



Classic Balkans: Croatia to Albania

28 days, Zagreb to Tirana

Trip code ECZB

What's included

- Your G for Good Moment: Maritimo Recycling, Dubrovnik
- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group

- Your Foodie Moment: Zadar Walking Food Tour, Zadar
- Your Foodie Moment: Oyster Farm Food and Wine Experience with Lunch, Uvala Bistrina
- Your Foodie Moment: Trebinje Market Tour, Trebinje
- Your Foodie Moment: Cheese Making Farm and Lunch, Trebinje
- Your Foodie Moment: Apiary Visit, Trebinje
- Your Foodie Moment: Three-Course Wine Pairing Dinner, Čitluk
- Your Foodie Moment: Sarajevo Food Tour, Sarajevo
- Your Local Living Moment: Hike to a Shepherd Outpost with Lunch, Tragjas
- Your Foodie Moment: Gjirokastër Winery Visit and Light Dinner, Gjirokastër
- Orientation walks in Zagreb, Split and Dubrovnik
- Explore Plitvice Lakes National Park
- Hike in Krka Lakes National Park
- Walk along the old city wall of Ston
- Tvrdoš Monastery Visit and Wine Tasting
- Orientation walk in Trebinje
- Visit the town of Stolac and the necropolis tombstones
- See Koćuša Waterfall
- Dinner and wine pairing at a winery in Čitluk
- Visit the Pocitelj Ottoman stone town
- Hike to the Blagaj Fortress
- Visit the Dervish Monastery
- Guided walking tour of Mostar
- Turkish House coffee experience in Mostar
- Sarajevo Cable Car and Bobsled Track
- Kotor orientation walk
- Boat tour from Kotor to Perast
- Budva Old Town walk
- Visit Ostrog Monastery
- Full-day excursion to Biogradska Gora National Park
- Kolašin 4x4 Off-Road Excursion
- Orientation walk of Podgorica
- Theth National Park visit
- Walking tour of Shkoder
- Walking tour of Kruje
- Evening orientation walk of Tirana
- Tour of the Durrës archaeological site
- Orientation walk of Vlorë
- Visit Himare
- Entrance to the Ali Pasha Castle
- Visit Butrint National Archaeological Park
- Walking tour of Gjirokastër
- Walking tour of Berat
- Farewell Dinner
- Transport to/from all included activities and between all destinations

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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.

VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing January 1st, 2027 and onwards

Itinerary



Itinerary Notes

2026 departures: Due to the seasonality, in the colder months, many local shops/cafes/restaurants are closed on island of Prvic, and activities there are limited, thus, instead of visiting 2 islands, you will be visiting only Zlarin, before arriving back to Šibenik for walking tour of the city with a local guide.

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

Zagreb

Arrive at any time. After a welcome briefing, set off with your CEO on a orientation walk to get your bearings of the area and to see some of the street graffiti art on the way to an optional group dinner.



Accommodation

Hotel Central Zagreb (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Zagreb Orientation Walk

Zagreb

30m-1h

Head out with your CEO to get your bearings in the vibrant city of Zagreb. Wander by some key sites and landmarks, and check out the amazing graffiti and street art along the way.

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

Zagreb/Plitvička Jezera

Travel south from Zagreb to the stunning and iconic Plitvice Lakes National Park. Explore the park's forests, crystal waters, and cascading falls with our CEO for incredible scenery, natural beauty and photo opportunities. Continue to the hotel in the evening, check in and relax before a delicious dinner.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

Big House Hotel Plitvička Jezera (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Plitvice Lakes National Park Visit

Plitvice Lakes National Park

3h

Explore the forests, crystal waters, and cascading falls of Plitvice Lakes with your CEO. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Croatia's natural phenomenon of 16 interconnected lakes is a wonder to behold, explore, and provides endless photo opportunities of over 90 waterfalls

Private Vehicle

Zagreb - Plitvice Lakes National Park

2h-2h30m

132km

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

Private Vehicle

Plitvice Lakes National Park - Plitvička Jezera

30m

20km

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

Depart the hotel after breakfast and drive to the coastal city of Zadar. Discover the city on a walking food tour with a local guide, exploring the historic city centre and important landmarks and culminating in a secluded garden for lunch and wine tasting. Continue to Krka National Park for a hike through the lush forest along the river to a series of spectacular waterfalls. Finish the day in the nearby city of Šibenik and enjoy a free evening.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Hotel Jadran Šibenik (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Plitvička Jezera - Zadar

2h

120km

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

Private Vehicle

Zadar - Krka

1h

76km

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

Krka National Park Hike

Krka

2h

4km

Set off with your CEO for a hike in the Krka National Park. This is a moderate trail that offers a very scenic walk through lush forests and along the Krka River. The highlight is the breathtaking Skradinski Buk waterfall. The terrain is a mix of compact dirt and paved section, with an elevation gain/loss of approximately 100m.

