

## Most of the Coast—Sydney to Cairns - OASC

15 days: Sydney to Cairns

### What's Included

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Hunter Valley wine tasting, sheep shearing lesson, mine tour, Yuraygir National Park trek, yoga class, surfing lesson, 4x4 excursion on Fraser Island, walking tour of Brisbane, sailing the Whitsundays, visit to Whitehaven Beach

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing January 1st, 2013 - December 31st, 2013

### Itinerary

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#### Day 1 Sydney

Arrive in Sydney at any time. There are no planned activities during the day, so check into the hotel and explore the city. Please try to arrive before 7pm for an important group welcome meeting where you can meet the Chief Experience Officer (CEO) and the other group members. If you arrive early enough, you'll have time to head down to the harbour's edge to 'The Rocks' historic area, the Opera House and visit the Botanical Gardens.

#### Day 2 Nundle Sheep Station (1B,1D)

Depart in the morning, drive to the famous wine region of the Hunter Valley for an included wine tasting and talk on the history of wine-making in the area. Afterwards, head to a small country town for lunch before continuing to Nundle Sheep Station for the night. At the sheep station you'll have a unique opportunity to meet old sheep shearer and experience a shearing demonstration and talk on sheep farming in the area. At the end of the day enjoy a lamb stew with the locals before sleeping in the historic shearer's quarters.

Estimated travel time: 6 hours

Travel distance: 380 km

#### Day 3 Bingara (1B,1D)

After breakfast, drive to the Country and Western music capital of Australia, Tamworth. Take a look around, maybe even grab a CD or two before heading to another small country town for lunch. Arrive in Bingara in the early afternoon for an included visit to a historic gold mine where you can try gold panning. Afterwards, listen to a talk from a local Jackaroo, a man who works on a cattle or sheep ranch. At the end of the day, bed down at a hotel on a working farm.

Estimated travel time: 3 hours

Travel distance: 210 km

#### Day 4 Yamba (1B,1D)

Travel through the rainforest to the coastal town of Yamba, stopping en route at Mile Creek, where you'll learn a bit about Aboriginal culture and the significance of the site to the Aborigines.

Once in Yamba, enjoy a swim in one of the great holes left by an old quarry. End an active day by savouring the local delicacy of fish and chips on the beach with fellow group members.

Estimated travel time: 5 hours

Travel distances: 380 km

### **Day 5-6 Byron Bay (2B,1L)**

After breakfast, travel the coastal road to the stunning surf and arts town of Byron Bay. There is plenty of free time to experience this hippie surfing town. Options abound—walk out to the lighthouse on the most easterly point of Australia where there is a chance to see whales swimming off the shore or hang ten with the locals after an included surfing lesson. Accommodation in Byron Bay is in a unique and exclusive section of an old hippy commune, embracing nature and a peaceful way of life.

Day 6 is yours to explore—start it off with an included yoga lesson, walk along the long stunning beach, play in the surf, or simply hang out in the Buddha Bar and people watch. If you'd like to get your adrenaline pumping, go skydiving, try sea kayaking or go on a dolphin watch.

Estimated travel time: 2 hours

Travel distance: 128 km

### **Day 7 Brisbane (1B)**

This morning head out of the relatively undeveloped area of Byron to Australia's most developed surf beach area 'The Gold Coast'. Famous for its stunning beaches, bronzed locals and meter maids who wear bikinis. We stay for a few hours to let you take it all in before heading an hour further up the road to Brisbane, Queensland's capital city.

Our hotel is located in the central business district of Brisbane, take advantage of being in the heart of the city by visiting some local hot spots.

Estimated travel time: 4 hours

Travel distance: 288 km

### **Day 8-9 Fraser Island (2B,1L,1D)**

Travel by private bus up the coast. A bus transfer takes us to our ferry for the trip to Fraser Island, the world's biggest sand island. Once settled in enjoy an evening BBQ with good company on the beach.

Day 9 offers an included full day 4x4 trip taking in the highlights of this amazing island including; Lake Mckenzie, the rainforest, Pile Valley, 75 Mile Beach, Maheno Shipwreck, Stonetool, Sandblow and the coloured sands. Both nights are spent at a relaxing eco-lodge.

Estimated travel time: 5 hours

Travel distance: 250 km

### **Day 10 Cattle Station (1B,1D)**

We transfer off the island by boat then catch the train up the 'Capricorn Coast' which is well-known as 'Cattle Country'. Arrive at a remote cattle station, where we will be located for the night. The workers from the property are excellent hosts as they teach about the history of the cattle station, the cattle industry, and some of the challenges of raising cattle in such a harsh environment.

