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Bali and Java Explorer

12 days, Yogyakarta to Sanur

Trip code AEBE

What's included

- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Your Foodie Moment: Organic Cooking Class, Ubud

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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing January 1st, 2016 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

Yogyakarta

Arrive at any time. Transfer to the hotel and enjoy a welcome dinner.

Meals included

Dinner

Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Adisucipto International Airport - Yogyakarta

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

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

Yogyakarta

Explore the city by cycle-rickshaws, including the Sultan's Palace, markets, and the batik and puppetry workshops of Yogya. Options include shopping, taking in a Wayang Kulit shadow puppet show, or a Ramayana dance performance.

Yogyakarta is very walkable and a stroll around the fascinating bird market is always interesting, and if silver is of interest, then a trip to Kota Gede is definitely worthwhile to pick up a hand-beaten bowl or some fine filigree. Of course, being the home of arts, this really is the place to take in a Wayang (puppet) show, or a dance performance- usually based on the Ramayana story.

Meals included

Breakfast

Today's Activities

Bicycle Rickshaw Tour Yogyakarta

Take in the wonderful sights of Yogya from a leisurely bicycle rickshaw ride, including the Sultan's Palace and markets.

Free Time Yogyakarta

Get a taste of Indonesian culture by watching a Wayang Kulit Shadow puppet show or Ramayana dance performance, or visit the silver markets of Kota Gede

Optional Activities - Day 2

Kota Gede Visit Yogyakarta

Shop (or window shop) for a stunning hand-beaten bowl. If silver is more your thing, you can find fine silver filigree within this historical district known for its impressive silver work.

Wayang Kulit Shadow Puppet Show Yogyakarta

Get a taste of Indonesian theatre with a twist and enjoy a traditional shadow puppet show. These puppets are made with leather and chiselled with precision.

Ramayana Dance Performance Yogyakarta

Opt to see a Ramayana Dance performance, an Indonesian ballet that is a beautiful form of kinetic storytelling that incorporates acrobatics.

Day 3 Yogyakarta

Go on an excursion to the Borobudur temple complex.

We take an excursion to the Buddhist Temple complex of Borobudur with a local guide on foot and by horse cart. In your free time, other options in and around Yogyakarta include a visit to Kraton, an 18th century palace built by the Sultans of Yogya and one of the finest examples of Javanese palace architecture, or to Taman Sari Water Castle, built around the same time as a pleasure park for the Sultan.

Meals included

Breakfast

Today's Activities

Borobudur Temple Complex Excursion Borobudur

Take in the stunning artistic and architectural marvel that is the Buddhist Temple complex of Borobudur, a not-to-be-missed World Heritage Site. Learn about its interesting history and restoration; the site lay undiscovered under layers of volcanic ash until 1815, when Sir Stamford Raffles, then Governor of Java, ordered the area to be cleared.

Horse Cart Ride Yogyakarta

Enjoy a charming horse cart ride around the Buddhist temple complex of Borobudur.

Optional Activities - Day 3

Kraton Palace Visit Yogyakarta

Take in the royal splendour of this impressive 18th century palace, built by the Sultans of Yogya. Kraton is one of the finest examples of Javanese palace architecture and is essentially a walled city -- it has its own market, schools, and even mosques.

Taman Sari Water Castle Visit Yogyakarta

Enjoy a visit to this castle built in the 18th century as a pleasure park for the Sultan. Check out the intricately carved gates and the bathing complex and tower, from where the Sultan would watch his concubines frolicking in the water.

Day 4 Yogyakarta/Surakarta

Visit Prambanan, the largest Hindu temple complex in Java. Continue on to Surakarta (Solo), where we visit the Mangkunegaran Palace.

Solo, also known as Surakarta was selected by Pakubuwono II as the new capital of the Mataram Kingdom, following the sacking of Kartasura in 1745. Ranking alongside Yogyakarta at the heart of Javanese culture, Solo boasts Kraton Surakarta, the magnificent 18th century palace and museum of the Royal Family as well as producing some of the finest Batik in Java.

Meals included

Breakfast

Today's Activities

Prambanan Hindu Temple Complex Excursion Yogyakarta

Tour Prambanan, the largest Hindu temple complex in Java, and learn about the history of the temples. Built between the eighth and tenth centuries, these temples now stand as one of the most outstanding works of Hindu art. View their intricate design, particularly on the Shiva temple.

Private Vehicle Yogyakarta – Surakarta 2h30m-3h30m 65km

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

Mangkunegaran Palace Visit Surakarta

Take in the mix of Javanese and European architecture at this charming palace. Keep an eye out for royalty -- members of the aristocratic family still reside in the palace.

