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Andes to the Atlantic Experience

25 days, La Paz to Rio de Janeiro

Trip code SXLR

What's included

- Your Discover Moment: Sucre
- Your Discover Moment: Bonito

- Your Discover Moment: Paraty
- Your Discover Moment: Ilha Grande
- 4x4 excursion to the Uyuni Salt Flats (3 days)
- Pantanal wildlife excursion (2 days)
- Iguassu Falls visit (Brazil and Argentina)
- Internal flights
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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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

La Paz

Arrive at anytime.



Today's Activities

Free Time

La Paz

Get out and explore.



Optional Activities - Day 1

Chacaltaya Visit

Chacaltaya

Chacaltaya (Aymara for 'cold road') is a mountain in the Cordillera Real, part of the beautiful Bolivian Andes.

Tiahuanaco Ruins Visit

Tiahuanaco

150BOB

Enjoy a visit to this spectacular pre-Colombian archaeological site. It was the capital of an empire that extended into Peru and Chile from 300 to 1000 AD. Check out the fantastic buildings, architecture, sculptures and carvings firsthand and get a taste of an era long gone.

Valley of the Moon Tour

La Paz

15USD

Tour the lunar landscape of the Valley of the Moon, observe the clay formations carved into the landscape by years of erosion.

Witches' Market Visit

La Paz

Learn more about the pre-Columbian Aymara beliefs at the Witches' Market. You can witness locals buying products such as dried frogs, potions, and talismans for use in rituals and offerings.

Day 2

La Paz/Uyuni

Travel by train and bus to the town of Uyuni, home base for salt flat exploration.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Local Bus

La Paz - Puno

4h-5h

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

This route may be done by train or overnight bus depending on which one is running.

Local Train

Oruro - Uyuni

6h

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride. If travelling on a day when the train is not operating, you will take an overnight bus from La Paz departing at 19:00 and arriving in Uyuni at 06:00 the next morning.

Enjoy a three day 4x4 excursion to the Uyuni Salt Flats and surrounding desert altiplano with spectacular scenery.

Travel through the Bolivian landscape to the town of Uyuni. Despite its isolation and challenging climate (cold and blustery most of the year), the town of Uyuni has earned the nickname of Hija Predilecta de Bolivia (Bolivia's Favourite Daughter).

It is also the starting point for our three day excursion through the spectacular Salar de Uyuni (Uyuni Salt Flats) in 4x4 vehicles.

We offer unique accommodation on the Uyuni Salt Flats. Instead of very basic refuges and homestays most operators use, we have upgraded to simple hotels that are equipped with solar panels to provide electricity and hot water. Rooms are multi-share and each has a private bathroom. Meals are made from local ingredients, most of which are grown on-site.

During the rainy season the locations visited may change due to some routes being covered by water.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Today's Activities

Salt Flats and Desert Crossing Excursion

Salt Flats

Spend three days in the stunning landscape between the Salar de Uyuni and the Atacama Desert in Chile. Enter a world unlike anything else as we drive across the salt flats; the piercing blue sky contrasts against the blinding white of the flat salt beds. Take memorable photos of the unusual landscape complete with mountains and active volcanoes. Visit the coloured lagoon of Laguna Colorada and enjoy the uniqueness of this region.

Day 4

Salt Flats

Continue exploring the Uyuni Salt Flats on a 4x4 excursion. Admire the spectacular scenery while passing red and blue lagoons along the route. Spot wild llamas, alpacas and even flamingos deep within the desert.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



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Day 5

Salt Flats/Uyuni

Rise early to cover more ground of the unique landscape of the Uyuni Salt Flats. Continue to see incredible scenery, including volcanoes, salt lakes and geysers.



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Breakfast | Lunch



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Day 6

Uyuni/Potosí

Journey from Uyuni to Potosí and get a view of the mountain Cerro Rico looming over the city.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Uyuni - Potosí

4h-5h

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

Free Time

Potosí

Use your free time any way you like.



Optional Activities - Day 6

Silver Mine Tour

Potosí

150BOB

Take the opportunity to visit a working silver mine and learn more about the process of extraction and working conditions faced by as much as half of the people who live and mine in Potosí. Bring a bandana and wear protective gear (boots, helmet and headlamp) as you head deep into the bowels of Cerro Rico (Rich Hill).