Private Vehicle

Krka - Šibenik

1h

50km

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

ACTIVITY

Take a walking tour of Zadar with a local guide and taste its culinary traditions. Walk around the historical city centre from the Sea Organ to the Roman Forum, Cathedral of St. Anastasia and the City Walls to other important landmarks. Learn about the city's history, culture, local legends and everyday life. Reaching a beautiful Wine Garden hidden inside a 16th century monument, taste bites of traditional Dalmatian food and three types of delicious local wines.

Day 4

Šibenik

The day is yours to fill however you wish in this stunning UNESCO World Heritage Site riddled city. Home to a maze of winding alleys, Šibenik boasts historic fortifications that provide panoramic views of the Adriatic Sea, a smooth pebble bay called Banj Beach, and an incredible food scene that'll make your mouth water.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Hotel Jadran Šibenik (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Free Time

Šibenik

Explore Šibenik, a stunning stone city along the Dalmatian coast today. Opt to spend time in the two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Cathedral of St. James and St. Nicholas Fortress, or wander the car free historic core.

Day 5

Šibenik/Makarska

Travel south along the coast today to the port city of Split. Explore the city with your CEO on an orientation walk to see some of the main sights and landmarks then enjoy free time for lunch and to continue exploring on your own with the chance to visit the Diocletian's Palace and the Riva promenade. In the late afternoon continue by bus to the city of Makarska to check into the hotel and enjoy a free evening.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Hotel Biokovo Makarska (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Split - Sibenik

1h-1h30m

88km

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

Orientation Walk of Split

Split

1h

Join your CEO for an orientation walk of Split to get your bearings and to see some of the main sites. Brimming with high-quality restaurants, ancient architecture aplenty and one of the best stretches of Adriatic coast, Croatia's main ferry port is a year-round city break destination. Split, a stunning walled city on the Adriatic Sea, is best known for the splendid palace erected by the Roman emperor Diocletian. The old town of Split is compact and walkable. Visitors can easily access the city's primary attractions, including Diocletian's Palace and the Riva promenade.

Free Time

Split

Enjoy some free time in Split to continue exploring.

Private Vehicle

Split - Makarska

1h-1h30m

85km

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



Optional Activities - Day 5

Mestrovic Gallery

Split

30HRK

Filled with the incredible sculptures of Croatian artist and architect Ivan Meštrović, this gallery is beautiful inside and out. The gallery is housed in a villa designed by Meštrović as a summer home which overlooks a wonderful garden where you can view more sculptures and enjoy the breeze from the sea.

Bacvice Beach Visit

Split

Free

Head to this local hot spot to soak up some rays or play in the calm waters. The sandy shores are often packed with rows of lounge chairs and umbrellas, but it's still a great place to spend some time if you're looking to cool off. Visit some of the cafes along the waterfront, wade out into the shallow water, or rent a lounge chair and relax.

Diocletian's Palace

Split

Wander Diocletian's Palace, one of the most imposing Roman ruins in Europe. It took over 10 years to construct and is built of white stone imported from the island of Brač. Exploring this UNESCO World Heritage site is a perfect way to learn more about the history of Split.

St Duje Cathedral Visit

Split

15-40HRK

The Cathedral of St Duje is said to be the oldest cathedral in the world, built around 305 AD. Climb up the bell tower for excellent views of Split and the surrounding port area.

Day 6

Makarska

Enjoy a full free day to take advantage of the many optional activities available in and around Makarska. Perhaps take a ferry to the island of Brač to explore on your own, take a tuk tuk tour, go zip-lining in the nearby town of Tucepi or just relax on the local beach.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Hotel Biokovo Makarska (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Free Time

Makarska

Take advantage of a free day to choose from the many optional activities available in the area.



Optional Activities - Day 6

Brač Island Excursion

Otok Brač

Head to Brač Island to explore its coastline and beaches, and play in crystal clear waters. Have a barbeque lunch on a deserted beach, visit local vineyards, or go for a refreshing dip in the Mediterranean Sea. Be sure to visit the island's well-known Zlanti Rat beach, where the tides, currents, and wind are constantly shifting the shape of the beach.

Tuk Tuk Tour to Skywalk

Makarska

60-70EUR

2h-2h30m

Travel by tuk tuk from the town of Makarska and through the beautiful Biokovo Nature Park to the Skywalk, a glass walkway perched on the side of a cliff. Take in the incredible views in all directions from 1.228m above sea level.

