

THE GHAN AND GOLDEN PRINCESS

11 November 2019



DAY 1 11 NOV 19 ARRIVE DARWIN

Arrive in Darwin today. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Stay: 2 nights Rydges Darwin Central

DAY 2 12 NOV 19 DARWIN

Join an afternoon city sights tour for a comprehensive introduction to Darwin with a local guide. See the lush Botanical Gardens and the Chinese Temple which was rebuilt after Cyclone Tracy in 1974. See the Stokes Hill Wharf area, the Mooring Basin and Darwin Aviation Museum. There is also time to explore the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory encompassing Aboriginal art, visual arts, and Northern Territory history and natural sciences. (B)

DAY 3 13 NOV 19 BOARD THE GHAN IN DARWIN, KATHERINE

This morning you will be transferred to Darwin's rail terminal to board The Ghan. A mid-morning departure has you pulling away from Darwin and gliding through the tropical north. Enjoy lunch, fine wines and spectacular views before arriving at Katherine, where a number of Off Train Excursions are available. Return to the train by early evening where you can freshen up before dinner and share your experiences with fellow diners. (B,L,D)

Stay: 2 nights aboard The Ghan (Gold Service)

DAY 4 14 NOV 19 THE GHAN, ALICE SPRINGS

After your first night's sleep, awake in the nation's geographic and spiritual heart, the Red Centre. Next stop Alice Springs, where more Off Train Excursions await. Return to the train for lunch and a journey through some of the world's most awe-inspiring landscape. Dinner on the train is followed by an extraordinary night time experience in the outback where you will see the Milky Way like you have never see it before. Simply breathtaking. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 15 NOV 19 THE GHAN, ADELAIDE

In the morning you are greeted with breakfast and views of the dramatic and ancient Flinders Ranges, before passing through the mid north of South Australia for a late-morning arrival in Adelaide. (B)

Stay: 4 nights Mercure Grosvenor Adelaide

DAY 6 16 NOV 19 ADELAIDE

This morning enjoy an Adelaide Central Market Discovery Tour, taking you on a sensory interactive gourmet experience and giving you an opportunity to eat delicious tastings that represent the premium food grown and produced in South Australia. Meet some locals, enjoy their hospitality and discover the true South Australia. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 7 17 NOV 19 ADELAIDE, BAROSSA VALLEY

Today enjoy a full day in the world-renowned Barossa Valley wine region. Full of history, the region is home to over 80 cellar doors. Visit one of the oldest vineyards in the world with Shiraz grapes planted in 1843. Enjoy up to four wineries/cellar doors and be guided through the wine tasting experience by passionate vigneron. Wines include Riesling and cool climate wines, Shiraz, Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon, and fortified wines. Your Barossa experience also includes lunch. (B,L)

DAY 8 18 NOV 19 ADELAIDE

Enjoy a day at leisure exploring Adelaide at your own pace. Or you may wish to book an optional tour to the Adelaide Hills or Hahndorf. (B)

DAY 9 19 NOV 19 BOARD GOLDEN PRINCESS IN ADELAIDE

Today is at leisure until it is time to transfer to Port Adelaide to board *Golden Princess* (Princess Cruises), departing this evening. (B,D)

DAY 10 20 NOV 19 *GOLDEN PRINCESS, KANGAROO ISLAND*

This morning arrive at Penneshaw, on Kangaroo Island. Over half of this large island is covered with "old-growth" bush land supporting huge populations of kangaroo, koala, goanna, wallaby and other native Australian animals. Blessed by vast, open spaces and loads of sun, the "Islanders" raise sheep, create and cellar wines, produce sheep's milk cheese, distil eucalyptus oil, and harvest the honey of the treasured Ligurian Bee. And there is a thriving art community producing internationally-renowned artwork, woollen items, and crafts. The seaside town of Penneshaw is your gateway to it all. Note that access is by tender from the ship to shore. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 21 NOV 19 *GOLDEN PRINCESS, PORT LINCOLN*

Port Lincoln calls itself the "Seafood Capital of Australia". With its population of 14,500 Port Lincoln is a major commercial centre for the Eyre Peninsula and a popular destination for visitors. Not only a beautiful township overlooking Boston Bay, Port Lincoln makes an ideal base from where to explore the coast and experience Eyre Peninsula first hand. The shopping is extensive, offering everything from supermarkets and department stores to a myriad of specialty stores. Galleries and quality art and craft outlets with local products and souvenirs will add to your holiday experience. Make your holiday memorable by participating in one of the exciting tours and attractions on offer in and around Port Lincoln and Eyre Peninsula. For the adventurous, go Shark Cage Diving or Swim with the Australian Sea Lions. Or just stay on land and visit our local wildlife Fauna Park. (B,L,D)

DAY 12 22 NOV 19 *GOLDEN PRINCESS, AT SEA*

Enjoy a day at sea aboard the spectacular *Golden Princess*.

DAY 13 23 NOV 19 *GOLDEN PRINCESS, PHILLIP ISLAND*

Today arrive at Phillip Island, the small island off the coast of Victoria that is Australia's most popular destination after Ayers Rock. The reason? The island is home to the Fairy Penguin, the smallest of the 17 species of penguin. Your ship makes a special call at Phillip Island to afford passengers the opportunity to view these charming creatures in their native habitat. Note that Phillip Island is an anchorage call, and you will transfer to shore via ship's tender.

DAY 14 24 NOV 19 *GOLDEN PRINCESS, MELBOURNE*

Arrive this morning into Melbourne to disembark. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. (B)

Stay: overnight at Batman's Hill on Collins

DAY 15 25 NOV 19 *DEPART MELBOURNE*

Depart Melbourne today. (B)

To book, call 1300 826 517