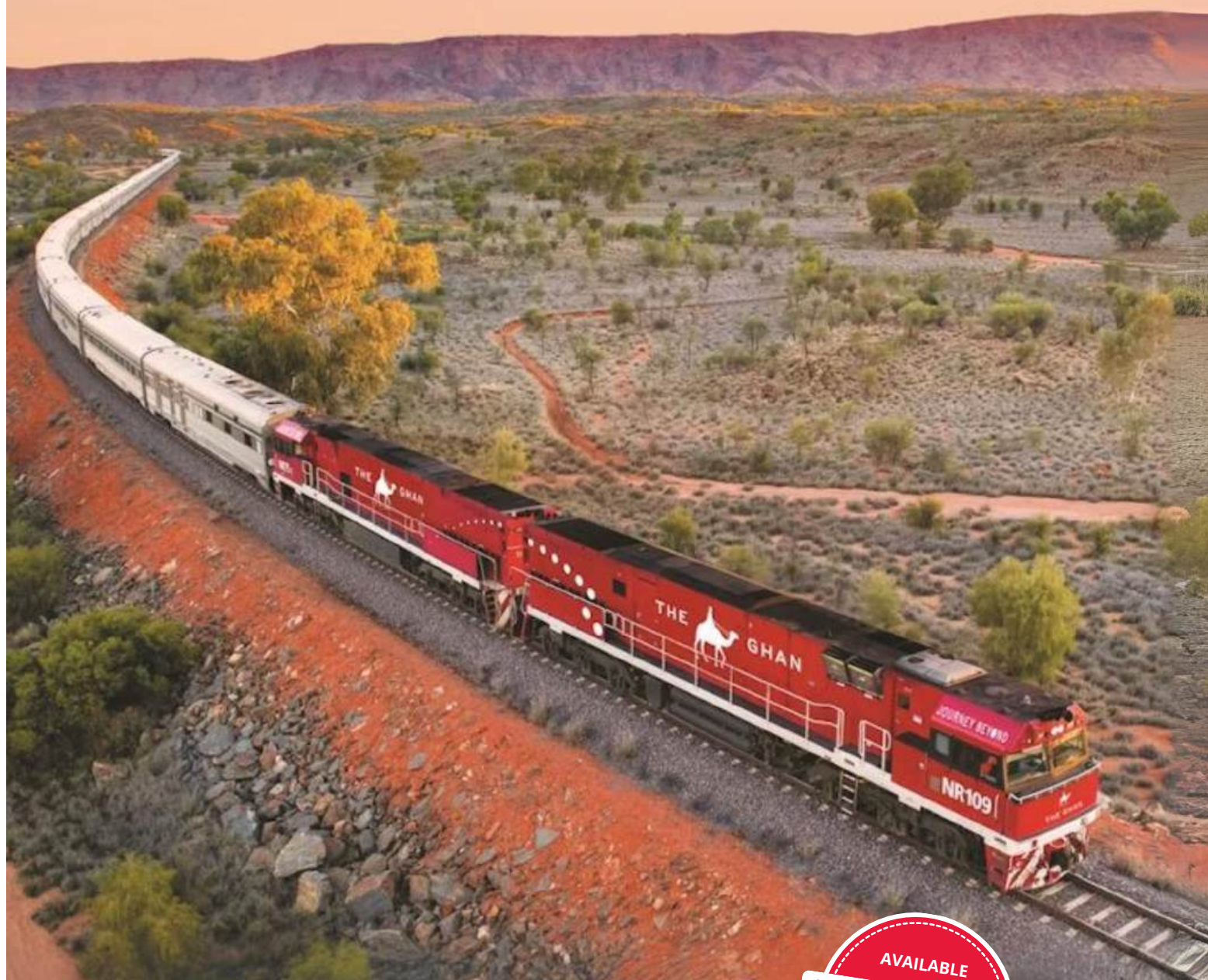


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THE GHAN EXPEDITION + MONARTO SAFARI PARK EXPERIENCE

9 DAYS | DEPARTING 14 JUNE 2026



SMALL GROUP HOSTED JOURNEYS



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Welcome to a new way of travelling

Hosted Journeys are experts in offering travellers unique, hand- picked holidays to destinations all over the world. Our itineraries are designed to ensure you have a hassle free and seamless holiday experience. With over 35 years experience in group travel, you can rest assured you are in expert hands from start to finish.

A professional Tour Host travels with the group, taking care of all the details. They provide security and peace-of-mind, maintain positive group morale, provide assistance through airports, assist with travel disruptions or alterations, reconfirm touring and transfers, all to maximise your holiday experience.

We are driven to help you create lifelong memories and friends that share a passion for travel, food, history, culture and adventure by providing unique itineraries that maximise your travel experience and minimise the hassles.

Let us take you to remote regions of our great country, all seven continents and more importantly, places you didn't know existed.

Annabel Dolphin

Annabel Dolphin
General Manager



King Penguins, South Georgia



Arches National Park, Utah



Parc Güell, Barcelona



HOSTED JOURNEYS

What sets us apart

EXCLUSIVE ITINERARIES



On every Hosted Journey, experience locally-inspired moments crafted by our expert team of journey planners. You might explore a local food market by foot, exclusive behind the scenes admission to key attractions, or perhaps a refreshing cocktail in an extraordinary location against a breathtaking sunset. Each of these elements and encounters will broaden the mind and result in unforgettable experiences in each destination.

PEACE OF MIND



Your well-being and safety is always our first priority. Working with expert operators with long-established relationships in every region allows us to keep our finger on the pulse of local dynamics and to manage your safety and security.

SMALLER GROUPS



Hosted Journeys specialise in small group travel, meaning you travel in a like-minded group at a pace that suits you all. It also means more one on one interaction with your Tour Host, Tour Director and expert Local Guides, getting to know them for the insightful, dedicated travelling companions they are.

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES



Our itineraries provide you with an immersive taste of the regions you visit. Hosted Journeys is delighted to share with you many interesting cultures across the world. Expand your horizons and explore the local way of life as we discover authentic cultures that will be sure to make your holiday experience truly special.

UNIQUE STAYS



At Hosted Journeys, when considering your accommodation, our expert journey planners look at more than just the rooms. Wherever possible, they arrange to stay close to the places you most dream of seeing, close to the people you'll most enjoy meeting and close to the experiences you'll most enjoy discovering. In select locations, enjoy special feature stays with iconic hotels remarkable for their location, character and heritage.

TOUR HOST



A professional Tour Host travels with each group, taking care of all the details. They provide security and peace-of-mind, maintain positive group morale, provide assistance through airports, assist with any disruptions to your journey, reconfirm touring and transfers, all to maximise your holiday experience.

INCLUDED SERVICES



Let us take the strain off your wallet while you are away by making sure you won't need to think about the usual sundry costs of touring, entrance fees, taxes and gratuities. Touring options as per the itinerary are included in the price of the journey, meaning you can focus on the experience, not the expense.