Day 7

Makarska/Dubrovnik

Set off from Makarska along the coast and make a stop at a small bay called Uvala Bistrina to learn all about the local oyster farming and to sample some fresh ones and with wine and lunch from local ingredients. Take some free time to wander the town of Ston, and to walk along the massive and historic Ston City wall which rewards those who choose to climb it (for an additional fee) incredible views of the town and the surrounding mountains. Continue driving in the afternoon to Croatia's southernmost city, Dubrovnik and spend the rest of the evening at leisure.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Akademis Hotel Dubrovnik (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Ston - Dubrovnik

1h

60km

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

Private Vehicle

Makarska - Uvala Bistrina

2h

120km

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

ACTIVITY

Walk along the bay of Uvala Bistrina and learn about the oyster farming tradition in the region. Stop at a rustic place to taste some fresh oysters and have lunch with wine, everything sourced from local products of the region

Free Time

Ston

Enjoy free time to explore Ston. Walk along the old city wall of Ston and choose to climb to the top for an additional fee and experience beautiful views over the city and surrounding landscape.



Optional Activities - Day 7

Visit Ston and Wall Walk

Ston

10EUR

Take a walk around the "Great Wall of Europe" in Ston: Ston was an important military fort of the Ragusan Republic, and the defensive walls are world-famous. Originally more than 7km long, it was the second largest in the world after the Great Wall of China and now up to 5.5km of it can still be explored. Cost to climb up on the wall is about 10 Euros.

Day 8

Dubrovnik

Discover Dubrovnik today on an orientation walk with your CEO through the old part of the city and seeing some of the city's most iconic buildings and landmarks. Make a stop at the G Adventures-supported Maritimo Recycling, where artists are creatively working to clean up the Adriatic Sea. Then, take the rest of the day to continue exploring on your own, take an optional kayak excursion or relax in one of the many cafés and watch the world go by. Regroup in the evening for an optional dinner out on the town.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Akademis Hotel Dubrovnik (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Dubrovnik Orientation Walk With CEO

Dubrovnik

Enjoy a brief walk with your CEO around the city of Dubrovnik. Walk with your CEO and explore Dubrovnik old town, walk from the gate via main street called Stradun to the end. See Dubrovnik Cathedral, Lovrijenac Fort, and Franciscan Monastery. All visits are from outside with no entrance fees included.

Free Time

Dubrovnik

Enjoy a free afternoon in Dubrovnik to continue exploring this incredible and beautiful city.

ACTIVITY

Check out the environmentally-focused Maritimo Recycling, which turns plastic waste from the Adriatic Sea into useful products like fishing lures, sunglasses, and jewelry. The proceeds from the 3D printed products fund future sea cleanups, to create more products, to fund more cleanups, to... well, you get the point!

Day 9

Dubrovnik/Trebinje

Enjoy a free morning in Dubrovnik for further exploration or for some last-minute shopping before departing around midday for Bosnia and Herzegovina. After driving across the border, make a stop at the Tvrdoš Monastery and sample some of the local wine then continue to a view point at the Hercegovačka Gračanica Temple to enjoy a great view of the city of Trebinje. Make a final stop at Arslanagić bridge before arriving to the hotel. In the evening, set off with your CEO on an orientation walk along the river and into the old town. Get your bearings of the area on the way to an optional group dinner.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Hotel Integra (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Dubrovnik - Trebinje

4h

50km

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

Tvrdoš Monastery and Wine Tasting

Trebinje

Visit this beautiful 16th century Serbian Orthodox Monastery built on the foundations of a 4th century Roman church. Taste some of the local wine before continuing on to Trebinje.

Today is all about local flavours, culture and long-standing traditions.. Explore the organic market to sample some options and learn of the local specialties before transferring to a women run apiary and see how they manage the hives. Continue to a farm that has specialized in cheese making for more than 5 generations. Visit the farm and share a delicious farm-to-table lunch with the family. Understanding the local culture is made easier by immersing yourself in the cuisine, and there is no better way than this. The rest of the day is free after returning to Trebinje in the afternoon.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Hotel Integra (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

Explore the local Green (Organic) Market. Begin with the meat and cheese vendors, sample some options and learn of the local specialties. Wander to the outdoor market and try seasonal fruits and vegetables grown from small scale farmers. Then meet with women who gather wild, medicinal plants and prepare traditional teas to cure various ailments.

ACTIVITY

Join our guide at a local farm that has specialized in cheese making over more than 5 generations. Today the farm is moving beyond just sustenance farming and joining the slow food movement to build awareness about organic food production. Here you'll visit the farm to witness the cheese production before enjoying lunch with the family, outside overlooking the farm. Cheese and meat made on site, fruits and vegetables grown on the farm, and homemade bread - it doesn't get more farm to table than that.

ACTIVITY

Climb aboard a private bus and set off to a local, family run apiary. Meet your guide and learn of the 5 generations of women who've built the farm into what it is today. Suit up in protective gear should you

wish, and see how they manage the hives. After, discover the honey and related products, learn more about the family history and enjoy the farm.

Head out of Trebinje in the morning by bus for a day of highlights. First, stop in Stolac to see the town centre then visit a UNESCO-listed site with ornamented necropolis tombstones to get a glimpse into how people lived in the Middle Ages. Continue to the beautiful Koćuša Waterfall to enjoy the scenery and have time for lunch. Later, travel to the town of Čitluk where you can spend time in the pool or explore the winery before capping off the day with dinner, paired with their locally produced wines.