Casa de la Moneda

Potosí

40BOB

Learn about the first global currency at this renowned National Mint museum.

Day 7

Potosí/Sucre

Continue by bus to Sucre and explore the beautiful colonial city.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Potosí - Sucre

2h30m

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

Free Time

Sucre

Make the most of your time here.



Optional Activities - Day 7

Mountain Biking

Sucre

Take a guided mountain biking trip on the outskirts of Sucre and explore more of this beautiful region.

Hiking

Sucre

Head out of town, take in some fresh air, and explore this scenic area by foot.

Sunday Tarabuco Market

Sucre

40USD

On a Sunday morning, the Tarabuco market offers a glimpse into daily Bolivian life and the diversity of its people. Where indigenous groups from the surrounding area gather on Sundays to sell their goods.

Sucre Dinosaur Tracks Excursion

Sucre

Get ready to get up close and personal with the prehistoric times: Sucre is home to one of the world's largest collections of dinosaur footprints made some 68 million years ago. Discover more than 5,000 footprints perfectly preserved footprints in the Cal Orck'o cliff just outside the city centre. See the world's longest trail -- 347m (1138 ft) -- left by a baby Tyrannosaurus Rex now affectionately known as 'Johnny Walker'.

Days 8–9

Sucre

Free time to explore the city, the former capital of Bolivia. For more active options opt to go hiking in the surrounding area or mountain biking.



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Breakfast



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Day 10

Santa Cruz de la Sierra

Fly to Santa Cruz.

Take a local flight from Sucre to Santa Cruz, located close to the Cordillera Oriental foothills.



Today's Activities

Plane

Sucre - Santa Cruz de la Sierra

30m

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

Day 11

Santa Cruz de la Sierra/Puerto Suárez

Spend some time exploring Santa Cruz before travelling by overnight train to the Brazilian border.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Free Time

Santa Cruz de la Sierra

Head out and explore.

Overnight Train (seats)

Santa Cruz de la Sierra - Puerto Suárez

14h

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

Day 12

Puerto Suárez/Pantanal

Travel into Brazil and straight to the Pantanal on 2-day excursion into the with a local guide. This is a perfect place to experience the wildlife of Brazil.

Cross Bolivia's eastern border at the frontier town of Corumbá, Brazil, on the edge of the Pantanal, an immense wetland area famed for its profuse wildlife. Take a 2-day wildlife excursion to fully appreciate the area's beauty and bounty.

Please note, while on the rustic excursion in the Pantanal the nights will be spent in hammocks.



Meals included

Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Border Crossing (Bolivia - Brazil)

Puerto Suárez - Corumbá

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

Private Vehicle

Corumbá - Pantanal

3h

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

Day 13

Pantanal

Enjoy a 2-day excursion into the wetlands of the Pantanal with a local guide. Opportunities to spot wildlife such as monkeys, macaws, giant otters, and caiman abound.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Pantanal Wildlife Excursion

Pantanal

The Pantanal, a largely flat, wetland area about half the size of France, is still one of the best places on the continent for observing wildlife. The area is rich in bird life, including beautiful and colourful macaws and Jabiru storks. With luck and appropriate weather you may spot capivara (capibara), howler monkeys, caiman, giant river otters, anacondas, and anteaters.

Travel to Bonito and spend time here snorkelling in the rivers or exploring nearby caves.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Shared Van

Pantanal - Bonito

5h

Climb aboard and make friends with your seatmate en route to the next stop.

Free Time

Bonito

Don't waste a minute—get out and explore.



Optional Activities - Day 14

Canopy Tour Bonito

Bonito

160BRL

Make your way through a fun tree-top canopy course suspended above the forest. Buckle up your harness, don your helmet, and prepare to launch. Glide along cables suspended high above the forest greenery as you glide past.

Cave Rappelling & Snorkelling

Bonito

700BRL

Harness up and abseil down 70 meters down into a large cave. Once inside, jump in the water (with a wetsuit of course) to get another view of these impressive geological formations from below the surface with a mask and snorkel.

