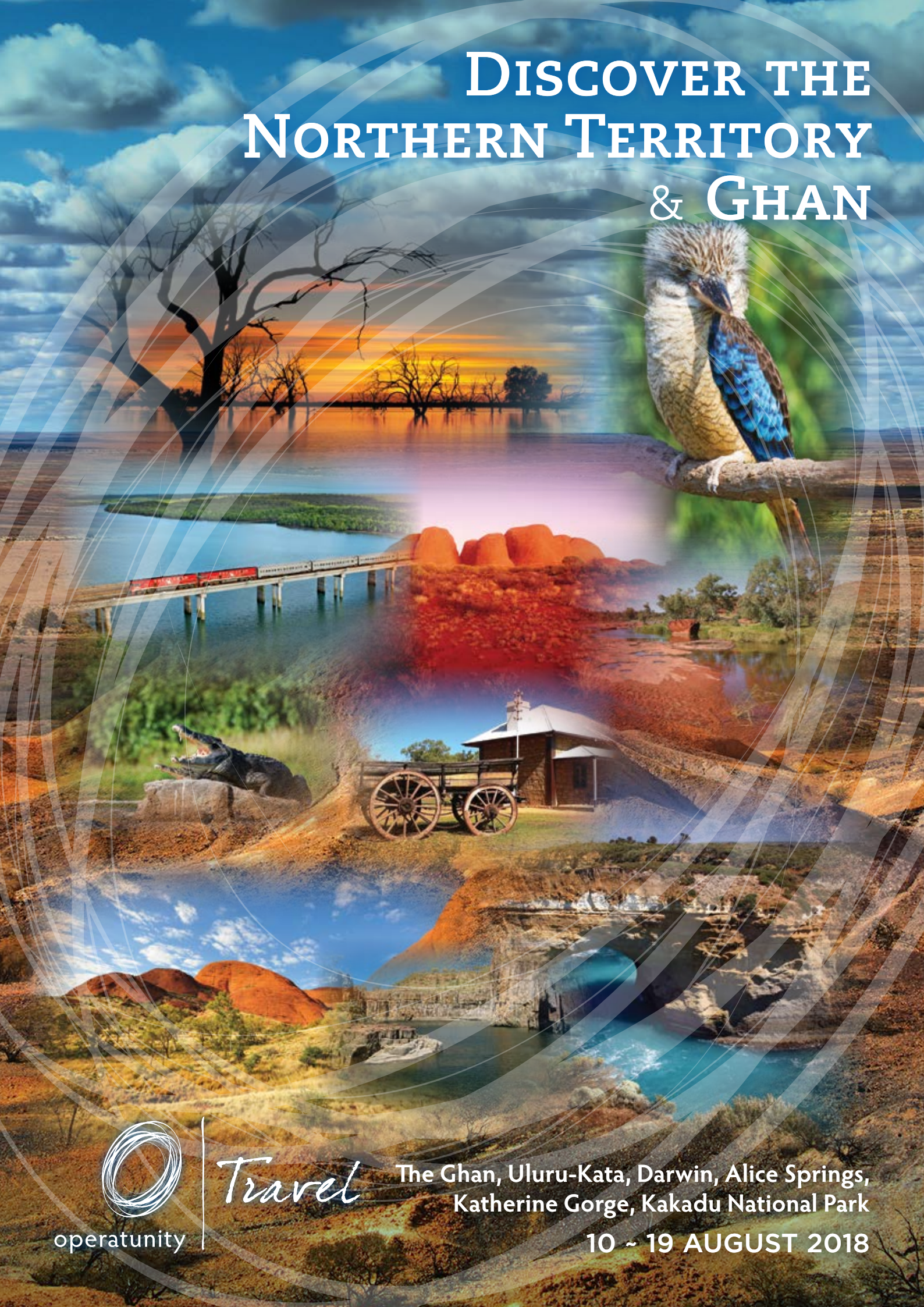


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Come join us on a journey of discovery to the colourful Northern Territory of Australia and travel on the luxurious Ghan, one of the greatest train journeys in the world between Alice Springs and Darwin. The Northern Territory is a place rich in aboriginal history, rugged natural beauty and great diversity.

