



AUSTRALIAN Red Centre Rail Tour

With Tour Leader Shirley Royds

12 Days for \$6,195.00

(Single supplement cost available on request)

**TOUR DEPARTS:
Monday 06 August 2012**

FEATURING:

- * 'The Ghan' luxury rail service, Alice Springs/ Adelaide.
- * 'The Overland' premium rail service, Adelaide/Melbourne.

PLUS:

Ayers Rock, Kings Canyon, Alice Springs, Sydney, Adelaide & Melbourne sightseeing.

"Experience Australia's Northern Territory on our exciting Red Centre Rail Tour featuring 'The Ghan' luxury rail service Alice Springs to Adelaide and premium daylight travel aboard 'The Overland' rail service Adelaide to Melbourne. Enjoy stopovers and sightseeing in Sydney, Ayers Rock, Alice Springs, Adelaide and Melbourne. A unique and exciting way to explore some of Australia's finest landscapes in luxury and style!"

INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR COST:

- * Home pick up and return within the Auckland Metropolitan area (if applicable).
- * Services of experienced Tour Leader, Shirley Royds throughout.
- * Economy class air fares Auckland/Sydney, Sydney/Ayers Rock and Melbourne/Auckland flying Air New Zealand and Virgin Australia including all airfare/airport taxes and airline fuel surcharges.
- * Luxury rail travel aboard 'The Ghan' from Alice Springs to Adelaide in Gold Kangaroo Service (First Class Sleeper with all meals) and Premium Class rail travel from Adelaide to Melbourne aboard 'The Overland' daylight service.
- * Quality hotel accommodation at Holiday Inn Darling Harbour **Sydney** (2 nights), Desert Gardens **Ayers Rock** (1 night), **Kings Canyon** Resort (1 night), Crowne Plaza **Alice Springs** (2 nights), Grand Chancellor On Hindley **Adelaide** (2 nights) and Rydges on Swanston Hotel **Melbourne** (2 nights) including portorage and buffet breakfast.
- * 3 day 'Red Centre Highlights Tour' from Ayers Rock to Alice Springs via Kings Canyon with AAT Kings including 1 night at Ayers Rock and Kings Canyon.
- * 'A Town Like Alice' and 'West Macdonnell Ranges' half day sightseeing tours in Alice Springs with AAT Kings.
- * City sightseeing tours in Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne.
- * Special 'Farewell Dinner' aboard the Colonial Tramcar Restaurant in Melbourne.
- * All airport, hotel and railway station transfers throughout.
- * Travelwise Holidays documentation and travel bag.

IMPORTANT!
SPACE IS STRICTLY LIMITED
- ITS IS ESSENTIAL TO BOOK
EARLY TO SECURE A PLACE.



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POSTAL BOOKING SLIP:
AUSTRALIAN RED CENTRE RAIL TOUR 2012

ROOM TYPE: S/TWIN DOUBLE SINGLE

NAME(S):

ADDRESS:

..... POSTCODE:

..... TEL:

Deposit enclosed @ \$500.00 per person
\$

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MON 06 AUG – AUCKLAND/SYDNEY

You will be picked up from your home address and transferred to the airport for your Air New Zealand flight to Sydney. Depart Auckland at 1.00 pm and arrive in Sydney at 2.30 pm. Transfer from the airport to the Holiday Inn Darling Harbour where you will stay for the next two nights.

TUE 07 AUG – SYDNEY AT LEISURE

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This morning depart hotel and enjoy a sightseeing tour of Sydney's Eastern Suburbs and beaches. The afternoon is at leisure for further sightseeing or shopping.

WED 08 AUG – SYDNEY/AYERS ROCK

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This morning transfer to airport for your Virgin Australia flight to Ayers Rock. Depart Sydney at 10.20 am and arrive Ayers Rock at 1.25 pm where you will be met and transferred to the Desert Gardens Hotel where you will stay overnight. The afternoon is spent touring Kata Tjuta, including a walk at Walpa Gorge. Travel to the sunset viewing area to enjoy nibbles and a complementary glass of wine and watch the effect of the setting sun on the colour of Uluru. Don't forget your camera!

THU 09 AUG – ULURU (AYERS ROCK) – KINGS CANYON

B

This morning join the Uluru Sunrise, Climb and Base Tour or for the non-climbers, the Uluru Sunrise and Guided Cultural Walk. Both tours include sunrise at Uluru, a visit to Mutitjula Waterhole and Uluru – Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre (tea, coffee and 'boxed' breakfast included). Time is available to take an optional helicopter flight (own expense). This afternoon travel to Kings Canyon Resort where you will stay overnight.