Balneario Do Sol

Bonito

90BRL

Enjoy the crystal-clear waters of the Formoso River; relax on the banks, go for a swim, or grab a snorkel and get up close and personal with the fish.

Balneario Municipal

Bonito

60BRL

Enjoy the turquoise waters at this swimming hole, go for a swim, lounge on the banks, or enjoy a game of beach volleyball at the nearby facilities.

Bonito Snorkelling

Bonito

236-280BRL

4h-6h

Bonito is famous for the spectacular snorkelling in the beautiful clear water. Marvel at colourful fish.

Gruta Azul

Bonito

100BRL

Check out the unbelievably blue water of this cave that shimmers in the sunlight. While not visible from the cave, the site was recently discovered to have prehistoric mammal bones from over 12,000 years ago at the bottom of the grotto, saber tooth tigers, giant sloths, and armadillos, oh my!

Waterfall Tour

Bonito

210BRL

Enjoy a guided hike through lush forest to multiple of Bonito's waterfalls, cool off with a refreshing dip along the way.

Enjoy a full day in Bonito with optional activities like snorkelling in the crystal-clear rivers or exploring the nearby caves and waterfalls.



Meals included

Breakfast



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Day 16

Bonito/Iguaçu Falls

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Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Overnight Bus

Bonito - Iguaçu Falls

14h

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Day 17

Iguaçu Falls

Spend two full days exploring Iguassu from both the Argentine and Brazilian sides. Opt to visit a nearby bird park.

Visit the Brazilian side of the falls before a free afternoon to relax or visit the bird park, home to species such as the Hyacinth macaw and toucans.

Today's Activities

Iguassu Falls (Brazil Side) Guided Tour

Foz do Iguaçu

2h30m-3h30m

Visit the Brazil side of the falls to get a panoramic view of Iguaçu, one of the world's largest and most impressive waterfalls. In total, there are over 275 individual falls spread out over 3km (2 mi). Find the best spot to take jaw-dropping photos of this UNESCO World Heritage site.

Free Time

Iguaçu Falls

Spend an afternoon however you'd like.

Optional Activities - Day 17

Iguassu Falls Bird Park Visit

Iguaçu Falls

120BRL

Grab a camera and get up and close and personal with macaws, parrots, parakeets, and 150 other species of birds. Located on the Brazilian side of Iguassu Falls, the bird park is on 12 acres of native subtropical forest. Enter a huge aviary to see the birds free from cages and nets. Check out other exhibits to view butterflies, alligators, and snakes (boas and anacondas).

Iguassu Helicopter Ride

Iguaçu Falls

130USD

Fly above the roaring cascades of Iguassu falls on a memorable helicopter ride to get a unique view and mind-blowing photo opportunities. Sit back in the comfortable seats, enjoy the ride and let the experienced pilot guide you over the immense falls.

Day 18

Iguaçu Falls

Cross the border to explore the Argentine side of the falls. Opt for a boat ride at the base of the falls.

Cross the border to Argentina for a new perspective of the falls. With an extensive series of catwalks and optional boat rides to the base of the falls, there's plenty to do before returning to the Brazilian side for the night.

If you have booked the Iguassu Falls Boat Ride Theme Pack, you will do it today on the Argentine side of the falls.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Border Crossing (Brazil - Argentina)

Foz do Iguaçu - Puerto Iguazú

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

Iguassu Falls Visit

Puerto Iguazú

Spend the whole day on the Argentine side of Iguassu, exploring the paths over the falls or experience the UNESCO World Heritage site from a boat tour. Tours utilize trails and catwalks adapted to the landscape of the area, and walking is easy for all ages; guided tours of the complex are available several times a day.

Border Crossing (Argentina - Brazil)

Puerto Iguazú - Foz do Iguaçu

1h30m-3h

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



Optional Activities - Day 18

Iguassu Falls Visit

Puerto Iguazú

70USD

1h-2h

Enter the jungle from the “Sendero Yacaratía” and enjoy the panoramic view. Board motorboats that pass through the Lower Canyon of the Iguassu River, and continue onto the falls. After enjoying the view from San Martin Island, sail to “Tres Mosqueteros” to the "Devil's Throat." Sail along the shore before and enjoy the splendour of the San Martin waterfall, a wonderful and unforgettable experience.

