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## **Camping Yosemite & Yellowstone**

15 days, Seattle to San Francisco

Trip code NUSF

### **What's included**

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing January 1st, 2015 and onwards

# Itinerary

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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

## Seattle

Arrive to our joining hotel at any time. Welcome meeting in the evening.

There's a lot to see and do in Seattle, and we recommend spending extra time here if you'd like to 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

## Seattle/Coeur d'Alene

Enjoy an orientation walk of Seattle's must-sees, then set off for Idaho's beautiful lakes, mountains, rivers, and fertile valleys. Enjoy a first night camping out under the open sky!

Before leaving Seattle, check out the Space Needle, see if you can find the Fremont Troll and stand in the "Center of the Universe".

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### Meals included

Lunch | Dinner

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### Today's Activities

Orientation Walk - Seattle

Seattle

30m

Enjoy an orientation walk through Seattle's most talked about places like Pier 57 and Pike Place Market. In the afternoon, choose to continue the tour with your CEO to the Olympic Sculpture Park, Seattle Centre, and Chinatown. Or spend an afternoon on your own.

Private Vehicle

Seattle - Coeur d'Alene

7h

500km

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

Day 3

## Coeur d'Alene/Glacier National Park

Travel to Glacier National Park's towering peaks and pristine lakes. Take an optional helicopter ride to see magnificent views of the park from above.

See rugged mountains, picturesque river valleys, high desert plains and distinctive small towns and historic districts as we enter the state of Montana.

Chill out and enjoy a picnic lunch at the largest natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi, Flathead Lake.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Coeur d'Alene - Glacier National Park

8h

450km

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

Glacier National Park Visit

Glacier National Park

Visit this largely untouched land, referred to as the "Crown of the Continent Ecosystem". Explore the vast national park, encompassing pristine forests, alpine meadows, rugged mountain ranges, and spectacular lakes, and keep your eyes peeled for wildlife including mountain goats and grizzlies.



### Optional Activities - Day 3

Glacier Helicopter Tour

Glacier National Park

260-1000USD

30m-1h

Take a helicopter ride over Glacier National Park for breathtaking views over this million-acre mountainous park. Only a fraction of the stunning terrain can be seen by road or trail. Fly amongst the mountains and witness snow-capped peaks, glaciers, alpine lakes and historic chalets.

Day 4

## Glacier National Park

Explore Glacier NP with its many glaciers, lakes and streams.

With over 20 glaciers and 200 lakes and streams, Glacier National Park is a must see! Choose from 730 miles of hiking trails to really enjoy this wonderful park.

At the end of the day as you pass through the gates, you may leave the park a changed person.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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### Today's Activities

Glacier National Park Hikes

Glacier National Park

1h-7h

2km

Take optional hikes throughout the park ranging from lakeside walks to treks through rugged forests to alpine lakes, glaciers, and mountain vistas. Some trails will be closed through late spring due to snow or avalanche risks. Ask your CEO to point you in the direction of the best trails to suit your needs.

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### Optional Activities - Day 4

Going-to-the-Sun Road Drive

Glacier National Park

Free

From July to August, take a ride across Going-to-the-Sun Road, a National Historic Landmark completed in 1932. As you traverse this 85km (53 mi) highway, famously featured in the 1980 film *The Shining*, take in spectacular views of Logan's Pass and the dramatic Going-to-the-Sun Mountain.

Day 5

## Glacier National Park/Helena

Take a boat ride along the Missouri River and discover the history of the explorers Lewis and Clark in this area.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Glacier National Park - Helena

7h

345km

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

Gates of the Mountains Boat Tour

Helena

2h

Travel the Missouri River by boat and watch the Gates of the Mountains appear to open as you head upstream, just as they did for Lewis and Clark in 1805. Marvel at the towering limestone walls as you pass through the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Be on the lookout for wildlife including bighorn sheep, mountain goats, bald eagles, vultures, and falcons.