FRI 10 AUG – KINGS CANYON - ALICE SPRINGS

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This morning join your guide for the rocky climb to the canyon rim for superb views of Watarrka National Park (for those with a good level of fitness, supportive footwear essential). Alternatively explore the canyon floor (an easier, shady walk). Return to Kings Canyon Resort for breakfast before continuing onto Alice Springs. Transfer to the Crowne Plaza Hotel where you will stay for the next two nights.

SAT 11 AUG – ALICE SPRINGS SIGHTSEEING

B,D

This morning is at leisure in Alice Springs. Afternoon tour the sights of 'The Alice' including the historic Telegraph Station and the Royal Doctor Service. Learn how this marvellous facility operates to provide a 'Mantle of Safety' to the people of the 'outback'. Visit the School of the Air, as well as the Alice Springs Reptile Centre where you will see unique Central Australian reptiles such as the Perentie lizard and Thorny Devil. Also enjoy a panoramic view of Alice Springs from Anzac Hill. This evening enjoy dinner at Crowne Plaza Hotel Alice Springs.

SUN 12 AUG – ALICE SPRINGS/ ADELAIDE 'THE GHAN' RAIL SERVICE

B,L,D

This morning travel west from Alice Springs following the spectacular West MacDonnell Ranges. Pass the John Flynn Memorial (founder of the Royal Flying Doctor Service). Stop at Simpsons Gap with its beautiful red gums. Then visit the Ochre Pits, used for generations by the local Aboriginal people as a mine for the colourful mineral ochre. Continue to majestic Angkerle (Standley Chasm). Walk along the stony watercourse lined with cycads, ghost gums, cypress pines and acacias. Enjoy a light lunch before returning to Alice Springs. This afternoon transfer to Alice Springs Railway Station to join the legendary 'Ghan' Rail service to Adelaide. Depart Alice Springs at 3.15 pm and enjoy approximately 1,500 kilometres of rail travel through spectacular outback landscapes via Coober Pedy and Port Augusta. Enjoy 'Gold Service' sleeper accommodation with all meals and the luxury facilities of 'The Ghan'.

MON 13 AUG – ARRIVE IN ADELAIDE

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Arrive Adelaide at 12.30 pm. Enjoy morning tea on board before disembarkation and a city sightseeing tour of Adelaide en route to the Hotel Grand Chancellor On Hindley where you will stay for the next two nights. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure.

TUE 14 AUG – ADELAIDE AT LEISURE

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Enjoy a day at leisure in Adelaide for relaxing. Optional sightseeing or perhaps some shopping.

WED 15 AUG – ADELAIDE/ MELBOURNE 'THE OVERLAND' RAIL SERVICE

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This morning transfer to Adelaide Railway Station to join 'The Overland' daylight rail service to Melbourne. Depart Adelaide at 7.40 am and enjoy 'Premium Class' seating on board and casual food and refreshments from the buffet car (own expense). Arrive in Melbourne at 6.50 pm and transfer to the Rydges on Swanston Hotel where you will stay for the next two nights.

THU 16 AUG – MELBOURNE SIGHTSEEING COLONIAL TRAMCAR RESTAURANT

B,D

This morning is at leisure in Melbourne. This afternoon enjoy and introductory tour of Melbourne including the gardens, architectural brilliance and history of this thriving city. Highlights include the Royal Botanic Gardens, St. Pauls & St. Patricks Cathedral's, Parliament House and Princess Theatre. See the Queen Victoria Markets, Shrine of Remembrance and visit Williamstown for casual lunch (own expense). This evening depart hotel and transfer to the Colonial Tramcar Restaurant. Enjoy a special 3 course early dinner departure at 5.45 pm. The Colonial Tramcar restaurant covers a very scenic route, including Melbourne's gardens, trendy shops and boutiques, elegant houses, city centre and many major attractions along the way.

FRI 17 AUG – MELBOURNE/ AUCKLAND

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Enjoy the day at leisure in Melbourne for optional sightseeing or some last minute shopping until afternoon transfer to Melbourne Airport to join your Air New Zealand flight to Auckland departing at 6.35 pm. Arrive in Auckland at 12.05 am (18 Aug) where you will be transferred to your home address.

B – Breakfast

L – Lunch

D- Dinner



PLEASE NOTE: Tour prices are calculated on current exchange rates as at November 2011, and are subject to change should there be any currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges and Government levies imposed prior to tour departure on 06 August 2012.