We visit the iconic wonders of Ayers Rock, Uluru-Kata, Tjura and Kings Canyon, stay in the Red Centre town of Alice Springs, cruise down the vast Katherine Gorge.

We then immerse ourselves in Darwin's melting pot of cuisines and cultures and explore the rainforest and aboriginal rock art of the World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park. The Northern Territory also offers a huge array of wildlife, colourful outback characters and landscapes for outdoor adventure.

Fully escorted by Alex and Lisa.



DAY 1: Friday 10 August 2018 (D) Uluru

Desert Gardens Hotel, Uluru (2 nights)

We depart Auckland to fly to Sydney then to Ayers Rock for our big adventure. Our coach will be waiting to transport us to our hotel. Desert Gardens Hotel is a superior 4½ star hotel at Voyages Ayers Rock Resort. Magnificent ghost gums and flowering native shrubs are the setting for this hotel. Time at leisure to settle in. A welcome dinner tonight at the resort.

DAY 2: Saturday 11 August 2018 (B, D) Uluru and Kata Tjuta

HIGHLIGHTS today include:

- 👁️ A visit to one of the most famous landmarks in Australia and a guided tour around Uluru to learn more fascinating stories and its significance to the indigenous people.
- 👁️ Travel to the beautiful Kata Tjuta (The Olgas), aboriginal for "many heads". It is a group of more than 36 rounded red domes rising from the desert floor. The tallest is said to be around 546 metres high.
- 👁️ A spectacular sunset experience with a glass of sparkling wine and canapés while watching Uluru cycle through the deep reds of an outback sunset.
- 👁️ Dinner and music tonight at the resort.

DAY 3: Sunday 12 August 2018 (B, D) Uluru ~ Alice Springs

Lasseter's Hotel Casino (1 night)

HIGHLIGHTS today include:

- ☞ Travel this morning through the red sands of the central Australian desert to a town they call "The Alice". As one of the country's most famous outback towns, Alice Springs lies in the physical and spiritual heart of Australia's Red Centre.
- ☞ The chance to join Uluru Camel Tours on a 45 minute journey through the sand dunes of central Australia with the original "trains of the desert" (optional, own expense). If camel riding is not for you join the indigenous Maraku Arts for a dot painting lesson or simply relax at the hotel.

DAY 4: Monday 13 August 2018 (B, D) Alice Springs

The Ghan (1 night)

The Ghan Railway was established in 1929 to provide a lifeline between Adelaide and Alice Springs and it was not until 2004 that the line extended through to Darwin. Named after the Afghan camel traders who were the precursor to the train, the Ghan has grown to become a living legend in Australian History.

HIGHLIGHTS today include:

- ☞ Travel to the beautiful MacDonnell Ranges and Simpson Gap and take a short 5 minute walk to explore the water hole and keep an eye out for the Black Footed Wallaby.
- ☞ A visit to the Desert Park Nature Reserve to experience the multitude of animals that call the outback home.
- ☞ Discover the challenges of outback education at the School of the Air.
- ☞ This evening it's all aboard the Ghan Railway for our overnight journey to Darwin. We enjoy the Gold Class service which includes twin and single cabins, all meals and standard beverages in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant.

Note: Our pricing includes either twin cabins with ensuite which have bunk bed configuration with easy access via a small ladder or single cabins with shared facilities. You can choose to go in a single cabin with shared facilities or a bunk cabin – either of these choices is

included in the package price.

Single supplements are available in a twin bunk cabin which means you get your own facilities. This can be a single supplement for just this part of the tour if you prefer.

DAY 5: Tuesday 14 August 2018 (B, L, D) The Ghan - Alice to Darwin

Sky City Hotel (3 nights)

HIGHLIGHTS today include:

- ☞ Arriving in Katherine we enjoy the Nitmiluk Gorge Cruise, as we discover the grandeurs of one of Northern Territory's most monumental natural wonders.
- ☞ Continue our incredible train journey to Darwin.



DAY 6: Wednesday 15 August 2018 (B, D) Darwin

HIGHLIGHTS today include:

- 👁️ A sightseeing tour around Darwin and discover its fascinating history. Highlights include the City Centre, Darwin Harbour, Botanic Gardens, Chinese Temple and East Point Military Precinct.
- 👁️ Free time to do your own exploring of this beautiful city.
- 👁️ An evening luxury private catamaran cruise with dinner and concert entitled **Sunset Serenade** while cruising the Darwin Harbour.