DINING EXPERIENCES



An authentic taste of a local cuisine is always among the highlights of any holiday. At Hosted Journeys, we ensure you enjoy the perfect mix of planned group meals including celebratory welcome and farewell dinners. You'll experience favourite local restaurants, on select journeys participate in hands-on cooking demonstrations and you may even get to dine with a local family in their home.









RELAX KNOWING YOU'RE IN EXPERIENCED HANDS

Your host will travel with you, taking care of the day-to-day arrangements until the end of each journey. Our hosts are selected for their extensive travel experience and because they have a passion for sharing their wisdom and knowledge. Your host will ensure everything goes to plan, liaising with English-speaking local guides, hotels and dining venues to ensure each itinerary runs smoothly. They also are there to take care of all tipping.

Our hosts will bring an extra dimension to your travel experience; our hosts have been leading guests all over the globe to more than 80 countries across all 7 continents for 35 years.

Bronwyn has been in the travel industry for over 35 years, having lived and worked overseas for various travel companies. Bronwyn believes travel should excite and inspire you, rejuvenate and ground you, educate and challenge you, and most of all, it should humble you. One of her favourite places in the world is Sicily in Italy. The beaches were incredible as well as the scenery and people.

"I invite you to join me on this exciting adventure through Australia's Red Centre! I love train travel and I am particularly excited for you to join me on one of the most iconic rail journeys in Australia on board the spectacular Ghan!"

Bronwyn McLaren, Manager
Helloworld Travel Willows Townsville



Bronwyn McLaren

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE

Ghan Expedition

Travelling on The Ghan Expedition from Darwin to Adelaide is one of the world's most iconic rail journeys, offering an unforgettable way to experience the heart of Australia. Spanning three nights and four days, this all-inclusive trip combines comfort, fine dining, and immersive off-train adventures that showcase the country's diverse landscapes and culture.

The journey begins in Darwin, where passengers are welcomed aboard the elegant carriages before setting off through the tropical Top End. On board, guests settle into their Gold service cabins and are invited to relax in the lounge or savour a gourmet meal in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant, where seasonal dishes feature native Australian ingredients paired with premium wines.

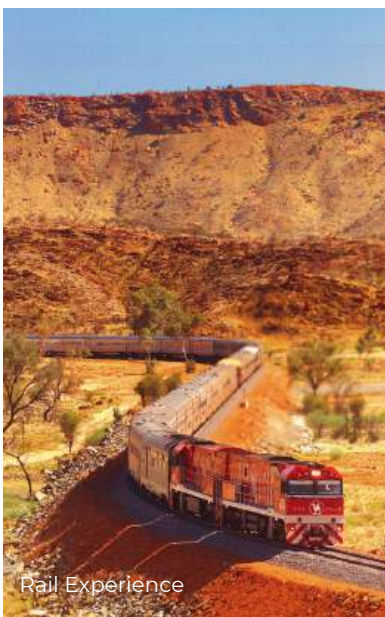
The first major stop is Katherine, where travellers can choose from included excursions such as a breathtaking cruise through Nitmiluk Gorge or a cultural experience led by the local Jawoyn people

Continuing south, the train enters the remote Red Centre, arriving in Alice Springs. Here, the desert landscape sets the stage for extraordinary off-train adventures. That evening, guests enjoy an outback BBQ dinner under the stars, with live entertainment adding to the atmosphere.

The next day brings a visit to Coober Pedy, the opal-mining capital of the world, where much of the town exists underground to escape the desert heat.

Each leg of the journey is framed by The Ghan's signature hospitality. On board, the service is attentive yet relaxed, and the ever-changing scenery unfolds outside panoramic windows.

By the time the train rolls into Adelaide, travellers have not only crossed nearly 3,000 kilometres but have also experienced the soul of Australia in a way few journeys can provide.



Rail Experience



Outback Explorer Lounge

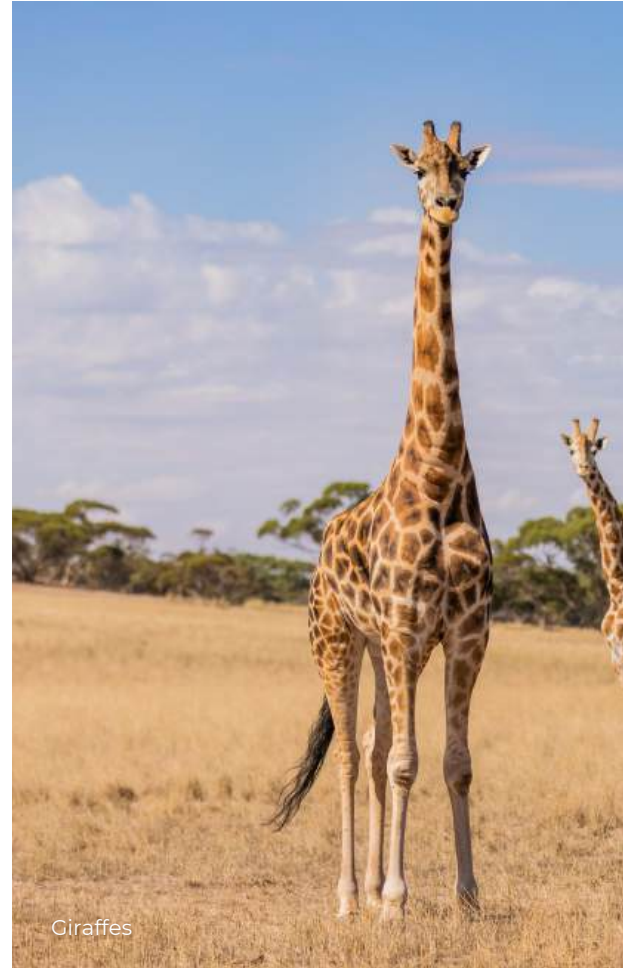


Dining Experience





Monarto Safari Park



Giraffes

DISCOVER MORE

Monarto Safari Park

Staying at Monarto Safari Park is Australia's closest brush with an African-style safari, without leaving Australia. Step straight into open plains where giraffe browse, rhinos lumber and antelope drift across the horizon. It's an immersive, slow-travel experience that pairs creature comforts with meaningful wildlife time.

Monarto began life in 1983 as a closed breeding sanctuary and endangered-species haven on semi-arid mallee scrub about an hour from Adelaide. In the early 1990s the site opened to the public and steadily grew into Australia's largest open-range zoo, today spanning roughly 1,500 hectares, so vast that herds move across sweeping paddocks rather than small exhibits. The park is operated by the Royal Zoological Society of South Australia (Zoos SA), the same not-for-profit behind Adelaide Zoo, and it now houses more than 50 species and over 500 animals while running significant conservation programs. In recent years the park advanced a major "safari park" vision, adding a resort and experiences that let guests see wildlife at the best times of day.

The resort itself sits on the park's edge with elevated outlooks across the Wild Africa precinct, a broad sweep of open country designed for free-roaming herds. Rooms and suites look towards waterholes and plains; shared spaces include pools, bars, a restaurant and a day spa, so downtime feels as restorative as the wildlife viewing. Crucially, staying on site unlocks exclusive game drives at dawn and dusk in small-group safaris in custom vehicles that leave right from your doorstep.