Tonight, experience life in Cattle Country the traditional way by sleeping outside in a swag (canvas bedroll) under the stars. This is bound to be one of the most unique and memorable nights of the trip. No worries, there are toilet and shower facilities nearby.

Estimated travel time: 6 hours

Travel distance: 416 km

### **Day 11-12 Whitsunday Islands Sailing (2B,1L,2D)**

After a traditional Outback-style breakfast, transfer to the town of Mackay and embark on a maxi yacht which will be our home for the next three days. Set sail to a secluded cove in the Whitsunday Islands and enjoy some snorkelling before the anchor drops for the night. We are the only company to sail from south to north through the islands instead of backtracking while starting and finishing in the same point.

Take advantage of the included snorkel gear, throw on a mask and see what lives in the Great Barrier Reef. (Note that fins are not provided in order to adhere with local coral conservation efforts.) The sailing route on Day 12 allows us to follow part of Captain Cook's route up through the Whitsunday Islands, stopping for swims and beach visits along the way. Options to SCUBA dive are available also. Again we drop anchor in a secluded bay for the night.

Estimated travel time: 4 hours

Travel distance: 281 km

### **Day 13 Whitsundays/Whitehaven Beach/Airlie Beach (1B)**

A morning sail takes us to one of the most famous places in the Whitsundays, 'Whitehaven Beach'. Stroll along the impossibly white sand beach and go up to the lookout for a great view of the area. After an afternoon sail we arrive in the town of Airlie Beach for a comfortable stay in a local beach resort. Feel free to relax by the pool at the end of the day.

### **Day 14 Cairns**

Early morning transfer to the train station. Sit back and admire the scenery as we travel along the coast, through sugar cane country, covering a fair amount of terrain up to Cairns.

Estimated travel time: 10 hours

Travel distance: 650 km

### **Day 15 Cairns (1B)**

Depart at any time.

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## **Highlights**

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Tasting wine in the Hunter Valley, Sleeping under the stars and at a sheep station, Learning to surf in famous Byron Bay, Island-hopping through the Whitsundays, Cooling off in remote swimming holes, Snorkelling the world's largest reef.

## **Dossier Disclaimer**

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## **Itinerary Disclaimer**

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While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.

## Important Notes

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1) This tour combines with other G Adventures tours. As such, some staff and travel companions may be continuing together on another G Adventures tour after your trip concludes. Additionally, this tour is a combination of several G Adventures tours, and your CEO, fellow passengers or vehicle may change between the individual tour sections.

2) April 5, 2013: Due to operational reasons, we will be staying in a local hostel instead of teepees in Byron Bay for the coming months.

3) Note that as of October 1, only 1 piece of luggage and 1 carry on are allowed on the Queensland train. If you exceed this allowance, AUD15 may be charged upon boarding the train.

## Group Leader Description

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This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our group leaders, otherwise known as a Chief Experience Officer (CEO). The CEO will be the group manager, leader and driver - this person is experienced in the routes travelled and will organize and lead the meal preparations and has experience in cooking a variety of local and international dishes for large groups.

As the group coordinator and manager, the aim of the CEO is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. While not being guides in the traditional sense, you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. They will also offer suggestions for things to do and to see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends.

We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting - we think it's the best of both worlds.

## Group Size Notes

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Max 18, avg 12

## Meals Included

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13 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 7 dinners.

## Meals

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Eating is a big part of traveling. Travelling with G Adventures you experience the vast array of wonderful food that is available out in the world. Generally meals are not included in the trip price when there is a choice of eating options, to give you the maximum flexibility in deciding where, what and with whom to eat. It also gives you more budgeting flexibility, though generally food is cheap. Our groups tend to eat together to enable you to taste a larger variety of dishes and enjoy each other's company. There is no obligation to do this though. Your CEO will be able to suggest favourite restaurants during your trip. On truck trips in Africa, aboard the M/S Expedition or our Galapagos yachts, while trekking in remote regions etc. food is included, plentiful and made of fresh local ingredients. The above information applies to G Adventures group trips. For Independent trips please check the itinerary for details of meals included. For all trips please refer to the meals included and budget information for included meals and meal budgets.