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Day 19

Iguaçu Falls/Paraty

Fly to São Paulo and continue by van to Paraty. Spend a day and a half discovering this town.

On arrival in São Paulo, continue on by bus to the gorgeous coastal town of Paraty. Wander the cobblestoned streets, take a boat trip to the nearby islands in the bay, or visit one of the many white-sand beaches that make Brazil famous.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Plane

Foz do Iguaçu - São Paulo

1h30m

An early morning flight gets you Paraty with plenty of time to explore.

Shared Van

São Paulo - Paraty

5h-6h

Enjoy the drive to São Paulo, stopping for lunch along the way.

Days 20–21

Paraty

Enjoy free time to explore Paraty.

Opt to pre-book the "Paraty Caipirinha Boat Tour" activity on the checkout page ahead of time to include this optional on your tour.



Meals included

Breakfast



Optional Activities - Days 20–21

Walking Tour Paraty + cachaça tasting (2hrs)

Paraty

160BRL

Tour a cachaça distillery where sugarcane juice is used to create the most popular distilled spirit in Brazil. If it tastes familiar, that's because it's the main ingredient in a Caipirinha, the country's national cocktail. Often called "Brazilian rum," cachaça is so popular, it's produced by 40,000 micro-companies across the country. The blend from Paraty is sweet and salty; taste the sea as you sip this local liquid.

Kayaking

Paraty

90BRL

1h-6h

See Paraty's from a whole other level—sea level! Check out the spectacular views of the old town and the coastal mountain range and explore otherwise inaccessible mangroves.

4x4 Tour

Paraty

150BRL

6h-7h30m

Hop in the back of a jeep and hang on for this tropical tour. Enter the Serra da Bocaina National Park, visit waterfalls (great for photos and swimming), and step back in time along the Gold Trail road, constructed by African slaves to transport gold mined inland and transported to Paraty port bound for Portugal.

Diving Paraty

Paraty

Brazil is a diver's paradise. Its waters include a rich variety of fish, mammals, kelp and coral. Spot brilliantly coloured fish accented against the white sand ocean floor. Keep your eyes peeled for dolphins, sea turtles and nurse sharks. Paraty boasts at least 10 locations recommended for SCUBA

diving. Explore the waters off islands with exotic names – Cocos, Meros, Deserta – and add an unforgettable underwater adventure to your list of most memorable moments.

Horseback Riding Paraty

Paraty

390BRL

3h-6h

Throw on some long pants, grab the reins and hop up on a well-trained horse. Trail ride through the Atlantic Rainforest in the mountains around Paraty. Cross rivers and follow trails lined with tropical trees. Reach a lookout and see the village and the water below. Stop at a waterfall and jump in! Let the rushing water massage your muscles then hop back on the horses and gallop home.

Paraty Boat Tour

Paraty

150BRL

Home to hundreds of pristine islands and idyllic white sand beaches it doesn't get much better than the Costa Verde. Cruise up the coast with a caipirinha in one hand and your camera in the other. Stop along the way to swim in the crystal clear waters or to catch a few rays. Snorkeling equipment is provided for those wanting a peek at what is under the water's surface.

Day 22

Paraty/Ilha Grande

Continue by van up the coast and take a ferry to Ilha Grande.

A short, scenic drive along the coast takes us to Angra dos Reis. Board the ferry to Ilha Grande—home to some of Brazil's most beautiful beaches.

Enjoy free time to soak up the sun, snorkel, hike, and cruise to various beaches, not to mention feast on fresh seafood and sip caipirinhas in the plaza in the evenings.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Local Bus

Paraty - Angra dos Reis

2h

100km

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

Ferry

Angra dos Reis - Ilha Grande

1h30m

Get to the next spot on your route aboard a convenient and efficient ferry boat.

Free Time

Ilha Grande

Hurry up and start relaxing.



Optional Activities - Day 22

Surfing Ilha Grande

Ilha Grande

40-80BRL

1h-8h

Slather on the sunscreen, strap on a leash, pull on a rash guard and get ready to hit the waves.

