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The Ghan Territory South Explorer: Darwin to Alice Springs

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Overview

The Ghan Territory South Explorer is the first half of The Ghan Expedition, a two-day, one-night journey south from tropical Darwin to Alice Springs in the heart of the continent. It is offered for a short season only, in November 2026 and from March to May 2027.

The train leaves Darwin in the morning and pauses at Katherine in the afternoon, where you can cruise between the sandstone walls of Nitmiluk Gorge with Jawoyn guides or choose another included excursion. Overnight the landscape turns from the savannah of the Top End to the red earth of the Red Centre, and the train arrives in Alice Springs the next day, where your journey ends.

On board, meals are prepared from regional produce and paired with Australian wines, and drinks are included throughout. This journey is one half of The Ghan Expedition from Darwin to Adelaide: pair it with The Ghan Southern Wanderer from Alice Springs to Adelaide for a stopover in Alice Springs and at Uluru in between, and we can arrange your hotels and Red Centre touring between the two trains.

Highlights

- A night aboard The Ghan from Darwin to Alice Springs
- Cruise Nitmiluk Gorge with guides from the Jawoyn people
- Outback scenery from the tropical Top End to the Red Centre
- All meals, wines and beverages included
- Optional helicopter flight over Nitmiluk Gorge
- Ideal before a stay at Uluru and in the Red Centre

Your Cabin

Gold Twin Cabin - A compact twin cabin with a three-seat sofa by day that converts to upper and lower berths at night, plus a private en suite. Meals are served in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant and guests share the Outback Explorer Lounge.

Gold Single Cabin - A cabin for solo travellers with a seat that converts to a single bed at night. Shower and toilet facilities are shared at the end of the carriage; dining and lounge access are the same as Gold Twin.

Gold Premium Twin Cabin - A newly designed twin cabin finished in walnut and brass with outback-

course dinners, premium drinks, priority check-in and a larger luggage allowance.

Platinum Twin Cabin - Almost twice the size of a Gold cabin, with a choice of double or twin beds, windows on both sides of the train and a full en suite with separate shower. Meals and drinks are served in the exclusive Platinum Club.

Gold Suite, Gold Premium Suite and Platinum Double Cabin - Gold Suite and Gold Premium Suite options are also sold in Gold and Gold Premium service, along with the Platinum Double Cabin, a Platinum cabin with a double bed instead of twin beds and the same Platinum Club inclusions. Exact layouts and the departures that offer them are confirmed at booking.

The Aurora and Australis Suites are not sold on this journey; they are available on the full four-day Ghan Expedition from Darwin to Adelaide.

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Tips & Travel Guide

Off-Train Experiences

- **Katherine: Nitmiluk Gorge Cruise** - A boat trip through the first and second gorges of Nitmiluk, beneath high sandstone cliffs, with guides sharing the history, ecology and Jawoyn cultural significance of the gorge. Involves about 1 km of walking on rocky paths.
- **Katherine: Nitmiluk Rock Art Cruise** - A cruise through the first gorge to view Aboriginal rock art thought to be more than 10,000 years old, with Jawoyn guides sharing Dreaming stories of the gorge. Seasonal, operating roughly May to early October.
- **Katherine: Katherine Outback Experience** - A relaxed, mobility-friendly show in a covered arena with seating, featuring horse training and working dog demonstrations on a local property. Seasonal, operating roughly late April to late September.
- **Katherine: Cutta Cutta Caves** - About an hour underground in limestone caves with stalactites, stalagmites and resident wildlife, followed by a stop at the Katherine Outback Experience. Steep stairs; enclosed shoes required. Resumes from May 2027.
- **Katherine: Nitmiluk Gorge Helicopter Flight** - A 20-minute flight over the thirteen gorges of Nitmiluk, with waterfalls and sandstone formations below. Replaces the included excursions; weight limits apply. *(optional upgrade at extra cost)*

DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Nov 25, 2026	Gold Twin - Everyday fare	**$4,190**	**$2,290**
	Gold Twin - Flexible fare	**$4,690**	**$2,590**
	Gold Premium Twin - Saver fare	**$4,600**	**$2,555**
	Gold Premium Twin - Everyday fare	**$4,890**	**$2,690**
	Gold Premium Twin - Flexible fare	**$5,390**	**$2,990**
Mar 10, 2027	Gold Premium Twin - Saver fare	**$3,790**	**$1,990**
	Gold Premium Twin - Everyday fare	**$5,090**	**$2,790**
	Gold Premium Twin - Flexible fare	**$5,590**	**$3,090**
	Platinum Twin - Everyday fare	**$7,590**	**$4,190**
	Platinum Twin - Flexible fare	**$8,490**	**$4,690**
	Platinum Double - Everyday fare	**$7,590**	**$4,190**
	Platinum Double - Flexible fare	**$8,490**	**$4,690**
Mar 17, 2027	Gold Suite - Everyday fare	**$6,490**	**$3,590**
	Gold Suite - Flexible fare	**$7,390**	**$4,090**
Mar 24, 2027	Gold Single - Everyday fare	**$2,090**	—
	Gold Single - Flexible fare	**$2,290**	—
	Gold Twin - Saver fare	**$3,190**	**$1,690**
	Gold Twin - Everyday fare	**$4,390**	**$2,390**
	Gold Twin - Flexible fare	**$5,090**	**$2,790**
	Gold Premium Twin - Everyday fare	**$5,090**	**$2,790**

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Mar 31, 2027	Gold Twin - Everyday fare	**$4,390**	**$2,390**
	Gold Twin - Flexible fare	**$5,090**	**$2,790**
	Gold Premium Twin - Saver fare	**$3,790**	**$1,990**
	Gold Premium Twin - Everyday fare	**$5,090**	**$2,790**
	Gold Premium Twin - Flexible fare	**$5,590**	**$3,090**
Apr 7, 2027	Gold Single - Everyday fare	**$2,390**	—
	Gold Single - Flexible fare	**$2,790**	—
	Gold Premium Twin - Saver fare	**$4,290**	**$2,290**
	Gold Premium Twin - Everyday fare	**$5,790**	**$3,190**
	Gold Premium Twin - Flexible fare	**$6,490**	**$3,590**
	Platinum Double - Everyday fare	**$8,990**	**$4,990**
	Platinum Double - Flexible fare	**$10,290**	**$5,690**
Apr 10, 2027	Gold Single - Everyday fare	**$2,390**	—
	Gold Single - Flexible fare	**$2,790**	—
	Gold Twin - Everyday fare	**$4,890**	**$2,690**
	Gold Twin - Flexible fare	**$5,390**	**$2,990**
	Gold Premium Twin - Everyday fare	**$5,790**	**$3,190**
	Gold Premium Twin - Flexible fare	**$6,490**	**$3,590**
Apr 14, 2027	Gold Single - Saver fare	**$1,690**	—
	Gold Single - Everyday fare	**$2,390**	—
	Gold Single - Flexible fare	**$2,790**	—
	Gold Twin - Everyday fare	**$4,890**	**$2,690**
	Gold Twin - Flexible fare	**$5,390**	**$2,990**
	Gold Premium Twin - Everyday fare	**$5,790**	**$3,190**
	Gold Premium Twin - Flexible fare	**$6,490**	**$3,590**

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
	Gold Premium Suite - Everyday fare	$8,690	$4,790
	Gold Premium Suite - Flexible fare	$9,790	$5,390
Apr 17, 2027	Gold Single - Everyday fare	$2,390	—
	Gold Single - Flexible fare	$2,790	—
	Gold Premium Twin - Everyday fare	$5,790	$3,190
	Gold Premium Twin - Flexible fare	$6,490	$3,590
	Platinum Double - Everyday fare	$8,990	$4,990
	Platinum Double - Flexible fare	$10,290	$5,690
Apr 21, 2027	Gold Single - Everyday fare	$2,390	—
	Gold Single - Flexible fare	$2,790	—
	Gold Premium Twin - Saver fare	$4,290	$2,290
	Gold Premium Twin - Everyday fare	$5,790	$3,190
	Gold Premium Twin - Flexible fare	$6,490	$3,590
	Platinum Twin - Everyday fare	$8,990	$4,990
	Platinum Twin - Flexible fare	$10,290	$5,690
	Platinum Double - Everyday fare	$8,990	$4,990
	Platinum Double - Flexible fare	$10,290	$5,690
Apr 24, 2027	Gold Twin - Everyday fare	$4,890	$2,690
	Gold Twin - Flexible fare	$5,390	$2,990
	Gold Premium Twin - Everyday fare	$5,790	$3,190
	Gold Premium Twin - Flexible fare	$6,490	$3,590
Apr 28, 2027	Gold Single - Everyday fare	$2,390	—
	Gold Single - Flexible fare	$2,790	—
	Gold Premium Twin - Saver fare	$4,290	$2,290
	Gold Premium Twin - Everyday fare	$5,790	$3,190

