

Timetable

Darwin - Katherine - Alice Springs - Coober Pedy - Adelaide

(4 days/3 nights)

Add an extra day and night to the standard Ghan journey on the adventurous Ghan Expedition. Explore the best of the Australian outback, travelling from north to south via some of the country's most remote and soul-stirring destinations.

Can only be booked as the full journey, Darwin - Adelaide. It is not possible to book part of the journey only.

April - October 2020

THE GHAN EXPEDITION		
DARWIN - ALICE SPRINGS - ADELAIDE		
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		 Katherine Afternoon Excursion
Thurs		 Alice Springs Full day Excursion
Fri		 Coober Pedy Full day Excursion
Sat	10.50	Arrive Adelaide
OPERATES JUNE 2020 TO AUGUST 2020		
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		 Katherine Afternoon Excursion
Sun		 Alice Springs Full day Excursion
Mon		 Coober Pedy Full day Excursion
Tues	11.35	Arrive Adelaide



OFF TRAIN EXCURSIONS

Enjoy extended touring options at key destinations along the rail route.



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THE GHAN EXPEDITION SOUTHBOUND

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The Ghan Expedition - Darwin to Adelaide Itinerary

Day 1: Darwin - Katherine

Your journey like no other begins with a leisurely, mid-morning departure from Darwin. Once you're comfortably settled into your cabin, we make our way through the lush, green, tropical north and you make your way to the restaurant for a five-star lunch accompanied by a selection of fine wines.

An early afternoon arrival at the famous Top End township of Katherine and you have a choice of an afternoon filled with Off Train Excursions that take in the natural beauty of the Gorge, as well as its cultural and historic significance for Indigenous and early settlers. Back on board in the early evening and there is plenty of opportunity to share your experiences with fellow guests before, during and after a sumptuous dinner. Enjoy a comfortable night's sleep

Day 2: Alice Springs

A beautiful breakfast prepares you for a full day of Off Train Excursions that include lunch in Alice Springs. You'll return to the train for a quick freshen up, before dining under a million stars of the outback. Returning to the train, the Lounges are open until late so travellers can share their journey highlights so far, or quietly relax before retiring.



Day 3: Manguri

Breakfast is served as we arrive into Manguri where we disembark and travel by air-conditioned coach to enjoy a full day of touring in and around the truly unique, underground opal mining township of Coober Pedy. Dinner is served back on the train where you can enjoy a nightcap as we journey through the night.

Day 4: Adelaide

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast as we prepare for our mid-morning arrival into Adelaide. Here you have the choice of spending the day exploring the city of churches, or extending your stay with a visit to the Barossa Valley or Kangaroo Island.

Platinum Service on The Ghan

Platinum Service offers guests the most luxurious transcontinental holiday Australia has to offer. [Take a virtual 360° tour...](#)

Platinum Service (Twin & Double Share)

Boasting deluxe extras such as Platinum Transfers, in-cabin breakfasts and access to the Platinum Lounge and Restaurant, Platinum Service promises and delivers a journey beyond expectations. The first thing you'll notice about your Platinum cabin is the abundance of space, almost twice the size of a Gold Twin Cabin. By day your cabin is configured as a private lounge with deluxe lounge seating, a table and two ottomans. By night you'll sleep easy as the lounges convert to a comfortable bedroom with either a double bed or twin beds.



Features:

- Full-size en suite equipped with shower, vanity with cupboard space, toilet and complimentary Australian bathroom amenities
- Lockable door, power outlets and in-cabin safe

All onboard meals are included in the Platinum Service fare and offer freshly prepared regionalised menus cooked by onboard chefs.

- All inclusive refreshments including soft drinks, beers, high-quality standard wines, spirits, tea and coffee throughout your journey
- In-cabin music channels and journey audio commentary available
- Picture windows offering views from both sides of the train
- Platinum Service transfers at the start and end of your journey available for guests within 60km of the terminal
- Freshly prepared continental in-cabin breakfasts served upon request
- Refreshments served in-cabin
- Check in luggage allowance: 90kg check-in luggage allowance per guest (3 x 30kg each)
- Cabin luggage: One piece of hand luggage plus garment bag and/or briefcase per person.