The Dawn Wildlife Safari is the resort's signature wake-up. Your safari starts at first light, when the air is cool and animals are active. Photographers love the soft, even light; families love the slow, unhurried pace and the chance to watch natural behaviours, giraffe stepping through the grass, zebra bunching into stripes, rhinos shouldering across the open. Your guide drives into areas not open to day visitors, shares the back-story of the park's breeding and reintroduction work, and helps you spot and interpret tracks, interactions and subtle signs most people miss.



Resort Accommodation

The Sunset Wildlife Safari delivers a different mood. The light warms, shadows stretch and herds often move to water or shift feeding grounds. The resort's sundowner ritual with drinks and canapés with a plains outlook adds a relaxed end to your safari experience.

The included general zoo admission is your ticket to explore Monarto Safari Park at your own pace. Entry includes access to the Zu-Loop shuttle bus that circulates between major habitats and viewing platforms, plus kilometres of way-marked walking tracks through open-range country. Keeper talks, lookouts and interpretive points help you linger where action is happening.

A stay at Monarto also deepens the story. Guides connect what you're seeing, big, healthy herds on sweeping paddocks, to decades of behind-the-scenes work: from successful giraffe and rhino breeding to threatened-species projects that extend well beyond the fence lines. Knowing your visit supports a conservation charity gives the experience purpose as well as pleasure.

Stay in style at the resorts Waterhole or Savannah rooms, overlooking the Resort Waterhole or the expansive Savannah Plains. These rooms also feature a generous king sized bed or 2x king single beds, small dining table and chairs, large smart TV, and well-appointed bathroom. Embrace the call of the wild as you enjoy the exceptional resort facilities.

While Monarto Safari Resort is truly a unique destination, during your stay, it's your place to call home. Sit back and relax for breakfast & dinner in Kutjera Restaurant & Bar, and savour the flavours of this remarkable land.

Kutjera will showcase locally sourced South Australian ingredients and produce with which our culinary team have curated a menu featuring contemporary Australian cuisine.

By day you roam a world-class open-range zoo; at dawn and dusk you slip behind the scenes where the park truly comes alive. It's South Australia's new classic: wild, comfortable and quietly unforgettable.



Hosted Journey

GHAN EXPEDITION + MONARTO SAFARI PARK

The Ghan has been crossing the Australian outback for over 90 years now, but much has changed since 1929, and today the Ghan offers more than just transit between Darwin and Adelaide. Onboard you will find sumptuous dining, elegant private cabins, attentive service, and the camaraderie of your fellow travellers. And when the train stops, the adventures begin. Choose from a range of included off train experiences to create your own rich and rewarding personal journey through Australia's outback and beyond!

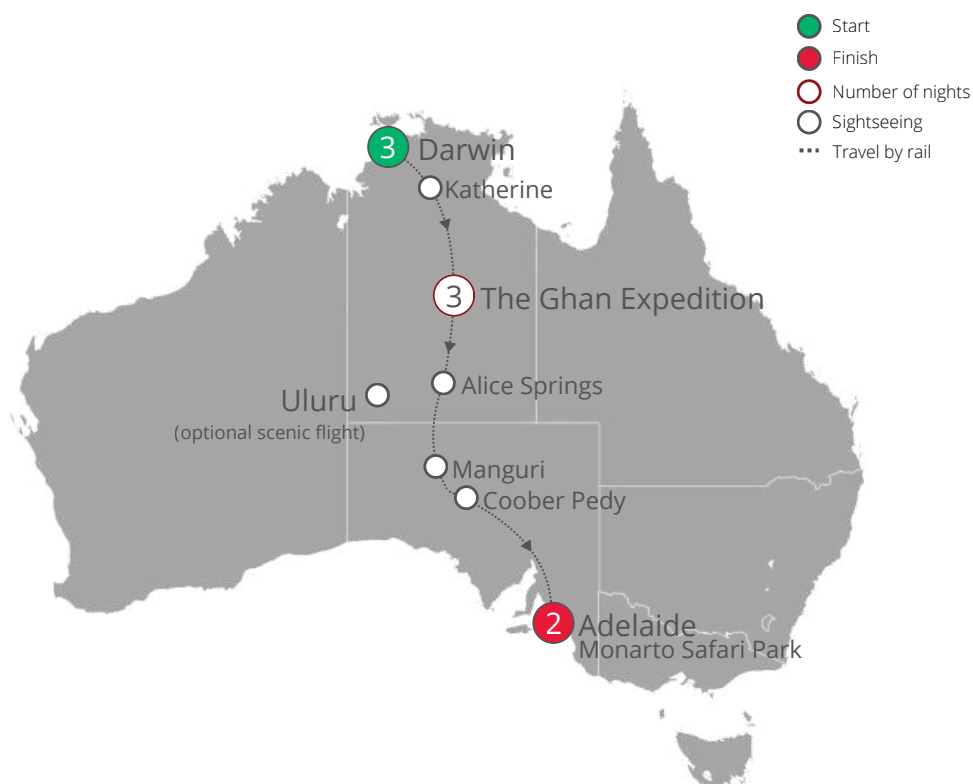
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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Buffet dinner sunset cruise on Darwin Harbour
- Private half day Darwin city sightseeing tour including Darwin Botanic Gardens, State Square which includes Parliament House and the Supreme Court, Darwin's busy harbour area, colonial architecture of Government House and the Old Admiralty House
- Full day tour from Darwin to Top End Safari Camp including scenic helicopter flight, airboat tour over the floodplains, billabong cruise, crocodile encounters, wildlife spotting & BBQ lunch
- Travel from Darwin to Adelaide on board the iconic Ghan Expedition with stops in Katherine, Alice Springs & Coober Pedy
- Choose between a Katherine Gorge Cruise and Rock Art Tour OR Katherine Outback Experience including horse and cattle dog demonstrations, live music and entertainment
- Alice Springs full day tour visiting the town's landmarks and some of Australia's flora and fauna
- Enjoy an authentic Pioneer Outback Dinner under the stars
- Explore Coober Pedy and venture underground to see a Serbian Orthodox Church & Umoona Opal Mine and dine in an underground cave
- Stay at Monarto Safari Park, the largest safari experience to exist outside of Africa, spanning more than 1,500 hectares and home to more than 50 species of exotic & native animals
- Explore the park on the included sunset & sunrise safari experiences
- Take time to explore the park at leisure with included zoo admission



Monarto Safari Park





Darwin Harbour



Alice Springs

Day 1. Sunday 14 June 2026

HOME PORT – DARWIN | D

Let's begin our journey as we travel to Darwin. Our Tour Host will travel from Mackay and will either meet you at the Mackay Airport, in transit at Brisbane Airport or at the Darwin hotel. On arrival in Darwin, we are transferred to our hotel and enjoy time at leisure to settle into our accommodation.

This evening we will enjoy a sunset dinner cruise. With beautiful views of the city, there is no better way to experience Darwin's renowned sunsets than on board the Charles Darwin. Enjoy a delicious Territory style dinner with fresh Australian seafood and local produce all in air-conditioned comfort. After our two and a half hour cruise, we disembark and transfer back to our hotel.