DAY 7: Thursday 16 August 2018 (B, D) Darwin

HIGHLIGHTS today include:

- 👁️ The opportunity to get up close and personal with saltwater crocodiles at Crocosaurus Cove.
- 👁️ Visit the Darwin Museum and Art Gallery which features the largest permanent display of Aboriginal art in Australia. It also features a fascinating display about Cyclone Tracey which devastated the city Christmas Eve 1974.
- 👁️ Every Thursday evening during the dry season the Mindil Beach Markets come to life. Filled with colour, excitement, food and street performers, be sure to take in a top end sunset while enjoying the activities.

We are transferred here to enjoy the festivities and do some shopping.

DAY 8: Friday 17 August 2018 (B, D) Kakadu National Park

Gagudju Crocodile Holiday Inn, Jabiru (1 night)

The Gagudju Crocodile Holiday Inn is privileged to be situated in one of only a handful of World Heritage listed national parks.

Kakadu National Park covers an area of 19,804 square kilometres and has been continuously inhabited by the aboriginal people for 40,000 years. The park features amongst the richest displays of flora and fauna in the top end of Australia with an amazing array of birdlife and beautiful wetlands. The area also features some of the best preserved aboriginal rock art in Australia.

HIGHLIGHTS today include:

- 👁️ Travel to The Kakadu National Park, with all its scenery along the way.
- 👁️ Visit Ubirr Rock which is home to some of the most significant and best preserved rock art in the region.
- 👁️ We stay in the Gagudju Crocodile Holiday Inn, uniquely shaped to represent Kakadu's most famous inhabitant, the saltwater crocodile.



Basking Crocodile

**DAY 9: Saturday 18 August 2018 (B, D)
Kakadu - Darwin**

HIGHLIGHTS today include:

- 👁️ Explore the Bowali Visitor Centre which contains a wealth of information about the Kakadu National Park.
- 👁️ 2 hour Yellow Water Cruise, a spectacular journey through the parks wetlands.
- 👁️ A private gala dinner at one of the city's most celebrated restaurants, including music from the Operatunity team.

**DAY 10: Sunday 19 August 2018 (B, D)
Darwin - Sydney**

HIGHLIGHTS today include:

- 👁️ Visit the Royal Flying Doctors Centre on Stokes Wharf. The medical service was established in 1928 by Rev John Flynn to provide "a mantle of safety" for the inhabitants of remote Australia and covers almost 2 million square kilometres.
- 👁️ Transfer to the Darwin Airport for your flights to Sydney.