Please note: The pool is outdoors and can be impacted by temperature and overall weather.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

Villa and Winecellar Ostojeć (or similar)

Agriturismo



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Trebinje - Stolac

1h30m-2h

80km

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

Stolac Visit and Necropolis Tombstones

Stolac

1h30m

Visit the town centre of Stolac and learn about its history before reaching the Necropolis 'stećak' tombstones. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, the necropolis consists of hundreds of ornamented tombstones and is part of a large local complex, one of many such sites across Bosnia and Herzegovina which give insights into how people lived in the Middle Ages.

Private Vehicle

Stolac - Veljaci

1h

60km

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

Koćuša Waterfall

Veljaci

1h30m-2h

The Koćuša Waterfall sits near the village of Veljaci on the Trebižat River. Enjoy time to visit this spectacular waterfall, a hidden gem with a restaurant on-site.

Private Vehicle

Veljaci - Čitluk

30m

24km

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

ACTIVITY

Nestled amongst Herzegovinian vineyards, enjoy a 3-course meal and wine pairing at a family-run winery. This sunny, stone-riddled region has produced wine for centuries—and you get to savour its flavours alongside local dishes.

Day 12

Čitluk/Mostar

Immerse yourself in history today by visiting the Pocitelj Ottoman stone town and art colony, taking a short hike to the Blagaj Fortress, and soaking in the natural beauty of the Dervish Monastery, built on cliffs by the water at the mouth of the Buna River. Later, continue to the city of Mostar and set off on a guided walking tour before spending the rest of the evening at leisure.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Hotel Almira (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Čitluk - Počitelj

30m

24km

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

Počitelj Fortress Visit

Počitelj

1h

Explore Pocitelj, an old Ottoman stone town and art colony boasting beautiful views of the surrounding village. Located along the Neretva river, Pocitelj is considered an open-air museum and hold significant architectural and historic value. Artists gather from around the world to be part of the largest operating art colony in southeast Europe.

Private Vehicle

Počitelj - Blagaj

30m

20km

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

Blagaj Fortress Hike

Blagaj

1h

Hike for approximately 20 minutes to explore the Blagaj Fortress, once hold to the Ruler of the region prior to the Ottoman conquest. The fortress sits atop the mountain, overlooking the Buna River spring below.

Dervish Monastery Visit

Blagaj

1h

This Ottoman-era building, built in 1520, is located at the base of an enormous cliff, next to a small waterfall from the Buna river. Take in the stunning blue water that's said to contain mystic properties.

Private Vehicle

Blagaj - Mostar

30m

20km

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

Guided Walking Tour of Mostar

Mostar

1h30m

Join a local expert guide and set off on a walking tour of the beautiful city of Mostar and its historic buildings and landmarks. See the iconic old bridge over the Neretva River and wander the narrow alleys lined with shops and market stalls.

Transfer from Mostar to Sarajevo today. Ascend the Mount Trebević for the best views of the city and visit the Abandoned Bobsled track which provides a glimpse into the city's complex history. Explore the vibrant Sarajevo and be immersed in the local culinary scene on a history and food tour that will serve as a delicious meal and a great introduction to the city.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Hotel Cosmopolit (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Local Train

Mostar – Sarajevo

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

Sarajevo Cable Car and Bobsled Track

Sarajevo

Admire Sarajevo from bird's-eye view, by ascending Mount Trebević via a cable car. Continue by visiting the nearby Abandoned Olympic Bobsled Track-one of Sarajevo's unique attractions Find out about it's connection to modern history and how nowadays it serves as a canvas for graffiti artists.

ACTIVITY

Immerse yourself in the culture by sampling traditional Bosnian flavours. Learn about the rich history while exploring important landmarks, tiny alleys, local restaurants, and hawker markets with a local expert. Discover the city beyond the tourist attractions and fill your belly; what could be better?

Day 14

Sarajevo

Take advantage of a free day to get the most out of the beautiful city of Sarajevo. Dive into the history and tragic past with countless museums and culturally significant monuments, take a graffiti art tour or just relax and sample local flavours at one of the many cafes.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Hotel Cosmopolit (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Free Time

Sarajevo

Set out to explore this historic city at your own pace. You may choose to take the funicular up to the old bobsled track or visit the Museum of the Assassination of Franz Ferdinand.



Optional Activities - Day 14

National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Sarajevo

10-30BAM

1h-2h

Founded in 1888, the National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina is one of the oldest cultural and scientific institutions in the country.

Times of Misfortune Tour & Tunnel Museum

Sarajevo

54BAM

Walk in the footsteps of Sarajevans who endured the Siege (1992-1995). Visit many historical sights including a stunning viewpoint over the city, a cemetery where the defenders of Sarajevo are buried, and Sniper Alley. Learn about the Siege and absorb interesting stories about daily life.