Day 2. Monday 15 June 2026

DARWIN | B

After breakfast, we commence our private sightseeing tour exploring the city's main attractions. Highlights include the Darwin Botanic Gardens, the surviving historic buildings, churches, and memorials, the Reserve Bank, State Square which includes Parliament House and the Supreme Court, Darwin's busy harbour area and the Beaufort-Darwin centre. Visit the lookout on the Esplanade commemorating the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Darwin and view the colonial architecture of Government House and the Old Admiralty House.

Enjoy the remainder of the day and evening at leisure to explore Darwin at your own pace.

Day 3. Tuesday 16 June 2026

DARWIN | B L

Our tour today will tick all the boxes for an unforgettable experience in the Top End! See the spectacular floodplains during a scenic helicopter flight then spot crocodiles, birds and even buffalo on a thrilling airboat ride through the channels and into the rainforest. We take a billabong cruise,

followed by a gourmet BBQ lunch. To finish off the day, we will experience an exciting feeding and encounter with one of the monster rescue crocodiles. Afterwards, we return to our hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day and evening at leisure.

Day 4. Wednesday 17 June 2026

BOARD THE GHAN | B L D

This morning we are transferred to the train station and board the Ghan. Take your time settling in to your cabin as the view outside begins its smooth and spectacular transformation. Lunch in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant is bound to satisfy as we make our way to Katherine for our first included Off Train Excursion. One option is to visit Katherine Gorge. Enjoy a cruise and learn about the local Indigenous Jawoyn people and their stories which centre around the gorge. Alternatively, partake in the Katherine Outback Experience which provides an insight into the real Australian Outback and the inner workings of life on a cattle station.

There is also the option to upgrade your excursion with a scenic flight over Nitmiluk National Park providing unparalleled views of the geographic wonders that inspired many of the aboriginal Dreamtime stories. (pre book and pre pay to avoid disappointment).

Day 5. Thursday 18 June 2026

ALICE SPRINGS | B L D

Wake up to a new view outside your window, in a world which feels a million miles from home. An outback sunrise could be one of the most spectacular you'll ever see, setting the tone for the day ahead. After a sumptuous breakfast we'll arrive in Alice Springs ready for another day of exploration. Here you have the opportunity to embark on one of the included Off Train Excursions, taking in the delights of this famous outback town. A full day in Alice Springs gives ample opportunity to visit the town's landmarks, get up close and personal with Australia's incredible flora and fauna or explore Alice at your own leisure.



The Ghan

Instead of spending time in Alice Springs, you might like to take an intimate fixed wing scenic flight over Uluru and Kata Tjuta. (pre book and pre pay to avoid disappointment).

This evening, we dine beneath the stars at an authentic Outback Pioneer Dinner - a truly unique experience with live music and a feast of mouthwatering delights. After dessert, cast your eyes skyward and ponder life and the universe with an informative astronomical talk. With a full belly and deep sense of wonderment, it's back on the train to rest up and roll out of Alice Springs, fulfilled in every sense of the word.

Day 6. Friday 19 June 2026
COOBER PEDY | B L D

We arrive into Manguri and make our way to the opal mining capital of the world, Coober Pedy, where more than half of the residents live underground. Venture into the tunnels with the opportunity to mine for riches, visit the otherworldly underground Serbian Orthodox Church and take a glimpse of Umoona Opal Mine. Below the earth's surface, enjoy a gourmet lunch in the most unique of locations.

After an eye-opening day, it's back on board with plenty of time to relax and enjoy our final evening onboard the Ghan. Dine in style in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant, share stories with new friends in the Outback Explorer Lounge, or simply head back to your cabin to wind down, read a book and plan your next epic journey.

Day 7. Saturday 20 June 2026
ADELAIDE - MONARTO SAFARI PARK | B D

Looking out of your window this morning you'll notice a dramatic change in landscape as the rich ochre tones of the outback make way for the beautiful green fields and pastoral lands of South Australia. After a leisurely morning we will arrive into Adelaide station.

We will then transfer by coach to the Monarto Safari Resort and this afternoon, soak in the last rays of the sun as we enjoy a sunset wildlife safari. We will enjoy access to Monarto Safari Park's Wild Africa precinct after hours as we travel in a comfortable Safari Truck. We will observe and photograph

the free-roaming animals which include Zebra, Giraffe, Oryx, Southern White Rhino, Cheetah and more. Afterwards we will return to the lodge for dinner.

Day 8. Sunday 21 June 2026
MONARTO SAFARI PARK | B D

This morning we will bask in the morning sun as we take in a dawn wildlife safari. From the comfort of the accessible Safari Truck, you'll be able to observe and photograph animals such as Southern White Rhino, Giraffe, Cheetahs, Eland, Ostriches, Hippopotamus and more.

This afternoon you will have entry into the Monarto Zoo included for you to explore at your leisure. You might even take this time to enjoy the resort facilities before we enjoy a farewell dinner.

Day 9. Monday 22 June 2026
ADELAIDE - HOME PORT | B

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we are transferred to the airport for our flights home. Our Tour Host will travel to Mackay and either bid you farewell in Adelaide, in transit at Brisbane Airport or on arrival in Mackay.

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Economy flights from Home Port
- Private transfers throughout the itinerary
- Hotel & Resort style accommodation in Darwin & Adelaide
- 3 nights onboard the Ghan in a Gold Service cabin
- All meals & beverages onboard the Ghan
- Off Train Excursions: Katherine, Alice Springs, Coober Pedy
- Services of an experienced Hosted Journeys Tour Host
- 8 x Breakfasts (B), 4x Lunches (L), 6 x Dinners (D)

DEPARTURE CITY	Mackay Townsville Brisbane		
Gold Twin Cabin / Twin Hotel	\$11,695	\$11,895	\$11,495
Gold Single Cabin / Twin Hotel	\$10,995	\$11,195	\$10,795
Gold Single Cabin / Single Hotel	\$12,995	\$13,195	\$12,795

*Prices are per person.



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The Chan - Gold Twin by night

Hotels & Lodging A PLACE TO REST YOUR HEAD

HILTON DARWIN

Darwin

Staying at the Hilton Darwin offers a blend of comfort, convenience, and style in the heart of the city. Located just a short walk from the waterfront, restaurants, and shops, it is an ideal base for your stay in Darwin.

The hotel features spacious, modern rooms with sweeping views over Darwin Harbour or the city skyline. Guests can enjoy premium amenities, including an outdoor pool, fitness centre, and award-winning restaurant showcasing fresh local flavours. With attentive service, versatile meeting spaces, and easy access to key attractions, Hilton Darwin delivers a welcoming and memorable Northern Territory experience, perfectly balancing relaxation with sophistication. The hotel's central location ensures everything Darwin has to offer is within easy reach.

MONARTO SAFARI RESORT

Adelaide

The Monarto Safari Resort offers a truly unique wildlife escape, where luxury meets adventure in the heart of nature. Stay in beautifully appointed safari-style accommodation overlooking expansive plains, home to giraffes, rhinos, and lions.

