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## QUINTESSENTIAL BURGUNDY

10 days, Dijon to Paris

Trip code EFLHNG

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Your Journeys Highlight Moment: Burgundy Wine Talk and Horizontal Tasting, Chalon-sur-Saône
- Your Journeys Highlight Moment: Visit Hospices of Beaune, Beaune
- Your Journeys Highlight Moment: Local Market Visit with a Chef, Paris
- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Six nights aboard the Daniele canal river barge
- Orientation walk of Dijon and Ducal Palace
- Visits to Saint-Jean-de-Losne and Longecourt-en-Plaine
- Cycle through Côte de Beaune and Côte de Nuits with wine tastings
- Use of bicycles during shore excursions
- All transport to/from included activities and between destinations

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing November 4th, 2015 - December 31st, 2016

# ITINERARY

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## Itinerary Notes

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**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

## DIJON

Arrive at any time.

Please note that most flights arrive in Paris, approx 340kms away. There are frequent trains that run between Paris and Dijon - make sure to arrive in Dijon in time for the 6pm welcome meeting this evening.



## 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

## DIJON

Enjoy an orientation walk in the morning to explore Dijon. Visit the Ducal Palace, the local market, and the old town. In the afternoon, enjoy free time before transferring to the river barge and embarking the Danièle.

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### Meals included

Dinner

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### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Dijon Orientation Walk

Dijon

Explore the capital of the Dukes of Burgundy. Dijon was once second only to Paris as a centre of power in France. Visit the Ducal Palace, the local market, and the old town.

Day 3

## DIJON/LONGECOURT-EN-PLAINE

Depart Dijon for a full day cycling tour through the Côte de Nuits region along the Route des Grands Crus, lined with lovely vineyards and some of the most picturesque villages in the region. Enjoy a wine tasting in the quaint village of Vougeot before meeting our barge in Longecourt-en-Plaine.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Côte de Nuits Cycling Excursion with Wine Tasting - From Dijon

Dijon - Longecourt-en-Plaine

8h

40km

Leave the river behind and cycle through the Côte de Nuits region along the Route des Grands Crus - famous for the Grand Cru Burgundy wine that is produced here. Along the way, pass through the small, picturesque villages such as Chenôve, Marsannay-la-Côte, Couchey, Fixin, Gevrey-Chambertin, Morey-Saint-Denis, and Chambolle-Musigny. Stop for lunch, and a wine tasting and cellar tour in the quaint village of Vougeot. After lunch, opt to visit the famous Château du Clos de Vougeot, where one of the world's most expensive wines is produced. Continue cycling the last stretch of this beautiful route before meeting the barge in Longecourt-en-Plaine, and sit down to a well-deserved dinner on deck.

Danièle Riverboat

Dijon - Longecourt-en-Plaine

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.



### Optional Activities - Day 3

Château du Clos de Vougeot

Vougeot

7.50-10.00EUR

Set in the heart of Burgundy's Grand Cru Vineyards, this Cistercian winery was built in the 12th and 16th Centuries and is known today for producing some of the most expensive wine in the world - Vougeot. Explore the grounds on your own, or opt for a guided tour.

Day 4

## LONGECOURT-EN-PLAINE/SAINT-JEAN-DE-LOSNE

Start the day with a walk around the beautiful lush gardens of Château de Longecourt, a typical Burgundy castle. Continue the morning walking along the canal and visiting its many locks. Enjoy the Burgundy canal as we walk a 5km (3 mi) stretch of the canal between Longecourt and La Bièvre lock. Climb aboard the barge and continue sailing to St-Jean-de-Losne. Free time in the afternoon to visit St-Jean-de-Losne.

You can rejoin the barge at any of the three locks along the way. Opt to use one of the bikes to ride ahead of the walkers.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Saint-Jean-de-Losne Visit

Saint-Jean-de-Losne

One of the capitals for the river barging world, Saint-Jean-de-Losne is located at a crossroads of waterways. The local cafés are still often occupied by regulars of the canal barges and riverboats, so grab a table and get to know the locals. Relax in the sunshine with a glass of wine, opt to take part in a guided tour of the town, or visit a museum.

Danièle Riverboat

Longecourt-en-Plaine - Saint-Jean-de-Losne

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.



