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## **Active Chile & Argentina**

11 days, Santiago to Buenos Aires

Trip code SCAA

### **What's included**

- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Your Foodie Moment: Bike and Winery Guided Tour, Luján de Cuyo

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- Trek from Tucumán
- Internal flights
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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing January 1st, 2015 and onwards

## Itinerary



**NOTE:** Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

Day 1

## Santiago

Arrive at any time.

Arrive in Santiago at any time. There are no planned activities so check into our hotel and enjoy the city.

Santiago is Chile's largest city and capital, with internationally recognized vineyards and Andean ski resorts very close by. Explore the many museums and parks, and visit the vibrant neighbourhood of Bellavista to see some handicrafts and trendy cafés.

Day trips include a trip to Valparaíso and Viña del Mar, Chile's premier beach resort, or to Isla Negra, Pablo Neruda's seaside home.



### Today's Activities

#### ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.



### Optional Activities - Day 1

Day Trip to Isla Negra

Isla Negra

Take a day trip to Isla Negra, Pablo Neruda's seaside home. This house was one of the poet and politician's three homes, while not technically an island the house is near the water and it's believed that watching the storms on the ocean inspired Neruda to write his famous poem Oda a la Tormenta. The author and his third-wife Matilde Urrutia are both buried on the grounds and the house is now a museum.

Bellavista Neighbourhood Visit

Barrio Bellavista

Free

Head to Barrio Bellavista as the locals call this bohemian neighbourhood to enjoy a delicious meal, check out some art galleries, or have a drink at one of the many bars in the area.

Day trip to Valparaíso

Valparaíso - Santiago

Take a day trip to the beautiful port town of Valparaiso and wander by the rows of colourful houses. The Historic Quarter is on UNESCO's World Heritage List, explore the examples of 19th century Latin architecture built into the hillside.

Day 2

## Santiago

Full-day guided hike in Aguas de Ramon, with views of the city and the Andes. Return to the capital for the evening.

Today we will take a full day guided hike in Aguas de Ramon, outside of Santiago in the mountains.

Transfer by private vehicle to the trailhead, where we will hike for between 5 and 6 hours whilst taking in great views of the city of Santiago below, the Andes and the surrounding landscape.



### Meals included

Lunch



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Santiago - Parque Aguas de Ramón

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Guided Hike

Parque Aguas de Ramón

5h-6h

Transfer by private vehicle to the trailhead, hike for between five and six hours while taking in the spectacular view of the city of Santiago below, the Andes and the surrounding landscape.

Private Vehicle

Parque Aguas de Ramón - Santiago

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Day 3

## Santiago/Mendoza

Cross the Andes by bus into Argentina and arrive in Mendoza, the heart of the wine growing region.

Take a spectacular trip across the Andean Range into Argentina and to the picturesque wine-growing region of Mendoza.

Mendoza is a lovely city, known worldwide for its fabulous wine; it is home to 1221 wineries producing almost one billion litres of wine year. Many of these wineries take advantage of the crystalline waters of the Rio Mendoza fed by the melting snows of the Andes.

Outdoor activities such as whitewater rafting and skiing/snowboarding are plentiful depending on the season.



### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Local Bus

Santiago - Los Andes

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Border Crossing (Chile - Argentina)

Los Andes - Uspallata

1h30m

80km

Ready for a little more ink in your passport? Grab your bags and get ready to check another country off your bucket list.

Local Bus

Uspallata - Mendoza

2h-2h30m

210km

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Day 4

## Mendoza

Transfer by van to the winery region outside of Mendoza for a full-day bicycle tour of the wineries and enjoy an included traditional Argentine lunch. Free time for further optional winery tours or active options outside of the city like horseback riding, rafting (seasonal) or exploring the city on foot.

Transfer by private vehicle to the winery region outside of Mendoza, either the Luján de Cuyo or Valle de Uco districts.

We begin our bike tour, stopping at 2 different wineries for guided tours of the vineyards with sampling of the products of course!

