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Your South Pacific Travel Specialists

AUSTRALIA

2023-2024 GUIDED HOLIDAYS



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JOURNEY BEYOND
THE GHAN



Take a journey Beyond Expectation

Experience the vast Australian outback onboard The Ghan Expedition, a legendary train and unforgettable adventure.

Combining one of the world's greatest rail journeys with AAT Kings' flagship Outback Adventure provides the ultimate exploration through Australia's dramatic outback.

Prepare to discover some of Australia's most iconic landscapes, while stopping to experience the very heart and soul of the welcoming local communities along the way; a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

The reasons to combine a guided holiday with a rail journey are endless... You will experience the romance and refinement of an old-style rail adventure, while the versatility of your Outback Adventure allows access to rugged and wild areas. By combining two modes of travel, you truly get the opportunity to fully explore Australia; in every sense of the word.

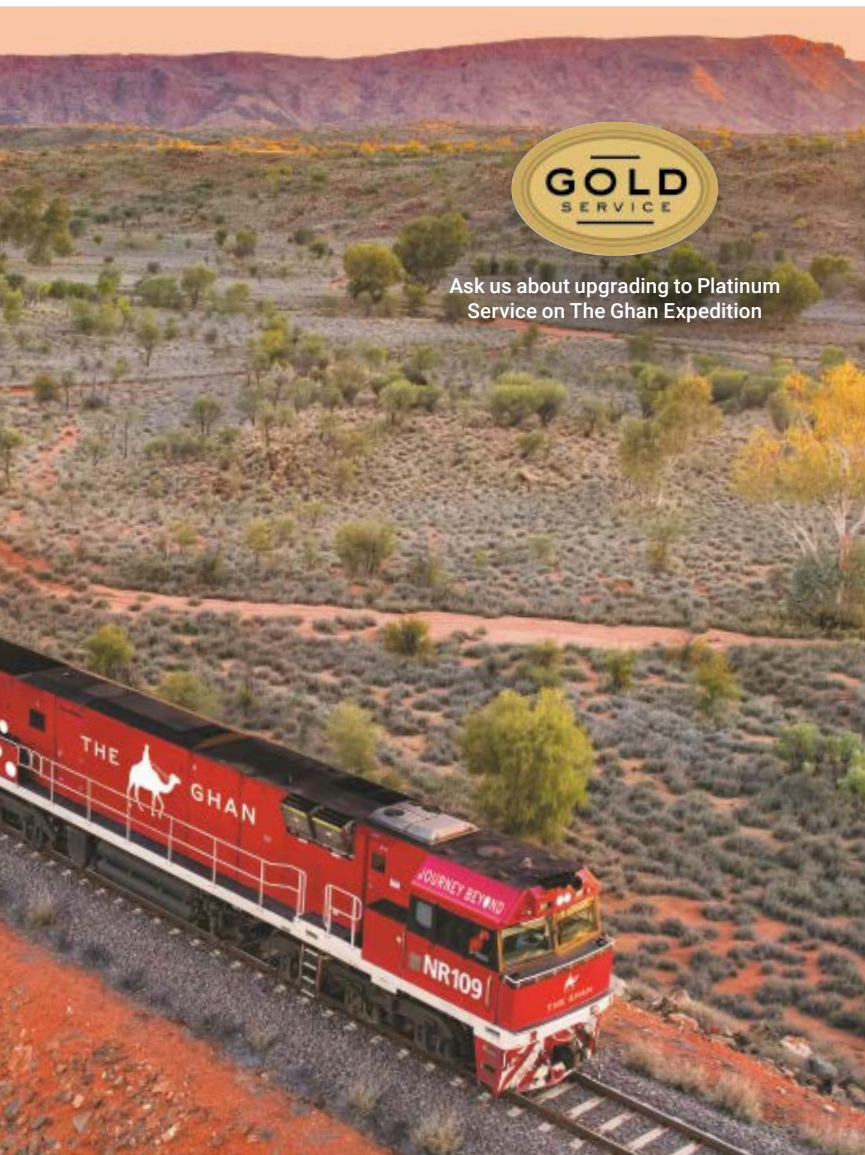
As you travel through the heart of Australia and fall in love with the diverse, dramatic landscapes, relax and experience the style and comfort of The Ghan Expeditions' iconic Gold Service. Be treated to all-inclusive fine wines and beverages, and delight as you indulge in a regionally inspired menu. On the ground on your AAT Kings Guided Holiday, be guided by a passionate expert as they continue to share the very best of this incredible country with you and your fellow travellers.