Experience the surf at the beaches off Ilha Grande. Lopes Mendes is a good bet – shallow walk out and steady waves in a drop-dead gorgeous setting. Take a lesson, learn tips and techniques, then hang ten like a local.

Ilha Grande Biking

Ilha Grande

Fill your water bottle, rent a bike in Abraão Village and get ready to sweat. Peddle to Preta Beach to see the ruins of the Lazareto, initially a building to quarantine immigrants arriving from Europe, then converted to a prison which operated up until 1994. Follow the Cascade Path to the old Aqueduct (Aqueduto) and imagine it's 1893 and water is running along the stone structure to supply the Lazareto.

Ilha Grande Diving

Ilha Grande

Explore one of the world's largest concentrations of underwater shipwrecks, many lost during pirate battles in the 16th-18th centuries in the waters off Ilha Grande. Dive to see the Pinguino cargo ship as well as the remains of a helicopter near Laja do Matariz. Discover massive underwater caves, swim with schools of tropical fish and admire the colours of corals and reefs, in the warm salt water where visibility varies from 6-20m (20-66 ft).

Hike to Pico do Papagaio

Ilha Grande

150BRL

6h-7h

Enjoy a guided hike from Abraão to Pico do Papagaio, soaking in the scenery along the way. It will take roughly 4 hours to hike up and about 2 hr to hike back down. The 360 degree views from the top are well worth the effort.

Ilha Grande Boat Excursion

Ilha Grande

130BRL

4h-5h

From the main village of Vila do Abraão, take a boat tour to some of the best beaches around the island. See tropical fish and cool off in the salt spray of the turquoise waters. Stop to swim and snorkel and pinch yourself for being lucky enough to partake in this tropical piece of paradise. Enjoy the scenery while drinking a caipirinha, Brazil's national drink.

Lopes Mendes Hike

Ilha Grande

2h30m-4h

Grab your bathing suit, slip on your walking shoes and take the hike from Abraão to the beautiful beach of Lopes Mendes. Follow a well-marked trail up and down, through forest and past other beaches. Eat Jack fruit picked along the way. Drink water from a natural spring. Listen to howler monkeys. After 2.5-3 hrs, arrive at the stunning Lopes Mendes beach, where the white powder sand squeaks under foot and the rolling green hills provide a stunning contrast to the turquoise water.

Snorkelling Ilha Grande

Ilha Grande

Rent a mask and snorkel, pull on some fins and get set to enter the underwater world of colourful tropical fish, shells and all things seaworthy. November through May is Ilha Grande's best time to snorkel. Hotspots include the Blue Lagoon, Green Lagoon and Abraãzinho Beach. Luxuriate in the warm salt water, look down and, in some cases, see to a depth of 15m (50 ft).

Enjoy a free day in Ilha Grande. Opt to hike the island's remote beaches or enjoy free time to relax and explore.



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Breakfast



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130BRL

4h-5h

From the main village of Vila do Abraão, take a boat tour to some of the best beaches around the island. See tropical fish and cool off in the salt spray of the turquoise waters. Stop to swim and snorkel and pinch yourself for being lucky enough to partake in this tropical piece of paradise. Enjoy the scenery while drinking a caipirinha, Brazil's national drink.

Snorkelling Ilha Grande

Ilha Grande

Rent a mask and snorkel, pull on some fins and get set to enter the underwater world of colourful tropical fish, shells and all things seaworthy. November through May is Ilha Grande's best time to snorkel. Hotspots include the Blue Lagoon, Green Lagoon and Abraãzinho Beach. Luxuriate in the warm salt water, look down and, in some cases, see to a depth of 15m (50 ft).

Day 24

Ilha Grande/Rio de Janeiro

Carry on by ferry and van to Rio de Janeiro. With free time, explore the city on an optional city tour.

Travel back to the mainland by ferry before continuing north along the coast. Enjoy the incredible scenery before rounding the cliffs at Vidigal. Get your first look at one of the most memorable cities in the world—Rio de Janeiro.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Ferry

Ilha Grande - Angra dos Reis

1h30m

Get to the next spot on your route aboard a convenient and efficient ferry boat.