Day 5 Surakarta

Take an excursion to the slopes of Mount Lawu including a visit to the Candi Cetho and Candi Sukuh Temples. Opt to visit the Batik Museum.

Meals included

Breakfast

Today's Activities

Mount Lawu Excursion Surakarta

Enjoy a visit to a massive composite volcano. Explore Candi Cetho and Candi Sukuh, two stunning temples built in the 15th century.

Private Vehicle Surakarta

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

Optional Activities - Day 5

Batik Museum Visit Surakarta

Learn about this classic Indonesian method of wax-dyeing cloth at this museum, and pick up a few delightful pieces for yourself.

Day 6

Surakarta/Malang

Journey to the colonial city of Malang.

Spend the afternoon checking out the gorgeous parks, the bird and flower market, Singosari temple, Jago temple, or Kidal temple or just relaxing with a cup of local tea.

Meals included

Breakfast

Today's Activities

Private Vehicle | Surakarta – Malang | 9h-10h | 310km

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

Free Time | Malang

Option to spend the afternoon checking out the gorgeous parks, the bird and flower market, Singosari temple, Jago temple, or Kidal temple or just relaxing with a cup of local tea.

Optional Activities - Day 6

Jago Temple Visit | Malang

Visit this 13th century Hindu temple and admire the five stone statues housed inside.

Kidal Temple Visit | Malang

Explore this ancient Hindu temple, built around 1248 and restored in the 1990s.

Singosari Temple Visit | Malang

Explore the grounds of this impressive Hindu temple, built around 1300. This structure takes us back in time, to when Hindus once ruled East Java before the arrival of Islam.

Day 7

Malang

Take a scenic excursion to Bromo Tengger Semeru National Park by jeep to catch the sunrise. We then ascend to the top of Mt Bromo -- part of the Tengger Caldera, the largest volcanic range in the area.

Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch

Today's Activities

Mount Bromo Jeep Excursion Gunung Bromo 4h

Jump in a jeep and explore the winding landscape of Eastern Java, climbing upwards and outwards towards the grandeur of Mt Bromo to witness a stunning sunrise. Hike to the peak of Mt Bromo, part of the Tengger Calder, the largest volcanic range in the area. A distinct site, the volcano blew its top off completely and is constantly smouldering with white smoke.

Private Vehicle Malang

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

Day 8

Malang/Ubud

Catch a flight and transfer to Ubud, the cultural and artistic heart of Bali and our base for the next 3 nights.

You will be inspired by the laid back way of life, the beauty, and the scenic splendour that is Ubud. Get to know the town on an orientation walk provided by your CEO.

Meals included

Breakfast

Today's Activities

Private Vehicle | Malang – Abdul Rachman Saleh Airport | 2h-2h30m

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

Plane | Abdul Rachman Saleh Airport – Ubud | 30m

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

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.

Free Time | Ubud

Kick back and relax or explore this laid back town.

Day 9 Ubud

Enjoy a cooking class with an expert local chef, who shows us how to prepare a traditional meal for lunch. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

Free time today allows you the option to enjoy a display of traditional Kecak dance or maybe try Gianyar night market for some local cuisine. You could also take a stroll through the rice fields, chow down on some organic food, or white water raft.

Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch

Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

Refine your culinary skills with a Balinese cooking class. Discover the secrets of delicious local cuisine and how to use exotic herbs and spices.

Free Time Ubud

Enjoy a display of traditional Kecak dance or maybe try Gianyar night market for some local cuisine. Stroll through the rice fields, chow down on some organic food, or white water raft. Just outside of Ubud, opt to visit the Bali Zoo, the Bird Park, or the Elephant Park to get a taste of the South East Asian wildlife.

Optional Activities - Day 9

Gianyar Night Market Ubud

Tour the Gianyar night market for some local cuisine. Enjoy amazing food (including savoury soups, satay and sweets) and take in Balinese culture.

Kecak Dance Performance Ubud 20USD

Enjoy a display of traditional Kecak dance (aka Ramayana Monkey Chant), depicting a battle from the Ramayana.

Whitewater Rafting Ubud

Experience the thrill of the rapids. Enjoy an amazing ride, but don't forget to paddle! Be sure to wear clothes you don't mind getting wet.

Day 10 Ubud

Explore spiritual Bali, following mountain roads through the jungle to visit Tirta Empul Temple with its bubbling spring, said to hold curative powers. Continue to Gunung Kawi, a Hindu temple complex surrounded by terraced rice fields, then on to Kintamani, perched 1500m above sea level on the edge of a crater overlooking Lake Batur, with active Mount Batur towering above.