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	Gold Premium Twin - Flexible fare	$6,490	$3,590
May 1, 2027	Gold Single - Everyday fare	$2,690	—
	Gold Single - Flexible fare	$2,990	—
	Gold Twin - Saver fare	$3,890	$2,090
	Gold Twin - Everyday fare	$5,290	$2,890
	Gold Twin - Flexible fare	$5,790	$3,190
	Gold Suite - Everyday fare	$7,990	$4,390
	Gold Suite - Flexible fare	$8,890	$4,890
	Gold Premium Twin - Saver fare	$4,590	$2,490
	Gold Premium Twin - Everyday fare	$6,190	$3,390
	Gold Premium Twin - Flexible fare	$7,090	$3,890
	Platinum Double - Everyday fare	$9,390	$5,190
	Platinum Double - Flexible fare	$10,690	$5,890
May 5, 2027	Gold Single - Saver fare	$1,990	—
	Gold Single - Everyday fare	$2,690	—
	Gold Single - Flexible fare	$2,990	—
	Gold Twin - Everyday fare	$5,290	$2,890
	Gold Twin - Flexible fare	$5,790	$3,190
	Gold Premium Twin - Saver fare	$4,590	$2,490
	Gold Premium Twin - Everyday fare	$6,190	$3,390
	Gold Premium Twin - Flexible fare	$7,090	$3,890
	Platinum Twin - Everyday fare	$9,390	$5,190
	Platinum Twin - Flexible fare	$10,690	$5,890
May 8, 2027	Gold Single - Everyday fare	$2,690	—
	Gold Single - Flexible fare	$2,990	—

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	Gold Twin - Everyday fare	$5,290	$2,890
	Gold Twin - Flexible fare	$5,790	$3,190
	Gold Premium Twin - Saver fare	$4,590	$2,490
	Gold Premium Twin - Everyday fare	$6,190	$3,390
	Gold Premium Twin - Flexible fare	$7,090	$3,890
	Platinum Twin - Everyday fare	$9,390	$5,190
	Platinum Twin - Flexible fare	$10,690	$5,890
	Platinum Double - Everyday fare	$9,390	$5,190
	Platinum Double - Flexible fare	$10,690	$5,890
May 12, 2027	Gold Single - Saver fare	$1,990	—
	Gold Single - Everyday fare	$2,690	—
	Gold Single - Flexible fare	$2,990	—
	Gold Premium Twin - Saver fare	$4,590	$2,490
	Gold Premium Twin - Everyday fare	$6,190	$3,390
	Gold Premium Twin - Flexible fare	$7,090	$3,890
	Platinum Double - Everyday fare	$9,390	$5,190
	Platinum Double - Flexible fare	$10,690	$5,890
May 15, 2027	Gold Single - Everyday fare	$2,690	—
	Gold Single - Flexible fare	$2,990	—
	Gold Twin - Everyday fare	$5,290	$2,890
	Gold Twin - Flexible fare	$5,790	$3,190
	Gold Suite - Everyday fare	$7,990	$4,390
	Gold Suite - Flexible fare	$8,890	$4,890
	Gold Premium Twin - Everyday fare	$6,190	$3,390
	Gold Premium Twin - Flexible fare	$7,090	$3,890

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
	Platinum Twin - Everyday fare	$9,390	$5,190
	Platinum Twin - Flexible fare	$10,690	$5,890
May 19, 2027	Gold Single - Advance Purchase fare	$2,290	—
	Gold Single - Everyday fare	$2,690	—
	Gold Single - Flexible fare	$2,990	—
	Gold Twin - Everyday fare	$5,290	$2,890
	Gold Twin - Flexible fare	$5,790	$3,190
	Gold Premium Twin - Advance Purchase fare	$5,390	$2,990
	Gold Premium Twin - Everyday fare	$6,190	$3,390
	Gold Premium Twin - Flexible fare	$7,090	$3,890
	Platinum Twin - Everyday fare	$9,390	$5,190
	Platinum Twin - Flexible fare	$10,690	$5,890
May 22, 2027	Gold Single - Everyday fare	$2,690	—
	Gold Single - Flexible fare	$2,990	—
	Gold Twin - Everyday fare	$5,290	$2,890
	Gold Twin - Flexible fare	$5,790	$3,190
	Gold Premium Twin - Advance Purchase fare	$5,390	$2,990
	Gold Premium Twin - Everyday fare	$6,190	$3,390
	Gold Premium Twin - Flexible fare	$7,090	$3,890
	Platinum Twin - Everyday fare	$9,390	$5,190
	Platinum Twin - Flexible fare	$10,690	$5,890
May 26, 2027	Gold Single - Advance Purchase fare	$2,290	—
	Gold Single - Everyday fare	$2,690	—
	Gold Single - Flexible fare	$2,990	—
	Gold Twin - Everyday fare	$5,290	$2,890

