia's Red Centre, Sails in the Desert hotel boasts 228 luxury five star rooms and suites. Sails in the Desert hotel features an expansive gumtree lined swimming pool and a diversity of modern dining, bar and lounge options. Relax and feast in the brasserie-style Ilkari Restaurant or let time tick by as you enjoy cocktails, music and culinary temptations in the Walpa Lobby Bar. Your stay includes Free Indigenous Activities Program, return Ayers Rock Airport transfers and free use of Ayers Rock Resort shuttle bus service.

# Superior room from \$505 per night

# **VOYAGES EMU WALK APARTMENTS**

Emu Walk Apartments offer the luxury of newly renovated one and two bedroom self contained, fully serviced apartments with all the practicalities of home. Emu Walk Apartments are just minutes walk to Town Square's mini supermarket, shops, cafes and the Tour & Information Centre. The remainder of Ayers Rock Resort's restaurants and bars lie within a short walk or complimentary shuttle bus ride. Special children's menus and prices are available throughout the Resort. From your centrally located apartment, simply step outside the door and dive into a calendar of complimentary Indigenous activities.

One bedroom apartment from \$395 per night









# **OUR HOLIDAY PACKAGES**

Holidays of Australia package a fantastic range of exclusive rail, cruise, tours and short stays which combine to create unique experiences covering destinations across the Northern Territory and beyond. These are available to be booked direct with our reservations team at our head office based in Adelaide, South Australia or through your preferred travel agent.

# **GETTING THERE**

While we endeavour to provide departures from all capital cities we appreciate that our clients are Australia wide so if you need to leave from an alternative starting point please discuss this with your travel agent so we can assist you with your needs. We are also happy to advise pricing and itineraries for your preferred airline and all categories of air travel.

# AIR

Travelling by air to the Northern Territory from interstate and overseas is a breeze. Modern, well-equipped airports are located at Darwin in the north, and in the red centre at Alice Springs and Uluru. The Territory is serviced by major international and domestic airlines, providing passengers with easy access to destinations across the Northern Territory from almost anywhere in the world. Peak season for air travel to the Northern Territory is June - August; it's advisable to book well ahead during these months.

# CAR

Whether you're in a campervan, car or 4WD, getting to the Northern Territory by road is easy. If you love a road trip, you are spoilt for choice. Well-maintained, sealed highways provide the most direct routes between the Northern Territory with cities in South Australia, Queensland and Western Australia. For the adventurer, there are plenty of less-direct (and varied road surfaces) to choose from.

# RAIL

The Ghan, one of the world's great train journeys, is by far the most romantic way to travel to the Northern Territory. Named after Afghan cameleers who traversed the route long before the train line was built, The Ghan travels an epic 2,797 kilometres (1846 miles) between Adelaide and Darwin, stopping enroute at Alice Springs and Katherine.

# **BUS**

Despite the vast distances, travelling to the Northern Territory by bus (coach) is easy and affordable. Major coach and tour companies run coach services between transport hubs in the Northern Territory and destinations in Western Australia, South Australia and Queensland. Major routes include Darwin-Broome, Adelaide - Alice Springs, and Townsville - Alice Springs/Darwin (via Tennant Creek). Connecting services provide access to towns across the Northern Territory and to other interstate destinations.

### CRIJISE

Embark on an opulent adventure and arrive in the Northern Territory aboard a luxury cruise ship. Darwin is a popular destination for ocean cruise liners, and for Holidays of Australia clients it is the disembarkation and embarkation point for the growing number of cruises exploring the Top End.

# **GETTING AROUND**

Over the coming pages you will find an inspirational array of holiday packages which let you discover the Northern Territory in a variety of ways. Our exclusive cruise itineraries allow you to start or finish your journey in Darwin which gives you all the time you like to explore the Top End. From Hop-on Hop-off city tours to extended guided options there are so many ways to discover everything the NT has to offer.

# **GET ON BOARD**

We are happy to provide you with assistance in completing your booking from start to finish which is why your consultant will send you a holiday booking form. Completing and returning this allows us to check you and your travel companions in and provide all of the necessary travel documentation which gets you on board quicker and starting your holiday hassle free.

# **OUR CLIENTS**

Many of our inclusive holiday packages have select departure dates which include flights from capital cities, rail journeys, cruises, tours and short stays. These group departures are open to bookings from people Australia wide and are a fantastic way to meet like minded travellers and make new friends for life!

# TIME TO GO

Depending on the type of holiday you have booked your documentation will be emailed or posted to you and arrive 2 - 3 weeks prior to departure. Please ensure you take all of your provided paperwork along with copies of your travel insurance, passports (or photographic identification) and flight details.

# **ON YOUR TRAVELS**

While you are on your holiday you can liaise with our partners, representatives, hosts or contact Holidays of Australia 24 hours a day for travel assistance. Should you wish to make any changes to your arrangements please notify **Holidays of Australia** by phone or email.

# CLIMATE

The Top End, which includes Darwin, Katherine, Kakadu and Arnhem Land, has a tropical climate, and has two distinct seasons, the 'Wet' and the 'Dry'.

The Wet season spans from November until April and is characterised by increased humidity followed by monsoonal rains and storms. Temperatures typically range from a minimum of 25C (77F) to a maximum of 33C (91F), and humidity levels can reach in excess of 80%

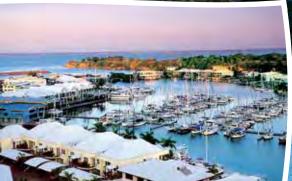
While weather conditions at this time of year can restrict travel to some areas, the Wet season is a stunning time to see the Top End. Waterfalls tumble, skies host incredible light shows, and the landscape turns a lush green.

The 'Dry' season, from May until October, is characterised by warm, dry sunny days and cool nights. Temperatures typically range from 21C (70F) to 32C (90F), and the humidity levels are much lower: around 60-65%.

Central Australia, which includes Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, the Barkly Tablelands and Uluru/Kata Tjuta regions, has a semi-arid climate. The area experiences Australia's four typical seasons: summer, autumn, winter and spring, with large variations in temperature from season to season.

In summer (December-February), average temperatures range between 20C (68F) and 35C (95F). In winter (June-August), the average temperature range is 3-20C (37-68F). Spring and autumn in Central Australia see warm days and cool evenings.