Meals included

Breakfast

Today's Activities

Tirta Empul Temple Visit Ubud

Take in the beauty of this Hindu temple, built in 962 and dedicated to Vishnu, the Hindu god of preservation. Wade through its bubbling springs, believed to hold curative powers.

Gunung Kawi Temple Visit Ubud

Explore this ancient Hindu temple complex, an ancient funeral monument of the Balinese Kings. Be sure to check out the shrines carved into the cliff -- they stand at an impressive 7m (23ft).

Kintamani Village Visit Ubud - Kintamani

Take in the stunning vistas surrounding this charming village. Perched 1500m (4921 ft) above sea level, it's on the edge of a crater overlooking Lake Batur, with active Mount Batur towering above.

Private Vehicle Ubud

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

Day 11 Ubud/Sanur

Head to the coastal village of Sanur and enjoy a visit to the southern beaches of Dream Land and Padang Padang and the Cliff top Uluwatu Temple.

Our journey takes us across the island of Bali through the rich tropical jungle, passing by idyllic terraced rice fields and quaint scenes of local village life before arriving at Sanur and visit some of the famed beaches. This evening, opt to join the CEO for a farewell dinner at Pecatu Hill, overlooking the lights of Kuta and the largest Vishnu Statue in the world.

Meals included

Breakfast

Today's Activities

Private Vehicle Ubud – Sanur 30m

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

Explore Southern Bali Sanur

Set out with our CEO to visit some popular southern Bali beaches, including Dream Land and Padang Padang. We'll also make a stop at the stunning clifftop Uluwatu Temple.

Day 12

Sanur

Depart at any time.

We recommend booking post accommodation in Sanur to further explore or take advantage of the beaches.

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 important notes should I be aware of before the trip?

RAMADAN
Depending on the lunar cycle, Ramadan will fall between June 18th and July 17th, 2015. Please note that Ramadan is a month of fasting observed by Muslims throughout the world, during which time the followers of Islam should not eat or drink between sunrise and sunset. There may be some limitations to services and disruptions to schedules during Ramadan in Muslim areas, but generally our tours still operate effectively during this period and food is available to non-muslims throughout the day. It is very important to display increased cultural sensitivity during Ramadan. Please wear loose fitting clothes, that cover knees and shoulders, and try to avoid eating, drinking or smoking in public out of respect for those who can't at that time.

What is the role of the group leader during this trip?

All G Adventures group trips are accompanied by one of our Chief Experience Officers (CEO). The aim of the CEO 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.

What is the maximum and typical number of participants on this tour?

Max 16, Avg 12.

What meals are included in this trip?

11 breakfasts, 2 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. Included breakfasts will usually be asian style consisting of noodles or congee (rice porridge) or bread and eggs. Vegetarians will be able to find a range of different foods, although in some areas the choice maybe limited. While trekking in remote regions 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.

Indonesian cooking contains fermented shrimp paste (terasi) as a basic ingredient. Although there are many vegetarian options available, please be specific when ordering food, as often a little chicken is included with most dishes.

What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Minibus/van, flight, bicycle rickshaws, walking.

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?

Comfort hotels (11 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?

**Please note, the arrival transfer included occurs on Day 1 of the tour. If you plan to arrive prior to Day 1, you will be required to arrange pre-tour accommodation through G Adventures to be eligible for the transport from the airport. Due to customer experience and quality considerations, all services related to the tour must be continuous.

What should I do if I can’t find my airport transfer or experience arrival issues?

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 CEO, 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 do I contact for arrival issues or in the event of an emergency?

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

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

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

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS
G Adventures Office Bangkok, Thailand (24/7)
From outside Thailand: +66 92 338 9222
From within Thailand: 092 338 9222

After hours emergency number (SE Asia Manager)
From outside Thailand: +66 87 049 6074
From within Thailand: 087 049 6074

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

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100
Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000
Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000
Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618
Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307
Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

What are the packing guidelines and luggage restrictions?

We suggest that you pack as lightly as possible as your are expected to carry your own luggage. As a rule we try not to have to walk more than 15-20 minutes with your bags which is why we recommend keeping the weight of your bags between 10-15kg/22-30lb. Suitcases are not recommended for G Adventures trips! Most travellers carry a backpack or rolling bag of small to medium size (no XXL ones please!). You will also need a day pack/bag to carry water, cameras and other electronics like ipods and mobile phones.

What should I pack for this trip?

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.)

Where 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

Where can I read detailed notes about this trip?

Indonesia has long been a great tourist destination and is an intriguing and rewarding destination to visit. English is widely spoken, transportation and infrastructure is good, but maybe not at the same level as you would expect in developed countries. If you are able to bring with you a lot of patience, a great sense of humour and a willingness to try and interact with the local people, your travel experience wil be greatly enhanced.