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	Gold Twin - Flexible fare	**$5,790**	**$3,190**
	Gold Premium Twin - Advance Purchase fare	**$5,390**	**$2,990**
	Gold Premium Twin - Everyday fare	**$6,190**	**$3,390**
	Gold Premium Twin - Flexible fare	**$7,090**	**$3,890**
	Gold Premium Suite - Everyday fare	**$8,990**	**$4,990**
	Gold Premium Suite - Flexible fare	**$10,290**	**$5,690**
	Platinum Double - Everyday fare	**$9,390**	**$5,190**
	Platinum Double - Flexible fare	**$10,690**	**$5,890**
May 29, 2027	Gold Single - Everyday fare	**$2,690**	—
	Gold Single - Flexible fare	**$2,990**	—
	Gold Twin - Everyday fare	**$5,290**	**$2,890**
	Gold Twin - Flexible fare	**$5,790**	**$3,190**
	Gold Premium Twin - Advance Purchase fare	**$5,390**	**$2,990**
	Gold Premium Twin - Everyday fare	**$6,190**	**$3,390**
	Gold Premium Twin - Flexible fare	**$7,090**	**$3,890**
	Gold Premium Suite - Everyday fare	**$8,990**	**$4,990**
	Gold Premium Suite - Flexible fare	**$10,290**	**$5,690**
	Platinum Twin - Everyday fare	**$9,390**	**$5,190**
	Platinum Twin - Flexible fare	**$10,690**	**$5,890**

Rates shown in Australian Dollars (AUD). Approximate USD equivalents available upon request.

Rates shown are per person. Single rate applies to single occupancy; Double rate applies per person in double occupancy.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Terms & Conditions

Fares for this journey are sold in different fare types, and the payment, change and cancellation conditions depend on the fare type booked. Your Palace Tours specialist will confirm the exact conditions of your fare in writing before you book.

- **Flexible fare:** paid in full at booking; fully refundable for cancellations received at least 24 hours before departure; date changes are free of charge.
- **Everyday fare:** a deposit of AUD 1,000 per guest (Gold and Gold Premium cabins) or AUD 1,500 per guest (Platinum) is due at booking, with the balance due 45 days before departure. Cancellations more than 45 days before departure forfeit the deposit amount; within 45 days of departure the full fare is charged. Date changes are permitted up to 45 days before departure for a fee of AUD 100 per guest.
- **Advance Purchase fare:** paid in full at booking. If booked more than 60 days before departure, a full refund is available for cancellations made within 14 days of the booking confirmation; after that the fare is non-refundable. Date changes are permitted up to 90 days before departure for a fee of AUD 250 per guest.

Suite fares carry their own deposit and cancellation conditions, which we will confirm with your quote. Amended dates must fall within 12 months of the original departure and are subject to availability and any fare difference. Timetables and departure dates are subject to change.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

How long is The Ghan Territory South Explorer?

> It is a two-day, one-night journey. The train leaves Darwin at 10.00 on Wednesdays or 09.00 on Saturdays, stops at Katherine in the afternoon and arrives in Alice Springs the next day, where your journey ends.

When does it run?

> The Territory South Explorer is offered only in November 2026 and from March to May 2027. Departures are on Wednesdays, with Saturday departures added from April. The exact dates with fares by cabin are listed on this page.

How does it relate to The Ghan Expedition?

> It is the first half of The Ghan Expedition from Darwin to Adelaide, on the same train with the same cabins and service. The second half, from Alice Springs to Adelaide, is sold as The Ghan Southern Wanderer.

Can I stop over in Alice Springs and at Uluru?

> Yes. Ride the Territory South Explorer to Alice Springs, spend a few nights in the Red Centre and at Uluru, then continue to Adelaide on The Ghan Southern Wanderer. We can arrange your hotels, flights to Uluru and Red Centre touring between the two trains.

What can I do at Katherine?

> Most guests take the included Nitmiluk Gorge cruise with Jawoyn guides. Depending on the season you can instead choose the Rock Art Cruise, the Katherine Outback Experience or Cutta Cutta Caves, and a helicopter flight over the gorges can be booked at extra cost.

What is included in the fare?

> One night in your chosen cabin, the transfer to the Darwin rail terminal and welcome reception, all meals and beverages on board, and a choice of included excursions at Katherine.