Enjoy a typical and hearty Argentine barbecue lunch at the second winery after the tour before returning to Mendoza.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Mendoza - Luján de Cuyo

30m

20km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Will travel to either Luján de Cuyo or Valle de Uco.

#### ACTIVITY

Enjoy a bike tour of the beautiful Luján de Cuyo or Valle de Uco area (ask your CEO for more details) with stops at two wineries. Take a guided tour of the vineyards, learn about the wine making process and sample some of the delicious products. The second winery will provide a typical Argentine barbecue lunch and after the meal, take a private vehicle back to Mendoza.

Private Vehicle

Luján de Cuyo - Mendoza

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Day 5

## Mendoza/San Miguel de Tucumán

Explore Mendoza at leisure.

Free day to take another optional winery tour, or choose from a variety of optional activities in the area like hiking, horseback riding or white-water rafting (in season). If you'd prefer to relax, simply explore the pleasant city of Mendoza on foot and soak in the culture and atmosphere.

Travel by overnight bus to Tucumán at night.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Free Time

Mendoza

Enjoy some free time to explore the city.

Overnight Bus

Mendoza - San Miguel de Tucumán

12h30m

Curl up and catch a snooze en route to the next stop.

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### Optional Activities - Day 5

Hiking

Mendoza

Hike through the beautiful landscape around Mendoza using the available hiking trails. If there's enough time, climbing Cerro Arco takes about a half day and the trail has an amazing view of the Andean foothills and nearby plains. There are lots of other trails in the area ranging from moderate to extreme difficulty, so grab your boots and work off some of that wine!

Horseback Riding

Mendoza

Explore the countryside like a gaucho and take a horseback riding excursion from just outside of Mendoza.

Whitewater Rafting Mendoza

Mendoza

Whitewater raft down the Mendoza River, one of the best places for rafting in Argentina. While most of the year the river is calm, in the summer the melting snow from the Andes streams into the river, creating Class IV and V rapids.

Day 6

## San Miguel de Tucumán

Arrive in Tucumán by overnight bus. Free time for an optional city tour or individual exploration.

Tucumán is a charming city in the north of the country where Argentines proclaimed-and still celebrate-their independence.

Enjoy free time today to explore on your own or choose from a variety of optional activities like a city tour or active options outside of the city to explore the surrounding area.



### Today's Activities

Free Time

San Miguel de Tucumán

Take some time to see the best of the city and the surrounding area.

Day 7

## San Miguel de Tucumán

Enjoy an included guided hike through the forests and mountains of Tucumán to appreciate the views and the Yungas before returning to the city.

Embark on a trek in the mountains and forests surrounding the city of Tucumán. Depart from the hotel after breakfast and transfer by private vehicle to the start point of the trek, passing by the summit of San Miguel de Tucumán for great panoramic views of the city.

Transfer back to Tucuman.



### Meals included

Lunch



### Today's Activities

Local Bus

San Miguel de Tucumán

30m

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Tucumán Guided Hike

5h

Spend time trekking in the mountains and forests around Tucumán. On route to the starting point, enjoy the panoramic view of the city while passing by San Miguel de Tucumán. While hiking along the mountain footpaths through the Yungas, learn about the plant life in the area. Reach the peak of Cerro San Javier and take in the view and visit the falls nearby.

Local Bus

San Miguel de Tucumán

30m

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Day 8

## San Miguel de Tucumán/Salta

Travel to Salta by public bus. Free time for optional horseback riding, rafting (seasonal) or exploring the city's cultural and culinary delights on foot.

Travel to the city of Salta by public bus. Here we have plenty of free time for optional activities like horseback riding, rafting (seasonal) or exploring the city's cultural and culinary delights on foot.

The culture of northern Argentina is strikingly different from the rest of the country, as is the striking geography and landscapes. Soak in the rich cultural history in Salta and choose from the variety of optional activities.