## Optional Activities - Day 4

Tour of Saint-Jean-de-Losne

Saint-Jean-de-Losne

10EUR

Take a guided tour of this quaint town. Enjoy visits to historic sites such as the Monument Commemorating the Siege of 1636, Hôtel-Dieu, and the Batellerie Museum (also known as the Sailors' House), one of the oldest houses in town, dating back to the 15th century which recounts the history of navigation.

La Musée de la Bataillerie

Saint-Jean-de-Losne

3EUR

Take a stroll around this quaint museum dedicated to the history of barging.

Day 5

## SAINT-JEAN-DE-LOSNE/CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE

Cruise along the Saône River before arriving to Chalon-sur-Saône. Take in a presentation by a local wine expert and enjoy a horizontal tasting on board. Spend a relaxing afternoon walking through the footpaths around Chalon-sur-Saône. Choose to do some shopping in town or relax on board with a glass of local wine.



## Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



## TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

### ACTIVITY

Enjoy a presentation by a local wine expert on the vineyards and wines of Burgundy. Learn about the various vineyards and AOC. Enjoy a horizontal tasting (different wines from the same year) focusing on the two main vineyards of the region: Côte de Nuits reds and Côte d'Or whites.

Danièle Riverboat

Saint-Jean-de-Losne - Chalon-sur-Saône

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Day 6

## CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE/CHAGNY

Cycle along the Côte de Beaune, stopping at villages and vineyards along the way. Explore the vineyards of Chateau de Chassigny-Montrachet while stopping to sample some wines. This mostly flat ride is an ideal way to experience quintessential Burgundy.

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### Meals included

Breakfast



### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Danièle Riverboat

Chalon-sur-Saône - Chagny

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Côte de Beaune Cycling: Chalon-sur-Saône to Chagny

Chalon-sur-Saône - Chagny

35km

Cycle to the Chateau de Chassigny-Montrachet for a guided wine tour of the cellars then a wine tasting. Afterwards, visit the town of Puligny-Montrachet for lunch. Continue to the beautiful town of Meursault before meeting the barge in Chagny.

Day 7

## CHAGNY/SAINT-LÉGER-SUR-DHEUNE

Arrive to Santenay. Enjoy a tour of the stunning Château de Santenay and indulge in a wine tasting from local wineries. Continue cruising to Saint-Léger-sur-Dheune. Enjoy lunch on board while watching the countryside go by. Upon arrival, explore the quaint village or visit the medieval castle of Château de Couches.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Danièle Riverboat Chagny - Saint-Léger-sur-Dheune

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Chateau de Santenay Wine Tasting Chateau de Santenay - Dijon

Enjoy a leisurely walk from the barge to Chateau de Santenay vineyard. One of the largest wine-producing estates in Burgundy, take time to explore the beautiful grounds before tasting some of the property's wines.

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### Optional Activities - Day 7

Château de Couches Excursion Chagny - Dijon 25EUR

The Château de Couches is a stunning historical monument, home to a rich history and a thriving wine business. Opt for a wine tasting, or explore the grounds on a tour to discover the story of the château.

The estimated price includes transportation to this site.

Day 8

## SAINT-LÉGER-SUR-DHEUNE/PARIS

Transfer to Beaune, the historic wine capital of Burgundy. Enjoy a tour with a docent, exploring the Hospices of Beaune, a charitable hospital that has been funded by the annual wine auction for over 155 years. Delve into history and discuss the relationship of the hospice with the powerful wine merchants of Burgundy. Enjoy some free time to explore before catching the train to Paris.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Private Vehicle

Saint-Léger-sur-Dheune - Beaune

30m

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

#### ACTIVITY

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Local Train

Beaune - Paris

3h-3h30m

Climb aboard, take your seat, and get around like the locals do.

Day 9

## PARIS

Explore the historic covered Marché d'Aligre with a local chef and food expert. Rarely visited by tourists, this market is where locals come to shop for food. Meet vendors, enjoy tastings, and learn about the history of the market and the specialties offered here. The afternoon is free to explore the city on your own.



### Meals included

Breakfast



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### Optional Activities - Day 9

Walk Along the Seine River Paris Free 1h-2h

Stroll like a Parisian along the Seine. There are almost 40 bridges that cross over the river within Paris alone, if something on the right bank catches your eye, just cross over to explore. Stop to relax on the banks or bring a picnic.