Guests enjoy exclusive experiences such as dawn and sunset safaris, guided by expert rangers for unforgettable wildlife encounters.

The resort blends comfort with conservation, featuring elegant rooms, fine dining, and immersive activities. Located alongside Monarto Safari Park—Australia's largest open-range zoo—it's the perfect "African" getaway at home. A stay here promises relaxation, connection with wildlife, and memories that will last a lifetime.

GHAN EXPEDITION

Darwin to Adelaide

Immerse yourself in the world of romance that epitomises rail travel within the Gold Twin & Gold Single cabins. These popular cabin options feature everything you'll need to feel at home for the duration of your journey. Both cabin styles provide the perfect place to relax and recharge after a day's journey. Spend hours deep in conversation with new friends in the shared Outback Explorer Lounge, sipping on barista made coffee, or a glass of white wine. Later make your way to the Queen Adelaide Restaurant to dine.

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

Gold Single Cabin

Your stylish and ultra-modern cabin cleverly accommodates your belongings with a series of compartments and shelving options incorporated into the compact design. Your comfortable seat with full leg extension bench seat by day converts to a cosy bed by night. Gold Single cabin guests share the bathroom facilities with other passengers in the same carriage. These shared facilities include two showers and two toilets, which are spacious, well-maintained, and typically located at the ends of the carriage.

Gold Twin Cabin

During the day, relax on the three-seater lounge that converts to your upper and lower sleeping berth at night. Enjoy the high quality linen, pillows, doonas and complimentary Australian-made toiletries. Gold Twin cabins have a compact en suite with toilet, washbasin and shower giving you all the comfort, privacy and amenities you require.



The Ghan - Gold Single by day



The Ghan - Gold Single by night

To enhance your experience while onboard the Ghan Expedition, enjoy included Off-train excursions as you bring your journey to life with unforgettable adventures. Guests can explore Katherine's spectacular gorge, discover Alice Springs' rugged outback landscapes, and marvel at Coober Pedy's underground wonders. Each experience immerses travellers in Australia's culture, history, and natural beauty, creating lasting memories beyond the train.

INCLUDED EXPERIENCES KATHERINE

Choose one of the following excursions

Katherine Outback Experience

Immerse yourself in the heart of the Australian outback with the Katherine Outback Experience, where the rugged landscape and outback traditions come to life. Witness the daily realities of life on a large cattle station, starting with a live horse-breaking demonstration. Skilled trainers showcase the bond they form with their horses, reflecting the timeless culture of horsemanship. Recommended Fitness Level: Low – recommended for guests with mobility requirements. The show is conducted in an undercover arena with full seating available.

Cutta Cutta Caves

Explore the extraordinary Cutta Cutta Caves, formed millions of years ago, offering a rare glimpse into both Earth's geological wonders and rich Indigenous heritage. Located 15 metres beneath the surface, these caves span 1499 hectares of limestone landscape, providing an unforgettable experience. Recommended Fitness Level: High – This underground experience requires guests to navigate steep stairs upon entry. With potential high humidity levels and low light inside the cave guests are strongly encouraged to dress for the weather conditions. Enclosed shoes are required. We are unable to accommodate passengers who require the use of wheelchairs or walkers on this experience.

Nitmiluk Gorge Cruise - Set off on a tranquil cruise down the Katherine River, immersing yourself in the breathtaking beauty of this ancient landscape. As you glide through the serene waters, the towering cliffs of Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) unfold, revealing millennia of geological transformation.

Sail through the First and Second Gorge, with the calls of cicadas echoing off the cliffs and the soothing sound of water lapping against the boat. Your expert guide shares insights into the region's history, ecology, and vibrant ecosystems, pointing out unique plant and animal species that thrive in this remote area. As you journey, learn about the cultural significance of Nitmiluk to the Jawoyn people, the traditional custodians. Hear stories passed down through generations, offering a glimpse into their deep spiritual and cultural connection to the land. Recommended Fitness Level: Moderate – Approx. 2 km of walking over rocky paths. Guests required to board and disembark boat unassisted. If you require mobility assistance, please speak with your hospitality attendant on board.

Nitmiluk Rock Art Cruise

Explore the rich cultural heritage of Nitmiluk Gorge on a unique cruise, where ancient Indigenous rock art and Dreamtime stories come to life. Glide along the calm waters of the First Gorge, surrounded by majestic sandstone cliffs as your expert guide shares the significance of the landscape to the Jawoyn people, traditional custodians of the land. Along the way, hear Dreamtime stories about the gorge's creation, deepening your connection to this sacred place.

A highlight of the journey is a stop at a remarkable rock art site atop the First Gorge, where artwork over 10,000 years old offers a direct link to the enduring Jawoyn culture. Your guide will explain the spiritual and cultural meaning of the art, enhancing your understanding of the Jawoyn people's deep bond with the land. This immersive experience blends natural beauty with cultural insight, offering a profound connection to the region's heritage. Recommended Fitness Level: Moderate – Approx. 2 km of walking over rocky paths & boarding boat.



Katherine Outback Experience



Cutta Cutta Caves





Nitmiluk Gorge Cruise



Nitmiluk Rock Art Cruise



A town called Alice



INCLUDED EXPERIENCES ALICE SPRINGS

Choose one of the following excursions

A Town Called Alice

Alice Springs invites you to uncover its rich history, vibrant culture, and awe-inspiring landscapes at the heart of the Australian outback. Begin at the Alice Springs School of the Air, the world's largest classroom, where innovation has delivered education across 1.3 million square kilometres since 1951. Discover how this iconic institution continues to inspire students in the remote outback. Next, explore the Royal Flying Doctor Service, a lifeline for Australia's most isolated communities. Interactive exhibits reveal the critical healthcare and emergency services connecting the outback to lifesaving care. Finally, visit the Alice Springs Reptile Centre, home to fascinating native creatures like frill-neck lizards and thorny devils. Learn from experts about their unique behaviours and habitats, celebrating the region's remarkable biodiversity. Recommended Fitness Level: Moderate – multiple coach stops through your experience, some walking and standing for short periods required.

Desert Park

Nestled at the foot of the West MacDonnell Ranges, Alice Springs Desert Park offers an immersive journey through Central Australia's unique landscapes and rich cultural heritage. Discover the deep connection between the land, wildlife, and the traditions of the local Arrernte people. Explore three distinct desert habitats – Desert Rivers, Sand Country, and Woodland – each highlighting the resilience of life in the arid outback. See how each environment sustains its flora and fauna. Step into the Nocturnal House to witness iconic creatures like the bilby and mala wallaby, observing their fascinating nocturnal behaviours. Be amazed by a thrilling free-flight display of desert raptors, showcasing their hunting and survival techniques. Get exclusive behind-the-scenes access to meet the birds and their trainers, gaining insights into their care and remarkable adaptations for desert life. Recommended Fitness Level: Moderate – guests walk approximately 4km over gravel and sandy pathways broken into short distances.