Gallery 11/07/95

Sarajevo

12-15BAM

1h-2h

This gallery space aims to preserve the memory on Srebrenica tragedy and 8372 persons who tragically lost their lives during the genocide through photography, video and interactive documentary.

Day 15

Sarajevo/Kotor

Depart from Sarajevo after breakfast for the drive into Montenegro with a stop at Bileća to stretch the legs and have a bite to eat. Arrive to Kotor in the afternoon and check into the hotel. In the evening, set off with your CEO on an orientation walk of Kotor's old town. Get your bearings of the area on the way to an optional group dinner.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Hotel Marija 2 Dobrota (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Sarajevo - Kotor

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

Kotor Old Town Orientation Walk

Kotor

30m

Kotor is a fortified town on Montenegro's Adriatic coast, in a bay near the limestone cliffs of Mt. Lovćen. Characterized by winding streets and squares, its medieval old town has several Romanesque churches, including Kotor Cathedral. It's also home to the Maritime Museum, which explores local seafaring history. Sveti Đorđe, one of 2 tiny islands off the ancient town of Perast, features a centuries-old church.

Day 16

Kotor

Hop on a boat from Kotor's port area and set off on a scenic ride in the Bay of Kotor, seeing a number of small islands and historical sites before arriving to the town of Perast. Spend some time exploring and wandering Perast's old town before returning to Kotor around midday. The rest of the day is free for individual exploration or for optional activities like museum visits or sea kayaking.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Hotel Marija 2 Dobrota (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Kotor Boat Tour

Kotor

2h-2h30m

Set off from Kotor's historic centre for a scenic boat ride past St. Mateus Church and the Temple of Our Lady to the artificial island known as Our Lady of the Rock. Afterwards, spend free time in Perast to admire the old town sights. Visit the 15th-century Our Lady of the Rock at your own pace Sightsee, dine, and shop in Perast's historic center independently before returning to Kotor.

Free Time

Kotor

Enjoy a free afternoon in Kotor to continue exploring.



Optional Activities - Day 16

Kotor Maritime Museum

Kotor

5EUR

At the Maritime Museum, explore the history, culture and living artifacts that connect modern Kotor with its centuries-old naval traditions. Learn about the Boka Marines, a fraternity of sailors and navigators who helped shipbuilding flourish in the Balkans.

Sea Kayaking

Kotor

20EUR

Head out by sea kayak to fully appreciate this gorgeous area. Start just outside the Old Town walls and explore the coast. Stop at a beach bar for a break or a swim.

Kotor City Exploration

Kotor

Free

15m-30m

Take some time to explore this picturesque town surrounded by a walled fortress built by the Republic of Venice. Kotor has a Mediterranean feel to it and the bay offers a stunning backdrop for photographs.

Day 17

Kotor/Žabljak

Travel south from Kotor to the coastal seaport town of Budva. Visit the old town on a walk with your CEO then continue inland to visit the striking Ostrog Monastery, perched high on a mountain cliff face, offering great views from the top. After lunch, pass through Durmitor National Park's rugged landscape and stop at Black Lake for a stroll. Then drive towards Zabljak, a serene natural haven with diverse terrain and forest shade - our stop for the night.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Polar Star Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Kotor - Budva

45m

23km

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

Budva Old Town Walk

Budva

1h-1h30m

Join your CEO for a walk in the old town of Budva: Stone walls built by the Venetians surround the narrow streets of the medieval old town (Stari Grad). This historic district is home to a seaside citadel and religious sites such as the Church of Santa Maria in Punta, established in the 9th century.

Private Vehicle

Budva - Bogetići

1h30m-2h

107km

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

Ostrog Monastery Visit

Bogetići

30m

The 17th century Ostrog Monastery and pilgrimage site that was rebuilt in the 1920s and dedicated to Saint Basil of Ostrog. Strikingly located high up against the cliff face, you'll visit the Lower Ostrog Monastery, and admire the views of Montenegrin countryside, the mountains and the cliff Monastery.

Private Vehicle

Bogetiči - Žabljak

2h-2h30m

110km

Drive through glacier-formed Durmitor National Park, with a stop at Black Lake to stretch your legs, before continuing on your adventure.

Day 18

Žabljak/Kolašin

Head out after breakfast and drive to a hidden gem of natural beauty in Montenegro, Biogradska Gora National Park. Spend most of the day in the park, walking with the CEO around the lake and taking in the pristine forest and mountain scenery. After lunch in the park enjoy a bit of free time to rent a boat, a bike or a kayak to further explore the area. In the late afternoon, drive to the nearby town of Kolasin for the night, with an included dinner at our accommodation.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

Hotel Serdar (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Žabljak – Nacionalni Park Biogradska Gora

2h-2h30m

100km

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

Biogradska Gora National Park Visit

Nacionalni Park Biogradska Gora

5h

Set off with the CEO on a walk around Biogradska Gora National Park: Walk around the Biogradsko lake to discover this pearl of European natural heritage. Today almost the only European rainforest, was for a long time under the protection of rulers of these areas, and the National Park Biogradska Gora people say that not a single tree has been cut in it. Today, this natural reservation preserves dozens of plant and hundreds of animal species, which can only be found in this place in all of Europe. Biogradska Gora was proclaimed National Park in 1952.