# THE GHAN & VOYAGER OF THE SEAS TOP END ESCAPE

# 13 nights departing 16 April 2016

- 7 nights aboard Voyager of the Seas cruising from Sydney to Darwin with a port call in Brisbane. Includes on board meals, entertainment, prepaid taxes and gratuities.
- Half Day Darwin City Sights tour including a transfer from the Darwin cruise terminal to your hotel. See the Botanic Gardens, Chinese Temple, East Point Military Precinct, Mooring basin and Stokes Hill Wharf area. There's also time to explore the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.
- 4 night stay in Darwin at the DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin including breakfast.
- Full Day Kakadu National Park tour including Nourlangie rock art site, Yellow Water Billabong Cruise and Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre.
- Charles Darwin Sunset Buffet Dinner Cruise. The Dinner Cruise aboard the 'Charles Darwin' is a great way to get a bird's eye view of the famous Darwin Sunset whilst enjoying a delicious Territory Style Buffet with Australian Seafood and local produce all in air-conditioned comfort. This two-hour cruise on the "Charles Darwin's" Captains Deck (main Deck) also includes great commentary and offers spectacular views of the city at night.
- Transfer from your hotel to the Darwin rail terminal.
- 2 nights aboard **The Ghan** travelling from Darwin to Adelaide in **Gold Service** including all meals, drinks and Off Train Experiences.



	pensioner/senior	adult
interior	\$4,629	\$4,699
oceanview	\$4,839	\$4,919
halcony	\$5,049	\$5 120

# THE GHAN & VOYAGER OF THE SEAS OUTBACK & ORIENT

# 16 nights departing 17 April 2016

- 2 nights aboard **The Ghan** travelling from Adelaide to Darwin in **Gold Service** including all meals, drinks and Off Train Experiences.
- 4 night stay in Darwin at the DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin including breakfast
- Half Day Darwin City Sights tour.
- Full Day Kakadu National Park tour.
- · Charles Darwin Sunset Buffet Dinner Cruise
- 7 nights aboard Voyager of the Seas cruising from Darwin to Singapore with a port call in Kuala Lumpur. Includes on board meals, entertainment, prepaid taxes and gratuities.
- Transfers as per the itinerary.
- 3 night stay in Singapore at **Concorde Hotel** including breakfast.
- Singapore City tour. An orientation tour that showcases the history, multi-racial culture and lifestyle that is Singapore. See the city's colonial heritage around the Civic District, the Padang, the Cricket Club, Parliament House, Supreme Court and City Hall. Stop at the Merlion Park for great views of Marina Bay and the Merlion. The tour continues with a visit to the Thian Hock Keng Temple. Next is Chinatown, followed by the National Orchid Garden, located within the Singapore Botanic Gardens. The final stop is at Little India.
- · Morning at the Zoo with breakfast.



	pensioner/senior	adult
interior	\$5,479	\$5,569
oceanview	\$5,699	\$5,789
balcony	\$5,909	\$5,999

# **CONCORDE HOTEL**

Strategically located on the world famous Orchard Road and within the shopping district of Singapore, Concorde Hotel Singapore is just minutes away from many of the major tourist attractions. Guests can also enjoy easy access to Orchard Road from the Hotel Lobby.

All the guestrooms are equipped with a work area and other modern amenities to ensure they provide guests with a satisfying stay in Singapore. Complimentary Wi-Fi connectivity for multiple devices is also available to Hotel Guests in their rooms, in the lobby, by the pool, and other selected public areas.

# from \$349 per night

# UNIVERSAL STUDIOS SINGAPORE

Go beyond the screen and Ride the Movies at Universal Studios Singapore. Only here can you experience cutting-edge rides, shows and attractions based on your favourite blockbuster films and television series, including TRANSFORMERS The Ride: The Ultimate 3D Battle, Shrek 4D Adventure, Revenge of the Mummy, Madagascar: A Crate Adventure, Jurassic Park Rapids Adventure, Battlestar Galactica: HUMAN vs CYLON, duelling coasters and more!

# one day pass from \$90 per person NIGHT OUT AT CHINATOWN

Discover the rich historical beginnings of Chinatown at the Chinatown Heritage Centre. After dinner, wander along the narrow lanes and test your bargaining skills with the street vendors. Then hop into a trishaw, for a ride through Chinatown to Clarke Quay. There you'll board one of the many riverboats for a cruise along the Singapore River. Finally, disembark at the Esplanade.

# from \$100 per person

# JURONG BIRD PARK

Jurong Bird Park is an attraction no visitor should miss. Set in 20 hectares of lush greenery, Jurong Bird Park has over 8,000 exotic birds of more than 600 species. Take a ride on the Panorail for a panoramic view of the park and into a tropical world of jungle mists at the Waterfall Aviary. More than 1,500 birds from over 60 species fly freely around you in a tropical rainforest environment.

from \$54 per person







# THE GHAN & LEGEND OF THE SEAS AUSTRALIA'S TROPICAL TOP END

# 9 nights departing 20 April 2016

- 6 nights aboard **Legend of the Seas** cruising from Brisbane to Darwin with port calls in Airlie Beach and Cairns. Includes on board meals and entertainment plus prepaid taxes and gratuities.
- Half Day Darwin City Sights tour including a transfer from the Darwin cruise terminal to your hotel. See the Botanic Gardens, Chinese Temple, East Point Military Precinct, Mooring basin and Stokes Hill Wharf area. There's also time to explore the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.
- 1 night stay in Darwin at the DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin including breakfast.
- Transfer from your hotel to the Darwin rail terminal.
- 2 nights aboard The Ghan travelling from Darwin to Adelaide in Gold Service including all meals, drinks and Off Train Experiences.

# Did you know?

You can extend your stay in Darwin and journey aboard The Ghan a week later which means you can spend 8 nights exploring the Top End.