A popular optional activity near Salta is the famous 'Train of the Clouds,' however in recent years the train has suffered service interruptions and breakdowns. It has resumed operations but be warned that schedules are inconsistent, however it is possible to follow the route by minivan on an optional tour.

Back in Salta, try Empanadas Salteñas - the delicious local specialty. In the evening, experience the local culture at one of the "Peña" folklore shows.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Local Bus

San Miguel de Tucumán - Salta

3h30m

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Free Time

Salta

Enjoy some activities around the town.



### Optional Activities - Day 8

Whitewater Rafting Salta

Salta

200ARS

Take a thrilling ride through waves and rapids. The Rio Juramento is about 100kms (62 mi) from Salta and has Class III rafting.

Peña Folklore Show

Salta

7000ARS

Enjoy a combination of local musical, dancing, wine and food at a peñas folklóricas. The performances can take place in restaurants, open-air squares or music halls and are usually very casual. While dancing the chacarera or zamba, any guitarist can jump on stage or start to sing. Dance the night away, try some delicious Argentine red wine and enjoy the great music.

Horseback Riding and BBQ

Salta

75USD

Admire the scenery while your ride slowly carries you across hills and along trails in the countryside.

Day 9

## Salta

Enjoy free time in Salta. Try some of the local food or explore the area.

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### Today's Activities

Free Time

Salta

Enjoy some of the many activities available in and around the city.

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Day 10

## Salta/Buenos Aires

Fly to Buenos Aires for the last night. Optional city tour or time for individual exploration. Opt to go to a tango show and dinner.

Fly to the capital city of Argentina, Buenos Aires, the city of Tango!

When you are done exploring, settle your weary feet and enjoy a drink in one of the many sidewalk cafes and restaurants. You'll soon begin to understand the contemplative Argentine way of life.

Enjoy free time in Buenos Aires before getting together for one last meal—and a final bottle of wine! This will be your last chance to try Argentina's succulent bife and parrilladas, so dig in and enjoy!



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Plane

Salta - Buenos Aires

5h

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.



### Optional Activities - Day 10

San Telmo Visit

San Telmo

Free

Take a step back in time visiting charming San Telmo, one of Buenos Aires' oldest barrios (neighbourhoods). Stroll along cobblestone streets and discover colonial architecture, museums, churches, and one-of-a-kind finds in the local antique shops. The barrio's weekend market and street artists' displays are must-sees and highlights for many visiting the capital.

Tango Dinner Show

Buenos Aires

Discover the passion of tango. Watch the pros step and slide around the dance floor while you dine on a traditional Argentine dinner. Get lost in the music, savour the sensuality, and see why this traditional dance continues to ignite the senses of locals and visitors alike.

La Boca Neighbourhood Visit

Buenos Aires

10USD

Visit La Boca to soak in the vibrancy of the barrio's brightly coloured buildings and El Caminito (a cobblestone street lined with artist studios that's often used as an impromptu setting for tango performances). Or, if lucky, catch a match at fabled La Bombonera, the home stadium of the Boca Juniors' fútbol club (the crowd's excitement is electric!).

Day 11

## Buenos Aires

Depart at any time. Booking pre- or post-accommodation is highly recommended to fully experience this vibrant city.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Departure Day

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with travel arrangements to extend your adventure.

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## **Is there an itinerary Disclaimer?**

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.

## **What is the group leader like?**

All G Adventures group trips are accompanied by one of our group leaders, a G Adventures representative, or an expedition team. The aim of the group leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. 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. 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.

## **How large will the group be?**

Max 16, Avg 10

## **What meals are included in this trip?**

6 breakfasts, 3 lunches

## **What are the meals like on this trip?**

Eating is a big part of traveling. G Adventures understands the importance of breakfast to start your day, we strive to include a basic breakfast wherever possible. A typical breakfast may include toast, coffee and tea, however this may vary depending on the city. Should breakfast not be included, your CEO can suggest some local options.

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. While trekking in remote regions etc. food is included, plentiful and made of fresh local ingredients.

For all trips please refer to the meals included and budget information for included meals and meal budgets.