## Meal Budget

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Allow AUD200-250 for meals not included

## Transport

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Private bus, train, yacht, 4x4 safari vehicle, ferry

## About our Transportation

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Our vans are Mini Coaches (24 seat vans which have been accommodated to occupy 18 people so you have more space while travelling). Occasionally with smaller group sizes we will use smaller, equally comfortable 13 seater vehicles. All Mini Coaches tow a trailer for luggage and camping equipment (when needed). All groups have one CEO/Driver.

The vehicles are factory built, with comfortable seats and air-conditioning. They are fitted with seat belts and it is mandatory to wear them.

On the 4x4 based trips we use purpose-built 16 or 13 seat truck vehicles. They have an air-conditioned customer compartment which is fitted with comfortable coach seats. All seats are forward facing.

On the rail based sections of our trips we use a standard seat, not the sleeping compartment. The trains have have a dining carriage available.

While sailing through the Whitsundays, you'll be sailing on a sloop design maxi yacht, 83ft (24m) in length, 20ft wide, built of high tech carbon fibre with a mast extending 115ft above the deck. The boat is open plan downstairs, some of the features include headroom higher than 6ft, 2 dining tables, 3 bathrooms. On deck the boat is really wide, so there's space to chill out, plus there is a shade awning built into the boom.

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## Solo Travellers

We believe solo travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Single travellers joining group trips are paired in twin or multi-share accommodation with someone of the same sex for the duration of the trip. Some of our Independent trips are designed differently and solo travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

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## Accommodation

Basic hotels (3 nts, multi-share), eco-lodge (2 nts, multi-share), 'swag' (1 nt), yacht (2 nts, multi-share), beach resort (2 nts, multi-share), hostels (2 nts, multi-share), beach teepee (2 nts, multi-share)

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## My Own Room

Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room" option for this tour, you will receive your own single room for all night stops

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## About Accommodation

Accommodation will be varied throughout your adventure. When camping on this tour, you will have the choice between a tent or the truly Aussie 'swag'—a canvas bedroll with built-in padding and perfect for a night under the stars. We'll have both with us, so mix it up and try out the Aussie way. Towels and soap are not always provided at overnight stops, so it's best to bring your own for bathing. Bathroom and showering facilities are shared and are very rarely en-suite.

Multi-share accommodation (typically 4-6 people per room) is very common in Australia and is the way you will be spending most of your nights. We have specifically chosen unique accommodations to give local flavour to your trip.

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## Joining Hotel

Base Sydney  
477 Kent Street, NSW 2000  
Sydney, New South Wales, Australia  
Tel: 02 9267 7718

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## Joining Instructions

By Taxi: \$40-\$50, approximately 15km from the joining hotel and should take no more than 30 minutes.

By Shuttle Bus: \$16 per person, look for 'Sydney Airporter' bus desk between exit gates B & C. Alternatively, the 'Airport Connect' service in the same location.

By Train: The train station is under the airport terminal and takes approximately 20-25 minutes to get into the city. Hop off the train at Town Hall Station and head to Kent St, which is on the western side of the station.

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## Arrival Complications

We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier and contact us as soon as possible. If you have a pre-booked transfer, and you have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

## Emergency Contact

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Should you need to contact G Adventures during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call our local office in Melbourne. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so we may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Local Office (Melbourne)  
During office hours, 9am-5pm Local Time  
From outside Australia: +61 3 9413 5804  
From within Australia: 03 9413 5804

### IF YOUR TRIP IS STARTING IN NEW ZEALAND

After office hours emergency number  
From outside New Zealand: +64 2 167 7981  
From within New Zealand: 02 167 7981

### IF YOUR TRIP IS STARTING IN AUSTRALIA

After office hours emergency number  
From outside Australia: +61 430 321 725  
From within Australia: 0430 321 725

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local operations manager, please call the numbers listed below, which will connect you directly with our 24 hour Sales team, who will happily assist you.

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100  
Calls from UK: 0844 272 0000  
Calls from Germany: 01805 70 90 30 00  
Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618  
Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307  
Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

## What to Take

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You will be on the move a lot, so our advice is to pack as lightly as possible. We recommend the use of a well-labeled duffel bag, soft bag or backpack (whichever you find easiest to carry). Suitcases or heavy luggage are not recommended for the health of the CEO! A good size day-pack (20-35L) is also essential as you will have the chance to walk and hike in different national parks during these trips. This daypack will be used to carry your personal gear for the day, your lunch and a water bottle.

For days in the outdoors, we recommend the use of lightweight, breathable, moisture-wicking fabrics made of wool or synthetic fibers. Cotton is not recommended for days spent hiking as it does not allow for heat or moisture to enter or escape, and it will not dry easily once wet.