Dining

Feeling peckish? Step out of your spacious cabin and into the Platinum Club Car where an all inclusive menu is prepared by on-board chefs using fresh local fare. Our seasonal menu features mouth-watering dishes such as saltwater barramundi and grilled kangaroo fillet. Platinum and Gold Service fare includes hearty breakfasts, two course lunches and three course dinners. Vegetarian, children's and limited special dietary meals are available when you make your booking. You may also choose to complement your meal with our selection of wines and beverages included in your fare.

Platinum Club (Restaurant & Lounge)

Platinum Club, the newest addition to Australia's great rail journeys. An unforgettable dining experience, Platinum Club offers the premium space and privacy of a first-class lounge with the added benefit of a fully flexible dining area.

Request an afternoon refreshment from the all-inclusive beverage list or simply choose from the self-serve range.

Spacious tabletops provide the perfect spot for a friendly game of cards during the day. In the evening, the area can accommodate for small dinners or larger group celebrations. All regional cuisine available in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant is also served in the Platinum Club.



Tell me about The Ghan's 'Gold Service'

Gold Service on The Ghan

With room to stretch out and all the comforts of home, Gold Service is the most popular level of service aboard The Indian Pacific. [Take a virtual 360° tour...](#)

Gold Service (Single & Twin Share)

You'll enjoy private cabin accommodation together with all-inclusive dining, beverages and a range of fascinating Off Train Excursions at key stops. Gold Service accommodation is available in both single and twin-share so you can choose to travel with your partner, friends or roll solo.

During the day, the compact Twin Berth Sleeper Cabins offer a comfortable three seater lounge, converting to an upper and lower sleeping berth at night. And with top notch service from our hospitality attendant, you'll enjoy fresh sheets, bath towels, pillows, doonas and complimentary toiletries. Twin Berth Sleeper Cabins have private en suite facilities with a hide-away compact toilet, wash basin and shower.



Features:

- For Gold Twin, a comfortable sleeper cabin featuring private en suite and upper and lower berths that convert to a three-seater lounge by day
- For Gold Single, a compact sleeper cabin featuring a bed that converts to a seat by day and shared shower/toilet facilities located at the end of the carriage
- Power outlets in cabin
- In-cabin music channels and journey audio commentary available
- All-inclusive dining in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant

- All-inclusive Australian wines, beers, base spirits and non-alcoholic beverages
- All-inclusive Off Train Excursions and Short Stops
- Checked in luggage allowance: 60kg per guest (2 x 30kg each)
- Cabin luggage (Gold Twin): One piece of hand luggage plus garment bag and/or briefcase per person.
- Cabin luggage (Gold Single): One piece of hand luggage plus garment bag, cabin bag (105cm/41 inches linear measurement) or briefcase.
- Hotel/airport <> train station transfers in Darwin and Adelaide.

Dining



Feeling peckish? Step out of your spacious cabin and into the exclusive, classically styled Queen Adelaide Restaurant Car where an all inclusive menu is prepared by on-board chefs using fresh local fare. Our seasonal menu features mouth-watering dishes such as saltwater barramundi and grilled kangaroo fillet. Platinum and Gold Service fare includes hearty breakfasts, two course lunches and three course dinners. Vegetarian, children's and limited special dietary meals are available when you make your booking. You may also choose to complement your meal with our selection of wines and beverages included in your fare.

Outback Explorer Lounge



You never know who you'll meet or where the conversation will lead in the Outback Explorer Lounge - the perfect place for travellers to come together and share stories, all while enjoying a wide range of all-inclusive refreshments.

And as you find yourself deep in conversation, spare a thought for the intrepid explorers to whom the lounge carriage owes its name - brave adventurers who never experienced this level of comfort and style as they ventured beyond the known into the vast Outback wilderness. All day and often late into the night, the Outback Explorer Lounge is the train's centre of activity where long hours can be spent socialising, snacking and catching glimpses of passing wildlife through wide picture windows.

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What is the actual distance between Darwin - Adelaide?

2,979KM

Which train stations does The Ghan Expedition depart from/arrive into?