Sacre Coeur Visit Paris Free 1h-2h

Visit the Basilique du Sacré-Coeur, located in the Montmartre neighbourhood. This Roman Catholic church was completed in 1914 and stands on the highest point of the city. Climb up 200 stairs to reach the dome of the basilica to get an amazing view of the Paris skyline.

Luxembourg Garden Visit Paris Free 1h-2h

Stroll through the Luxembourg Garden, or Jardin du Luxembourg, built in the early 1600s outside the Luxembourg Palace. The garden is known for expansive lawns, flowers and tree-lined promenade, topped off with a Medici Fountain.

Napoleon's Tomb - Les Invalides Army Museum Paris 12EUR 1h-2h

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Tour through The Musée d'Orsay, a must-see museum in Paris. Housed in a former train station, the beautiful building is the perfect setting to display some of the world's most revered Impressionist art. Wander from room to room in awe at the works on display by Monet, Renoir, Cézanne and Gauguin. Marvel at Degas' ballerinas and Van Gogh's swirling colours.

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Moulin Rouge Dinner & Show Paris 175-185EUR

Step into the Moulin Rouge and experience a night in Paris you'll never forget. Opened in 1889, this world-famous cabaret continues to bring some of the world's best performers to its stage, with nightly shows that feature over 60 dancers in feather- and rhinestone-studded costumes dancing to the French "can-can". We recommend reserving tickets in advance for the dinner and show.

Eiffel Tower Visit Paris 16EUR 2h-4h

Visit the most famous landmark in France, the Eiffel Tower. Opt to climb the stairs or take an elevator to the top for a stunning view over the city. Hang out at dusk and watch the tower light up.

Day 10

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Depart at any time.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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Palace of Versailles Visit Paris 18EUR 3h-5h

Venture just outside the city of Paris to the sprawling yet elegant Palace of Versailles, which served as King Louis XIV's royal residence leading up to the French Revolution. Visit the Royal Apartments, Hall of Mirrors, and the celebrated Gardens of Versailles, while immersing yourself in the history, art and architecture of 17th century France. Plan to spend a few hours touring the palace; we recommend pre-purchasing your entrance ticket online.

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Monet's Giverny Gardens **Giverny** **10.20EUR** 2h-3h

In the town of Giverny, visit Claude Monet's residence and the famous gardens that made "plein air" painting a defining characteristic of the Impressionist art movement. Monet spent the last 40 years of his life in Giverny, bringing landscapes and everyday scenes to life with bright colours and balanced compositions, best depicted in paintings of water lillies and his Japanese-inspired garden through the seasons.

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All travellers are strongly encouraged to pack a reusable water bottle that can be filled from the water fountain on board the barge.

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

Max 22.

## What meals are included in this trip?

8 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners

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

Private vehicles, Danièle river barge, bicycle, train, walking.

## What transportation will we take on this trip?

Passengers will be required to walk during land excursions, and cycle for the duration of cycling excursions. Please see the full itinerary for information on distance and durations per excursion.

The cycling routes on this tour are moderately challenging, with a few inclined paths (approx 40k, 25mi per route). E-bikes are available to rent to be used for both excursions. Please note that the number of e-bikes is limited, and to secure an e-bike for your tour we recommend pre-booking in advance.

## Is there an extra cost for travelling solo?

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

## Where will we stay during the trip?

Aboard the Danièle river barge (6 nts), hotel (3 nts).

## What kind of accommodation can I expect on this trip?

12 spacious cabins.

Amenities: each cabin has a window and is equipped with private en-suite facilities (shower and WC), TV, radio, telephone (for internal calls only), safe and independent air-conditioning.

Number of cabins : 12

Maximum passenger capacity : 24

Number of crew members : 5

Amenities on board : spacious lounge with bar - restaurant - sun deck with loungers and parasols - barbecue deck - Jacuzzi - bicycles on board available for use by passengers - wifi on board.