## Checklist

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### Documents:

- Passport (with photocopies)
- Travel insurance (with photocopies)
- Airline tickets (with photocopies)
- AUD cash
- Credit or debit card (see personal spending money)
- G Adventures vouchers, pre-departure information and dossier
- Any entry visas or vaccination certificates required

### Suggested Items:

- Light fleece top
- Light windproof/waterproof jacket
- Earplugs (optional)
- Towel

- Swimwear
- Sun hat
- Personal clothing for mild to hot weather (check weather forecast for time of year you'll be visiting)
- Sturdy walking shoes
- Sunblock
- Sunglasses
- Toiletries (biodegradable)
- Watch or alarm clock
- Water bottle
- Money belt
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Camera, memory card(s) and charger
- Electricity plug adapter
- First-aid kit (should contain lip salve, Aspirin, bandaids, anti-histamine, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, insect repellent, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)

Optional Items: reading/writing material, maps, guidebooks, iPod, iReader

## Visas

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All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

A valid passport and visa is required. For some nationalities, the visa can be issued by your Travel Agency or the Australian Embassy via Electronic Travel Authority (ETA).

To apply for an ETA online, travellers must hold a passport from one of the following countries:

- Brunei - Darussalam
- Canada
- Hong Kong
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Singapore
- South Korea

More information about the ETA and how to apply can be found here:

<https://www.eta.immi.gov.au/ETA/etas.jsp>

If you do not hold a passport from any of the above countries, you cannot apply for an ETA online. You may be eligible to apply for an ETA through a travel agent, airline or an Australian visa office. Alternatively, you may be eligible to apply for other types of electronic visitor visas. See: [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

## Spending Money

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Every traveller is different and therefore spending money requirements will vary. Some travellers may drink more than others while other travellers like to purchase more souvenirs than most. Please consider your own spending habits when it comes to allowing for drinks, shopping and tipping. Please also remember the following specific recommendations when planning your trip.

## Money Exchange

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The Australian currency is the Australian Dollar (AUD).

Credit cards are accepted almost everywhere in Australia and can be used to purchase small and large items. When purchasing products or services with a foreign credit card you may be charged additional fees by your credit card company for foreign purchases.

Credit cards and debit cards are very useful for cash advances but you must remember to bring your PIN number (be aware that many ATM machines only accept 4-digit PINs). Both Cirrus and Plus system cards are the most widely accepted debit cards. Both Visa and Master Cards are the most widely accepted credit cards. While ATMs are commonly available, there are no guarantees that your credit or debit cards will actually work check with your bank before you travel. A visit to an ATM can be arranged on Day 1 and other days of the trip.

Do not rely on credit or debit cards as your only source of money. A combination of local currency (preferably smaller bills, 5's, 10's and 20's), traveller's cheques and credit cards is best. Currency exchange is best obtained prior to travel or at the airport, currency exchange is easy to find in Australia in the gateway cities and most banks do accommodate.

Always take more rather than less, as you don't want to spoil the trip by constantly feeling short of funds.

As currency exchange rates can fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for daily exchange rates: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)

## Emergency Fund

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Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

## Tipping

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It is not customary in New Zealand or Australia to tip service providers, but if you do experience outstanding service it is good to do so. Such service would only usually be in places like quality restaurants and it would be very rare that you would tip more than 10%. Unless specifically asked to do so at the time (by your CEO) - do not tip your local guides. Also at the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures Chief Experience Officer did an outstanding job, you may consider a small tip - but it certainly isn't expected.

## Optional Activities

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### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES ON TOUR

All prices are per person, in AUD amounts and are subject to change as services are provided by third party operators. Please note there may be weight restrictions on certain activities (eg skydiving 100 - 110 kg).

#### SYDNEY

MyMulti Pass (public transport pass) \$11

Harbour Bridge Climb \$198

Taronga Zoo - \$44

#### BYRON BAY

Ocean Kayaking \$69

Skydiving from \$249

#### FRASER ISLAND

Fraser Island Flight \$75

Segway Tours \$79

#### WHITSUNDAY ISLANDS

Scuba diving \$65

#### DAYDREAM ISLAND

Jet ski - 15 min \$55/ 30min \$95

Ocean kayaking - 1hr \$30 / half day \$50

Mini golf - \$10

Spa packages - costs vary by service

#### CAIRNS

Whitewater Rafting \$195 (Tully Full-day) \$225 (Xtreme Tully Full-day)

Bungee jumping \$169 (includes certificate and t-shirt)

Minjin Swing \$99

Combo Bungee and Minjin Swing \$319

## Safety and Security

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Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your group leader has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it deemed necessary, due to safety concerns. Your Chief Experience Officer (CEO) will accompany you on all included activities. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy and explore at your leisure. While your CEO will assist you with options available in a given location, please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgement when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to stay in small groups and to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions.