Private Vehicle

Nacionalni Park Biogradska Gora – Kolašin

45m-1h

25km

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

Day 19

Kolašin/Podgorica

Get picked up at the hotel in the morning by 4x4 vehicles for an unforgettable adventure. Head off-road and explore Montenegro's incredibly beautiful back country while traversing rugged terrain through mountains and forest. After lunch, take a bus south to the capital city of Podgorica and set off on a walking exploration of the old town, once a medieval stronghold. Enjoy an optional final dinner out with the group in the old town or near the hotel.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Hotel Kerber (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Kolašin 4x4 Off-Road Excursion

Kolašin

4h

Be immersed in Montenegro's landscapes on a 4x4 excursion into the back-country. Head off-road in 4x4 vehicles to traverse the mountains, rivers and forests while exploring some of the most spectacular scenery in the country. Stop at various viewpoints along the way for photos before returning to Kolašin around midday.

Private Vehicle

Kolašin - Podgorica

1h30m

60km

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

Podgorica Old Town Orientation Walk

Podgorica

1h

The Old Town of Podgorica was a medieval stronghold. Near Ribnica and the bridge lies the old fortress built by the Turks in the 15th century, originally named Stari Grad, which Marko Miljanov wrote about in his book "The Examples of Humanity and Bravery". Although much of the structure has succumbed to time, the ruins offer a poignant reminder of Podgorica's medieval heritage and the city's strategic importance throughout the centuries. Throughout history and various upheavals, the fortress has borne many names, such as Ribnica, Birziminijum, Nemanja's city, and Podgorica fortress. Visitors to Stari Grad can explore the ruins and imagine the fortress in its heyday. Today, it offers a unique

backdrop for cultural events and a serene spot for visitors to reflect on the layers of history that define Podgorica.

Day 20

Podgorica/Shkodër

Depart Podgorica and cross into Albania, reaching the beautiful natural scenery of Theth National Park. Explore the area with your CEO, walking through meadows full of wildflowers surrounded by mountain peaks, and marvel at the 25m high Grunasi Waterfall, cascading from a limestone cliff. In the afternoon continue to the city of Shkodër and check into the hotel, with the rest of the evening free to relax.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Luminosa Hotel Shkoder (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Theth National Park Visit

Theth

2h

Visit Theth National Park with your CEO. Situated at the end of a winding mountain road, Theth is home to just a few houses surrounded by looming mountain peaks and meadows full of wildflowers. Just 45 minutes from Theth village is the beautiful Grunasi Waterfall, a huge 25-meter-high cascade that falls from a dramatic limestone cliff. It's a 45-minute walk each way that crosses rocky paths and follows along the mountain river before heading up into the woods. As you go, discover wonderful views out across the mountain peaks—this is nature at its finest!

Private Vehicle

Podgorica - Theth

3h

92km

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

Private Vehicle

Theth - Shkodër

2h

77km

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

Day 21

Shkodër

Set off this morning on a guided walking tour of Shkodër to see some of the main sights and to learn a bit about the city's history. Starting from the Ottoman-era Mesi bridge, walk to the old town and take in the panoramic views from Rozafa castle. Shkodër's cultural heritage is on full display through its historic architecture and monuments. The rest of the day is free to explore, visit museums or relax at a cafe or at the hotel.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Luminosa Hotel Shkoder (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Free Time

Shkodër

Sett off and explore Shkodër on your own this afternoon

Guided Walking Tour of Shkodër

Shkodër

1h-1h30m

Take a guided walking tour of the old town of Shkodër. Start with the Rozafa castle and then the Mesi bridge, then go into the old town to explore. The viewpoint from Rozafa castle gives you plenty of photos opportunities, with stunning views of Albania's "Accursed Mountains". The city's rich cultural heritage can be seen through its traditional architecture, monuments, and museums which tell stories from different eras of Albanian history. From ancient Illyrian settlements to Ottoman occupations and Italian rule during World War II – each period has left its mark on the cityscape of Shkodër for visitors to explore today.



Optional Activities - Day 21

Site of Memory and Memorial Museum

Shkodër

This museum commemorates the victims of the communist regime in Shkodër; A visit starts with some general information about communism persecution in Shkodër, with a permanent exhibition of objects and documents of the time and ends in the original pre-trial holdings cells where prisoners were kept and tortured until their initial trial appearance. The museum's mission is to create a collective memory of recent past, to educate the new generation who should become aware of the past mistakes and never repeat them again.

Venice Art Mask Factory

Shkodër

3EUR

The Venice Art Mask Factory mask show features the most extensive and unique collection of Venetian luxury baroque hand crafted masks in paper mache and ceramic.