Day 6

## Helena/Yellowstone National Park

Travel to Yellowstone, home to the most wild animals in the US. Be awed by the colourful geysers, powerful waterfalls, exciting wildlife and contrasting scenic beauty around every corner.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Helena - Yellowstone National Park

7h

350km

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

Lamar Valley Visit

Yellowstone National Park

1h

Test your skills at spotting wildlife in Lamar Valley, widely believed to be one of the best places in Yellowstone to view animals, especially bison, grizzly bears, and wolves. Habitat preferences vary by season, with animals migrating west towards more of the thermal features in the park. Keep eyes peeled, but know that spotting animals involves luck and coincidence.

Day 7

## Yellowstone National Park

Explore the Northern Loop in Yellowstone National Park.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner

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### Today's Activities

Yellowstone Northern Loop Excursion

Yellowstone National Park

3h-4h

2km

Explore the Northern Loop in Yellowstone National Park, which features beautiful scenery, exciting wildlife, and spectacular hydrothermal features. Tour the ever-maturing Mammoth Hot Springs, walk the Porcelain Basin trail through Norris Geyser Basin, check out the vibrant Grand Prismatic Spring, and discover the impressive waterfalls and natural colours of the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone!

Day 8

## Yellowstone National Park

More highlights await on the South Loop, which passes along some of the most famous landmarks of Yellowstone.

Travel through some of the most famous landmarks of Yellowstone, including Old Faithful, Grand Prismatic Spring, West Thumb and Yellowstone Lake.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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### Today's Activities

Yellowstone South Loop Excursion

Yellowstone National Park

2h30m-3h

2km

Travel through the Southern Loop of Yellowstone National Park, which features some of the most breathtaking and diverse natural scenery. Watch Old Faithful erupt and take in the geysers in West Thumb with Yellowstone Lake as the backdrop.

Day 9

## Yellowstone National Park/Jackson

Cross the Continental Divide, and enjoy the view of more than 12 peaks that make up this beautiful drive. Opt to visit a cowboy bar for a real Western experience.

Stop at Jenny Lake in Grand Teton National Park and take in the tranquil surroundings.

In the late afternoon reach Jackson and marvel at the town square's elk antler arches. In the evening, enjoy a night out with a true Wild West atmosphere at the One Million Dollar Bar.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Yellowstone National Park - Jackson

5h-6h

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

Grand Teton National Park Visit

Grand Teton National Park

Visit Grand Teton National Park, a natural playground that offers serene landscapes, alluring wildlife, hidden waterfalls, and hundreds of hiking trails throughout the park. Towering above pristine lakes and alpine terrain, the Teton Range includes more than 8 peaks at an elevation greater than 12,000 ft (39370m).



## Optional Activities - Day 9

Jenny Lake Shuttle

Grand Teton National Park

19USD

Stop at beautiful Jenny Lake and take a boat ride across the lake. Hike 3km (1.9 mi) to discover Hidden Falls and Inspiration Point on the other side of the lake.

Million Dollar Bar Visit

Jackson

Free-20USD

1h-1h

Enjoy a night out in a true Western town. Opt to go to the One Million Dollar Bar, Wyoming's landmark watering hole, known for its western dancing, live entertainment, and fascinating decor, including knobbed pine architecture and genuine saddle barstools. (Bar entry and drinking age in the United States is 21.)

Day 10

## Jackson/Salt Lake City

Opt to go horseback riding or raft down the Snake River. See the sights of Salt Lake City and tour Temple Square.

Learn about Salt Lake City, the Mormon capital of the world, including a visit to Temple Square for views of the world's largest Mormon Temple.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch

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### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Jackson - Salt Lake City

8h

440km

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

Temple Square Tour

Salt Lake City

Learn about the history of Mormonism and get a tour of Temple Square by Mormon missionaries. Enter the famous Mormon Tabernacle and see the world's largest Mormon Temple.

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### Optional Activities - Day 10

Jackson Horseback Riding

Jackson

35-85USD

1h-3h

Saddle up and take a scenic ride through mountain trails into an area of unspoilt natural beauty. Enjoy peaceful surroundings along the famous Snake River and see if you can spot various wildlife in their natural habitat.

