

**PHILLIP
BASHAM TRAVEL**

Top End & The Ghan



4 July 2023

Departing The Clare & Gilbert Valleys

Darwin Optional Excursions

Guided City Tour

\$85pp

Discover the sights of Darwin, Australia's only tropical capital city and the largest city in the Northern Territory. Learn about Darwin's aviation history at the Aviation Museum; marvel at Aboriginal paintings at the Museum & Art Gallery and visit the Botanic Gardens.

Crococaurus Cove

\$38pp

Enter the world of the awesome Northern Territory Saltwater Crocodile, the largest on display anywhere in the world. You can choose to "swim with the Crocs", watch the jumping croc feeding and relax and enjoy breakfast or lunch at this iconic attraction.

Tiwi Islands Tour

\$395pp

Experience a once in a lifetime opportunity to visit a modern-day Aboriginal community. It will provide you with an insight into the Tiwi people's rich culture and lifestyle. The tour will reveal scenes seldom seen by outsiders and will leave you with a lifetime memory.

Kakadu Explorer

\$385pp

World Heritage listed and the largest National Park in Australia, Kakadu is one of the most diverse landscapes you'll ever experience, and you'll be amazed at the population of wildlife in the water, on the land and in the air. Ask about our optional scenic flight to the most remote park areas.

Jumping Crocs

\$135pp

Travel down the Stuart Highway to the Adelaide River, enjoying commentary about the outskirts of Darwin along the way. Cruise the river and thrill as these awesome creatures launch themselves out of the water. Afterwards continue to Fogg Dam Nature Reserve.

Litchfield Waterfalls

\$219pp

Established in 1986, Litchfield National Park is a stunning location. You can take in the splendour of thundering waterfalls, rainforest pockets and historic sacred sites. It is a haven for hundreds of native bird species and the plateau supports a rich range of woodland flora.

Included Excursions on The Ghan

Katherine

Nitmiluk Gorge Cruise

Cruise down Katherine River as the large rock formations of the Gorge tower over the calm water. Nitmiluk is home to the Indigenous Jawoyn people and many of their stories centre around the Gorge.

Nitmiluk First Gorge Art Cruise

As a more relaxed cruise experience, your guide will share some of the ancient secrets of the region as you gently cruise down the First Gorge.

Alice Springs

Alice Explorer

Visit the great sights of this small town including School of the Air & RFDS Base.

Alice Off Road

This cycling tour provides an active and hands on way to tour Alice Springs.

Desert Park

Join your experienced guide for an exclusive guided walking tour

Simpsons Gap

A magical location where elements of flora, fauna and Indigenous culture all come together

Coober Pedy

The Majestic Breakaways

Visit the Breakaways Reserve to witness the colour changing landscape followed by Opal Mines & Museum.

Explore Coober Pedy

Tour the town and hear about its history. See the Underground Church, The Dog Fence & visit an operating Opal Mine.

Opal Experience

Discover the beauty and history of Australia's national gemstone during a visit to the Umoona Opal Mine and Museum.

Optional Upgrades: ~additional expense and subject to availability. Must be booked prior to departure. Book early to avoid disappointment.
Nitmiluk Gorge Helicopter Flight \$230pp Take a helicopter flight to fully appreciate the sheer enormity of the river. As you fly over all 13 gorges, see if you can follow the path of Bula as you move through the region as he did. | Uluru Fixed Wing Scenic Flight \$1'359pp You will fly just south of Pine Gap where the US and Australian Joint Defence Space Research Facility is located before heading directly to Uluru for a picnic lunch and immersive experience of Uluru.

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8 Day Top End & The Ghan

Tuesday 04 July: Clare - Darwin (D)

Your journey begins! Enjoy the full service with transfers direct from your front door*. A comfortable air conditioned coach will transport you to Adelaide Airport for your direct Qantas flight to Darwin.

On arrival be taken to your luxury hotel on Darwin's Esplanade for your four night stay.

