



**COMPETITION WINNERS CLAIM PRIZE ON
THE GHAN TO DARWIN AFTER 20 YEAR WAIT**

Mr Henshall of Alice Springs will finally receive his prize of two tickets aboard The Ghan Inaugural Journey to Darwin after winning a Northern Territory Government competition more than 20 years ago. Northern Territory Chief Minister Clare Martin will present the tickets to a very patient and excited Mr Henshall at the Alice Springs Railway Station at 10.50am, Monday 22 September 2003.

Mr Henshall is one of 2 winners of a 'lucky draw' competition ran by the former Northern Territory Department of Transport and Works during the 1982 NT Show Circuit. The two winners came forward after the announcement that The Ghan will be making its maiden journey to Darwin on 1 February 2004.

Great Southern Railway Chief Executive Officer Stephen Bradford said, "We were delighted to be able to assist the Northern Territory Government make good on their promise of tickets on The Ghan Inaugural Journey."

"A lot has changed since they won the prize all those years ago. The Ghan has travelled more than 7 million kilometres since that time, and The Ghan was sold to Great Southern Railway by the Commonwealth Government in 1992.

The Ghan to Darwin regular scheduled services will commence 8 February 2004. The transcontinental journey from Adelaide to Darwin will cover 2,979kms and, in either direction, guests will have 2 nights aboard The Ghan. On board, guests will marvel at the spectacular Australian landscapes; from the red-hued vistas of the MacDonnell Ranges surrounding Alice Springs, gateway to Ayers Rock and the Red Centre, and on to the magnificent gorges of Katherine and the tropical splendor of the Top End.

The journey between Adelaide and Darwin will feature off-train touring. Included in the fare, Gold Kangaroo Service guests travelling between Adelaide and Darwin without breaking their journey in Alice Springs will tour the magnificent Alice Springs Desert Wildlife Park, including a lunch at Madigan's Restaurant. In Katherine, guests will have the option (extra cost) of a two hour boat cruise or a helicopter tour to enable them to experience the spectacular grandeur of the 25 million year old canyons of Katherine Gorge.

Fares one-way per person between Adelaide and Darwin start from \$198 for a Red Kangaroo Daynighter Seat (Adult \$440), and \$1,183 for a Gold Kangaroo Service Sleeper (Adult \$1,740). Motor vehicles can also be accommodated on The Ghan's motorail service. Gold Kangaroo Service guests on The Ghan can take their car for just \$99, with the purchase of two holiday packages or Gold Kangaroo Service tickets. The Indian Pacific and The Overland trains provide great connections with The Ghan in Adelaide for guests travelling to or from Sydney and Melbourne.

For bookings on The Ghan to Darwin call Great Southern Railway on 13 21 47 or see your licensed travel agent.

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