

TASTING AUSTRALIA BY TRAIN: THE GHAN EDITION

In a world clamouring for your attention the legendary still leads. Quiet confidence. The promise of adventure. And so too with The Ghan, a gleaming silver ribbon across Australia's heart. You already know it as one of the world's most remarkable rail journeys. Now we go further. A new edition of Tasting Australia by Train is set to unfold between Darwin and Adelaide, with stellar fare, coveted beverages and time to discover ancient landscapes. Four days. Three nights. Welcome aboard.

ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY 6 MAY 2026

Arrive at Darwin Berrimah Station. Journey Beyond hosts will direct you to the check-in area. Enjoy a welcome experience with light refreshments, barista coffee and a glass of Bollinger.

Settle into your home for the next few days, enjoying the comforts of your cabin.

As The Ghan begins to travel south, join a private tasting and masterclass led by a Bollinger brand ambassador and devoted to the maison's most memorable vintages.

Lunch onboard in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant follows before your off-train experience in Katherine. Cruise through the towering sandstone cliffs and dramatic beauty of Nitmiluk Gorge and uncover its deep cultural significance.

Dinner onboard will be crafted by Nieves Barragán Mohacho.

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THURSDAY 7 MAY 2026

Wake to the wide-open skies of the outback as The Ghan draws closer to the iconic town of Alice Springs. After a hearty breakfast on board, step into the heart of Central Australia.

Discover the stunning landscapes and cultural heritage of Standley Chasm, whose traditional name of Angkerle Atwatye means Gap of Water. Continue your journey at Simpsons Gap – Rungtjirpa to the Arrernte people – a serene site rich in Indigenous lore. Surrounded by mulga woodlands, it's home to rare plant species and said to be the mythical home of giant goanna ancestors. Here you will meet chef Mark Best and Nieves Barragán Mohacho for lunch in the most spectacular of locations. Enjoy an informal meal from the comfort of camp chairs – a nod to your uniquely Australian setting.

After a day of touring, sit back beneath a blanket of stars during a truly distinct dinner experience at the historic Alice Springs Telegraph Station. Be immersed in outback history and grandeur. You can also watch the local blacksmith crafting away using traditional tooling and methods, or perhaps take the opportunity to climb aboard a camel for a short ride. Dinner will be prepared by The Ghan chefs and served with a platinum beverage selection.

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FRIDAY 8 MAY 2026

Today brings you to the extraordinary outback town of Coober Pedy, where life is anything but ordinary. Known as the opal capital of the world, this desert settlement hides its treasures above and below. More than half of local residents live underground.

Travel by coach to Coober Pedy following breakfast on board. Walk among the ochre folds of Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park before visiting Two Dogs Lookout and the Serbian Orthodox Church. A lunch prepared by Jo Barrett and Shannon Fleming will be served at the Big Winch Café, complete with views across dugouts to the desert skyline. Tour the Umoona Arts Centre and Old Timers Mine ahead of returning to The Ghan in Manguri.

Back on board for your final night, it's time to dress up for this dinner to remember, channelling all the glamour of great train odysseys. Mark Best will craft an exquisite evening menu.

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SATURDAY 9 MAY 2026

This morning you'll see a dramatic change in landscape as the outback's rich ochre tones make way for the green fields of South Australia. Enjoy a leisurely brunch prepared by The Ghan team as you pass through the Flinders Ranges before arriving in Adelaide.

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Please note this itinerary is subject to change and may be altered due to weather conditions on the day. All guests will be accommodated in Gold Twin cabins: comfortable sleeper cabins featuring upper and lower sleeping berths that convert to a three-seater lounge by day. Each includes a private compact ensuite featuring a shower and toilet.

TRAVEL INFORMATION	
Dates	Wednesday 6 May 2026 – Saturday 9 May 2026
Check in & departure	<p>Check-in will take place at 8am on Wednesday 6 May from Darwin Berrimah Station. Please arrive promptly for a welcome experience prior to the train's departure.</p> <p>After completing check-in arrangements, you will have the opportunity to meet and mingle with your crew and fellow guests. When the 'all aboard' call comes, you will be welcomed aboard, and your Tasting Australia by Train: The Ghan journey will commence.</p>
Darwin transfers	<p>Complimentary coach transfers to Darwin Berrimah Station are available for guests staying at selected Darwin hotels.</p> <p>Please click here to view the list of hotels and the transfer timetable.</p> <p>Please email Tasting Australia team on tastingaustralia@sa.gov.au by Wednesday 22 April 2026 to provide your pick-up location if you have not already identified through your booking.</p>
The Ghan	<p>All guests will stay in a Gold Twin cabin with two-person occupancy.</p> <p>Gold Twin cabins have everything you need to make you feel right at home. During the day, relax on the three-seater lounge that converts to an upper and lower sleeping berth at night. Cabins include a compact ensuite with toilet, washbasin and shower.</p> <p>For more information on the Gold Twin cabin please click here.</p>
Luggage	<p>One small piece of cabin luggage each (up to 15kg). Additionally, a garment bag and a small personal item are allowed per guest. Please ensure you pack any regular medications and keep these on you at all times.</p> <p>Additional luggage may be checked in noting it won't be accessible during your journey. For more information on what to pack and luggage allowance please click here.</p>

Dress code	<p>Daytime Smart casual. Closed-toe, sturdy shoes and a sun hat are essential for off-train excursions.</p> <p>Evening Wednesday 6 May - the dress code for dinner onboard is semi-formal.</p> <p>Thursday 7 May - the dinner at Telegraph Station will be outdoors. Please bring warm layers as the temperature can drop significantly at nighttime.</p> <p>Friday 8 May – the dress code for dinner onboard is classic glamour.</p>
Phone reception	Mobile service during this journey will be limited. Telstra customers will have the best coverage.
Weather	Please check the forecast so you can dress accordingly. We recommend packing a warm coat and rain jacket if the forecast is for cool and/or wet conditions during the off-train excursions.
Dietary requirements	This event can cater to vegetarian and coeliac dietary requirements. Please email the Tasting Australia team on tastingaustralia@sa.gov.au by Wednesday 22 April 2026 if you have not already identified a dietary requirement through your booking.
Accessibility	<p>This event is unable to accommodate wheelchair accessibility.</p> <p>If you have personal mobility requirements that need to be taken into consideration, please read the Journey Beyond fitness for travel documentation for more information.</p> <p>Please advise Tasting Australia team on tastingaustralia@sa.gov.au by Wednesday 22 April 2026 of any personal mobility needs that are yet to be shared with us.</p>
Adelaide accommodation	<p>Adelaide Marriott Hotel offers Tasting Australia by Train: The Ghan guests a special nightly rate for accommodation on Saturday 9 May 2026.</p> <p>To view details of the offer and to book please click here.</p>