Reap the benefits of almost 200 years of experience combined, in sharing the very best of Australia – a truly unforgettable Australian adventure, guided by the experts.

See the Outback Adventure Holiday on pages 26-27

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Ask us about upgrading to Platinum Service on The Ghan Expedition

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Departure Dates

2023

Jun 13, 20

Jul 11, 18

Aug 08, 15

Single traveller must pay the single price on The Ghan Expedition. See available prices at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

15 Full breakfasts B
3 À la carte breakfasts AB
3 Lunches L

1 Be My Guest dinner BG
11 Dinners with wine DW
1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 12.30pm into Adelaide Airport
Day 19 – flights to depart after 3.00pm from Adelaide Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price
The rail portion is operated by Third Party partners at Journey Beyond Rail Expeditions. Visit aatkings.com for details.

OUTBACK ADVENTURE + RAIL

4 days rail journey and 15 days Outback Adventure

Experience The Ghan Expedition from Darwin to Adelaide at the end of your Outback Adventure holiday. See pages 26-27 for the rest of the itinerary.

Accommodation in Darwin on Day 15 is included in the price.

Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton. B

16 The Ghan Expedition Gold Service Darwin – Katherine

Your journey aboard The Ghan Expedition begins at Darwin Berrimah Rail Terminal, where friendly staff will lead you to your comfortable private cabin. Take your time settling in, as the views from your window grow ever more rugged and spectacular. Lunch in the lushly appointed Queen Adelaide Restaurant is bound to delight, with all dishes prepared on board by talented chefs. Arrive in Katherine this afternoon refreshed and ready to experience spiritual Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge. **Private cabin: The Ghan, 3 nights. L DW**

17 Katherine – Alice Springs

Wake up this morning in a world that feels a million miles from home. The outback sunrise could be one of the most majestic you'll ever see. After breakfast you'll arrive in Alice Springs, where you can embark on one of the included Off Train Experiences, taking in the delights of this famous outback town. A full day in Alice Springs gives you ample opportunity to visit the town's landmarks,

take a closer look at some of Australia's unique flora and fauna, or explore Alice Springs at your leisure. Returning in time to meet the rest of your fellow guests at a spectacular barbecue dinner under a million stars at the historic Alice Springs Telegraph Station. **AB L DW**

18 Alice Springs – Coober Pedy

After breakfast this morning, as you pull into the middle-of-nowhere stop at Manguri, a friendly guide awaits to whisk you away to the remote opal-mining capital of the world, Coober Pedy, where more than half of the residents live underground. Venture into the tunnels and caves of the town, visiting the otherworldly underground Serbian Orthodox church. The famous Coober Pedy Golf Course is the only course in the world boasting reciprocal rights with St. Andrew's in Scotland. Enjoy a gourmet lunch in a unique underground location before setting off to the stunning outback moonscape of the Breakaways Conservation Park. **AB L DW**

19 Coober Pedy – Adelaide

A dramatic transformation takes place this morning as the rich ochre tones of the outback landscape make way for the lush green fields pastoral lands of South Australia. After breakfast you'll have time to reflect on your journey before The Ghan Expedition rolls into Adelaide and your momentous journey comes to an end. Make your own way to your hotel or airport. **AB**