Read through pages 4 - 7 of this brochure for inspiration and speak to your consultant about additional accommodation and sightseeing in the Top End for an unforgettable cruise, rail and stay holiday experience.



	pensioner/senior	adult
interior	\$3,749	\$3,819
oceanview	\$3,859	\$3,919
balcony	\$4,019	\$4,079

# LEGEND OF THE SEAS TOP END & TASTE OF ASIA

# 21 nights departing 21 April 2016

- 4 night stay in Darwin at the DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin including breakfast
- · City Explorer Hop-on Hop-off 48hr ticket.
- "Breakfast with the Crocs" experience and entry into Crocosaurus Cove.
- 1 night/2 day **Kakadu & East Alligator River** Tour. Escape to the Top End and discover a paradise. View Aboriginal rock art at Nourlangie and Ubirr, cruise Yellow Water Billabong and East Alligator River in search of crocs.
- 12 nights aboard Legend of the Seas cruising from Darwin to Hong Kong with port calls in Benoa (Bali), Kota Kinabalu (Malaysia), Puerto Princesa (Philippines) and Manila (Philippines). Includes on board meals, entertainment, prepaid taxes and gratuities.
- Transfers as per the itinerary.
- 4 night stay in Hong Kong at **The Mira Hong Kong Hotel** including breakfast.
- Half Day Hong Kong City Tour. This halfday tour is a must for all first time visitors to Hong Kong. It includes a visit to Victoria Peak to view the panoramic splendour of the city and Hong Kong harbour. The tour then visits Stanley Market (famous for its bargain shopping) before returning along the coast via Repulse Bay and Deep Water Bay to Aberdeen, where an optional sampan ride will be offered.
- · Lei Yue Mun Seafood Village Dinner Cruise.



	pensioner/senior	adult
interior	\$4,429	\$4,499
oceanview	\$4,589	\$4,659
balconv	\$4.849	\$4.929

# THE MIRA HONG KONG

Design hotel The Mira Hong Kong is located in the heart of Hong Kong's popular Tsim Sha Tsui and has been crafted to ignite your senses. You are invited to enjoy a luxury hotel stay where not a single detail has been missed, from the sleek, comfortable rooms, to the exquisite dishes served in the Michelin-recommended restaurants, to the state-of-the-art facilities.

# from \$399 per night

# **MACAU DAY TOUR**

An early morning departure from Hong Kong by Jetfoil, to travel the 65kms (75 minutes) to the old Portuguese territory of Macau, at the mouth of the Pearl River. On arrival you will be taken on a city sightseeing tour of Macau that includes the ruins of St. Paul's, Kun Yam Temple and the Barrier Gate to China. A stop will be made at the famous casino at the Lisboa Hotel. Enjoy lunch and take time to explore the fascinating streets of the city.

# from \$201pp

# SHENZHEN CITY TOUR & LO WU SHOPPING TOUR

You will be transferred from your hotel to the train station where you will board the train to Shenzhen. On arrival, explore the world famous Dafeng Oil Painting Village followed by a brief city tour and also visit the Terracotta Warriors and Horses Exhibition. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, then transfer to the Lo Wu Shopping Mall. Return to Hong Kong by train, making your own way back to your hotel from the train station. Note: Includes China group visa.

# from \$204pp

# SHEKOU & GUANGZHOU DAY TOUR

Once picked up from your hotel you will board a 45 minute hovercraft ride on the Pearl River to the port of Shekou for the morning. Here you will visit the Terracotta Warriors and Horses Exhibition, a kindergarten and Shenzhen Safari Park. Travel by coach to Guangzhou (formerly Canton) for a local Chinese lunch followed by visits to the Six Baiyan Temple, the palatial style Dr Sun Yatsen Memorial Hall and markets. In the evening return to Hong Kong via train.

Note: Includes China group visa. from \$336pp







# THE GHAN & SUN PRINCESS TOP END WONDERS

# 12 nights departing 1 May 2016

- 7 nights aboard Sun Princess cruising from Fremantle to Darwin with port calls in Geraldton, Broome and Kimberley Coast scenic cruising. Includes on board meals, entertainment, pre paid taxes and gratuities.
- 3 night stay in Darwin at the DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin including breakfast.
- Half Day Darwin City Sights tour including a transfer from the Darwin cruise terminal to your hotel. See the Botanic Gardens, Chinese Temple, East Point Military Precinct, Mooring basin and Stokes Hill Wharf area. There's also time to explore the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.
- Full Day Kakadu National Park tour including Nourlangie rock art site, Yellow Water Billabong Cruise and Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre.
- Transfer from your hotel to the Darwin rail terminal.
- 2 nights aboard The Ghan from Darwin to Adelaide in Gold Service including all meals, drinks and Off Train Experiences.

# Why not?

A Sunset Dinner cruise is a top ten thing to do in Darwin. The Spirit of Darwin family loves to entertain guests with restaurant quality fresh buffet dinners. Enjoy a live interactive commentary on the Darwin Harbour, enjoy your complimentary welcome drink from the fully licensed bar, while watching the famous Darwin sunsets and fish feeding.

# From \$95pp



	pensioner/senior	adult
interior	\$5,229	\$5,309
oceanview	\$5,749	\$5,839
balcony	\$6,239	\$6,339

# THE GHAN & SUN PRINCESS EAST COAST, NT & PNG

# 17 nights departing 1 May 2016

- 2 nights aboard The Ghan from Adelaide to Darwin in Gold Service including all meals, drinks and off train excursions.
- Transfer from the Darwin rail terminal to your hotel.
- 4 night stay in in Darwin at the DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin including breakfast.
- "Breakfast with the Crocs" experience and entry into Crocosaurus Cove.
- City Explorer Hop-on Hop-off 48hr ticket. Explore the scenery, landmarks and attractions of Darwin aboard the Darwin Explorer. The Hop-on Hop-off Ticket allows you the freedom to plan your own itinerary and visit the landmarks and attractions at your own pace.
- 1 night/2 day **Kakadu & East Alligator River** tour. Escape to the Top End and discover a paradise. View Aboriginal rock art at Nourlangie and Ubirr, cruise Yellow Water Billabong and East Alligator River in search of crocs. Then with special permission of the local people, you are able to go ashore in Arnhem Land.
- Transfer from your hotel to the Darwin cruise terminal.
- 10 nights aboard Sun Princess cruising from Darwin to Sydney with port calls in Yorkey's Knob, Alotau and Brisbane. Includes on board meals, entertainment, pre paid taxes and gratuities.