Day 22

Shkodër/Tirana

Travel south from Shkodër this morning and stop in the small mountain town of Kruje. Explore the city on foot learn a bit about its fascinating history and significance since Roman times. After time for lunch, continue driving south to the city of Tirana, Albania's capital, and check into the hotel for the evening.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Hotel Idea Signature Tirana (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Shkodër – Krujë

2h

85km

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

Krujë Visit

Krujë

1h30m

Krujë is more than just a small mountain village in Albania – it holds historical importance for various reasons. Back in the day, around the Roman era, the area was home to the so-called Albani. This ancient Balkan tribe turned the area into one of the more important cities of that time. Later, during the Middle Ages, it became the first capital of the Albanian state. However, the village is best known as the hometown of national hero Skanderbeg, a military commander who fought off Ottoman forces for 25 whole years before his death in 1468. Walk around the town, check the Old Bazaar, and visit the Castle of Krujë.

Private Vehicle

Krujë – Tirana

1h

40km

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

Day 23

Tirana/Vlorë

Drive east from Tirana this morning to the coast, and to the ancient Roman remains of Durrës, dating back more than 3000 years. Explore the fascinating site with your CEO and see the massive amphitheatre which could hold up to 20,000 people. In the afternoon, continue south to the city of Vlorë and set off on an exploration walk of the old town to see the Muradie Mosque and other striking historical landmarks. The rest of the evening is free to relax and find a spot to watch the sunset over the Adriatic sea.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Hotel Bologna Vlore (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Tirana - Durrës

45m-1h

38km

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

Visit Durrës

Durrës

1h-1h30m

Explore Durrës with your CEO, the most ancient city in Albania with almost 3,000 years of history. Its foundation dates back to 627 B.C. when the Corinthians and settlers from Corcyra invaded the Illyrian territory of the Taulants. The Durrës amphitheater is the largest and most important Roman amphitheater in Albania. Built in the 2nd century AD under Emperor Trajan, it once held up to 20,000 people for different spectating events, such as gladiator fights and other ancient games. The amphitheater was recently discovered in 1966 and is now one of the best ways to experience the city's ancient history.

Private Vehicle

Durrës - Vlorë

2h

125km

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

Orientation Walk of Vlorë

Vlorë

1h

Set off with your CEO on an orientation tour of Vlorë's Old Town. The Muradie Mosque (or Lead Mosque) is one of the most important structures in Vlorë. Built in 1537 by Ottoman Turkish architect Mimar Sinan and is distinctive for its exceptional brick work. Vlorë looks west over the Adriatic making it a perfect spot for watching the sunset as well.

Day 24

Vlorë

Be immersed in Albanian culture today on a hike to a shepherd outpost in the mountains. Start walking from the community of Tragjas, heading up the mountain to meet the local shepherds who will share their time with us. Learn about their traditional life in the mountains and enjoy a delicious typical lunch before hiking back down to the bus for the trip back to Vlorë. The remainder of the day is free to explore the city or to relax.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Hotel Bologna Vlore (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Vlorë - Tragjas

30m

22km

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

ACTIVITY

5km

Go to the old Tragjas farm of Sofo and Dhurata. Hike a short trail of about 3km with an elevation of approximately 280m to get to the shepherds' outpost where one can enjoy the authentic life of the Albanians, their traditions and life in the mountains, so close to the sea. Enjoy a typical lunch at the farm before hiking back down to the bus to return to Vlorë.

Private Vehicle

Tragjas - Vlorë

30m

22km

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

Day 25

Vlorë/Gjirokastër

Drive along the spectacular Albanian Riviera today to Gjirokastër with a number of stops and highlights along the way. First, visit the small beach town of Himarë and have a bit of time for lunch. Continue to Ksamil and visit the beautiful and historic castle of Ali Pasha, dramatically perched on the edge of a peninsula jutting out into the sea. Next visit the ruins of city of Butrint, a UNESCO-listed archaeological site that was once an ancient Greek city. Arrive to Gjirokastër in the evening and check into the hotel.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Hotel Number One (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Vlorë - Himarë

1h30m-2h

66km

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

Himarë Visit

Himarë

1h

Join your CEO for a stroll around Himarë, boasting beautiful seaside promenade soaked in a laid-back Mediterranean atmosphere, and framed by the crystal-clear Ionian Sea. This walk offers the perfect balance: take in the coastal views, browse the local shops, or take a moment to enjoy a coffee surrounded by beauty.

Private Vehicle

Himarë - Ksamil

1h30m-2h

62km

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

Ali Pasha Castle

Ksamil

Visit the beautiful and romantic Castle of Vasiliqia. Built in early 19th century by Ali Pasha of Tepelena, the “Mohametan Bonaparte” was made famous in Alexander Dumas’ The Count of Monte Cristo and poet George Gordon Byron’s Child Harold’s Pilgrimage.