West Ventures

Discover the stunning landscapes and cultural heritage of Standley Chasm, traditionally known as Angkerle Atwatye, meaning 'Gap of Water.' This striking 80-metre-high gorge in the West MacDonnell Ranges, just 50 km from Alice Springs, was shaped over millions of years by rain and flooding. As sunlight filters through the narrow chasm, it illuminates the towering sandstone walls, creating a vivid display of reds and oranges—a photographer's dream and a must-see for lovers of the outback. Continue your journey at Simpsons Gap, known as Rungutjirpa to the Arrernte people, a serene site rich in Indigenous lore. Surrounded by Mulga woodlands, it's home to rare plant species and is said to be the mythical home of giant goanna ancestors. Recommended Fitness Level: Moderate – approximately 2.5km of walking over uneven and rocky terrain, with standing required. We are unable to accommodate passengers who require the use of wheelchairs or walkers on this experience.



Desert Park



West Ventures - Simpsons Gap

INCLUDED EXPERIENCES COOBER PEDY

Choose one of the following excursions

Explore Coober Pedy

Embark on a full-day adventure through Coober Pedy's underground world, where history, architecture, and cultural heritage converge in the outback. Begin with a visit to the Serbian Orthodox Church, a stunning underground sanctuary, where stained-glass windows cast vibrant hues across the stone walls, creating a serene atmosphere. Next, explore the town's opal mining legacy at the Umoona Opal Mine and Museum, where you'll discover life in a traditional 'dugout' home and learn about the town's Indigenous connections and the role opal mining played in its transformation. Continue with a hands-on experience at Quest Mine, donning a hard hat to explore the mining process. After lunch underground, engage in mining activities that offer a glimpse into local life. Finish the day with a visit to the awe-inspiring Breakaways, a vast landscape of flat-topped mesas that showcase the raw beauty and geological history of the outback. Recommended Fitness Level: Moderate – guests will need to navigate stairs, steep inclines, short walks and underground tunnels. Warm clothes are advised as underground tunnels may be cold. We are unable to accommodate passengers who require the use of wheelchairs on this experience.

Discover the Majestic Breakaways

Discover the stunning Breakaways Reserve, a natural wonder of colourful low hills that seem to have 'broken away' from the higher ground. Once part of an ancient inland sea, this striking landscape evolves over time, offering a constantly changing panorama of ochre, rust, and green. Your adventure begins at Quest Mine, where you'll don a hard hat and try your hand at mining while enjoying an underground lunch. This immersive experience provides insight into the life of a miner and the region's mining heritage. Next, explore the Umoona Opal Mine and Museum, learning about opal's significance to the region and the Indigenous culture. The guided tour takes you through the original underground dugout homes and tunnels, highlighting Coober Pedy's opal mining legacy. Recommended Fitness Level: Moderate – Approx. 500m of walking and standing for periods at the Breakaways. Guests will need to navigate stairs, steep inclines, short walks and underground tunnels. Warm clothes are advised as underground tunnels may be cold.

Opal Experience

Experience Coober Pedy's unique charm on this engaging shorter tour showcasing its opal mining history and underground lifestyle. Begin at the Umoona Opal Mine and Museum, where you'll explore the fascinating world of opal mining and see stunning opal specimens. The museum's historical artefacts and underground caverns offer a glimpse into Coober Pedy's distinctive charm, including one of the original underground homes. Next, head to Quest Mine, where you'll don a hard hat and try opal mining yourself, experiencing the excitement and challenges miners face. Afterward, enjoy an underground lunch surrounded by the region's fascinating geology. Finish with a visit to the Big Winch, offering panoramic views of Coober Pedy and the surrounding outback, a symbol of the town's thriving tourism industry. Recommended Fitness Level: Moderate – guests will need to navigate stairs, steep inclines, short walks and underground tunnels. Warm clothes are advised as underground tunnels may be cold.





The Breakaways



Opal Experience - Umoona Opal Mine & Museum



Optional Upgrades

Optional upgrades on The Ghan Expedition offer travellers the chance to elevate their journey with exclusive experiences. Guests may choose helicopter flights over breathtaking landscapes, cultural encounters with local communities, or gourmet dining in unique settings. These tailored enhancements provide deeper immersion, extra comfort, and unforgettable moments beyond the standard itinerary.

Nitmiluk Gorge Helicopter Flight

Soar over the Australian Outback on an unforgettable aerial journey beginning south of Pine Gap, the US–Australian Defence Space Research Facility. As the rugged desert unfolds below, your guide shares stories of the region's history, culture and natural wonders. Fly towards the iconic Uluru and Kata Tjuta, sacred to the Anangu people. Stop briefly at Ayers Rock Airport before circling Uluru's towering silhouette, where shifting sunlight casts dramatic shadows across its red surface. Continue over the 36 domes of Kata Tjuta and the soaring cliffs of Kings Canyon, with views of the lush Garden of Eden waterhole. Each landmark reveals the stories of the land and its ancient custodians.

Pre-booking is highly recommended. Choosing this flight replaces the included Off Train Experiences. Guests must be able to board and disembark unassisted, with some walking and standing required, and individual weight cannot exceed 100 kilograms. This tour is not suitable for wheelchair or walker users. The tour is subject to availability and conditions, and all upgrade options are non-refundable. The from price is based on the 2025 optional upgrade rate.

from \$295 per person

Painted Hills & Lake Eyre Scenic Flight

Fly over the striking Anna Creek Painted Hills, where vibrant rock formations contrast with the desert. The shifting light reveals extraordinary colours, a dream for photographers. On the ground, enjoy a guided tour exploring the site's geology, ecology, and cultural heritage.

Continue to Lake Eyre, Australia's lowest point, where salt flats shimmer white and pink with the moving sun. Stop for lunch at the William Creek Hotel, an iconic outback pub, before returning via Coober Pedy to view its unique underground town from the air.

Pre-booking is essential. This upgrade replaces included Off Train Experiences. Guests must board and disembark unassisted, with some walking required. Weight limit: 130kg. Not suitable for wheelchair or walker users. Subject to availability and conditions; upgrades are non-refundable. Pricing is based on 2025 optional upgrade rates.