What is not included?

> Flights to Darwin and from Alice Springs, hotel nights before or after the journey (we can arrange them), the optional helicopter flight and personal expenses.

Which cabins are available on this journey?

> Gold Single, Gold Twin, Gold Premium Twin and Platinum Twin cabins. Gold Single cabins share shower and toilet facilities at the end of the carriage; the other cabins have their own en suite. The Aurora and Australis Suites are sold only on the full four-day Ghan Expedition. Gold Suite, Gold Premium Suite and Platinum Double cabins are also sold; details are confirmed at booking.

What is the difference between Advance Purchase, Saver, Everyday and Flexible fares?

> There are four fare types. **Advance Purchase** is the early-bird fare and the lowest price, but it must be booked and paid in full at least 6 months before departure, and it closes automatically once that deadline has passed. It is the least flexible fare: a full refund is available only for cancellations made within 14 days of the booking confirmation, and date changes are permitted up to 90 days before departure for a fee of AUD 250 per guest. **Saver** is a discounted fare with limited availability that sits between Advance Purchase and Everyday; its conditions are confirmed at booking. **Everyday** fares need a deposit at booking (AUD 1,000 per guest in Gold and Gold Premium, AUD 1,500 in Platinum), with the balance due 45 days before departure. **Flexible** fares are paid in full at booking, are fully refundable for cancellations at least 24 hours before departure and allow free date changes.
> Not every fare type is offered in every cabin or on every date - for example, Advance Purchase is not sold in Platinum. We confirm the exact conditions of your fare in writing before you book.

How do I ask a question or book The Ghan Territory South Explorer?

> Choose a date and cabin on this page to book, or email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610, or message us on WhatsApp at https://wa.me/17864080610, where a travel specialist or our AI assistant will answer. We can also add hotels and flights.

How long is The Ghan Central Explorer?

> It is a three-day, two-night journey. The train leaves Adelaide Parklands Terminal at 15.00 on day 1 and your journey ends in Alice Springs on day 3, after the morning stop at Marla and a guided afternoon experience in Alice Springs.

Where does the train stop between Adelaide and Alice Springs?

> The train stops at Long Plains for the Clare Valley dinner on day 1, Port Augusta for the full-day Flinders Ranges experience on day 2, and Marla for a desert sunrise on day 3 before arriving in Alice Springs. Each stop has an included guided experience off the train.

How does the Central Explorer relate to the full Ghan?

> It is the first half of The Ghan from Adelaide to Darwin, on the same train with the same cabins and service. The second half, from Alice Springs to Darwin, is sold as The Ghan Territory North Explorer.

Can I stop over in the Red Centre and continue to Darwin later?

> Yes. A popular plan is the Central Explorer to Alice Springs, a few nights at Uluru and in the Red Centre, then The Ghan Territory North Explorer from Alice Springs to Darwin. Northbound trains leave Alice Springs on Mondays (March to November) and Thursdays (April to October), and we can arrange your hotels, flights to Uluru and Red Centre touring between the two trains.

What can I do in Alice Springs?

> You choose one included afternoon experience: a town tour with the School of the Air and the Reptile Centre, the Alice Springs Desert Park, a guided walk at Simpsons Gap or Standley Chasm with an Arrernte guide, or a mountain-bike ride on the Ilentye Trail. A helicopter flight over Mt Gillen can be booked instead at extra cost.

How much luggage can I bring?

> The checked luggage allowance is 60 kg per guest in Gold, 75 kg in Gold Premium and 90 kg in Platinum. Keep a small overnight bag with you in the cabin, as space is limited, particularly in the Gold cabins.

When does the Central Explorer run in 2027?

> It departs Adelaide on Saturdays from March to November and on Tuesdays from April to October. The exact dates with fares by cabin are listed on this page.

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How long is The Ghan Territory North Explorer?

> It is a two-day, one-night journey. You board in Alice Springs on day 1, stop at Katherine on the morning of day 2 and arrive in Darwin that evening, at 17.30 on Tuesday arrivals or 19.50 on Friday arrivals.

Where do I board the train?

> You join The Ghan in Alice Springs. The train is already on its way from Adelaide, and your boarding time in Alice Springs is confirmed with your booking.

How does the Territory North Explorer relate to the full Ghan?

> It is the second half of The Ghan from Adelaide to Darwin, on the same train with the same cabins and service. The first half, from Adelaide to Alice Springs, is sold as The Ghan Central Explorer.

Can I combine this with Uluru and the Central Explorer?