Local Bus

Angra dos Reis - Rio de Janeiro

3h30m

87km

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

Free Time

Rio de Janeiro

Use your free time in Rio to start your exploration of this world-class city.



Optional Activities - Day 24

Rio de Janeiro City Tour

Rio de Janeiro

470BRL

There's so much to see and do in this vibrant city pulsing with passion, music and the waves of the sea. Take a city tour and visit some of Rio's hot spots. Visit the art deco statue of Christ the Redeemer atop Corcovado Mountain, the colourful Lapa Steps and the Rio Cathedral. Ride a cable car to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain and marvel at the magnificent views of the bay, city and beaches beyond.

Day 25

Rio de Janeiro

Depart at any time.



Meals included

Breakfast



Optional Activities - Day 25

Rio Hang Gliding

Rio de Janeiro

1300BRL

Glide like a bird on this exhilarating and inspiring air adventure. Get all the guidance you need to go airborne with your instructor, and take to the skies for an unbeatable experience and amazing views of this incredibly picturesque city. Careful – you may become addicted to the freedom of flying!

Rio Football Game

Rio de Janeiro

500BRL

If it's a game day, catch a football match (or some call it soccer). Watch the locals cheer for their team and join in the celebrations.

Please note the pricing for this activity is approximate and could vary slightly on the ground when booked.

What's included

- Your Discover Moment: Sucre
- Your Discover Moment: Bonito
- Your Discover Moment: Paraty
- Your Discover Moment: Ilha Grande
- 4x4 excursion to the Uyuni Salt Flats (3 days)
- Pantanal wildlife excursion (2 days)
- Iguassu Falls visit (Brazil and Argentina)
- Internal flights
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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What important notes should I be aware of before the trip?

1. COMBO TRIP

Please note that this tour is a combination of several G Adventures tours. As such, your group CEO, fellow passengers, or vehicle may change between the individual tour sections.

2. EXTRAS

Looking to add to your experience? Check out our Extras! Specially designed for travellers with unique interests, Extras are optional add-ons to your G adventures trip that make your adventure more you-centric. Extras must be booked prior to departure, please see details in our optional activities field and ask your sales GCO or travel agent about booking.

3. YELLOW FEVER

It may be required to show a Yellow Fever certificate upon entering the country visited. Please check in with your local health expert for advice on Yellow Fever and other inoculations required for this area.

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 12

What meals are included in this trip?

21 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners

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, plane, ferry, train, van, hiking, 4x4 vehicle.

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 passport information at the time of booking 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 (18 nts), overnight bus (1 nt), overnight train (1 nt), G Adventures-supported community lodge/basic hotels on Uyuni/Salt Flats excursion (2 nts, multi-share), tented room with hammocks in the Pantanal (2 nts, multi-share).

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

Nights 3-4: Salar de Uyuni, Night 11: overnight train, Nights 12-13: Pantanal, Night 16: 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?

El Alto International Airport is approximately 45 minutes drive from the center of La Paz, where our joining hotel is located. The easiest way to get there is via taxi. Immediately after the customs and immigration area, as you head to the exits, you will find a taxi stand. You can pay for the car at set rates (approximately \$10 USD) and won't need to worry about sorting out a ride outside the airport facilities, where the situation tends to get more chaotic, with many drivers vying for few clients.

If you have paid in advance for an arrival transfer, a G Adventures representative will be at the airport to meet you. If for any reason you are not met at the airport, please call our local support line. If you are unable to make contact for whatever reason, please make your way to the joining point hotel via taxi.

Please note that Day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned for that day other than your welcome meeting in the evening, so you can arrive at any time. Similarly the last day is a departure day during which no activities have been planned.

A G Adventures Representative will organize a short meeting soon after arrival, during which you will meet other tour participants and receive information about general and specific aspects of the trip. A welcome note will be left for you in the hotel so you have all the necessary information regarding the meeting time. 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?

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Should you need to contact G Adventures during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call our local contact in Buenos Aires. 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.

