

Good morning.

Today we travel through Katherine, where there is an opportunity to take an off-train tour of the nearby Katherine Gorge, now known as Nitmiluk National Park. There are several tours available to choose from, or you may like to take the shuttle bus into Katherine for a look around the town. Please consult your 'Katherine Gorge Off-Train Tour' flier for further details.

Katherine is referred to as 'where the outback meets the tropics' and our journey on The Legendary Ghan from here to Darwin encounters the lush landscapes of the tropical Top End.

Thank you for travelling with us aboard The Ghan. We hope that you have enjoyed your journey and look forward to you holidaying with us again.

Regards,

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Hospitality Attendant

Today's Activities	Time*	
Wake-up Call	6.30am	CST
Breakfast Packs delivered to Cabin	7.00am	
Journey Commentary: Katherine to Darwin (private cabin sound system)	7.00am	
Arrive Katherine (Optional Off-Train Tour – small extra cost)	8.00am	
Depart Katherine	12.10pm	
Bushman's Lunch – maroon card	12.20pm	
Bar Opens	12.20pm	
Swagman's Lunch – navy card	1.50pm	
Replay Journey Commentary (played over private cabin sound system)	3.00pm	
Arrive Darwin	4.30pm	

Breakfast Packs

Due to the early morning arrival of The Ghan into Katherine this morning, breakfast packs will be delivered to your cabin before arriving at Katherine Terminal.

Darwin Coach Transfers

The Darwin Train Station is located about 20 minutes drive south of Darwin Central. Complimentary coach transfers are provided for Gold Kangaroo Service guests to the centrally located Saville Park Suites at 88 The Esplanade Darwin, or direct to the following hotels: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Darwin Central, Holiday Inn, Holiday Inn Esplanade, Mirambeena Resort, MGM Grand Hotel and Novotel Atrium. After departure from Katherine you will be advised of the coach number you will be required to board on arrival in Darwin. There is no need to collect your 'checked-in' luggage prior to your coach transfer if you have already advised of your preferred drop-off point. However, please ensure that you take your cabin luggage with you. In the unlikely event that you have any problems with your luggage please phone the Darwin Station Manager, Yvonne Lamotte, on 0408 085 235.

Train Trekkers Club

Great Southern Railway offers guests the opportunity to become members of the Train Trekkers Club. Membership of the Club is exclusively available to past travellers on the Indian Pacific, The Ghan and The Overland trains. Members gain access to competitions, train tours, product updates, film nights and more. You can join the Club by completing the form inside your *Platform* magazine.

Indian Pacific

The Legendary Ghan's sister train, the Indian Pacific, is also acknowledged as an Australian icon and one of the world's great train journeys. As the name implies, the Indian Pacific gives you two oceans on its 4,352km transcontinental journey between Perth and Sydney via Adelaide. From the treeless plains of The Nullarbor to the spectacular Blue Mountains, this incredible journey offers stunning sightseeing and hospitality from start to finish. The great train offers optional Off-Train Tours at Broken Hill, Adelaide, Kalgoorlie and Perth (westbound train only) providing you with an opportunity to experience the character and history of these famous outback towns. This is an adventure that spans Australia.

The Ghan Collectables

Great Southern Railway, with the introduction of Gold Kangaroo Service to The Ghan, is providing its guests two very special gifts as a token of our appreciation for your patronage. The first is the Limited Edition 2004 The Ghan pin that was contained in your 'Welcoming Kit', and upon disembarkation this morning each Gold Kangaroo Service cabin will be provided with a special 'Certificate of Travel'. The designs of the pins and Certificate of Travel will change each year, and the only way anyone can obtain a pin or certificate is by travelling in Gold Kangaroo Service. Neither item can be purchased so we are expecting that with time both the pins and the certificates will become collector's items. Should you travel with us again on The Ghan or the Indian Pacific please wear your 2004 The Ghan pin so that we can recognise you as a very special guest.

Toilet Facilities

Due to environmental considerations, Great Southern Railway is required to lock all toilet facilities upon approach to Darwin Train Station. Therefore, please note that a member of the crew will need to lock the door to the ensuite facilities in your cabin approximately 30 minutes prior to our arrival in Darwin. The Train Manager will make an announcement on the public address system to alert you as to when this will be occurring. At this time, we ask that you ensure that you remove all personal belongings from your ensuite facilities. Thank you for your cooperation.

Did You Know?

The Legendary Ghan travels 2979kms on its transcontinental journey from Adelaide to Darwin.

The concept of a north-south Transcontinental Rail Link was first raised in the 1870's but was considered far-fetched at the time.

The township of Adelaide River came to prominence during World War II, when it became a major military headquarters. The War Cemetery here features the Northern Territory Memorial to the Missing, a monument bearing 293 names to commemorate those who served and lost their lives.

Litchfield National Park is home to 2m high, thin termite mounds which are aligned north-south to keep the inside of the mound from getting too heated by the sun (which tracks east-west).

The two major events which have had a hand in shaping Darwin's history are the Japanese Bombing in 1942 during World War II, and Cyclone Tracey in 1974 which almost destroyed the city.

Darwin is Australia's youngest and smallest capital city with a population of around 77,000.

The word 'Kakadu', for the 20,000 square kilometre national park located near Darwin, comes from the local Gagadju Aboriginal language.