> Yes. Travel from Adelaide on The Ghan Central Explorer, spend a few nights at Uluru and in the Red Centre, then continue to Darwin on the Territory North Explorer. We can arrange your hotels, flights to Uluru and Red Centre touring between the two trains.

Do we see Nitmiluk Gorge at Katherine?

> Most guests take the included boat cruise through Nitmiluk Gorge on the morning of day 2, with a guide explaining its natural history and its importance to the Jawoyn people. Other Katherine experiences are offered depending on the season, and a helicopter flight can be added at extra cost.

When does the Territory North Explorer run in 2027?

> It leaves Alice Springs on Mondays from March to November and on Thursdays from April to October. The exact dates with fares by cabin are listed on this page.

How do I ask a question or book The Ghan Territory North Explorer?

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How long is The Ghan Southern Wanderer?

> It is a three-day, two-night journey. You board in Alice Springs late on day 1 (21.45 or 22.15), spend day 2 at Manguri and Coober Pedy, and arrive in Adelaide at 10.30 or 10.50 on day 3.

Can I combine it with Uluru and the Territory South Explorer?

> Yes. Travel from Darwin on The Ghan Territory South Explorer, spend a few nights in Alice Springs and at Uluru, then board the Southern Wanderer for Adelaide. We can arrange your hotels, flights to Uluru and Red Centre touring between the two trains.

Is the Alice Springs day included?

> You board at the end of the Expedition's full day in Alice Springs. Whether any Alice Springs experiences or the evening program are included for guests joining in Alice Springs is confirmed at booking; we can also arrange your own touring in Alice Springs that day.

What can I do in Coober Pedy?

> Choose from Explore Coober Pedy with the underground church and Umoona opal mine, Discover the Breakaways among the colourful mesas, or the shorter Opal Experience. All include opal mining and lunch underground. A Painted Hills and Lake Eyre scenic flight can be booked instead at extra cost.

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How long is Harbour to Vineyards?

> It is a two-day, one-night journey. The Indian Pacific leaves Sydney at 15.05 on Wednesday, stops in Broken Hill on Thursday morning and arrives in Adelaide at 16.25 on Thursday, followed by an included food and wine experience.

Where does the train stop between Sydney and Adelaide?

> You pass through the Blue Mountains on the first afternoon, step off in Broken Hill on the morning of day 2, then finish with a choice of experiences in and around Adelaide.

How does Harbour to Vineyards relate to the full Indian Pacific?

> It is the first part of the Indian Pacific's Coast to Coast journey from Sydney to Perth, on the same train with the same cabins and service. The Adelaide to Perth section is sold as Under the Milky Way.

Can I stop over in Adelaide and continue to Perth?

> Yes. Ride Harbour to Vineyards to Adelaide, spend time in the city, the Barossa or Kangaroo Island, then continue to Perth on Under the Milky Way, which leaves Adelaide on Thursday evenings. We can arrange your hotels and touring in Adelaide between the two trains.

What can I do in Broken Hill?

> Choose a guided heritage walking tour of the Silver City finishing with morning tea at the historic Trades Hall, or Broken Hill On Show, a morning of outback cooking, entertainment and a scenic coach tour of the town.

What happens when we arrive in Adelaide?

> After the 16.25 arrival you choose an included experience: a McLaren Vale tasting and clifftop dinner (not offered in winter), a vineyard tasting and dinner in Hahndorf in the Adelaide Hills, the Icons of Adelaide brewery and city tour, or Central Market After Dark. Where your experience finishes in Adelaide is confirmed at booking.

How do I ask a question or book Harbour to Vineyards?

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How long is Under the Milky Way?

> It is a three-day, two-night journey. The Indian Pacific leaves Adelaide at 21.40 on Thursday, crosses the Nullarbor on Friday and arrives in Perth at 14.45 on Saturday.

Why does the train leave Adelaide so late?

> The 21.40 departure follows the Indian Pacific's evening in Adelaide on its way from Sydney. It gives you the whole day in Adelaide before boarding, and you wake up on day 2 heading west towards the Nullarbor.

What happens on the Nullarbor?

> The train follows the world's longest straight stretch of railway, stops in the afternoon at the tiny settlement of Cook and pauses in the evening for an outback experience: dinner under the stars from September to May, or drinks and canapes around a bonfire in winter.

How does Under the Milky Way relate to the full Indian Pacific?

> It is the Adelaide to Perth section of the Indian Pacific's Coast to Coast journey from Sydney, on the same train with the same cabins and service. The Sydney to Adelaide section is sold as Harbour to Vineyards.