STATIONS	TRANSFERS
<p>Adelaide Parklands Terminal (also known as Keswick Terminal) Richmond Road, Keswick, South Australia, 5035 Click here for more information on this station</p>	<p>Platinum Service Guests Complimentary transfers at the start and end of your journey available for guests within 60km of the terminal. Rail Europe will require addresses for pick up/drop off to pre-book this service. Gold Service Guests Complimentary return Shuttle bus transfers available in Darwin from</p>

Darwin Terminal
Salloo Street, East Arm,
Northern Territory
[Click here for more
information on this
station](#)

selected hotels in the city centre.
[Click here for more details.](#)

Gold Service Guests
Complimentary return Shuttle bus
transfers available in **Darwin**
to/from selected hotels.
[Click here Darwin hotel transfer
details](#)

Complimentary return Shuttle bus
transfers available in **Adelaide**
(Southbound journey only), to
selected hotels in the city centre
and Adelaide Airport.
[Click here for Adelaide hotel
transfer details](#)

What is an Advance purchase fare?

A 25% discount in Gold Service and a 10% discount in Platinum Service for clients who book 6 months prior to travel.

What is a Low Season Fare?

A discounted fare for Platinum and Gold Service bookings with travel dates between 29 Nov 2017 to 01 Mar 2018.

What does a concession fare mean?

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

Can I fly out the same day as the train arrives?

We highly recommend that guests do not book flights same day as arrival without allowing for late running trains. This would mean allowing for at least 3-5 hours after the scheduled arrival time, and an overnight stopover especially for international flights.

Can I travel if I am sick or have an illness?

We may refuse to confirm your booking or refuse you boarding if you suffer from any illness, disease or other condition which makes travel unsafe for you or other guests.

You have an obligation to inform us of any illness, disease or medical condition at time of booking.

Please refer to our 'Fitness For Travel Policy'.

Can I travel if I am pregnant?

Yes up to 30 weeks into the pregnancy. If you are greater than 30 weeks pregnant, have a multiple pregnancy or a complicated pregnancy, we do not recommend travel on our services. You may be required to produce a Doctor's letter of consent or an authorised medical certificate within 14 days of travel.

What medical assistance do the on-train staffs provide?

GSR staffs are trained to administer basic first aid, however our staff are not able to provide routine medical aid during a journey. Guests requiring medical attention or mobility assistance on board any of our trains are required to arrange for their own Carer to travel with them.

Can my necessary medication be refrigerated?

Yes subject to space within our on-board fridge compartments - PLEASE INFORM US AT TIME OF BOOKING.

Can I take oxygen onboard?

Yes - PLEASE INFORM US AT TIME OF BOOKING.

Can I take my own food on board the train?

You can bring your own special dietary needs. You cannot bring your own alcohol or hot food. Some food purchased on-train may need to be disposed of prior to leaving the train due to strict state quarantine rulings.

Can I purchase/ request hot (boiling) water?

No - for safety reasons we are unable to serve hot water.

Can I heat baby food/bottle?

Yes this is available on request with on-train staff.

Can I pay for my meals/snacks/beverages with a credit card?

Yes, however a minimum amount applies.

Can I pay for my meals/snacks/beverages with EFTPOS?

Yes.

Is there ATM (Cash out) facilities on-train?

No - you must board the train with sufficient cash on hand for required purchases during the journey ahead.

Can I take any pets or animals with me on-train?

No - you must arrange directly with specialist animal transportation.

The only animals permitted on GSR services are specially trained dogs for the vision and hearing impaired.

Can I send freight/ other goods with me on GSR's trains?

No - you must arrange directly with specialist freight transportation.

Can I stopover in Alice Springs on the way from Adelaide to Darwin (or v.v) and is there an additional cost to do this?

Yes - it is possible to stopover in Alice Springs, the cost is the sum of the two sectors, Adelaide to Alice Springs and Alice Springs to Darwin.

As an Overseas visitor to Australia, do I qualify for the Pension concession fare if I am a pensioner/ senior citizen back home?

Great Southern Railway is a private commercial business that receives a rebate each year from the Australian Federal Government as compensation for offering the concession fares for Australian Pensioners. As part of our agreement with the Australian Government, we must secure an eligible Australian Pension Concession Card

number at the time of booking.

This agreement with the Australian Federal Government does not extend to Pensioners from overseas countries - it is strictly limited to Australian Pensioners who are residents of Australia.

Can I travel with an infant?

Yes however only in a Gold Superior or Gold Access cabin.

What age qualifies my child as an infant?

Up to 3 years of age. Infants do not travel free of charge if they are to occupy their own seat/ berth.

What if I am prepared to nurse my infant on my lap/ share my Sleeper berth with my infant?

Infants up to 3 years of age travel free of charge when nursed by a parent. Each fare paying parent is restricted to nursing only one infant free of charge.