## **What are the modes of transportation on my trip?**

Public bus, van, bicycle, hiking, plane, taxi.

## **Are local flights included in the cost of the trip?**

All local flights are included in the cost of your tour unless otherwise noted. It is important that we have your correct passport information in order to process these tickets. Internal flight tickets are issued locally and will be given to you prior to the flight departure.

## **Is there an extra cost for travelling solo?**

We believe single 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 single travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

## **Where will we stay during the trip?**

Hotels (9 nts), overnight bus (1 nt)

## **Do any exceptions apply to Rooming or “My Own Room” on my tour?**

Night 5: overnight bus.

## **What is the joining hotel?**

For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

## What are the joining instructions?

Santiago's International Airport is Arturo Merino Benitez, located 26 km from the city, about a 45 minute drive. One way to get to the city is by taxi, the approximate cost is \$50 USD (25,000 CLP). There is an exchange desk in the airport, however the rate is usually quite poor. There is a counter within the airport where you can take an official taxi.

Alternatively there are a number of airport shuttle buses to certain points in the centre of the city, especially along the Alameda. If your start hotel is Hotel Riviera, a shuttle bus can take you to Los Heroes subway station for approximately \$8, then take the subway 3 stops to the Estacion Santa Lucia, close to Hotel Riviera. If you are staying at Hotel Alcalá del Río it is easiest to take a taxi.

If you are arriving from abroad and have paid in advance for an arrival transfer, a G Adventures representative will meet you at the airport. If you cannot locate the G Adventures Representative for your pre-booked airport transfer within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel. A taxi to the centre costs approximately \$50 USD (25,000 CLP) and you can get one from the official counter within the airport. Please keep your receipt and your CEO or G Adventures Representative will refund the cost of the taxi. If your taxi driver does not speak English and you do not speak Spanish, simply show driver the hotel address to simplify communications.

Note: It is very common for taxis to try and deceive passengers that are not used to the exchange rate so please be very careful.

**SANTIAGO AIRPORT "LANDING FEE":** Please be advised that Chile's international airport in Santiago charges a steep arrival fee to people of certain nationalities. At the time of writing, this fee was \$132 USD for Canadians, \$160 USD for US citizens, and \$95 USD for Australian citizens; there is currently no fee for EU or New Zealand citizens. This is payable immediately upon arrival before proceeding through immigration. Once this fee is paid, it is valid for the duration of the passport. Please check with your local embassy/consulate for the exact amounts.

**ARGENTINA'S "RECIPROCITY FEE":**

Effective January 7, 2013 all US, Canadian and Australian citizens are required to pay a reciprocity tax in order to enter Argentina. This reciprocity tax must be paid in advance online with a credit card. Cash at the border or airport is not accepted. Please check with your local embassy/consulate for the exact amounts.

Please note that Day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned, so you may arrive at any time. Similarly the last day is a departure day during which no activities are planned. Your Chief Experience Officer (CEO) will leave a Welcome Note in the hotel lobby with details of the Welcome Meeting time on Day 1. It is usually around 7pm. In this meeting you will meet other tour participants and receive information about general and specific aspects of the trip. If you arrive late, s/he will leave you a message detailing what time and where you should meet the next morning.

## What happens if I experience problems when arriving?

We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, as soon as possible please contact your starting point hotel, requesting that you speak to or leave a message for your CEO (if you are not on a group tour please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier). If you are unable to get in touch with your leader, please refer to our emergency contact details. If you have pre-booked an airport transfer and 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.

## Who should I contact in case of an emergency?

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call either the G Adventures Local Representative (if one is listed below) or our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

### AIRPORT TRANSFER

If you have purchased an arrival through G Adventures or if an arrival transfer is included in the cost of your tour, please note that:

Your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. If you are advised of a flight schedule change within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, we will do our best to rearrange your arrival transfer however we cannot guarantee this. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Office Lima, Peru.