Doubletree By Hilton Darwin Esplanade

Wednesday 05 July: Darwin (B)

Darwin is Australia's only tropical capital city and is the largest city in the Northern Territory. It is a former frontier outpost and the gateway to Kakadu National Park. Darwin is treasured country to its traditional owners, the Larrakia people, who are prominent and active members of the local community. A multicultural city, it boasts a population made up of people from more than 60 nationalities and 70 different ethnic backgrounds.

Optional Tours: Enjoy a half day guided tour of Darwin and it's sights or, alternatively, visit Crocosaurus Cove to see NT's reptiles up close.

Thursday 06 July: Darwin (B)

Today is at your own leisure. Perhaps join one of our optional excursions, or explore the city centre at your own pace.

Optional Tour: Visit the Tiwi Islands on a one in a lifetime tour to visit a modern-day Aboriginal community.

if you'd rather stick to the mainland, go and explore the World Heritage listed and largest National Park in Australia, Kakadu. See some of the most amazing terrain Australia has to offer and marvel at the concentration of rock art sites that illustrate Aboriginal culture, some dating back 50,000 years.



Friday 07 July: Darwin (B)

Join one of our optional excursions, or explore the city centre at your own pace.

Optional Tour: Cruise the Adelaide River and learn about crocodile biology, territorial habits, and their value to the eco system. Later, enjoy the views across the Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve.

Take in the splendour of thundering waterfalls, rainforest pockets and historic sacred sites at Litchfield National Park. The traditional custodians of the Park are the Wagait people, many of whom still call the area home.

Saturday 08 July: The Ghan (B,L,D)

Say goodbye to Darwin from your beautiful Gold class Cabin onboard The Ghan Expedition to Adelaide.

You'll be transferred from your hotel straight to the train station today with complimentary transfers.

Once you're settled into your private cabin, mingle with fellow travellers or sample the exceptional food, wine, and service onboard, before an early afternoon arrival at the Top End township of Katherine.

Enjoy dinner as the sun sets over the outback, then back in your cabin you'll find your bed turned down. Fall asleep as the train rolls soothingly onwards.



Sunday 09 July: The Ghan (B,L,D)

After your first night on The Ghan, you'll be greeted by a morning view of the spectacular Red Centre. A full day of excursions awaits you in the outback town of Alice Springs. An optional upgrade (own expense) is a scenic flight to Uluru, returning in time to meet the rest of your fellow guests at a spectacular barbeque dinner under a million stars at the historic Alice Springs Telegraph Station.

Monday 10 July: The Ghan Expedition

From your morning stop at the outback outpost of Manguri, you'll venture into the weird and wonderful opal mining township of Coober Pedy, where more than half of the residents live underground. Here, you'll enjoy a day of discovery, and a gourmet lunch in the most unique of locations: underground. Dinner is served back on the train where you can enjoy a nightcap as your journey continues.



Tuesday 11 July: The Ghan Expedition

Enjoy a leisurely brunch as you prepare for your mid-morning arrival into Adelaide. Finally enjoy a coach ride back to Clare sharing the memories with your new friends.

INCLUDED IN YOUR PRICE:

- Return transfers from Clare
- Economy airfare to Darwin
- 4 nights CBD accommodation
- The Ghan Expedition- Gold class

Twin Share:	\$5'617pp
Solo Cabin:	\$5'997pp
Twin Cabin:	\$9'997pp
Single Occupancy	

Deposit: Due at booking	\$1'500pp
Final Balance	Due 29 Apr 2023

Terms & Conditions

Deposit is payable within 2 days of booking and is non refundable. Final balance is due 66 days before departure on 29 April 2023. Bookings are bound by third party terms & conditions that are available on request. We reserve the right to alter or change the accommodation, carriers or coaches at any time for any reason. Please refer to our full terms and conditions for further information including cancellation fees. *Home transfers are available for passengers within 5 km of Clare CBD or by request outside of that area and subject to availability.