## 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 that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned on this day. Upon arrival to the city on day 1 (or earlier if you have booked pre-accommodation), please make your way to the joining hotel (note that check-in time will be in the afternoon). Once you arrive at the hotel, look for a note or bulletin board in the reception with a note from your CEO. This note will give the details of your Welcome Meeting on day 1 (usually between 5pm and 7pm), where you will get a chance to meet your CEO and other travellers, as well as learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

When you arrive to Dijon, you will have several options to get to the Mercure Dijon hotel (please check your vouchers to ensure this is your start hotel):

From Dijon Ville train station it's about 10 – 15 minutes by taxi to the hotel and the price is around €10 depending on traffic. Alternatively, you can take Tram 1 from stop Foch Gare to Auditorium which takes about 10 – 15 minutes as well and costs €1.20.

If you arrive into Gare de Dijon Porte Neuve it's a 10 minute walk or a few minutes by taxi. A taxi will cost around €5 - €6.

**\*\*We always recommend printing out the address of the hotel (in the native language as well as English if available), to show to your taxi driver.\*\***

It's easy to reach Dijon by train. There is at least one direct train a day, otherwise most trains will go via Lyon and most trains will go into Dijon Ville train station. Some trains might arrive into Dijon Porte Neuve.

For the latest time tables and tickets, please visit <http://www.sncf.com/en/passengers>

## 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, please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier and contact us as soon as possible. If you have a pre-booked transfer, and you have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

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

We recommend using a backpack for your convenience, or a medium-sized suitcase if you prefer. A daypack is also essential for carrying everyday items. Space is limited on transportation, so there is a limit of one main piece of luggage per person. You will be responsible for carrying your own luggage. You must be prepared to carry your luggage up and down stairs, as well as on and off transportation.

Dress on board is informal. Plan to bring comfortable, casual clothing for all activities. When packing, we suggest that you do not weigh yourself down with too many clothes or too much gear. Select informal, practical attire that can be worn in layers.

# What should be on my packing list?

## 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

## Smart Dress:

- Smart outfit (For evenings out)

## 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](#)

All visitors to the EU (European Union) and EEC (European Economic Community) countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand passport holders do not need a visa to visit the Schengen area (see below), however they may not stay longer than three months in any 6-month period.

For other nationalities, travelling in Europe has been simplified with the introduction of the Schengen visa. As a visitor to the Schengen area (Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Greece, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Portugal, Finland, Italy, Spain, France, Luxembourg, Sweden, Czech Republic, Hungary, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Switzerland) you will enjoy the many advantages of this unified visa system. Generally speaking with a Schengen visa, you may enter one Schengen country and travel freely throughout the Schengen region during the validity of your visa. There are limited border controls at Schengen borders, if any at all.

Please note that the UK and Ireland are NOT part of the Schengen agreement.

A Schengen visa is applied for at the Embassy or Consulate of the Schengen country in which you will be spending the most nights on your trip to the Schengen space. If you are only visiting one country on your trip then you apply for your visa at the Consulate of this Schengen country.

## 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 customary in Europe to leave a small tip for service providers, such as waiters, if you are pleased with the service (€1-2).

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. You may do this individually, or your CEO will offer to collect the money and tip as a group. Recommendations for tipping local guides would range from €3-5 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 €30-40 per person, per week can be used.

## What activities are optional on this trip?

### Vougeot

- Château du Clos de Vougeot  
(7.50-10.00EUR per person)

### Saint-Jean-de-Losne

- Tour of Saint-Jean-de-Losne  
(10EUR per person)
- La Musée de la Bataillerie (3EUR  
per person)

### Chagny

- Château de Couches Excursion  
(25EUR per person)

### Paris

- Walk Along the Seine River  
(Free)
- Sacre Coeur Visit (Free)
- Luxembourg Garden Visit (Free)
- Napoleon's Tomb - Les Invalides  
Army Museum (12EUR per  
person)
- The Louvre Visit (12-16EUR per  
person)
- Musée d'Orsay Visit (11EUR per  
person)
- Musée Rodin Visit (12EUR per  
person)
- Moulin Rouge Dinner & Show  
(175-185EUR per person)
- Eiffel Tower Visit (16EUR per  
person)
- Palace of Versailles Visit (18EUR  
per person)

### Giverny

- Monet's Giverny Gardens  
(10.20EUR per person)

## 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 people in the sex trade 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 utilize the services of paid sex workers, in any capacity.

## 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 evacuation and repatriation. A minimum coverage of USD200,000 is required. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. Some tours include adventure activities that require extra coverage (e.g. crampon use); please review your itinerary and make sure that you are covered for all included activities. 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.

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

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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.