During office hours (Weekdays, 9-6pm Local Time): +51 1 241 1650

After hours Emergency number: +51 99 758 2712 (WhatsApp Available)

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

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

## Are there any additional packing suggestions I should consider?

We recommend the use of a duffel bag or backpack (whatever you find easiest to carry). A good size daypack is also essential.

## What should be on my packing list?

### Health & Safety:

- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Hand sanitizer
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)

## When can I do my laundry on this trip?

Laundry facilities are offered by some of our hotels for a charge. There will be times when you may want to or have to do your own laundry so we suggest you bring non-polluting/biodegradable soap.

## What are the visas and entry requirements for my trip?

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.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

## How much spending money do I need for my trip?

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.

## **What should I know about currency, credit cards, and exchanging money while on this tour?**

The currency in Argentina is the Argentine Peso (ARS).

Credit cards and debit cards are very useful for cash advances. Visa cards are the most widely accepted cards. While ATMs are widely available, there are no guarantees that your credit or debit cards will actually work in Latin America. Check with your bank.

You should be aware that to purchase products or services on a credit card a fee of 5%-10% usually applies.

Do not rely on credit or debit cards as your only source of money, a combination of US dollar cash and cards is best. Please bear in mind that cost of living in the southern cone countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile) is much higher than the rest of South America, and more comparable with Europe. Always take more rather than less, as you don't want to spoil the trip by constantly feeling short of funds.

We do not recommend bringing travellers cheques as they are very difficult to change in country.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE TIP: Please be advised that slightly torn notes, notes that have been heavily marked or are faded may be difficult to exchange. It is best to bring notes in fairly good condition, in denominations lower than 100USD (or equivalent).

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)

## **How much emergency money should I bring on this trip?**

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!

## **Do I need to pay a departure tax?**

Most airlines include departure tax in the cost of the ticket. If this is not included then it should be mentioned in your flight booking confirmation

## Should I be tipping on my trip?

It is customary in Latin America to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service. Tipping is an expected - though not compulsory - component of your tour program and an expression of satisfaction with the persons who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides or drivers we use. Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from \$5-10 USD per day depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture.

Also at the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures Chief Experience Officer (CEO) did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline \$20-25 USD per person, per week can be used.

# What activities are optional on this trip?

## Isla Negra

- Day Trip to Isla Negra

## Barrio Bellavista

- Bellavista Neighbourhood Visit  
(Free)

## Valparaíso

- Day trip to Valparaiso

## Mendoza

- Hiking
- Horseback Riding
- Whitewater Rafting Mendoza

## Salta

- Whitewater Rafting Salta  
(200ARS per person)
- Peña Folklore Show (7000ARS  
per person)
- Horseback Riding and BBQ  
(75USD per person)

## San Telmo

- San Telmo Visit (Free)

## Buenos Aires

- Tango Dinner Show
- La Boca Neighbourhood Visit  
(10USD per person)

## **Are there any health considerations I should know before travelling?**

Please note inoculations may be required for the country visited. It is your responsibility to consult with your travel doctor for up to date medical travel information well before departure.

You should consult your doctor for up-to-date medical travel information well before departure. We recommend that you carry a First Aid kit and hand sanitizers / antibacterial wipes as well as any personal medical requirements. Please be aware that quite often we are in remote areas and away from medical facilities, and for legal reasons our leaders are prohibited from administering any type of drug including headache tablets, antibiotics, etc. When selecting your trip please carefully read the brochure and itinerary and assess your ability to cope with our style of travel. Please refer to the Physical and Culture Shock ratings for trip specific information. G Adventures reserves the right to exclude any traveller from all or part of a trip without refund if in the reasonable opinion of our CEO they are unable to complete the itinerary without undue risk to themselves and/or the rest of the group.

## What do I need to know to about safety and security on my trip?

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 CEO has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it is deemed necessary due to safety concerns. Your 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 or 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 judgment 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.