Whitewater Rafting on Snake River

Grand Teton National Park

Enjoy a guided tour along the Snake River and learn about the history and geology of the area. Pass by limestone cliffs and over class II and III rapids like The Lunchcounter and the Big Kahuna. Float down the river, keep an eye out for wildlife, and take in the stunning scenery!

Day 11

## Salt Lake City/Tonopah

Travel the 'Loneliest Road in America' towards the old silver mining town of Tonopah. Enjoy one of the best night skies for stargazing.

Drive the desolate highway into Nevada and travel on the "Loneliest Road in America", a fascinating, scenic, and historic area on land seemingly untouched by man.

After the long drive to Tonopah, break from camping in favour of a night in a hotel.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Salt Lake City - Tonopah

9h

656km

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

Marvel at the spectacular views of Yosemite National Park's magnificent peaks and granite domes, and enjoy one of most scenic drives in California—Tioga Pass.

With a keen eye, you may be lucky enough to spot black bears, deer or coyotes.



## Meals included

Lunch | Dinner



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Tonopah - Yosemite National Park

8h

385km

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

Tioga Pass Drive

Tioga Pass - Yosemite National Park

Take this scenic route through the Sierra Nevada mountain range connecting Bishop with the Yosemite Valley floor. Pass by lakes, meadows, and groves, and keep your eyes peeled for wildlife along the way. (Seasonal July through mid October.)

Yosemite National Park Visit

Yosemite National Park

Picturesque valleys, vast wilderness, powerful waterfalls, elusive wildlife, ancient sequoias and more than 16 types of granite make up this internationally recognized national park. Hike the trails, get up close to ancient rock formations and take panoramic photos of this gorgeous landscape. Keep an eye out for black bears, deer, and coyotes.

Day 13

## Yosemite National Park

Free day to hike to majestic waterfalls, lakes, meadows and amongst giant sequoias.

Full day to explore Yosemite National Park. Hike the many trails Yosemite has to offer and be inspired by this beautiful and amazing landscape. Option to rent bikes in Yosemite Valley.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Free Time

Yosemite National Park

Explore the park and connect with nature.



### Optional Activities - Day 13

Yosemite National Park Hike

Yosemite National Park

Free

1h-6h

1-15km

Panoramic vistas, gushing waterfalls, and elusive wildlife await. Bring water, wear a hat and sunscreen, and hike Yosemite NP. Keep an eye out for black bears, deer, and coyotes.

Yosemite Bike Rental

Yosemite National Park

30-40USD

Set your wheels in motion with tandem, hand crank or mountain bikes, and opt to cycle some of the 20km (12mi) of paved trails throughout the valley floor. Bring a water bottle, stop to shoot photos, and enjoy some of the most picturesque spots in Yosemite NP.

Choose between a half-day rental or a full-day, and be aware that this activity is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note the price for a half-day bike rental is \$30 USD and the price for a full-day bike rental is \$40USD.

Day 14

## Yosemite National Park/San Francisco

Catch a glimpse of the Golden Gate Bridge on the way into one of America's most popular cities. Take an optional cable car ride over the steep hills, explore the city by bicycle or set sail in the setting sun.

Arrive at one of the most iconic cities in the world: San Francisco. Your CEO will point out some popular sites on the drive into town.

For the final night of the tour, stay close to the action in a hotel in San Francisco's city centre.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Yosemite National Park - San Francisco

6h

230km

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

Free Time

San Francisco

Get out and explore San Francisco.



### Optional Activities - Day 14

Fisherman's Wharf Visit

San Francisco

Free

Visit San Francisco's famous Fishermen's Wharf, walk the piers, check out the marine life, shop and sample the fresh seafood.

Cable Car Ride San Francisco

San Francisco

7USD

1h-3h

Iconic to San Francisco, travel back in time and hop on the world's last manually operated cable car system.

