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Australia in Style

21 days, Sydney to Melbourne

Trip code OAIS

What's included

- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Your Hands-On Moment: Surf Lesson with Yoga Warm-Up, Byron Bay

- Your Discover Moment: Adelaide
- Sydney harbour yacht ride
- Sydney orientation walk
- Included surfing lessons with a local (Byron Bay)
- Yoga lesson
- Full-day Whitsunday Islands sailing trip
- Scenic train journey to Cairns
- Aboriginal dreamtime walk through the Daintree at Mossman Gorge in the Daintree Rainforest
- Visit to Uluru and a local arts centre
- Walk through the Valley of the Winds in Kata Tjuta
- Barossa Valley wine tasting
- Adelaide orientation walk
- Visit to Brambuk Aboriginal Cultural Centre
- Exploring Grampians National Park
- Great Ocean Road drive
- Great Otway National Park rainforest walk
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing July 1st, 2014 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

Sydney

Arrive at any time.

Please make your own way to the joining hotel.

If you arrive early, head into the city to visit the Botanical Gardens or the famous Opera House. There are no planned activities during the day, so check into the hotel and explore the city.



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.

Day 2

Sydney

Explore Sydney with a walk along the harbour to the iconic Sydney Opera House and the Rocks area. Have an early lunch before boarding a sleek former Americas Cup racing yacht for a thrilling 2.5hr sail on one of the world's finest harbours.

After spending the day exploring Sydney, we meet in the early evening for an optional drink or dinner. We may head beachside to Bondi where there are plenty of excellent dining options.

The sailing excursion today is a fast paced and authentic sailing experience on a racing yacht. If you are not interested in sailing, you can opt out and enjoy your afternoon on your own.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Today's Activities

Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

Enjoy a brief walk with your CEO. He/she will give you some tips on finding things like supermarkets, main squares, and ATMs. For more specific or in-depth information, an official guided tour is recommended.

Sailing in Sydney Harbour

Set sail in Sydney Harbour on one the America's Cup racing yachts. Wave to other passing ferries, take photos of the iconic Opera House and Sydney Harbour bridge and let the sun and wind invigorate your senses.

Metro

Sydney

Get around underground via public transit.

Day 3

Sydney/Byron Bay

Fly to the famous surf and arts town of Byron.

Meet mid-morning to catch a flight to the north coast of New South Wales. Arrive early evening into beautiful Byron Bay. On the way to the hotel, stop for a walk to the Cape Byron lighthouse located at the most easterly point of the Australian continent. The night is yours to discover.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Taxi

Sydney

30m-1h

Jump in the back and tell the driver to step on it, just like they do in the movies.

Plane

Sydney - Byron Bay

1h30m

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

Cape Byron Lighthouse Visit

Cape Byron

30m-2h

Cape Byron Lighthouse is 3km (1.9 mi) northeast of Byron Bay. The popular white structure emits the most powerful light of all working lighthouses in the country, and it's also located at the most easterly point of the Australian continent. Head up to the top of the tower to scan the ocean for whales (the Southern Cross University's Whale Research Centre is located here).

Free Time

Byron Bay

Talk to your CEO today about some optional activity options for tomorrow so they can make arrangements for you.

Day 4

Byron Bay

On Day 4, stretch out with an introductory yoga warm-up before meeting a local surf legend, learn about the culture of surfing in the area, and try it yourself. Enjoy free time for optional sea kayaking, whale-watching, or just relax at the beach.

Start the day early to enjoy a yoga class to calm the mind and limber the body before meeting a local surfer for a surf lesson. Eat lunch at a local vegetarian restaurant to ensure we fully immerse ourselves in the vibe of Byron Bay.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

Hit the beach and get ready to hang ten with a surf lesson from trained surf instructors. Start with a bit of a yoga warm-up before spending some time in the water getting friendly with the waves. Practice paddling and then pop up to balance on the wider, softer beginner boards. Too easy.

Free Time

Byron Bay

The rest of the day is yours to explore - you may like to walk along the long stunning beach, play in the surf, or simply hang out at the beach hotel and people watch. Optional activities in the area include whale watching (seasonal), kayaking, or a day tripping to the beaches.



Optional Activities - Day 4

Kayaking

Grab your life jacket and tour local waters by kayak. Get up close to marine life and see many sights you may miss on shore.

Whale Watching

Byron Bay

89AUD

2h30m-3h

Enjoy a thrilling excursion on the water in search of the magnificent Humpback whales. Between June and November, they migrate north from their feeding grounds in Antarctica to breed and birth in the tropics. See the distinctive flukes (tails), and also look for dolphins, turtles and a variety of sea birds.