Protests and Demonstrations- Protests and demonstrations, even those that are well intended, have the potential to turn violent with no warning. Counter protests can also turn violent. Action by security forces to disperse demonstrators and protesters may occur at any time. If you are in an area where demonstrators or protesters are gathering, avoid the temptation of staying for a good photo opportunity and leave the area immediately.

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.

We take all prudent measures in relation to your safety. For ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling, please visit:

[www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/](http://www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/)

## What are the trip specific safety considerations?

Please note: You should be especially careful when wandering about Buenos Aires on your own, particularly at night. Tourists are easy prey for individual pickpockets or groups of two or more people working as a team on the streets. Pay particular attention to anyone who 'accidentally' spills anything on your clothes or belongings (mustard, etc.) and then apologizes and offers to help clean up. They will clean you out instead! Be safe and leave your passport, credit cards, travellers cheques and cash funds you won't be using immediately in the hotel's safety deposit box. Most Porteños are honest and genuinely helpful and friendly, but be safe and enjoy the city!

## What rules should I know before joining this trip?

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 CEOs have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they use prostitutes.

## Is travel insurance required for my trip?

Travel Insurance: 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 CEO, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy please bear in mind that all clients must have medical coverage and that we require a minimum coverage of USD 200,000 for repatriation and emergency rescue. 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.

## What is Planeterra?

Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.

G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

G Adventures Dollar-a-day Program - Make Every Day Count - Turn your travel into impact with [Planeterra Foundation](#).

Did you know? Most communities around the world do not benefit from tourism. Give back to the places you visit on your travels by creating opportunities for local people to earn an income, and protect the environment.

Make every day count by donating \$1/day for the length of your trip, and join us in empowering the communities you will visit when you travel. 100% of your donation goes directly to Planeterra projects.

## How can I share feedback about my trip experience?

Earn 5% off your next G Adventures Tour (up to \$100 USD)\*

After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us and to thank you for your time, we are pleased to offer a 5% discount (up to a maximum of \$100 USD) off your next G Adventures holiday. All you need to do is submit the form within 4 weeks of the completion of your tour, and you'll be able to join the thousands of travellers who have taken 2, 3, 4 or even 10 or more tours with us!

Discount cannot be combined with other offers or applied to 'Independent' style trips. Maximum discount value is \$100 USD (or equivalent currency). Valid for new bookings only. G Adventures reserves the right to withdraw or modify this offer at any time without notice. Limited to one discount per person.

## Does G Adventures have an email newsletter I can subscribe to?

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.

## How old must I be to join this trip?

You must be 18 to travel unaccompanied on a G Adventures tour. For minors travelling with a guardian over 21 years old, the minimum age is 12.

## Are international flights included in this trip?

No, international flights are generally not included in the price of your tour.

However, on some combo tours travelling between two different countries, international flights are included as part of the itinerary and price of the tour. Please speak to your GCO or booking agent for further details.

In addition, check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.

## What should LGBTQ+ travellers know about safety and travel considerations on this trip?

The safety and well-being of all of our travelers is a priority at G Adventures and that includes our travelers who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. We recognize that there are specific concerns and questions you may have about your adventure in terms of safety and security. We encourage you to visit our [LGBTQ+ page](#) for useful resources to ensure you feel safe and comfortable throughout the duration of your trip. The Equaldex tool linked on this page can be of particular help when deciding where you may want to visit next.

## Dossier Disclaimer

The information in this trip details document has been compiled with care and is provided in good faith. However it is subject to change, and does not form part of the contract between the client and the operator. The itinerary featured is correct at time of printing. It may differ slightly to the one in the brochure. Occasionally our itineraries change as we make improvements that stem from past travellers, comments and our own research. Sometimes it can be a small change like adding an extra meal along the itinerary. Sometimes the change may result in us altering the tour for the coming year. Ultimately, our goal is to provide you with the most rewarding experience. Please note that our brochure is usually released in November each year. If you have booked from the previous brochure you may find there have been some changes to the itinerary.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Please ensure that you print a final copy of your Trip Details to review a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

## Itinerary Disclaimer

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.