Sunset Sailing San Francisco (Mon-Wed)

San Francisco

Depart from Fisherman's Wharf and catch a glimpse of marine life as we sail around San Francisco Bay. Admire the city's remarkable skyline, get up close and personal with the infamous Alcatraz Island, and sail underneath the Golden Gate Bridge. Enjoy the sunset and make a mental note to return.

Day 15

## San Francisco

Depart at any time.

There's a lot to see and do in San Francisco, and we recommend spending extra time here if you'd like to explore the city; speak to your sales agent to book extra accommodation.

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### 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?

1. An essential part of your trip is participation - from putting up your tent (while camping) or packing it away in the morning, to helping with meal preparation and cleaning up - it is all part of your adventure and when everyone puts in a little effort the trip will run smoothly. Your CEO will do all the meal planning, but we do ask the clients to help with the preparation and washing up. Team spirit is part of the fun! All camping equipment (with the exception of your sleeping bag and pillow) is supplied. We supply dome tents and assembly/disassembly takes only 5 minutes. All tents have built-in insect nets. Self-inflating mattresses are also provided, which are approximately 4cm thick, warm and comfortable.
2. Proper sleeping bags are necessary for this tour. Evening temperatures can reach -9°C - 0°C. Please ensure that your sleeping bag is rated to (-17°C for spring and fall trips and 0°C for trips June - Sept). If you prefer you can purchase a proper sleeping bag on the first day of the trip. Prices range from \$40-\$60USD.
3. In order to cover the vast distance in North America to be able to visit several different parks and cities along our trip, we will have a couple of long driving days.
4. All walks and hikes proposed by our CEO will be easy to moderate level. You may choose to participate or not, but exploring our national parks on foot is part of our way of travelling. It's a healthy way to discover North America's beauty and landscape.
5. Tioga Pass is a route through the Sierra Nevada mountain range of California on the eastern edge of Yosemite National Park, and we travel through the pass en route. In the spring and autumn seasons, there's a chance that the pass will be closed due to poor weather conditions or even snow. In such a case, we use an alternate route. The status of the road is monitored daily, and our travel plan for the area will be confirmed during the trip.
6. Please note that some trips could be a combination of multiple G Adventure tours. You should expect some group members to join or leave the tour between tour segments.
7. The American west is generally known for warm weather, but temperatures do vary significantly in the mountain and desert areas especially. The day time temperature could exceed 30 C, while the night time temperatures do regularly decrease to single digits, or even possible below freezing. Please be prepared for such extreme conditions.
8. Regarding our wi-fi equipped vehicles: we have limited bandwidth, and in the interests of allowing all travellers to access the wi-fi, travellers should limit their access to reasonable levels. Please note that wi-fi is not always available due to areas with limited or no cell phone service (e.g. in parts of national parks).
9. Please note that the legal drinking age in the United States is 21 and in Canada, 19 (with Alberta and Quebec at 18). Many bars and clubs will ask for ID at the door, therefore listening to live music in certain bars or spending a night out in Las Vegas or New Orleans is not possible when you are under the legal age, even if you don't plan on consuming alcohol. Drinking laws in both countries are strictly enforced and our CEOs are unable to help those under age obtain alcohol of any kind.

While this should not stop those under legal drinking age from booking a tour, it is important to note that if a traveller is under-age there are certain optional nighttime activities that they may not legally be able to participate in. When trying to book the right trip, we recommend that travellers under legal drinking age take this into consideration when booking a tour that visits several big cities.

## 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 sometimes the driver - this person is knowledgeable 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.

If a group exceeds 16 travellers, there will be a second CEO/CEO Driver co-leading the group to allow for a better overall experience.

While our CEOs are trained and have resources to assist them along the way, the United States is the fourth largest country on the planet, and it is impossible for them to know everything about this massive country. We recommend 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.

Please note that specific tour guide licenses are required to guide in certain cities and regions, and as such, our CEOs will oftentimes provide brief orientation walks or drives to point out useful places like supermarkets, main squares and ATMs but for more specific or in depth destination information, an official guided tour is recommended.