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 contact in Buenos Aires, we have a toll-free line for North America, which will connect you directly with our Toronto office. In the event that you cannot get through, you can reach a member of our Operations department at the mobile number below:

Toll-free, North America only: 1 800 465 5600.

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618

Outside North America, Australia and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

Are there any additional packing suggestions I should consider?

Most airlines allow two checked bags and one carry-on per person. To avoid any problems on check-in and with possible excess baggage charges, please consult the airline for specific restrictions. We recommend the use of a duffel bag or backpack, whichever is easiest for you to carry. A good size daypack is also essential.

Most people automatically assume that the weather is hot in South America, but because of the higher altitude in the Andes, the temperature can feel quite cold, especially at night. It can be very cold in the Andean highlands, temperatures of -10C and lower are frequent around Uyuni and the Altiplano (high plateau). It is best to layer clothes rather than wearing a heavy parka. This allows you to accommodate clothing to varying degrees of temperatures and wet/dry/windy weather conditions.

What should be on my packing list?

Available for Rent:

- Sleeping bag (35 BOB per day)

Cold Weather:

- Long-sleeved shirts or sweater
- Scarf
- Warm gloves
- Warm hat
- Warm layers
- Warm waterproof jacket

Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

Essentials:

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, bandaids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Headphones (Noise-cancelling recommended)
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

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.)

Salt Flats:

- Sleeping bag and liner, 4 season (Also available for rent)
- Warm waterproof jacket

Warm Weather:

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear

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](#)

What should I consider when planning my personal expenses and discretionary spending for this itinerary?

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 Brazil is the Brazilian Real (BRL) and in Bolivia the Boliviano (BOB).

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

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?

USD \$36

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 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?

Chacaltaya

- Chacaltaya Visit

Tiahuanaco

- Tiahuanaco Ruins Visit
(150BOB per person)

La Paz

- Valley of the Moon Tour (15USD per person)
- Witches' Market Visit

Potosí

- Silver Mine Tour (150BOB per person)
- Casa de la Moneda (40BOB per person)

Sucre

- Mountain Biking
- Hiking
- Sunday Tarabuco Market (40USD per person)
- Sucre Dinosaur Tracks Excursion

Bonito

- Canopy Tour Bonito (160BRL per person)
- Cave Rappelling & Snorkelling (700BRL per person)
- Balneario Do Sol (90BRL per person)
- Balneario Municipal (60BRL per person)
- Bonito Snorkelling (236-280BRL per person)
- Gruta Azul (100BRL per person)
- Waterfall Tour (210BRL per person)

Iguaçu Falls

- Iguassu Falls Bird Park Visit (120BRL per person)
- Iguassu Helicopter Ride (130USD per person)

Puerto Iguazú

- Iguassu Falls Visit (70USD per person)

Paraty

- Walking Tour Paraty + cachaça tasting (2hrs) (160BRL per person)
- Kayaking (90BRL per person)
- 4x4 Tour (150BRL per person)
- Diving Paraty
- Horseback Riding Paraty (390BRL per person)
- Paraty Boat Tour (150BRL per person)

Ilha Grande

- Surfing Ilha Grande (40-80BRL per person)
- Ilha Grande Biking
- Ilha Grande Diving
- Hike to Pico do Papagaio (150BRL per person)
- Ilha Grande Boat Excursion (130BRL per person)
- Lopes Mendes Hike
- Snorkelling Ilha Grande

Rio de Janeiro

- Rio de Janeiro City Tour (470BRL per person)
- Rio Hang Gliding (1300BRL per person)
- Rio Football Game (500BRL 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.

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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/

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.

Trip Specific Responsible Travel

Silver Mines in Potosí

Working conditions for miners were appalling, and a large portion of the indigenous population was decimated. African slaves were brought in to replace the native workers, and it is estimated that as many as eight million indigenous and African people died in the mines during the first three centuries of Spanish colonial rule. Unfortunately little has changed throughout time and working conditions have remained the same. Although this is not an excursion for everyone, we do recommend a visit as it is an eye-opening experience that gives you a chance to glimpse the realities of life in the Andes in general and more specifically in these mines however we do not condone the working conditions of the mine.

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!

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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.

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