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2 Week Fly, Cruise, Rail & Stay

The Ghan Expedition & The Sun Princess

*From only \$5,829
Per Person Twin Share,
Inside Cabin*

Price includes:

- One way economy class airfare with Virgin Australia from Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne into Darwin.
- A 3 night pre-cruise stay in Darwin with tours to Kakadu and Litchfield National Park.
- A 3 night Ghan Expedition train voyage from Darwin to Adelaide in Gold Service.
- One nights post cruise accommodation in Adelaide.
- A 6 night cruise onboard the Sun Princess from Adelaide to Sydney, visiting Kangaroo Island and Tasmania.
- Onboard meals and entertainment.
- Transfers in Darwin & Adelaide, government fees & port charges.



The Ghan is regarded as one of the world's greatest rail journeys, providing access to parts of Australia that no other holiday can come close to, with a great balance of comfort and adventure. It offers a unique insight into the spectacular and ever-changing landscape between Darwin, Alice Springs and Adelaide on this 2979km journey. Gold Service includes all food and beverages, with magnificent gourmet meals.

The Sun Princess was built in 1995 and was last refurbished in April 2016. The ship is 261 metres long. It has 900 crew and can take 2,000 passengers. This spectacular ship has an outdoor movie screen, fitness centre, spa, casino, swimming pools, internet centre, library, sports deck and much more.

Flights depart 8th March and cruise returns to Sydney 21st March 2020

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for the Ghan Expedition & the Sun Princess – Fly, Cruise, Rail & Stay

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

08.03.20 Sydney/Brisbane/Melbourne – Darwin

Depart Sydney at 9.40am on flight VA 1351, arriving in Darwin at 12.40pm.
Depart Brisbane at 9.50am on flight VA 449, arriving in Darwin at 1.25pm.
Depart Melbourne at 7.55pm on flight VA 1465, arriving in Darwin at 10.50pm.
Upon arrival in Darwin you will be transferred to your hotel, the Hilton Darwin or similar for a three night stay.

09.03.20 Darwin

Today you will have a full day tour to Kakadu.

10.03.20 Darwin

Today you will have a Litchfield National Park Tour.

11.03.20 Darwin – Embarkation The Ghan – Katherine

(L/D) This morning you are transferred to Darwin Railway Station to embark on The Ghan Expedition for your train voyage from Darwin to Adelaide. Your Gold Service features include:

- A comfortable sleeper cabin featuring private en suite and upper and lower berths that convert to a three-seater lounge by day.
- 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

Your journey aboard the legendary Ghan begins at Darwin Rail Station where you'll take the small but momentous step from platform to carriage. Friendly staff will lead you through corridors to your comfortable private cabin where you can take your time settling in and exploring the amenities as the view outside your window begins its smooth and spectacular transformation.

Lunch in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant is bound to satisfy and delight with culinary wonders prepared onboard by our talented chefs.

All food is included in your fare, from a hearty full cooked breakfast to a delectable 3 course dinner.

And as you sit back and loosen your belt, you'll have arrived in Katherine ready to experience your first included Off Train Excursion to the magnificent and spiritual Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge.

Experience 'Katherine Outback Experience' which provides a unique window into the real Australian Outback and the inner workings of life on a cattle station through the sharing of stories and experiences, cattle dog demonstrations and live music performances. The 'Stock Yards' is where the action takes place. Enjoy a live demonstration of the art of horse-breaking, depicting the psychology between man and horse. There is even time to sit back and relax, listening to live music including some well-known Aussie anthems and originals, often performed from a top a horse. Back on board you'll return to the Queen Adelaide Restaurant, enjoying dinner as the sun sets over the outback. Then back in your room you'll find your bed turned down. As the train rolls soothingly onwards, fall asleep in awe of wonders seen, and excited

by those yet to come.

12.03.20 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 coffee, a juice and a sumptuous breakfast you'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 of touring in Alice Springs gives you ample opportunity to visit the town landmarks, get up close and personal with Australia's incredible flora and fauna or explore.

At this point you may choose to upgrade your excursion with the ultimate outback experience, an intimate scenic fixed wing flight to Uluru, where you will enjoy lunch and take in aerial views of Uluru and Kata Tjuta.

There really is no better way to comprehend the vastness of the Northern Territory.