## How large will the group be?

Max 14, avg 10.

## What meals are included in this trip?

11 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 9 dinners

## What are the meals like on this trip?

All included meals will be prepared from goods bought en route from supermarkets, local shops and markets.

Breakfasts will generally consist of breads and cereals, if time allows a warm breakfast may be prepared. Many lunches will be provided en-route and will be light meals such as sandwiches and/or salads. All evening meals will be freshly-prepared hot meals, and will consist of a variety of continental and local dishes.

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

Air-conditioned private touring van, boat

## **What transportation will we take on this trip?**

We use 15-passenger vans for up to 13 people plus the CEO/Driver for all our of our trips in North America. For groups of 8 and more travellers, we also use a trailer to carry luggage and camping equipment.

These vans are durable vehicles that allow us to drive on most types of roads in North America.

Each van has a front passenger seat and 4 benches that will accommodate 3 people each. No standing is permitted in these vehicles, but there is air conditioning to cool things down on warm days and mandatory seat belts to us secure and safe.

This is not a physically demanding journey. However, travelling can be difficult, with long drives and limited space in the van. Please take note of the travel times and distances in the above itinerary. Despite some of the long days, most clients feel that the diversity of the North American landscape, culture and wildlife are all well worth the experience!

While we try to travel into and out of cities during non-rush hour times, heavy traffic is a reality of some of the places we visit. As a result, some drives may be a bit longer than listed in the day-to-day itineraries. Bring your patience and a smile, and we'll get through it!

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

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

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

Hotels/hostels (3 nts, some multi-share), participation camping (11 nts)

## **Will I get my own room?**

Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room" option for this tour, you will receive your own single room for all night stops

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

Accommodation will be varied throughout your adventure. We use a combination of hotels and hostels, but most of the nights on tour are spent camping in tents in public and private campgrounds.

Multi-share accommodation, on a single-sex basis (typically 4-6 people per room), is common in the U.S. and is the way you will be spending your hostel nights. We have specifically chosen unique accommodations to give local flavor to your trip.

Couples: Please note that due to the types of accommodation used in the U.S., couples will likely be split into separate rooms where we use multi-share hostels. Pending availability, couples may be able to pay extra while on tour to have their own room in some destinations.

All camping equipment (with the exception of your sleeping bag and pillow) is supplied, including camp mattresses, which are warm and comfortable. We supply dome tents that take only 5 minutes to assemble/disassemble. They are good quality, durable, industry-standard 2-person pop-up tents, each with 2 separate and convenient zip-up doors and vestibules, so that each person has his/her own entrance.

We use 2 types of campgrounds in North America:

1. Private campgrounds: These are privately run sites, usually with all services such as fire pits, picnic tables, drinking water, toilets & shower buildings. Some have small outdoor swimming pools and laundry facilities. These campgrounds are typically located near national park entrances or towns.
2. Public campgrounds: These are park-run sites, usually with basic facilities such as fire pits, picnic tables, and drinking water. In some cases, this type of campground doesn't have showers, only pit toilets and a lake! In other locations, toilet and shower facilities may be located outside the campground, or at times in another location a drive away. Some may have shower fees for onsite facilities (\$2-6/shower).

## 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?

When arriving at the International Seattle-Tacoma Airport you have three options to get to the Joining Hotel, in the heart of downtown Seattle: public taxi, shuttle service and public transfer.

### Taxi

Once you have reached the Arrivals Hall you need to take a short walk across the Sky Bridge to reach the location of ground transportation. The taxis are located on parking garage 3 which is one floor down from the sky bridge Level. Taking a taxi is the most expensive option with a rate of approximately \$45 for just over seven miles (11km) but surely the easiest way to arrive to our Joining Hotel.

### Door-to-Door Shuttle (“Shared-Ride-Vans”)

Again you have to make your way over the Sky Bridge to reach ground transportation. The door to door shuttle service is located one floor down from the sky bridge level on parking garage 3 at the inner drive islands. The fare is approximately \$32 and it takes about 30 min depending on traffic.