Day 5

Byron Bay/Airlie Beach

Travel to Brisbane and catch a flight, transferring to our beach resort for two nights. Enjoy free time to relax in a tropical paradise.

This morning we leave Byron early to head to the Brisbane airport to catch a morning flight to Proserpine. Transfer to Airlie Beach, our home for the next two nights.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Byron Bay – Brisbane Airport

3h

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

Plane

Brisbane Airport – Proserpine Airport

1h30m

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

Local Bus

Proserpine Airport – Airlie Beach

30m-1h

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

Free Time

Airlie Beach

Enjoy free time to relax in a tropical paradise.

Day 6

Airlie Beach

Full-day yacht excursion, sailing around the Whitsunday's.

On Day 6, embark on a full-day yacht excursion, sailing around the Whitsunday's with included lunch, snacks, snorkel and visit to Whitehaven beach.



Meals included

Lunch



Today's Activities

Whitsunday Islands Boating Excursion

Whitsunday Island

8h

Enjoy a day out on the water amidst some of the 74 tropical islands that make up the Whitsunday archipelago. Visit Whitehaven Beach, jump overboard for a quick refreshing dip, and make friends with the tropical fish that thrive within Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

Day 7

Airlie Beach/Cairns

An early start to the train station for a relaxing and scenic journey by rail to Cairns.

Embark on a scenic train journey through sugar cane country and rainforest as we head north to Cairns. Arrive early evening and check-in to a centrally-based hotel before exploring the town and opting for a group dinner and drinks.



Today's Activities

Train

Airlie Beach - Cairns

10h

600km

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

Taxi

Cairns

30m

Jump in the back and tell the driver to step on it, just like they do in the movies.

Day 8

Cairns/Port Douglas

Travel up the stunning coastal road, stop to meet local Aboriginals and go on an interpretive walk through the Daintree Rainforest at Mossman Gorge.

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Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Cairns - Port Douglas

1h

70km

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

Dreamtime Walk

Mossman Gorge

2h

Take an interpretive walk through the Daintree Rainforest. Your experienced interpretive Indigenous guide demonstrates traditional plant use, identifies bush food sources, and provides an enchanting narrative of the rainforest and the Kuku Yalanji's special relationship with this unique tropical environment. Find out how to make bush soap, watch an ochre painting demonstration and sample some bush tea.

Free Time

Port Douglas

Take time to stroll the main streets, window-shopping on your way.

Day 9

Port Douglas

Opt to take a Great Barrier Reef snorkelling trip.

Today is a free day, but we recommend going on an optional snorkelling trip of the Great Barrier Reef - the largest coral reef system in the world.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Free Time

Port Douglas

Enjoy the day at leisure or take an excursion to the reef.



Optional Activities - Day 9

Great Barrier Reef Snorkelling from Port Douglas

Great Barrier Reef

You haven't truly visited Australia until you've experienced the Great Barrier Reef. Climb aboard a catamaran and take the journey out to the largest coral reef system in the world, spending time snorkelling in search of colourful fish, majestic coral, and nemo (of course). With the option to upgrade to go diving locally, get up close and personal with this natural wonder of the world.

Day 10

Port Douglas/Uluru

Transfer back to Cairns to catch a flight to Uluru, the heart of the red centre.

Travel from Port Douglas to Cairns Airport for a flight to Uluru. The flight takes around 2 hours, giving a free afternoon upon arrival to explore.

Today, new travellers may join you for the rest of your adventure. You are welcome to join them at a group meeting this evening, followed by an optional dinner.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Port Douglas - Cairns

1h

70km

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

Plane

Cairns - Uluru

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

Free Time

Uluru

Enjoy some free time before our group meeting.



Optional Activities - Day 10

Optional Welcome Meeting for Travellers on Combos

You may be a seasoned pro at group travel by now, but there will likely be some new travellers joining the group. Sit in on the welcome meeting to meet the newest members of your group and learn about the next leg of your tour.

Visit the Aboriginal Cultural Centre and take the informative Mala Walk around part of Uluru's base. Catch the sunset over Uluru with a glass of champagne.

Awake before sunrise to watch the colours change over Uluru. The Mala Walk around the base of Uluru provides insight into its significance to the local Aboriginal people. Visit the cultural centre and learn about ancient beliefs and traditions portrayed in art, food and music. The afternoon is at your leisure.

Between November and March, there is extreme heat with temperatures averaging between 43-46°C (109-115°F) in the middle of Australia, especially around Uluru and Kings Canyon. This can lead to heat exhaustion and potentially become very dangerous. Be sure to drink plenty of water and replenish electrolytes by drinking sports drinks, coconut water or water mixed with electrolyte powder packets.