from \$1,299 per person

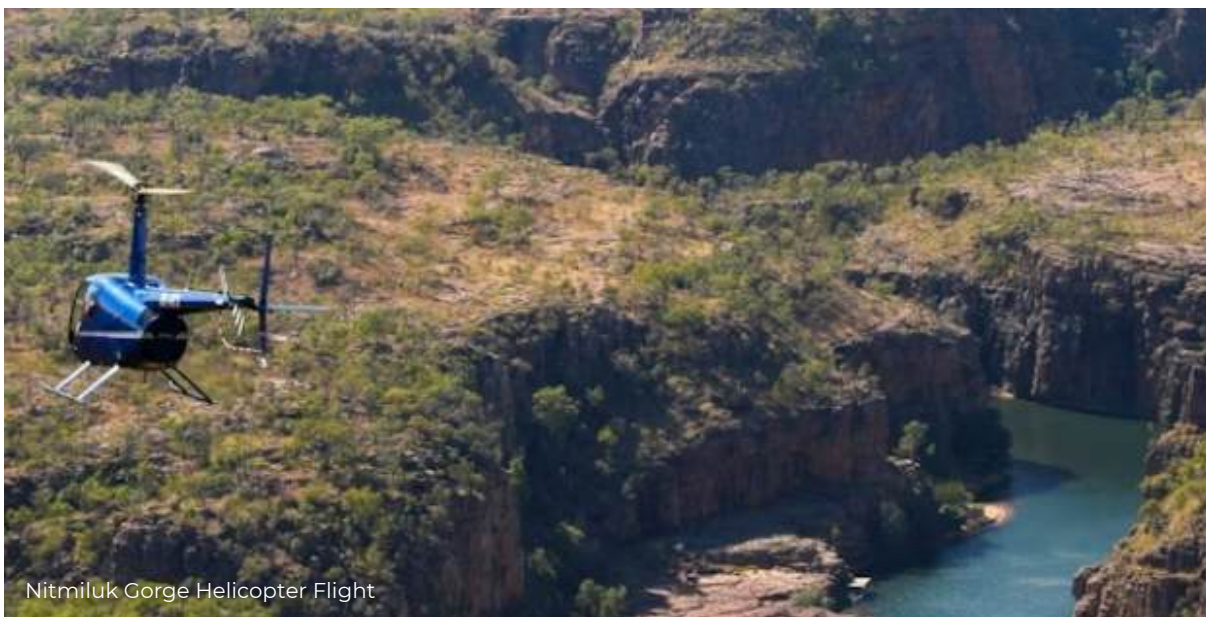
Uluru Scenic Flight

Soar over the Australian Outback on an aerial journey beginning south of Pine Gap, with your guide sharing stories of the land's history, culture and natural wonders.

Fly towards Uluru and Kata Tjuta, sacred to the Anangu people. After a brief stop at Ayers Rock Airport, circle Uluru's red monolith as the sunlight shifts across its surface, then continue over Kata Tjuta's 36 domes and the cliffs of Kings Canyon, with views of the Garden of Eden waterhole.

Pre-booking is essential. This upgrade replaces included Off Train Experiences. Guests must board and disembark unassisted, with some walking required. Weight limit: 100kg. Not suitable for wheelchair or walker users. Subject to availability; upgrades are non-refundable. Pricing is based on 2025 upgrade rates.

from \$1,199 per person



Nitmiluk Gorge Helicopter Flight





Painted Hills & Lake Eyre Scenic Flight



Uluru Scenic Flight



TERMS & CONDITIONS

The following terms and conditions form the basis of your contract with Helloworld Travel Hosted Journeys ('Hosted Journeys'). Please read them carefully as they set out your and our respective rights and obligations. Payment of your deposit to Hosted Journeys confirms that you have read, understand and agree with the conditions outlined below and a more detailed version on the Hosted Journeys website, www.hostedjourneys.com.au

Payment Schedule, Booking & Medical Form

- **NON-REUNDABLE DEPOSIT:** \$1,500 per person are due within 7 days of booking.
- **INTERIUM PAYMENT:** \$3,000 per person is due by 12DEC25
- **FINAL PAYMENT** is due by 10APR26.

Failure to make payments as per the schedule may result in your booking being cancelled and your deposit forfeited. If your reservation is made after these dates, full payment of any funds already due is required at time of booking.

You are also required to complete a Hosted Journeys Booking & Medical Form and return it to your Travel Consultant. Please also attach a copy of your photo ID or the photo page of your passport (for international travel) Bookings are subject to auto cancel after 7 days if the deposit and Booking & Medical Form is not received.

Holiday Pricing:

The package price is per person based on twin share accommodation and subject to a minimum number of passengers booked. Should minimum numbers not be met, we reserve the right to withdraw the departure prior to final payment date and a refund of your paid deposit will be offered. Alternatively the tour will proceed as planned however the Tour Host may not travel with the group. Your holiday pricing may increase if minimum numbers are not met.

Hosted Journeys reserves the right to modify program itineraries, included sightseeing and substitute accommodations and transportation at any time due to unforeseen circumstances. In such circumstances, we will do our best to supply comparable services, accommodations and itineraries, and there shall be no refund in this situation.

Currency Adjustment

Deposits secure your reservation but do not guarantee the final price. Due to ongoing currency fluctuations, all prices remain subject to change until final payment is received. Significant movements in the value of the Australian dollar may result in a repricing of your holiday.

Special Requests:

Specific requests such as bedding, adjacent rooms, seat requests on flights and special meal requirements can be made on your Booking Form. Please note, Hosted Journeys will do everything they can to accommodate your requests, however, they can not be guaranteed.

Solo Traveller | Single Accommodation:

A select number of single rooms are available on each tour. It is important to note that in certain countries a single room may mean a single bed in the room. If you are a single traveller and willing to share with another single traveller, let your Travel Consultant know. When possible, Hosted Journeys will liaise with your consultant to advise if a traveller of the same gender is also willing to share. Your consultant will facilitate contact between the single travellers prior to confirmation to ensure you are agreed compatible travellers. This cannot be guaranteed. If another single traveller is not available, the single supplement must be paid.

Travel Insurance:

Travel Insurance is compulsory when travelling with Hosted Journeys on International Itineraries. We recommend Covermore (offered by Helloworld Travel) as, whilst you are away, our Tour Host can communicate directly with our Covermore representative and provide assistance when making claims or enquiries. If you choose an alternative insurance provider, our Tour Host cannot guarantee assistance.

"Covermore Insurance is issued by Great Lakes Australia (ARBN 127 740 532, ABN 18 964 580 576, FSL 318603). Any advice provided is general advice only. Please consider your needs, financial situation and the combined FSG/PDS available from us before deciding to buy this insurance.

Tour Hosts:

Our Hosted Journeys are facilitated by a Helloworld Travel Tour Host. The decision of the Tour Host is final on all matters likely to affect the safety or well-being of any fellow traveller or staff member. If you fail to comply with a decision made by a Tour Host, or interfere with the well-being or mobility of the group, the Tour Host may direct you to leave the tour immediately, with no right of refund. We may also elect not to carry you on any future Hosted Journeys. You must, at all times, comply with the laws, customs, foreign exchange and drug regulations of all countries visited.

What's not included:

Items such as (and not limited to) passports, items of a personal nature, beverages, meals and sightseeing not detailed on the itinerary, excess baggage, portorage (unless specified) and travel insurance.

Photo ID, Passport & Visas:

Your reservations must be made in exactly the same name as your photo ID or passport (for international travel). Should any amendments to names be made from those advised on the Booking Form, or if a change needs to be made as a Booking Form was not supplied, fees will apply. For International Itineraries please ensure you have a current passport that is valid for at least six months after your scheduled return home to Australia. It is the guests sole responsibility to obtain, and have available when necessary, the appropriate valid travel documents.

Documentation:

Approximately one month prior to departure you will be sent an invitation to attend your pre-departure event where you can meet your fellow travelers and collect your travel documents. The event will be held in Mackay QLD, approximately two weeks prior to your departure. If you are not located in Mackay QLD, your travel documents will be couriered to you or your Travel Consultant.