**DAY 11: Monday 20 August 2018 (B)
Sydney**

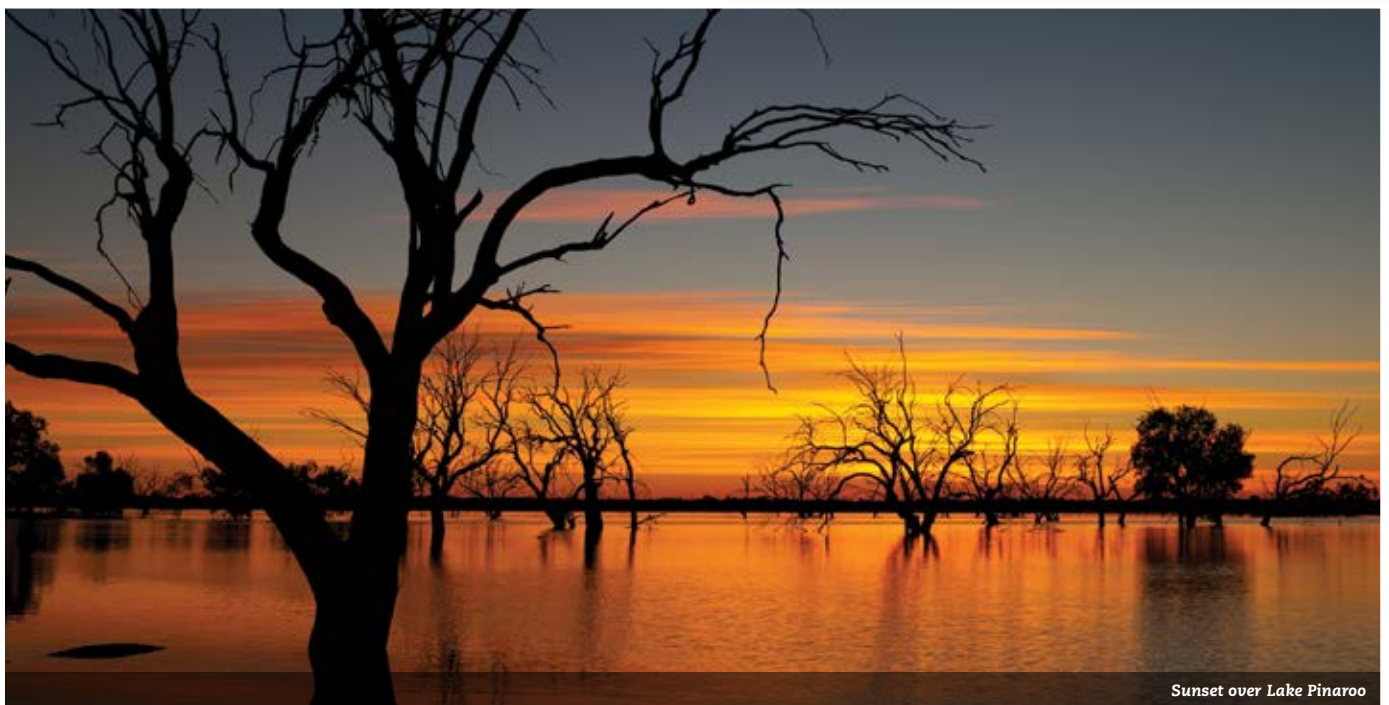
Today we fly home after a quick stop over in Sydney for the night.



Old Telegraph Station, Alice Springs



Florence Falls



Sunset over Lake Pinaroo



Railway, South Australia

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ☞ For further information please ring our office or visit our website.
- ☞ All trips are subject to change but any changes will be of equal or greater value.
- ☞ All deposits are refundable up until final payment date minus any costs that the company has incurred.
- ☞ Please refer to our terms and conditions on our booking form.
- ☞ While we carefully plan our trips to be well paced, all travellers need to possess a certain level of fitness. Some trips are more arduous and carry an advisory note in the itinerary that a specific level of fitness is required.
- ☞ Operatunity Travel requires all travellers to obtain comprehensive travel insurance. Please be sure to ring our office if you require any information or clarification about insurance or any questions regarding travelling with Operatunity Travel.

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THE YEAR AHEAD

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\$9,115 per person twin share

Single Room in HOTELS & SINGLE small cabin on TRAIN
- supplement add \$1,325

Single Room in HOTELS & USE of a TWIN cabin on TRAIN
- supplement add \$2,055

Initial Deposit on booking \$900
Second Deposit due 21 February 2018 \$2,000
Final Balance due 2 May 2018

Deposits refundable (less costs incurred) prior to FINAL BALANCE DUE DATE. Itinerary details are subject to change, however any changes will be replaced with a comparable or better option.

THIS TRIP INCLUDES:

- Return airfares including taxes Auckland - Sydney - Ayers Rock/Darwin - Sydney - Auckland.
- 10 nights' accommodation including one night on the luxurious famous Ghan and 4 star hotels in the Northern Territory.
- Overnight accommodation with meals included on the luxurious Ghan, one of the greatest train journeys in the world between Alice Springs and Darwin. Price includes either a single cabin with shared facilities or a bunk cabin with own facilities.
- Incredible tours and sights of the Northern Territory including Ayers Rock, Uluru-Kata Tjura, Kings Canyon, Alice Springs, Katherine Gorge, Darwin and World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park.
- All breakfasts, 2 lunches, 10 dinners, all transfer tours (as listed), taxes, tips and portage are included.
- Special flavour including private concerts along the way, sunset drinks and cocktails overlooking Uluru, Darwin dinner cruise and musical entertainment on final night.
- Specific tours including Yellow Water Cruise, Crocosaurus Cove (to see the crocodiles), Darwin city tour and markets, Desert Park Nature Reserve and the Royal Flying Doctors Centre in Alice Springs.
- Escorted by Alex and Lisa.



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