What do I pay if I want my infant to occupy their own seat/ Sleeper berth?

Your infant is to be booked as a Child, and the applicable Child fare will be charged.

Can I order a cot for my infant?

Upon request, a cot can be provided by GSR for guests occupying a Gold Service twin-share cabin - PLEASE REQUEST AT TIME OF BOOKING.

Due to space restrictions, cots cannot be arranged for Gold Service Single cabins.

Can I take my pram/ push-chair/ booster seat on board the train?

No - these items must be checked-in as stored luggage.

Can I take my walking frame/wheelchair/ scooter on board the train?

No - these items must be checked-in as stored luggage. A specially modified pushchair can be requested for use on train (with the assistance of a Carer or travelling companion) - PLEASE INFORM US AT TIME OF BOOKING.

Does the train carry power outlets for CPAC machines?

Cabins on the Indian Pacific have 240V power outlets installed which can be used for a CPAC machine. It is recommended that a surge arrestor/protector be used to protect the machine when it is plugged in case of a power surge. Surge protectors can be purchased from an electrical store.

2021 Partial Season Release - Terms & Conditions

The following conditions apply to Rail Only bookings made for travel period 1 April - 30 November 2021.

PAYMENT & BOOKING CONDITIONS:

- **Advance Purchase Fares (must be booked at least 6 months in advance):** A non-refundable 50% deposit is due within 7 days of receiving confirmation invoice. Balance is due 25th November 2020.
- **Everyday Fares:** A non-refundable 10% deposit is due within 7 days of receiving confirmation invoice. Balance is due 50 days prior to train's departure.

AMENDMENTS:

- **Advance Purchase Fares:** Free of charge up to 50 days prior to departure.
- **Everyday Fares:** Free of charge up to 21 days prior to departure.

CANCELLATIONS:

Advance Purchase Fares

- **Loss of deposit if booking cancelled on or before 25 November 2020.**
- **Non-refundable if booking cancelled after 25 November 2020**

Everyday Fares

- **Loss of deposit if booking cancelled 50+ days prior to departure.**
- **Non-refundable if booking cancelled 49 days or less prior to departure.**

April 2020 - March 2021 Season - Terms & Conditions

PAYMENT & BOOKING CONDITIONS:

- **Rail Only:** These conditions are for rail only bookings. Bookings for Holiday Packages are subject to different terms & conditions.
- **Advance Purchase Fare (must be booked at least 6 months in advance and are subject to limited availability per departure):** Full payment is required 7 days after receiving a confirmation invoice.
- **Gold Service – Everyday & Everyday Saver:** A deposit of \$600 per person, per rail journey is due within 7 days of receiving confirmation invoice. Balance is due 50 days prior to train's departure.
- **Platinum Service – Everyday:** A deposit of \$1,100 per person, per rail journey is due within 7 days of receiving confirmation invoice. Balance is due 50 days prior to train's departure.
- **Rail Journey is defined as:** The Ghan, Adelaide to Alice Springs or vice versa (vv), Alice Springs to Darwin or vv, or Adelaide to Darwin vv; on the Indian Pacific, Sydney to Adelaide or vv, Adelaide to Perth or vv, or Sydney to Perth or vv; on the Great Southern, Adelaide to Brisbane or vv.
- If the deposit payment is not received, Rail Europe holds the right to cancel the booking.

AMENDMENTS:

- **Advance Purchase Fares:** Amendments cannot be made less than 21 days prior to the train's departure date and can only be made to travel dates if the change is greater than 190 days prior to the new proposed departure date, subject to Advance Purchase fare type availability.
- **Everyday Fares:** Amendments are allowed up to 21 days before the train's departure. Fees may apply, please contact us for more information.

CANCELLATIONS:

- **Advance Purchase Fares**

Cancellation Notice	Cancellation Fee
After booking confirmed	100%

- **Everyday Fares**

Cancellation Notice	Cancellation Fee
99+ days prior to departure	\$100 per person, per rail journey
98 – 51 days prior to departure	Loss of deposit
50 – 0 days prior to departure	100%

Travel Insurance/Minimum numbers

- Travel insurance providing appropriate cover is strongly recommended.
- A minimum amount of passenger's is required to operate each departure. The rail operator has the right to cancel a departure should the minimum passengers quota not be met. We recommend suitable travel insurance be taken out should this occur. [Click here for Rail Europe's terms & conditions.](#)