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?

During this tour the local currency you will use is the Indonesian Rupiah. As currency exchange rates in South East Asia do fluctuate, we ask that you refer to the following website for the most up to date daily exchange rates: www.xe.com for each of the above mentioned currencies. The best way to carry your money is in debit cards, withdrawing cash in local currencies from ATM machines. ATMs are found throughout South East Asia and will generally accept cards on the Visa and Mastercard networks. It is a great idea to travel with both a Visa and Mastercard if at all possible in case of loss or problems with one card, you will have a back up. Please note, your bank will charge a fee for overseas withdrawals. USD Cash is recommended for times when ATMs are not accessible. You should bring some cash with you for emergency situations (please refer to our trip dossier) but carrying only cash is a high safety risk. ATM card/s and some cash is the ideal mix. Travellers cheques can be tricky, timely and expensive to exchange. While we do not recommend that you bring them as your primary source of funds, it is great to have one or two cheques in case of emergency. Thomas Cook or American Express travellers' cheques in US currency are the easiest to exchange. Cash advances can also be made with some banks but are time consuming and tend to have high fees attached.Credit cards can be used at some upmarket restaurants, and at some larger stores if shopping for big items. If you are bringing US Dollars, please make sure that the notes are new and in good condition. Notes older than 2003, or with any tears or blemishes may not be accepted. Be fussy with your bank when buying cash!

What emergency funds do I need access to on this trip?

Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD $250 (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?

Departure Tax in Indonesia is not included in the cost of your flight ticket. Departure taxes are per person per departure and payable only in cash at the time of departure. Departure tax is paid for by G Adventure for any included internal flights. Taxes will need to be paid for any non-included flights you may be taking, including international air from the destination. Below are updated tax prices, which change frequently with little notice. Please check with your CEO for updated rates.

Denpasar Airport (DPS): Domestic flights: 75.000 IDR (from 1st August), International flights: 200.000 IDR (from 1st April).
Juanda International Airport near Surabaya (SUB): Domestic flights: 75.000 IDR, International flights: 200.000 IDR (both from 1st April).
Sultan Aji Muhamad Sulaiman International Airport in Balikpapan (BPN): Domestic flights: 75.000 IDR, International flights: 200.000 IDR (both from 1st April).
Sultan Hasanuddin International Airport (UPG): Domestic flights: 50.000 IDR, International flights: 150.000 IDR (both from 1st April).
Lombok International Airport (LOP): Domestic flights: 45.000 IDR, International flights: 150.000 IDR (both from 1st April).

What are the tipping guidelines for this trip?

It is customary in Asia to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service. Tipping is expected - though not compulsory - and shows an expression of satisfaction with the people 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. You may do this individually, or your CEO will offer to collect the money and tip as a group. Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from $1-$2 USD per person 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?

Yogyakarta

- Kota Gede Visit
- Wayang Kulit Shadow Puppet Show
- Ramayana Dance Performance
- Kraton Palace Visit
- Taman Sari Water Castle Visit

Surakarta

- Batik Museum Visit

Malang

- Jago Temple Visit
- Kidal Temple Visit
- Singosari Temple Visit

Ubud

- Gianyar Night Market
- Kecak Dance Performance (20USD per person)
- Whitewater Rafting

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.

There are no specific health requirements for this trip. However, you should consult your doctor for up-to-date medical travel information about before departure. We recommend that you carry a First Aid kit and hand sanitizers / antibacterial wipes as well as any personal medical requirements. In Asia pharmacies tend to stock the same western drugs as you get at home but they are usually produced locally so please bring the full drug name with you when trying to purchase a prescription drug. When selecting your trip please carefully read the brochure and itinerary and assess your ability to cope with our style of travel. Please refer to the Physical and Culture Shock ratings for trip specific information.

What general safety tips and free-time guidelines should I follow?

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/

Are there any specific safety considerations for this itinerary?

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What are the mandatory group rules regarding laws and behaviour?

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.

What are the mandatory travel insurance requirements for this trip?

Travel Insurance: Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your CEO, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy please bear in mind that all clients must have medical coverage and that we require a minimum coverage of USD 200,000 for repatriation and emergency rescue. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

What is Planeterra?

Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.
G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

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

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

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

How should I dress to respect local customs during the tour?

When packing be aware that dress standards are conservative throughout Asia. To respect this and for your own comfort, we strongly recommend modest clothing. This means covering shoulders and no short shorts. Loose, lightweight, long clothing is both respectful and cool in the predominantly hot Asian climate. Shorts should be knee-length. Singlets and tank tops are not acceptable. One piece bathing suits are recommended and topless sun bathing is unacceptable.

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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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.

What are the age restrictions for 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 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.