Social Media & Imagery:

By signing your Booking Form you consent to Hosted Journeys using images of you taken by the Tour Host during the Hosted Journey for advertising and promotional purposes in any medium we choose. You grant us a perpetual, royalty-free, worldwide, irrevocable license to use such images for publicity and promotional purposes.

Changes & Amendment Fees:

If you extend or alter your holiday, a minimum fee of \$100 per person per change is payable to Hosted Journeys to cover administrative and communication costs. This is in addition to any fees charged by airlines and applicable suppliers.

Refunds & Cancellation:

Cancellation must be in writing and such notice is not effective until received by Hosted Journeys. Any part payments received by Hosted Journeys over and above your deposit, including payment for airfares, will be subject to cancellation fees at the discretion of Hosted Journeys plus any third party suppliers. A 100% cancellation fee will apply if your reservation is cancelled on or after the final payment deadline.

In the event that an act of terrorism or natural disaster occurs at your chosen travel destination after your final payment has been made, but before your departure date, Hosted Journeys will perform all possible efforts to minimise your travel disruptions. However in extreme cases, your tour may be altered or cancelled for your safety. Hosted Journeys can not be held responsible should any third party suppliers be unable to offer any refunds due to such causes.

If due to unforeseen circumstances there has been a change in your reservation that results in requiring either a partial or a full refund, Hosted Journeys will work with your Travel Consultant to arrange this.

Refunds will be subject to the terms and conditions of the third party travel providers that Hosted Journeys have booked the travel arrangements with. It is important to note that third party travel providers have restrictive terms and conditions for group travel and can differ from those outlined in their brochure or on their website. Hosted Journeys cannot be held responsible for any travel providers delays in issuing refunds. Some refunds, such as airlines, are known to take at least 3 - 6 months. Similarly, any refund for a cancelled booking can only be paid to you, once the supplier provides the refund to Hosted Journeys.

Hosted Journeys take pride in providing an exclusive travel experience and often take a long time to plan and book the travel arrangements included in your chosen itinerary. Any remuneration earned by Hosted Journeys will remain non-refundable.

Liability & Privacy:

Hosted Journeys acts as a wholesale travel provider within the Helloworld Travel Network. We sell various travel related products on behalf of numerous transportation, accommodation and other wholesale service providers, such as airlines, coach, rail and cruise line operators. Hosted Journeys' obligation is to make travel bookings on your behalf and to arrange relevant contracts between you and the travel service providers. We have no responsibility for these services nor do we make or give any warranty or representation regarding their standard. All bookings are made subject to the terms and conditions and limitations of liability imposed by these service providers groups departments. Your legal recourse is against the specific provider and not Helloworld Travel or Hosted Journeys. If, for any reason, any travel service provider is unable to provide the services for which you have contracted your remedy lies against the provider and not with Hosted Journeys.

It is important that you, and all members of your travelling party are aware of these terms and conditions as they may relate all or in part to the bookings held by Hosted Journeys on your behalf. If you are making bookings on behalf of more than one person, we will be happy to provide you with more than one copy of these terms and conditions if requested.

All reservations have been booked under the terms and conditions laid down by the airlines and tour providers groups departments. It is important to understand that each tour provider has different terms and conditions for group travel and these will differ from the Terms & Conditions for leisure travel.

We do not accept any liability of whatever nature, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, for the acts, omissions or default, whether negligent or otherwise, of third party providers over whom we have no direct control. Under circumstances where liability cannot be excluded, such liability is limited to the value of the purchased travel arrangements. We do not accept any liability in contract, tort or otherwise for any injury, damage, loss (including consequential loss), delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused directly or indirectly by force majeure or any other event which is beyond our control which is not preventable by reasonable diligence on our part. Third party excursions such as scenic flights, boat cruises, helicopter flights, cable car rides, some 4WD tours, white water rafting, camel rides, hot air ballooning, rail, rural homestay options are not operated by Hosted Journeys, nor by persons or companies associated with Hosted Journeys. These activities may involve inherent risk of injury, death, accident, delay and loss, and clients assume all such risk with regard to any misadventure, death, injury, delay or loss which occurs during, or as a result of, any such activity.

Hosted Journeys collects information about you (including health information where necessary) and may disclose your personal information to organisations which provide services to Hosted Journeys to enable us to provide products and services to you, process your travel arrangements and facilitate your participation in loyalty programs. If the information is not provided, we may not be able to fulfil the service requested. As a Hosted Journeys customer, you may, at any time, request further information about the way we manage your personal information. You may also request removal from our contact lists or correct your personal information by contacting us in writing.

Medical & Travel Health:

Hosted Journeys seeks to provide a safe, memorable and enjoyable travel experience for all guests and welcomes guests with special needs or disabilities provided they are accompanied by an able-bodied companion and do not require special assistance from Hosted Journeys Tour Host or other travellers. You must complete a Hosted Journeys Medical, Health & Mobility Form at the time of booking and advise of any physical, medical, or other particular needs that may affect your enjoyment of the tour or its enjoyment by others; and you must ensure that you are medically and physically able to travel. Failure to do so may result in the termination of your travel arrangements without any liability on the part of Hosted Journeys. Hosted Journeys reserves the right at its discretion to exclude from a tour, or to terminate the travel arrangements during the course of the tour without refund, of anyone who: is unable to cope with the requirements of coach travel – this includes embarking and disembarking 4-6 steps that are approximately 30 centimetres high, at each stop of the coach, which, on some tours, is at least 8 times per day, may need services or facilities that are not available, fails to comply with the reasonable instructions of Hosted Journeys Tour Host, engages in illegal or undesirable behaviour or interferes with the enjoyment of or jeopardises the safety of other participants

Anyone so excluded will be required to disembark at a safe public location, transportation from which will be wholly their responsibility. You agree that Hosted Journeys is released from all liability for, and you agree not to hold Hosted Journeys responsible for, termination of your travel arrangements in accordance with the previous condition, or any decision made by Hosted Journeys or by any service provider who refuses to provide you with special accommodation facilities or services that are not available or who refuses to carry you by reason of any disability or medical condition. Any changes to health, mobility and fitness must also be reported to Hosted Journeys as soon as possible and prior to departure.

Complaints:

If you have a complaint please inform your Tour Host or our local representative at the time so they can attempt to rectify the matter whilst travelling. If satisfaction is not reached through these means then any further complaint should be put in writing to us within 30 days of the end of the tour in order to expediate and escalate your complaint.

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Hosted Journeys has endeavoured to ensure that the information given in this brochure is correct to the best of its knowledge at the time of going to print. All images are used with permission and are subject to copyright from their source. Maps may not be to scale or represent 100% location accuracy for the purpose of readability. Hosted Journeys can not be responsible for changes in factual data or imagery and recommend you confirm the details of your chosen holiday package at the time of booking. Hosted Journeys will endeavour to notify you of any significant changes prior to departure.

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For up to date information regarding our COVID safe program, please visit our website - www.hostedjourneys.com.au/termsandconditions



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