Can I combine this with Harbour to Vineyards and a stay in Adelaide?

> Yes. Travel from Sydney to Adelaide on Harbour to Vineyards, spend a few days in Adelaide, the Barossa or the Adelaide Hills, then board Under the Milky Way on a later Thursday. We can arrange your hotels and touring in Adelaide between the two trains.

How do I ask a question or book Under the Milky Way?

> Choose a date and cabin on this page to book, or email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610, or message us on WhatsApp at https://wa.me/17864080610, where a travel specialist or our AI assistant will answer. We can also add hotels and flights.

How long is the Nullarbor Crossing?

> It is a three-day, two-night journey. The Indian Pacific leaves Perth at 17.55 on Saturday, stops in Kalgoorlie on Sunday morning and at Cook that evening, and arrives in Adelaide at 17.15 on Monday after a Barossa Valley experience.

What can I do in Kalgoorlie?

> Choose a mine-spec bus tour inside the Super Pit (enclosed shoes, long sleeves and long pants, and a zero alcohol breath reading are required), Golden Treasures at Hannans North Tourist Mine with gold panning and Two-Up, or Curious Kalgoorlie with the Super Pit Lookout and the Museum of the Goldfields.

What happens at Cook?

> The train makes a late-evening stop at the near-deserted railway town of Cook, where a guide points out the Southern Cross and other constellations under skies free of light pollution, with a nightcap by the bonfire.

How does the Nullarbor Crossing relate to the full Indian Pacific?

> It is the Perth to Adelaide section of the Indian Pacific's Mighty Nullarbor journey to Sydney, on the same train with the same cabins and service. The Adelaide to Sydney section is sold as New South Wales Wonders.

Can I stop over in Adelaide and continue to Sydney?

> Yes. Ride the Nullarbor Crossing to Adelaide, spend a few days in the city or the wine regions, then continue to Sydney on New South Wales Wonders, which leaves Adelaide on Monday evenings. We can arrange your hotels and touring in Adelaide between the two trains.

How do I ask a question or book the Nullarbor Crossing?

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How long is New South Wales Wonders?

> It is a three-day, two-night journey. The Indian Pacific leaves Adelaide at 22.40 on Monday, stops in Broken Hill on Tuesday morning and reaches the Blue Mountains on Wednesday morning, arriving in Sydney at 11.40 or 15.15 depending on the arrival option you choose.

What are the two ways to arrive in Sydney?

> You can step off in the Blue Mountains for a morning experience - Scenic World, the Prince Henry Cliff walk to the Three Sisters, or high tea at the Hydro Majestic Hotel - and then take a private charter train from Katoomba at 13.15, arriving in Sydney at 15.15. Or you can stay on the Indian Pacific, which leaves the Blue Mountains at 08.55 and arrives in Sydney at 11.40.

How does New South Wales Wonders relate to the full Indian Pacific?

> It is the Adelaide to Sydney section of the Indian Pacific's Mighty Nullarbor journey from Perth, on the same train with the same cabins and service. The Perth to Adelaide section is sold as the Nullarbor Crossing.

Can I combine this with the Nullarbor Crossing and a stay in Adelaide?

> Yes. Travel from Perth to Adelaide on the Nullarbor Crossing, spend a few days in Adelaide or the wine regions, then board New South Wales Wonders on a later Monday. We can arrange your hotels and touring in Adelaide between the two trains.

How do I ask a question or book New South Wales Wonders?

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How long is the East Coast Adventure?

> It is a three-day, two-night journey. The Great Southern leaves Adelaide at 09.00 on Friday, spends Friday afternoon and evening in the Grampians, Saturday in Canberra and Sunday morning at Coffs Harbour, and arrives in Brisbane at 17.10 on Sunday.

When does the Great Southern run?

> The Great Southern is a summer journey. In 2027 the East Coast Adventure departs Adelaide on Fridays in January, February and December only. The festive departures on 1 January and 24 December 2027 are priced separately. Dates with fares by cabin are listed on this page.

Where does the train stop?

> The Grampians in Victoria on day 1, Canberra on day 2 and Coffs Harbour on the New South Wales coast on day 3, with an Off Train Experience at each.

Are the Off Train Experiences included?

> Yes, the Off Train Experiences at each stop are part of the journey. The specific excursion options are confirmed at booking and may vary with the weather and through the season.

Can I make a round trip?

> Yes. The East Coast Adventure arrives in Brisbane on Sunday evening and Coastlines and Capital Cities leaves Brisbane for Adelaide on Monday at 11.15, so you can travel both ways with one night in Brisbane in between. We can arrange your Brisbane hotel, or a longer stay on the coast before a later departure.