The Mala Walk at Uluru is not permitted if temperatures exceed 40°C (104°F). During these hot months, we try to offer all walks early in the day to avoid the midday sun. Our CEOs will monitor the weather conditions to gauge the safety of any included walks and may need to call off a given day's walk due to extreme heat.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Today's Activities

Uluru Mala Walk

Uluru

1h-1h30m

2km

Take a guided walk along the northwest side of Uluru to learn about the history of the area, hear the stories of the Anangu people and gaze upon these awe-inspiring uplifted sandstone rock formations.

Indigenous Cultural Centre Visit

Uluru

Learn about Indigenous Australian culture in the area to get a better perspective of the history, beliefs and present-day life of the Anangu people. Discover the wild world of bush tucker (indigenous food), find out which plants are used in bush medicine, and hear creation stories.

Free Time

Uluru

The afternoon is at your leisure.

Sunset at Uluru

Uluru

1h-1h30m

Finish the day watching the sunset over Uluru. Marvel at the changing colours over the desert and keep reminding yourself that yes, you really are there.

Day 12

Uluru/Alice Springs

Watch the sunrise over Uluru, then enjoy a walk in Kata Tjuta National Park before driving to Alice Springs for the night.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park

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1h30m-2h

Take a walk in Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park to explore the beautiful, red, domed rocks that comprise the site. While Uluru is the most famous landmark in the park, we explore a bit further afield to enjoy this stunning landscape.

Private Vehicle

Uluru - Alice Springs

4h30m

375km

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

Day 13

Alice Springs/Adelaide

Fly to Adelaide and enjoy an orientation walk.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Taxi

Alice Springs – Alice Springs Airport

30m

Jump in the back and tell the driver to step on it, just like they do in the movies.

Plane

Alice Springs – Adelaide

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

Taxi

Adelaide Airport – Adelaide

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Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

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Day 14

Adelaide

Today is free to explore on your own or option to take a full day excursion to Kangaroo Island.



Meals included

Breakfast



Optional Activities - Day 14

Kangaroo Island Excursion

Kangaroo Island

283-597AUD

Kangaroo Island (aka KI) is Australia's third largest island off the mainland, a 30-min flight from Adelaide or 45min ferry ride from Cape Jervis (2hr drive from Adelaide). Discover a natural wildlife sanctuary with many of its very own species of birds, plants and bees. See rocky cliff coastline, bush and wetlands, sand dunes and long stretches of white sand beaches. Look for the KI Kangaroo, along with wallabies, echidnas, sea lions, fur seals, and cuddly koalas.

Day 15

Adelaide/Barossa Valley

Travel to one of Australia's oldest wine regions, the world-famous Barossa Valley.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Adelaide - Barossa Valley

2h-3h

80km

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

Day 16

Barossa Valley

Visit some wineries and vineyards, enjoy lunch and wine tastings along the way.

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One of Australia's oldest wine regions, Barossa can be found in South Australia, approx. 60km (37 mi) northeast of Adelaide. Founded by German settlers in the mid 1800's, wine was (and still is) a way of life for the 750 grape-growing families who have lived and farmed in the region for generations.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Today's Activities

Barossa Valley Wine Tour

Barossa Valley

3h-6h

Enjoy a full day wine tour in one of the country's oldest wine regions, home of the signature Shiraz of South Australia. Originally named after the Barrosa Ridge region in Andalusia, Spain, find out about vines that date back to 1843. Drink in the gorgeous surroundings, sample the latest vintages, then eat a delicious lunch at a vineyard with a view. Cheers!

Private Vehicle

Barossa Valley

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

Day 17

Barossa Valley/Robe

Travel to the coast and spend the night in a quaint fishing village. Opt to visit historic sites or take a walk to the pier to watch the fishermen bring in their day's catch.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Barossa Valley - Robe

5h-6h

400km

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

Free Time

Robe

Enjoy time to explore the town and waterfront.

Day 18

Robe/Grampians National Park

Travel east across the state into Victoria to Grampians National Park. Enjoy a spectacular walk to the Balconies and MacKenzie Falls.

Early start to travel to the Grampians NP, known for its abundant wildlife. Stop at MacKenzie Falls and the Balconies to enjoy a spectacular walk before arriving at our accommodation that evening.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Robe – Grampians National Park

6h

500km

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

MacKenzie Falls Visit

Grampians National Park

30m-1h

MacKenzie Falls is the only waterway in the region that flows year-round and it is also the most visited waterfall in the Grampians; take a short walk and check out the falls out from a viewing platform. In Spring, see wonderful wildflowers in bloom along the path.