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

Your CEO will organize a short meeting soon after arrival, during which you will meet other tour participants and receive information about general and specific aspects of the trip. A welcome note will be left for you in the hotel so you have all the necessary information regarding the meeting time. If you arrive late, s/he will leave you a message detailing what time and where you should meet the next morning.

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

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call the G Adventures Local Representative. 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.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Local Representative (Las Vegas)

From outside the USA: 1-412-423-8143

From within the USA: 412-423-8143

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local representative, 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?

You will be on the move a lot, so our advice is to pack as lightly as possible.

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.

We recommend using a backpack for your convenience, or a medium-sized suitcase if you prefer. Heavy luggage is not recommended for the health of the CEO, who will take a lead in loading the storage trailer. Due to space in the trailer, we will not be able to accommodate more than one piece of main luggage per person. A good size day-pack (20-35L) is also essential to carry your personal gear for the day, as access to luggage between destinations will be limited. This daypack will be used to carry your personal gear for the day, your lunch and a water bottle.

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Seasonal temperature ranges:

March - May ; September to December: -7 C to +30 C

June - August: 0 C to + 35 C

Additionally, a set of smart casual clothes is also advisable.

## 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. Some private campgrounds and 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 United States currency is the US Dollar (USD).

Credit cards are accepted almost everywhere in the US and can be used to purchase small and large items. When purchasing products or services with a foreign credit card in the USA, 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 US Dollars as cash (preferably smaller bills, 5's, 10's and 20's), traveller's cheques and credit cards is best. Currency exchange is best obtained prior to travel or at the airport, currency exchange is very difficult to find in the USA and most banks do not 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](http://www.xe.com)

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

Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

## **Should I be tipping on my trip?**

It is customary in North America to tip service providers such as waiters, bartenders and taxi drivers, at approximately 18-20%, depending on the service. Tipping is an expected - though not compulsory - component of your tour program and an expression of satisfaction with the persons who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip any local guides used. Recommendations for tipping local guides would range from \$2-8 USD per activity depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture.

Also at the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures Chief Experience Officer did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference; however as a guideline \$5-10 USD per person, per day can be used as a guide. If your CEO(s) exceeded your expectations, feel free to tip more.

# What activities are optional on this trip?

## Glacier National Park

- Glacier Helicopter Tour  
(260-1000USD per person)
- Going-to-the-Sun Road Drive  
(Free)

## Grand Teton National Park

- Jenny Lake Shuttle (19USD per person)
- Whitewater Rafting on Snake River

## Jackson

- Million Dollar Bar Visit  
(Free-20USD per person)
- Jackson Horseback Riding  
(35-85USD per person)

## Yosemite National Park

- Yosemite National Park Hike  
(Free)
- Yosemite Bike Rental  
(30-40USD per person)

## San Francisco

- Fisherman's Wharf Visit (Free)
- Cable Car Ride San Francisco  
(7USD per person)
- Sunset Sailing San Francisco  
(Mon-Wed)

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

Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your CEO has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it is deemed necessary due to safety concerns. Your CEO will accompany you on all included activities. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy or explore at your leisure. While your CEO will assist you with options available in a given location please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgment when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to stay in small groups and to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions.

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

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

Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk.

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

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

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

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter, and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of prostitutes is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our CEOs have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they use prostitutes.

## Is travel insurance required for my trip?

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

## What is Planeterra?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our adventure travel e-newsletter is full of travel news, trip information, interesting stories and contests. To avoid missing out on special offers and updates from G Adventures, subscribe at [www.gadventures.com/newsletters/](http://www.gadventures.com/newsletters/)

Stay current on how our company invests in our global community through our foundation – Planeterra. Sign up for [Planeterra's monthly news](#) to learn more about how to give back and support the people and places we love to visit.

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

Minimum age of 18 years for this trip.

## 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.