# Alotau Yorkey's Khob Brisbane Adelaide Sydney

	pensioner/senior	adult
interior	\$5,689	\$5,779
oceanview	\$6,099	\$6,189
balcony	\$6.559	\$6.659

# SUN PRINCESS ULURU EXPLORER & TOP END WONDERS

# 14 nights departing 1 May 2016

- 7 nights aboard Sun Princess cruising from Fremantle to Darwin with port calls in Geraldton, Broome and Kimberley Coast scenic cruising. Includes on board meals, entertainment, pre paid taxes and gratuities.
- 3 night stay in Darwin at the DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin including breakfast.
- Half Day Darwin City Sights tour including a transfer from the Darwin cruise terminal to your hotel. See the Botanic Gardens, Chinese Temple, East Point Military Precinct, Mooring basin and Stokes Hill Wharf area. There's also time to explore the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.
- Full Day Kakadu National Park tour including Nourlangie rock art site, Yellow Water Billabong Cruise and Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre.
- Flight from Darwin to Alice Springs.
- 4 night Uluru and Kings Canyon tour; tick off the must-see sights of the Red Centre including the natural wonders of Uluru, Kata Tjuta and Kings Canyon along with an unforgettable Uluru sunset and sunrise.

# Did you know?

The Ghan & Sun Princess Top End Wonders and East Coast, NT & PNG packages are both available as cruise, fly and tour itineraries which can be combined with return flights from any capital city. Ask your consultant for further details on these fantastic options.



	pensioner/senior	adult
interior	\$4,449	\$4,519
oceanview	\$4,969	\$5,049
balcony	\$5,459	\$5,539







# DAWN PRINCESS EAST COAST, PNG & RED CENTRE DISCOVERY

### 16 nights departing 3 June 2016

- 10 nights aboard **Dawn Princess** cruising from Sydney to Darwin with port calls in Brisbane, Yorkey's Knob and Alotau (Papua New Guinea). Includes pre paid taxes, gratuities, on board meals and entertainment.
- Transfer from the Darwin cruise terminal to your hotel.
- 2 night stay in Darwin at the DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin including breakfast.
- Transfer from your hotel to Darwin Airport.
- One way flight from Darwin to Alice Springs.
- 4 night Uluru and Kings Canyon tour; tick off the must-see sights of the Red Centre including the natural wonders of Uluru, Kata Tjuta and Kings Canyon along with an unforgettable Uluru sunset and sunrise. Your tour includes an unforgettable Uluru Barbecue Dinner. After sunset, join your hosts under the stars at an exclusive venue. There's time for stargazing too (weather permitting).

# Why not?

Spend some extra time in Alice Springs and then travel overnight aboard The Ghan from the rich red outback of Alice Springs to Adelaide. Your all inclusive Gold or Platinum Service provides meals, drinks and Off Train Experiences ensuring this will be a remarkable journey you will never forget.

# Gold Service from \$1359pp Platinum Service from \$2549pp



	pensioner/senior	adult
interior	\$4,259	\$4,329
oceanview	\$4,659	\$4,739
halcony	¢5 120	\$5.200

# THE GHAN & DAWN PRINCESS EAST COAST, NT & PNG

# 14 nights departing 3 June 2016

- 10 nights aboard Dawn Princess cruising from Sydney to Darwin with port calls in Brisbane, Yorkey's Knob and Alotau (Papua New Guinea). Includes on board meals, entertainment, pre paid taxes and gratuities.
- Transfer from the Darwin cruise terminal to your hotel.
- 2 night stay in Darwin at the DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin including breakfast
- Transfer from your hotel to the Darwin rail terminal.
- 2 nights aboard The Ghan travelling from Darwin to Adelaide in Gold Service including all meals, drinks and Off Train Experiences.

# Did you know?

Deckchair Cinema, operated by the Darwin Film Society, is a unique outdoor cinema experience. The outdoor setting, on the edge of Darwin Harbour is stunning: watch the sunset over the sea and enjoy the tropical garden setting with a meal and a drink before the movie starts.

Deckchair Cinema runs seven nights a week during the dry season screening a range of movies that include family favourites, Australian and foreign films.

The ambience is very laid back and relaxed and skies are usually cloud-free with the stars making a great backdrop for the screen.

# tickets from \$16pp



	pensioner/senior	adult
interior	\$4,799	\$4,899
oceanview	\$5,199	\$5,299
balcony	\$5,699	\$5,799

# DAWN PRINCESS OUTBACK SAFARI & TOP END WONDERS

# 23 nights departing 28 May 2016

- 10 night Outback Safari guided tour.
  Uncover the Northern Territory's iconic desert scenery on a trip from Uluru to Darwin. You'll be amazed when you see Uluru for the first time and feel the aura that radiates from this sacred place. Learning about the traditions and customs of the local Anangu people is a real highlight of this holiday. Travelling north along the Stuart Highway through the outback towns of Alice Springs and Katherine and on to Darwin, you'll see how much the landscape changes across the state from desert reds and flat plains to rocky escarpments and tropical greens. This is a holiday you'll never forget.
- 6 night stay in Darwin at the DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin including breakfast.
- · City Explorer Hop-on Hop-off 48hr ticket.
- "Breakfast with the Crocs" experience and entry into Crocosaurus Cove.
- Transfer from your hotel to the Darwin cruise terminal.
- 7 nights aboard Dawn Princess cruising from Darwin to Fremantle with port calls in Broome and Geraldton. Includes on board meals, entertainment, pre paid taxes and gratuities.



	pensioner/senior	adult
interior	\$7,279	\$7,399
oceanview	\$7,799	\$7,929
balcony	\$8,259	\$8,389



# THE GHAN & SEA PRINCESS EAST COAST, NT & PNG EXPEDITION

# 20 nights departing 28 August 16

- 10 nights aboard **Sea Princess** cruising from Sydney to Darwin with port calls in Brisbane, Yorkey's Knob and Alotau (Papua New Guinea. Includes on board meals, entertainment, pre paid taxes and gratuities.
- 6 night stay in Darwin at the **DoubleTree** by Hilton Esplanade Darwin including breakfast.
- · City Explorer Hop-on Hop-off 48hr ticket.
- "Breakfast with the Crocs" experience and entry into Crocosaurus Cove. Crocosaurus Cove, located in the heart of Darwin city, allows visitors a unique, up close and personal view of Australia's iconic Saltwater Crocodiles. Bringing together some of the largest Saltwater Crocodiles in Australia and boasting the World's largest display of Australian reptiles, Crocosaurus Cove is a must see attraction when visiting Darwin and the Top End. Check out the Barramundi, Sawfish and Whiprays in our 200,000 litre fresh water aquarium and don't forget the upstairs Top End Turtle enclosure.
- 1 night/2 day Kakadu & East Alligator River tour. Escape to the Top End and discover a paradise. View Aboriginal rock art at Nourlangie and Ubirr, cruise Yellow Water Billabong and East Alligator River in search of crocs. Then with special permission of the local people, you are able to go ashore in Arnhem Land.
- 3 nights aboard **The Ghan** from Darwin to Adelaide in Gold Service including all meals, drinks and Off Train Experiences.