Which cabins are available?

> Gold Single, Gold Twin, Gold Premium Twin and Platinum Twin cabins, plus the Aurora and Australis Suites. Gold Single cabins share shower and toilet facilities at the end of the carriage; the other cabins have their own en suite. Gold Suite, Gold Premium Suite and Platinum Double cabins are also sold; details are confirmed at booking.

How do I ask a question or book the East Coast Adventure?

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How long is Coastlines and Capital Cities?

> It is a four-day, three-night journey. The Great Southern leaves Brisbane at 11.15 on Monday and arrives in Adelaide at 08.45 on Thursday, with experiences at Coffs Harbour, in the Newcastle, Port Stephens or Hunter Valley region, and in Melbourne or regional Victoria along the way.

Will I visit Newcastle, Port Stephens or the Hunter Valley?

> Day 2 is spent in one of these three neighbouring regions, with morning and afternoon experiences. Which region and which excursions apply to your departure is confirmed at booking.

Do we stop in Melbourne?

> On day 3 the train offers an afternoon and evening experience in Melbourne or regional Victoria. The location for your departure is confirmed at booking.

How do I ask a question or book Coastlines and Capital Cities?

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How long is Southern Summer?

> It is a three-day, two-night journey. The Great Southern leaves Brisbane at 11.15 on Monday, stops at Coffs Harbour that evening and in the Newcastle, Port Stephens or Hunter Valley region on Tuesday, and you disembark in Melbourne on Wednesday morning before a Melbourne afternoon experience.

When does Southern Summer run?

> It is offered on select Monday departures from Brisbane in January and December 2027, including festive departures on 20 and 27 December, which are priced separately. The available dates with fares by cabin are listed on this page.

Where does the journey end in Melbourne?

> You disembark at Broadmeadows in Melbourne at 10.45 on Wednesday. The Melbourne afternoon experience starts at 14.45, and how you reach your hotel afterwards is confirmed at booking.

Can I continue from Melbourne to Adelaide?

> Yes. The Overland day train leaves Melbourne for Adelaide on Mondays and Fridays at 08.05, so you could spend two nights in Melbourne and travel on to Adelaide on Friday. We can arrange your Melbourne hotel and The Overland.

How do I ask a question or book Southern Summer?

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How long does The Overland take from Adelaide to Melbourne?

> About 11 to 12 hours. The train leaves Adelaide at 07.45 on Sundays or 06.55 on Thursdays and arrives in Melbourne at 18.50 on both days.

When does The Overland run?

> From Adelaide to Melbourne the train runs on Sundays and Thursdays throughout 2027. The dates with fares by service level are listed on this page.

Which stations does it use in Adelaide and Melbourne?

> The Overland leaves from Adelaide Parklands Terminal, the same terminal used by The Ghan and Indian Pacific, and arrives at Southern Cross Station in Melbourne.

What is the difference between Standard Red and Premium Red?

> Standard Red is a reclining seat in a Standard Red carriage. Premium Red is the upgraded service level. Exactly what Premium Red includes on your departure, including any food and drink, is confirmed at booking.

What are the Flexible, Everyday, Readyrail and Red Pension Saver fares?

> The Overland is sold at different price levels: Flexible, Everyday, Readyrail and Red Pension Saver. Each carries its own conditions for payment, changes and cancellation, and some have eligibility requirements, all of which we confirm at booking. Red Pension Saver is offered in Standard Red only. The fare for each date and service level is listed on this page.

Is there an overnight option or a cabin?

> No. The Overland is a day train with seats only, so there are no sleeping cabins. If you would like to travel overnight in a cabin between the east and west of Australia, look at the Indian Pacific, The Ghan or the Great Southern.

What about luggage and food on board?

> Luggage allowances and the food and drink available in each service level are confirmed at booking, and we include them in your written confirmation.

Can I combine The Overland with another train journey?

> Yes. Arrive in Adelaide on The Ghan or the Indian Pacific, spend a few days in South Australia and continue to Melbourne on The Overland. We can arrange the hotels in between.

How do I ask a question or book The Overland?

> Choose a date and service level on this page to book, or email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610, or message us on WhatsApp at https://wa.me/17864080610, where a travel specialist or our AI assistant will answer. We can also add hotels and flights.

How long does The Overland take from Melbourne to Adelaide?

> About 10 hours. The train leaves Melbourne at 08.05 on Mondays and Fridays and arrives in Adelaide at 18.00 on Mondays or 18.05 on Fridays.

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