Water based activities have an element of danger and excitement built into them. We recommend only participating in water based activities when accompanied by a guide(s). We make every reasonable effort to ensure the fun and adventurous element of any water based activities (in countries with varying degrees of operating standards), have a balanced approach to safety. It is our policy not to allow our CEOs to make arrangements on your behalf for water based activities that are not accompanied by guide(s).

Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk. [Read more about travel safety](#) for ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling.

## Medical Form

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Our small group adventures bring together people of all ages. It is very important you are aware that an average level of fitness and mobility is required to undertake our easiest programs. Travellers must be able to walk without the aid of another person, climb 3-4 flights of stairs, step on and off small boats, and carry their own luggage at a minimum. Travellers with a pre-existing medical condition are required to complete a short medical questionnaire, which must be signed by their physician. This is to ensure that travellers have the necessary fitness and mobility to comfortably complete their chosen trip. While our leaders work hard to ensure that all our travellers are catered for equally, it is not their responsibility to help individuals who cannot complete the day's activities unaided. Please refer to the physical ratings in this Trip Details document for more information.

Please note that all passengers traveling to Antarctica are required to fill out this questionnaire.

The medical questionnaire can be found online at [www.gadventures.com/medical-form](http://www.gadventures.com/medical-form).

## A Couple of Rules

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Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter, and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of prostitutes is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our group leader has the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they use prostitutes.

## Travel Insurance

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Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your leader, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy we require that at a minimum you are covered for medical expenses including emergency evacuation and repatriation. A minimum coverage of USD200,000 is required. G Adventures can provide you with the appropriate coverage. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

## Planeterra-The G Adventures Foundation

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Planeterra is G Adventures' non-profit foundation created to make a positive difference in the communities where G Adventures takes travellers. Planeterra supports sustainable social and environmental solutions in destinations travellers love to visit.

As travellers, it's natural to want to give back to the places we've come to love. But to truly impact poverty, we work to build self-sufficiency, not dependency.

Planeterra partners with grassroots organizations with firsthand knowledge of local culture and true community needs. This ensures that solutions come from the people we support. Then G Adventures brings travellers to visit, fuelling sustainable local income in these communities. This model is helping many rural and marginalized communities on their way to self-sufficiency because they are harnessing the power of the tourism industry as a force for good. G Adventures matches all individual donations and pays all administration costs, which means that 100% of each donation is doubled and goes directly to support our projects. For more information about Planeterra and the projects we support, or to make a donation, please visit [planeterra.org](http://planeterra.org).

#### MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT

Fifty percent of our planet lives on less than \$2/day. For the price of a coffee, you can make every day of your trip count by giving back to the communities you visit through Planeterra.

To participate in this program please indicate at the time of booking that you would like to participate in G Adventures' Dollar-A-Day program, either by clicking the check box online, or by advising your G Adventures specialist or travel agent. (Note: Donation will be charged in the currency of your booking).

### Feedback

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After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us that we'll give you 5% off the price of your next G Adventures trip if your feedback is completed on-line within 30 days of finishing your trip. Your tour evaluation will be e-mailed to you 24 hours after the conclusion of your trip. If you do not receive the tour evaluation link in the days after your tour has finished, please drop us a line at [customerservice@gadventures.com](mailto:customerservice@gadventures.com) and we will send it on to you.

### Newsletter

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Our adventure travel e-newsletter is full of travel news, trip information, interesting stories and contests. To avoid missing out on special offers and updates from G Adventures, subscribe at [www.gadventures.com/newsletters/](http://www.gadventures.com/newsletters/)

Stay current on how our company invests in our global community through our foundation – Planeterra. Sign up for [Planeterra's monthly news](#) to learn more about how to give back and support the people and places we love to visit.

### Travel Forum - The Watering Hole

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Be sure to stop by The Watering Hole, our adventure travel forum. If you're interested in meeting others booked on your upcoming trip, check out the Departure Lounge section of our forum and introduce yourself. Otherwise, just drop in at anytime to share some travel tips, ask questions, meet other travellers and quench your thirst for travel. Our forum is located at [wateringhole.gadventures.com](http://wateringhole.gadventures.com).