Visit the Brambuk Aboriginal Cultural Centre in the morning to learn about the indigenous culture of the area. Leaving the mountains behind, take in the changing landscapes continuing onto the seaside town of Warrnambool for the night.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Brambuk Indigenous Cultural Centre Visit

Halls Gap

30m

Dive in to 'Dreamtime' and experience the stories, food and art of Australia's Indigenous peoples. Attempt to blow into a didgeridoo, paint and then throw a boomerang, or go on a guided walk through gardens planted with native herbs and plants. Head to the Bushfoods cafe and sample the local delicacies -- kangaroo, emu, and crocodile. Anyone still hungry?

Private Vehicle

Grampians National Park - Warrnambool

5h

350km

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

Day 20

Warrnambool/Melbourne

Travel past some of the world's most famous surf beaches along the Great Ocean Road. Enjoy views of the Twelve Apostles and a rainforest walk in Great Otway National Park. Continue to Melbourne for the night.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Warrnambool - Melbourne

5h

350km

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

Rainforest Walk

Great Otway National Park

30m

1km

Take in the beautiful greenery of the Great Otway National Park on a leisurely walk with your CEO.

Day 21

Melbourne

Depart at any time.



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 a travel disclaimer for my itinerary I should review before booking this trip?

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?

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

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

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

How large will the group be?

Max 16, Avg 12.

What meals are included in this trip?

18 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 1 dinner

What are the meals like on this trip?

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

What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Private bus, taxi, plane, local bus, yacht, train, walking.

What transportation will we take on this trip?

Our vans are mini-coaches. Occasionally with smaller group sizes we will use smaller, equally comfortable 13-seater vehicles. All mini-coaches tow a trailer for luggage and camping equipment (when needed). All groups have one CEO/Driver.

The vehicles are factory built with comfortable seats and air-conditioning. It is mandatory to wear a seatbelt while riding in our vehicles.

Are local flights included in the cost of the trip?

All local flights are included on this trip.

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?

Comfort hotels (14 nts), motel (2 nts) beach resort/hotels (4 nts).

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?

An arrival transfer is not included on this trip - please make your own way to the joining hotel. A group meeting will be held by your CEO this evening. Please check the notice board in the hotel lobby for the time and details.

It is very easy to make your way from the airport to the hotel. Options are as follows:

By Taxi: \$40-50, approximately 15km and shouldn't take more than 30 minutes.

By Shuttle Bus: \$16 pp. Buy tickets at the 'Sydney Airporter' bus desk between exit gates B & C. Alternatively, there is the 'Airport Connect' service in the same location. Book tickets online at www.airportconnect.com.au/

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

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Local Office and after office hours emergency number

From outside Australia: +61 432 705 621

From within Australia: 0432 705 621

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local operations manager, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our 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?

The max luggage allowance on domestic flights within Australia is 20 kgs, 1 checked bag and 1 carry on per person.

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

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

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 can be done at least once a week while on tour - most cities have laundromats where you can buy soap and wash your laundry in coin-operated machines. Your CEO will advise you along the trip where you will be able to do your laundry.

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 Australian currency is the Australian Dollar (AUD).

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

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

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

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

As currency exchange rates can fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for daily exchange rates: www.xe.com

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!

Should I be tipping on my trip?

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

What activities are optional on this trip?

Byron Bay

- Kayaking
- Whale Watching (89AUD per person)

Great Barrier Reef

- Great Barrier Reef Snorkelling from Port Douglas

Port Douglas

- Optional Welcome Meeting for Travellers on Combos

Kangaroo Island

- Kangaroo Island Excursion (283-597AUD 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 ratings for trip specific information.

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 deemed necessary, due to safety concerns. Your Chief Experience Officer (CEO) will accompany you on all included activities. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy and explore at your leisure. While your CEO will assist you with options available in a given location, please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgement when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to stay in small groups and to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions.

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

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

What are the trip specific safety considerations?

Heed the caution signs at all times in National Parks and other remote areas in New Zealand and Australia.

Between November and March, there is extreme heat with temperatures averaging between 43-46°C in the middle of Australia, especially around Uluru and Kings Canyon. This can lead to heat exhaustion and potentially become very dangerous. Be sure to drink plenty of water and replenish electrolytes by drinking sports drinks, coconut water or water mixed with electrolyte powder packets. Our CEOs have been trained in first aid and are well-versed in the risks associated with this heat.

As a result of this heat some included walks may be closed in the interests of travellers health. Certain walks around central Australia including Uluru, Kata Tjuta and Kings Canyon are closed when weather is forecast to exceed 36°C. During these hot months, we will endeavour to offer all walks early in the day to avoid the heat. Our CEOs will monitor the weather conditions to gauge the safety of any included walks and may need to call off a given day's walk due to extreme heat.

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 CEO has 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 is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your leader, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy we require that at a minimum you are covered for medical expenses including emergency repatriation. 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/

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.