	pensioner/senior	adult
interior	\$7,229	\$7,339
oceanview	\$7,619	\$7,739
balcony	\$8,129	\$8,259

# THE GHAN & SEA PRINCESS **TOP END WONDERS**

# 10 nights departing 4 September 2016

- 2 nights aboard **The Ghan** from Adelaide to Darwin in Gold Service including all meals, drinks and Off Train Experiences.
- Transfer from the Darwin rail terminal to your hotel.
- 1 night stay in Darwin at the **DoubleTree** by Hilton Esplanade Darwin including breakfast.
- Transfer from your hotel to the Darwin cruise terminal.
- 7 nights aboard **Sea Princess** cruising from Darwin to Fremantle with Kimberley Coast scenic cruising and port calls in Broome and Geraldton. Includes on board meals, entertainment, pre paid taxes and gratuities.

# Did vou know?

One of the fantastic Off Train Experiences included in your train journey is a stop in Katherine where you can enjoy a leisurely cruise on the Katherine River gazing in wonder at towering sandstone cliffs. Alternatively, gain an insight into the culture and ways of the traditional owners of Nitmiluk, the Jawoyn people, with an

Spend the day with the Aboriginal people, sharing their culture, learning their ways and trying some of the skills developed over thousands of years. Activities include basket weaving; spear throwing, fire lighting, painting, and learning the Didgeridoo.

# exclusive cultural experience.

Darwin Geraldton Perth **Adelaide** 

	pensioner/senior	adult
interior	\$4,099	\$4,169
oceanview	\$4,379	\$4,449
balcony	\$4,739	\$4,819

# SEA PRINCESS OUTBACK ADVENTURE & TOP END WONDERS

### 22 nights departing 23 August 16

• 14 night Outback Adventure guided holiday. Discover the Australian outback on a journey from Adelaide, through the Red Centre, all the way to Darwin in the Top End.

You'll witness the stunning beauty of Australia's vast and varied landscapes including the rugged Flinders Ranges, ancient and iconic Uluru and Kata Tjuta and the lush wetlands of Kakadu National Park.

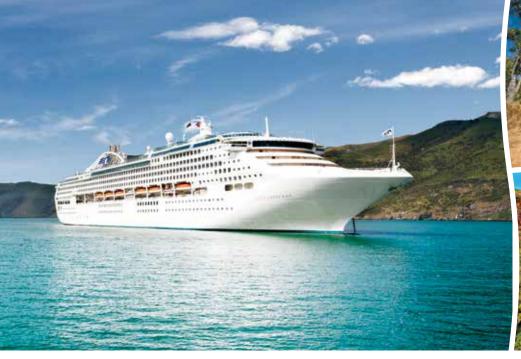
This holiday captures the essence of Australia's culture, history and diversity and is a must-do for those looking for a real taste of the Outback.

Tour highlights include wine tasting in the Clare Valley, discovering opals at Coober Pedy, a unique Aussie BBQ experience at Earth Sanctuary and sailing Darwin Harbour on a dinner cruise

- 1 night stay in Darwin at the **DoubleTree** by Hilton Esplanade Darwin including breakfast.
- Transfer from your hotel to the Darwin cruise terminal.
- 7 nights aboard **Sea Princess** cruising from Darwin to Fremantle with Kimberley Coast scenic cruising and port calls in Broome and Geraldton. Includes on board meals, entertainment, pre paid taxes and gratuities.



	pensioner/senior	adult
interior	\$8,119	\$8,249
oceanview	\$8,409	\$8,539
balcony	\$8,769	\$8,909







# THE GHAN & DAWN PRINCESS EAST COAST, NT & PNG

# 16 nights departing 11 September 2016

- 2 nights aboard **The Ghan** travelling from Adelaide to Darwin in **Gold Service** including all meals, drinks and Off Train Experiences.
- Transfer from the Darwin rail terminal to your hotel.
- 4 night stay in Darwin at the DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin including breakfast.
- Full Day Kakadu National Park tour including Nourlangie rock art site, Yellow Water Billabong Cruise and Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre.
- Full day Litchfield National Park tour visiting Florence, Tolmer and Wangi falls. Litchfield National Park is the hidden gem among the Top End's many dramatic landscapes.

A two hour drive south of Darwin will find you at this amazing natural wonderland, formed by water and time and bursting with natural attractions and home to a variety of wildlife.

- Transfer from your hotel to the Darwin Cruise Terminal.
- 10 nights aboard **Dawn Princess** cruising from Darwin to Sydney with port calls in Yorkey's Knob, Alotau (Papua New Guinea) and Brisbane. Includes on board meals and entertainment plus prepaid taxes and gratuities.

# Alotau Yorkey's Knob Brisbane Adelaide Sydney

	pensioner/senior	adult
interior	\$5,809	\$5,909
oceanview	\$6,159	\$6,259
balcony	\$6,709	\$6,819

# THE GHAN & DAWN PRINCESS TOP END WONDERS EXPEDITION

### 14 nights departing 10 September 2016

- 7 nights aboard Dawn Princess cruising from Fremantle to Darwin with port calls in Geraldton, Broome and scenic cruising round the Kimberly Coast. Includes on board meals, entertainment, prepaid taxes and gratuities.
- Transfer from the Darwin Cruise Terminal to your hotel.
- Half Day Darwin City Sights Tour. See the Botanic Gardens, Chinese Temple, East Point Military Precinct, Mooring basin and Stokes Hill Wharf area. There's also time to explore the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.
- 4 night stay in Darwin at the DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin including breakfast.
- Full Day Kakadu National Park tour including Nourlangie rock art site, Yellow Water Billabong Cruise and Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre.
- Full day **Litchfield National Park** tour visiting Florence, Tolmer and Wangi falls.
- Transfer from your hotel to the Darwin rail terminal
- 3 nights aboard The Ghan travelling from Darwin to Adelaide on the Expedition journey in Gold Service including all meals, drinks and Off Train Experiences.