Come the evening you'll dine beneath a canopy of stars at an authentic Outback BBQ Tour. This is a truly unique experience with live Australian music and a mouth-watering feast. After dessert, cast your eyes skyward and ponder life, the universe and everything with an informative astronomical talk. And 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.

13.03.20 Manguri & Coober Pedy

(B/L/D)

After breakfast this morning you'll wake up and rub your eyes with disbelief as we pull into the middle-of-nowhere stop at Manguri. Here, a friendly tour guide awaits ready to whisk you away for the day. Your destination, the sun-scorched opal mining capital of the world, Coober Pedy, where more than half of the residents live underground. Venture into the tunnels and caves of this underground town, where you may even catch opal fever as you mine for riches, visit the otherworldly underground Serbian Orthodox church and take a glimpse of Umoona Opal Mine.

Below the earth's surface, you'll enjoy a gourmet lunch in the most unique of locations before setting off to the stunning outback moonscape that is the Breakaways.

After an eye-opening action-packed day, it's back on board with plenty of time to ease into a slower gear and prepare yourself for your final evening onboard The Ghan.

Dine in style in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant, meet and share stories with new friends in the Outback Explorer Lounge (open until late) or simply head back to the privacy of your cabin to wind down, read a book and plan your next epic journey.

14.03.20 Adelaide – Disembarkation

(B)

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 breakfast you'll have time to reflect on your journey before The Ghan rolls into Adelaide. You will be met and transferred to the Intercontinental Adelaide for an overnight stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore Adelaide.

15.03.20 Adelaide – Embarkation Sun Princess

Today you will be transferred to the Adelaide cruise terminal to board the Sun Princess. Ship departs Adelaide at 10pm.

16.03.20 Arrive Kangaroo Island at 8am, departing at 6pm.

17.03.20 At sea.

18.03.20 Arrive Burnie, Tasmania at 8am, departing at 6pm.

19.03.20 Arrive Melbourne at 8am, departing at 6pm.

20.03.19 At sea.

21.03.19 Arrive Sydney at 7am and disembark the cruise ship.

Note: To undertake most 'Off Train Experiences' a good level of fitness is required, for example you need to be able to walk and balance on uneven ground. Sensible walking shoes are also required.

Conditions for The Ghan Expedition & Sun Princess Fly, Cruise, Rail & Stay

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$1200 per person is payable within 3 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 14 weeks prior to departure. Macleay Valley Travel often has to adhere to strict payment deadlines and your booking on the tour may be cancelled if final payment is not received by the due date, with no refund applicable.

Refunds and Cancellations - Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline.

Airline Tickets - Please note that any changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees. These fees are typically set by the airline and are outside of our control.

Insurance - Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bare no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

Passports - Australian passports are preferred, but not compulsory for this tour. Suitable photographic identification is required (e.g. drivers license). No visas are required if you are an Australia citizen.

Basic Package Price and Taxes - Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic package price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the package is not paid in full by the due date.

Not Included in the Cost - All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), travel insurance etc. and airport transfers. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for American Express.

Health and Fitness - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances.

Accreditation - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

Limitation of Liability - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or defacto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual.

Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM

Name of Cruise Tour: _____ Departure Date _____

Passenger 1 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passenger 2 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ **PostCode** _____ **Email** _____

Telephone / Fax Number: _____ **Mobile** _____

Passport Number: _____ Issue Date _____ Expiry Date _____ Nationality _____

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of cruise/tour completion)

Please circle your preferences.....Single Cabin / Twin Cabin / Double Cabin

Inside Cabin / Obstructed View Outside Cabin / Outside Cabin / Balcony Cabin / Suite

Dinner.....Early Sitting / Late Sitting / Anytime (if available) Table Size 2 / 4/ 6/ 8

Departure Airport.....SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE / ADELAIDE / PERTH

Do you have any existing medical conditions?: _____ Special Dietary Requests _____

Are you a past passenger with this cruise line? If yes, please supply your past passenger number.

Passenger 1 _____ Passenger 2 _____

Would you like to receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO

For All Cruises except P&O Australia Credit Card Number for On-Board Account:

_____	_____	Name on Card:	_____	Exp:	_____
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In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: _____ Relationship to you _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$..... per person.

DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name. If this is not provided and the information we have for the supplier is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the supplier will charge a reissue fee.