# DAWN PRINCESS NT & KAKADU DISCOVERY

# 17 nights departing 10 September 16

- 1 night stay in Darwin at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin** including
  breakfast.
- Kakadu's Ancient Secrets 4 night guided tour. If you like to travel in a more intimate group and go places a little bit off the beaten track, then this holiday is for you.
   Stay in handpicked accommodation in idyllic settings like Cicada Lodge in Nitmiluk National Park and Wildman Wilderness Lodge on the Mary River Wetlands, and receive complimentary refreshments and enjoy first class fare along the way.

Travel to some of the most beautiful spots in all of Kakadu, including Gunlom Falls to swim in nature's own infinity plunge pool and Ubirr to see ancient Aboriginal rock art before your very eyes.

This intimate experience will immerse you in Indigenous culture, have you cruising ancient waterways and spotting incredible wildlife.

- 2 night stay in Darwin at the DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin including breakfast.
- Transfer from your hotel to the Darwin Cruise Terminal.
- 10 nights aboard Dawn Princess cruising from Darwin to Sydney with port calls in Yorkey's Knob, Alotau (Papua New Guinea) and Brisbane. Includes on board meals and entertainment plus prepaid taxes and gratuities.



	pensioner/senior	adult
interior	\$5,489	\$5,569
oceanview	\$5,729	\$5,819
balconv	\$6.149	\$6.249



	pensioner/senior	adult
interior	\$5,429	\$5,509
oceanview	\$5,779	\$5,869
balcony	\$6,329	\$6,429







# THE GHAN, TIWI ISLAND & TOP END

# 6 nights departing 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017

- 2 nights aboard The Ghan travelling Adelaide to Darwin in Gold Service including all meals, drinks and Off Train Experiences.
- 4 night stay in Darwin, in a centrally located superior hotel including breakfast.
- City Explorer Hop-on Hop-off 48hr ticket. Explore the scenery, landmarks and attractions of Darwin aboard the Darwin Explorer. The Hop-on Hop-off Ticket allows you the freedom to plan your own itinerary and visit the landmarks and attractions at your own pace.
- Tiwi Aboriginal Cultural Experience by Ferry day tour. Enjoy an Aboriginal cultural experience on the Tiwi Islands as you learn about the Tiwi people's unique and rich culture as they introduce you to their traditional art displays and ceremonies. Enjoy discovering their interesting rituals.

# Why not?

Upgrade to Platinum Service aboard The Ghan. Platinum Service offers guests the most luxurious transcontinental holiday Australia has to offer. Boasting deluxe extras such as Platinum Transfers, in-cabin breakfasts and access to the Platinum Lounge and Restaurant, Platinum Service promises and delivers a journey beyond expectations.

# from \$1499 per person



	pensioner/senior	adult
low season	\$3,249	\$3,299
mid season	\$3,349	\$3,399
high season	\$3,539	\$3,599

# THE GHAN ULTIMATE ULURU & KINGS CANYON DISCOVERY

# 6 nights departing 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017

- 5 night **Ultimate Uluru** and **Kings Canyon tour** which explores the magnificent Red Centre as you discover Alice Springs, Kata Tjuta and Kings Canyon and take in Uluru's beautiful sunrise and sunset.

  Enjoy an exclusive BBQ dinner under the stars and immerse yourself in local culture on an interpretive walk.
- Your tour includes superior accommodation, Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park Ticket, meals as per the itinerary, experienced driver guides, detailed and informative commentary and luxury air conditioned coach transport.
- 1 night aboard The Ghan from Alice Springs to Adelaide travelling in Gold Service including all meals, drinks and Off Train Experiences.
- 1 night stay in Adelaide, in a centrally located superior hotel including breakfast.

# Did you know?

If you are spending more time at Uluru you can meander for one hour through red sand dunes on your friendly camel with Uluru and Kata Tjuta as your backdrop, while your experienced cameleer describes the unique flora and fauna of the landscape that surrounds you. As your peaceful ride comes to a close, you will be greeted and offered sparkling wine as you arrive at the sand dune viewing platform where your Sounds of Silence dining experience begins.

# from \$295 per person



	pensioner/senior	adult
low season	\$2,919	\$2,959
high season	\$3,019	\$3,069

# THE GHAN EXPEDITION & TOP END HIGHLIGHTS TOUR & RAIL

# 13 nights departing August 2016 -October 2016

- 5 night premium escorted coach tour. Highlights include Darwin city sights, Litchfield National Park, Mindil Beach Sunset Markets, Wangi Falls, Adelaide River War Cemetery, and Katherine Gorge & see ancient rock art, Edith Falls, Kakadu National Park, Nourlangie for spectacular views, Climb to the top of rock art galleries of Ubirr in Kakadu and Enjoy a safari cruise on Corroboree Billabong.
- 5 night stay in Darwin, in a centrally located superior hotel including breakfast.
- City Explorer Hop-on Hop-off 48hr ticket. Explore the scenery, landmarks and attractions of Darwin aboard the Darwin Explorer. The Hop-on Hop-off Ticket allows you the freedom to plan your own itinerary and visit the landmarks and attractions at your own pace.
- Darwin Harbour Sunset Buffet Cruise.
  The Spirit of Darwin family loves to entertain guests with restaurant quality fresh buffet dinners. Enjoy a live interactive commentary on the Darwin Harbour, enjoy your complimentary welcome drink from the fully licensed bar, while watching the famous Darwin sunsets and fish feeding.
- 3 nights aboard The Ghan travelling from Darwin to Adelaide in Gold Service including all meals, drinks and Off Train Experiences.



| pensioner/senior | adult | mid season | \$6,929 | \$7,039 | high season | \$7,169 | \$7,279 |







# THE GHAN — Top end complete

# 7 nights departing 01 April 2016 - 31 March 2017

- 2 nights aboard **The Ghan** travelling Adelaide to Darwin in **Gold Service** including all meals, drinks and Off Train Experiences.
- 5 night stay in Darwin, in a centrally located superior hotel including breakfast.
- Full Day Kakadu National Park tour including Nourlangie rock art site, Yellow Water Billabong Cruise and Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre.
- Full day Litchfield National Park tour visiting Florence, Tolmer and Wangi falls. Litchfield National Park is the hidden gem among the Top End's many dramatic landscapes.

# City Explorer Hop-on Hop-off 48hr ticket. Did you know?

World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park, covering almost 20,000 square kilometres, is a landscape of contrasts. Beneath waters dotted with lotus flowers, saltwater crocodiles lurk. Waterfalls cascade into pools fringed with paperbarks, pandanus and cycads. You can view the spectacular Jim Jim Falls, browse through a gallery of ancient Aboriginal rock art at Ubirr or Nourlangie Rock, or explore the scenic Yellow Water, a billabong teeming with wildlife. Around 1,000 plant species, a quarter of all Australian freshwater fish species and over one third of Australian bird species can be found in the Park.

# Darwin

	pensioner/senior	adult
low season	\$3,519	\$3,579
mid season	\$3,649	\$3,709
high season	\$3,889	\$3,949

# THE GHAN, DARWIN & KAKADU SPECTACULAR

# 7 nights departing 01 April 2016 - 31 March 2017

- 2 nights aboard The Ghan travelling Adelaide to Darwin in Gold Service including all meals, drinks and Off Train Experiences.
- 4 night stay in Darwin, in a centrally located superior hotel including breakfast.
- City Explorer Hop-on Hop-off 48hr ticket. Explore the scenery, landmarks and attractions of Darwin aboard the Darwin Explorer. The Hop-on Hop-off Ticket allows you the freedom to plan your own itinerary and visit the landmarks and attractions at your own pace.

# Darwin Harbour Sunset Buffet Cruise.

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•2 day/1 night **Kakadu** and **East Alligator River Tour**. Escape to the Top End and discover a paradise, view Aboriginal rock art at Nourlangie and Ubirr, cruise Yellow Water Billabong and East Alligator River in search of crocs then go ashore in Arnhem Land. Your overnight experience includes superior accommodation, meals as per the itinerary, experienced driver guides, detailed and informative commentary and luxury air conditioned coach transport.

# Darwin Kakadu Adelaide

	pensioner/senior	adult
low season	\$3,649	\$3,709
mid season	\$3,759	\$3,819
high season	\$4.019	\$4.079

# THE GHAN, TOP END & RED CENTRE EXPLORER

### 11 nights departing 01 April 2016 -31 March 2017

- 3 night stay in Darwin, in a centrally located superior hotel including breakfast.
- City Explorer Hop-on Hop-off 48hr ticket. Explore the scenery, landmarks and attractions of Darwin aboard the Darwin Explorer. The Hop-on Hop-off Ticket allows you the freedom to plan your own itinerary and visit the landmarks and attractions at your own pace.
- 1 night aboard The Ghan travelling Darwin to Alice Springs in Gold Service including all meals, drinks and Off Train Experiences.
- 6 night National Park Explorer tour in superior accommodation. Enjoy a complete Red Centre experience, watch the mustsee Uluru sunrise and sunset and be mesmerised by the sacred culture of the region as you explore the West MacDonnell Ranges, Palm Valley, Uluru, Kata Tjuta, Kings Canyon and Alice Springs.
- 1 night aboard The Ghan travelling Alice Springs to Adelaide in Gold Service including all meals, drinks and Off Train Experiences.

# Why not?

Speak to you travel consultant about combining your cruise and rail holiday with the best airfares from your capital city.



	pensioner/senior	adult
low season	\$5,229	\$5,319
mid season	\$5,309	\$5,399
high season	\$5,449	\$5,539

### **GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

### 1. Deposit:

A minimum deposit of 20% plus airfares per person is required to confirm your reservations. The reservation deposit is non-refundable. Payment of your deposit will be deemed as you accepting these terms and conditions. You will not seek to reverse the reservation deposit if any travel service provider is unable to provide the services for which you have contracted. Credit card fees do not apply to deposit payments. Fees are applied to balance payments and those paid in full at the time of booking.

### 2. Final payment:

The balance for all bookings is due 90 days prior to travel.

- 2.1 If you have not paid by the due date we may cancel your arrangements and retain your denosit
- 2.2 Credit card payments are accepted with fees applicable (2% for Visa and MasterCard, 3% for American Express and Diners). To avoid the payment of credit card fees, EFT transfers and cheques are accepted, however the funds must be cleared into the nominated Holidays of Australia bank account by the due date of the final payment.

### 3. Late bookings:

Reservations made within 90 days of departure will only be accepted if the total value of the arrangements is paid in full at the time of booking, this also secures payment of any cancellation fees imposed if the booking is subsequently cancelled by you. In the event that we are unable to confirm your requested arrangements your payment will be refunded in full.

# 4. Cancellations by you:

Cancellation of a booking, or part thereof, will incur the following fees plus any additional supplier charges. Once travel has commenced, no refunds will be made for any unused service. All flights are non-refundable and changeable subject to fees and applicable fare rules.

Cancellation
period prior to
departure date

Cancellation fee as % of total package value

90+ days

Loss of deposit

90 days and less

100%

# 5. Changes by us:

At the time of booking in the event we have to change any component to your itinerary due to schedule changes, unavailability or price increase due to supplier charges your package will be repriced accordingly and you will be notified. In almost all cases, significant changes to your itinerary and even the cancellation of one or more parts of your holiday package will be due to factors which are outside our control, given we are not ourselves a provider of travel services. We will notify you of changes to your booking as soon as we can. We cannot accept any liability or pay any compensation where the services we have promised to arrange are significantly modified or cannot be provided at all or as promised as a result of circumstances which are outside of our control. We reserve the right to amend your travel documents if they do not match your booking due to our error or omission.

# 6. Changes by you:

Should you choose to change any of your travel arrangements a change fee of \$25 per person per change is applicable in addition to any change and cancellation fees imposed by our supplier partners as per their terms and conditions. In the event you should advise the spelling of your name which does not match your as per identification or request incorrect travel dates resulting in the reissue and or rebooking of your travel arrangements, all and any fees incurred will be passed on to you for payment.

# 7. Itinerary and Fares:

Rates and details are valid at the time of printing however, these can be subject to alteration and we reserve the right to alter fares in the case of unforeseen circumstances without notice.

# 8. On board currency and on board purchases:

We cannot accept responsibility for any advice in relation to the currency used on board cruise ships or the methods of payment of on board purchases. You are solely responsible for making your own

enquiries in relation to the currency used on board cruise ships and the methods of payment of on board purchases.

### 9. Airfares:

Where airfares have been included in itineraries, they are based on lead in economy fares based on the best availability at the time of packaging. In the event that fares have increased an additional payment will be required. Fares include check-in luggage and inflight dining and entertainment where applicable. Should you require certain facilities or have a preferred airline please discuss this with your consultant at the time of booking.

### 10. Hotel check-in procedures:

When checking into hotels it is common procedure to present valid photo identification on arrival. Many hotels may also require a credit card preauthorisation upon arrival as a security bond to cover any incidental expenses incurred during the stay (please note: the amount charged will vary, however some hotels will charge AU\$100 per night upwards as a security bond). Cash is not accepted as a payment for the security bond.

### 11. Travel Insurance:

We strongly recommend that passengers have their own travel insurance against illness, injury, loss/damage to personal belongings, cancellation charges and not being able to travel on the confirmed departure date. Please enquire at the time of booking.

# 12. Passports:

When travelling internationally, you are required to have a valid passport to show upon departure and arrival of your journey. Often this requires at least 6-12 months validity past your return date to Australia depending on your destination. Please ask your consultant for further clarification at the time of enquiry. You are solely responsible for meeting necessary passport requirements and paying all associated costs.

### 13. Visas:

Depending on diplomatic relations, some countries will require you to obtain a visa in order to stay in the country. Even if you are just stopping over for a few hours, some countries will require you to have a visa if you wish to leave the airport. To find out if you require a visa for your international stay and how to apply for one, refer to the destination's consulate or embassy, your consultant or visit Visa Link online http://visalink.com.au. You are solely responsible for meeting necessary visa entry requirements and paying all associated costs.

# 14. Concessions:

Please note: To receive concessional travel fares, Great Southern Rail is required to confirm your eligibility for the concession electronically with Centrelink. If you do not want this to happen you will need to contact Centrelink or the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) to obtain a Pension Concession Letter as proof of your eligibility for the concession and provide this directly to Great Southern Rail before the concession can be given. To qualify for Concession Fares, Australian Pensioner, Commonwealth Seniors Health Card or state issued Seniors Card must be presented at the time of booking must be valid as at the time of bookings and travel and must be carried at all times during travel. Not all sectors are included in arrangements for the funding of concessions. Funding for concessions may be withdrawn subsequent to the printing of this document and any rates quoted may therefore change without notice.

# 15. Documentation:

In order for us to prepare your tickets we require the following documentation:

- 15.1 For bookings with concession discounts a copy of your Pensioner Card, Commonwealth Senior Health Card or state issued Senior Card. (Please refer to Concessions paragraph for further details).
- 15.2 International bookings a copy of your passport.
- **15.3** Domestic bookings a copy of your Driver's License or Government issued photo identification.
- 15.4 Cruise bookings completed cruise booking form supplied by your Holidays of Australia consultant. Your full itinerary, vouchers and tickets will be sent to you 2-3 weeks prior to your departure on the condition that all required documentation has been received.

### 16. Pricing:

All prices are quoted in Australian Dollars and packages containing international components are subject to currency fluctuations until paid in full. All from package prices which include a cruise component are based on a lead category interior cabin. Rail journeys are based on pensioner prices where applicable. Package prices are correct as at time of printing and are subject to availability, change and seasonal surcharges. Prices may exclude flights, visas, insurance, items of a personal nature and compulsory charges collected by third parties.

### 17. Images:

All images in this brochure depict authentic locations; their appearance in the brochure does not indicate that these destinations will be included in your arrangements. Some images have been provided by or purchased from Australian Tourism Bodies, Photo Stock Libraries and our preferred suppliers.

### 18. Bookings by travel agent/operator

If you are a travel agent or tour operator making a booking on behalf of clients, you acknowledge and agree that you and your client(s) are bound by these general booking conditions.

# 19. Automatic upgrades

From time to time, travel service providers provide automatic upgrades. It is your responsibility to advise us if you do not wish to be eligible for an automatic upgrade.

### 20. Agency

We act as an agent for, and sell various travel related products as agent on behalf of, numerous transport, accommodation and other service providers, such as airlines, coach, rail and cruise line operators. Any services we provide to you are collateral to that agency relationship. Our obligation to you is to (and you expressly authorise us to) make travel bookings on your behalf and to arrange relevant contracts between you and travel service providers. We exercise care in the selection of reputable service providers but we have no control over, or liability for, the services provided by third parties. We regret we cannot guarantee itineraries and the connections associated with any of our packages. All bookings are made on your behalf subject to the terms of conditions, including conditions of carriage and limitations of liability, imposed by these service providers. We can provide you with copies of the relevant service provider terms and conditions on request. Your legal rights in connection with the provision of travel services are against the specific provider and, except to the extent a problem is caused by fault on our part, are not against us. Specifically, if for any reason (excluding fault on our part) any travel service provider is unable to provide the services for which you have contracted, your rights are against that provider and not against us.

# 21. Minimum group numbers

Our escorted tours are subject to a minimum number of participants as determined by us in order to be financially viable and to have a pleasant group atmosphere. If the minimum number of participants is not reached, we reserve the right to withdraw the tour escort and re-price the tour.

# 22. Special needs

Should you have any special needs, you are required to inform us at the time of your booking. Special needs include (without limitation) if you have any disability, illness disease or other condition, you have limited mobility, you have a service animal, you are pregnant, you need special help or any other circumstances exist which may make it difficult for you to use travel services. If you fail to advise us of your special needs, we may not be able to book suitable travel services for you. To the extent permitted by law, you are responsible for ensuring that the travel services are suitable for your special needs.

# 23. Jurisdiction

These general booking conditions are governed by the laws in force in South Australia. You agree that, in the event of a dispute between you and us, any action you bring against us will be brought in South Australia, Australia.

Your full itinerary, vouchers and tickets will be sent to you approximately 2-3 weeks prior to your departure on the condition that all required documentation has been received.

Again, many thanks and we look forward to assisting you.

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