Butrint National Archaeological Park

Ksamil

2h

Visit the ruins of the city of Butrint, excavated in 1944. This Greek city and UNESCO World Heritage Site was once a stopping point along trading routes but when the Roman Empire began to decline residents started to leave. After the city was flooded during an earthquake Butrint was abandoned and laid untouched for years under the mud and debris from the quake, preserving artifacts and protecting the ruins.

Private Vehicle

Ksamil - Gjirokastër

1h30m

70km

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

Set off after breakfast with your CEO to explore the old city of Gjirokastër. Pass by some of the historic sites like the obelisk and the imposing Girokastra Castle then take some free time to continue exploring and to find some lunch. In the afternoon, transfer to a local winery to tour the vineyard with one of the local experts and to taste their wines with a light dinner. The rest of the evening is free after returning to the hotel.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

Hotel Number One (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Gjirokastër Orientation Walk

Gjirokastër

1h-1h30m

Set off with your CEO to explore Gjirokastër and its main attractions. See the old town and the stunning historical landmarks like the Skendulaj House, the Obelisk, and Girokastra Castle with its Weapon Museum that used to be the castle's prison.

ACTIVITY

This exclusive experience will be hosted at a local vineyard, passionately run by a family deeply rooted in winemaking, traditional rural cuisine, and hospitality. Tour the vineyard with one of the local on-site experts who will share insights into local grape varieties and the meticulous care that goes into cultivating them. Continue with a tasting of both white and red wines, each paired with regionally sourced accompaniments and fresh farm fruits.

Day 27

Gjirokastër/Berat

Drive north today to the riverside city of Berat, known for its white Ottoman houses. In the afternoon, set off on an orientation walk with your CEO to explore. Visit the castle, the remains of a sprawling 13th century fortress as well as the traditional low neighbourhoods of Mangalem and Gorica. The remainder of the day is free to continue exploring before regrouping in the evening for an optional traditional Albanian meal and farewell dinner.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Hotel Kaceli Berat (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Gjirokastër - Berat

3h

180km

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

Berat Orientation Walk

Berat

1h30m

Take an afternoon tour of Berat, led by your CEO. Tour of the Castle of Berat with its chapels, typical houses, the ancient walls of Antipatrea and the Orthodox Cathedral with its art collection from 16th century iconography artist Onufri. Visit the traditional low neighbourhoods of Mangalem and Gorica, (which gave Berat the nickname "Town of a 1001 Windows.")

Leave Berat after breakfast for the drive back to Tirana, where the tour ends on arrival at approximately 11am.

Please do not book onward travel from Tirana before 2pm.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Berat - Tirana

2h

120km

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

What's included

- Your G for Good Moment: Maritimo Recycling, Dubrovnik
- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Your Foodie Moment: Zadar Walking Food Tour, Zadar
- Your Foodie Moment: Oyster Farm Food and Wine Experience with Lunch, Uvala Bistrina
- Your Foodie Moment: Trebinje Market Tour, Trebinje
- Your Foodie Moment: Cheese Making Farm and Lunch, Trebinje
- Your Foodie Moment: Apiary Visit, Trebinje
- Your Foodie Moment: Three-Course Wine Pairing Dinner, Čitluk
- Your Foodie Moment: Sarajevo Food Tour, Sarajevo
- Your Local Living Moment: Hike to a Shepherd Outpost with Lunch, Tragjas

- Your Foodie Moment: Gjirokastër Winery Visit and Light Dinner, Gjirokastër
- Orientation walks in Zagreb, Split and Dubrovnik
- Explore Plitvice Lakes National Park
- Hike in Krka Lakes National Park
- Walk along the old city wall of Ston
- Tvrdoš Monastery Visit and Wine Tasting
- Orientation walk in Trebinje
- Visit the town of Stolac and the necropolis tombstones
- See Koćuša Waterfall
- Dinner and wine pairing at a winery in Čitluk
- Visit the Pocitelj Ottoman stone town
- Hike to the Blagaj Fortress
- Visit the Dervish Monastery
- Guided walking tour of Mostar
- Turkish House coffee experience in Mostar
- Sarajevo Cable Car and Bobsled Track
- Kotor orientation walk
- Boat tour from Kotor to Perast
- Budva Old Town walk
- Visit Ostrog Monastery
- Full-day excursion to Biogradska Gora National Park
- Kolašin 4x4 Off-Road Excursion
- Orientation walk of Podgorica
- Theth National Park visit
- Walking tour of Shkoder
- Walking tour of Kruje
- Evening orientation walk of Tirana
- Tour of the Durrës archaeological site
- Orientation walk of Vlorë
- Visit Himare
- Entrance to the Ali Pasha Castle
- Visit Butrint National Archaeological Park
- Walking tour of Gjirokastër
- Walking tour of Berat
- Farewell Dinner
- Transport to/from all included activities and between all destinations

What are the main highlights of this trip?

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Itinerary Notes

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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.

Are there Itinerary notes?

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

1. YOUR CEO

It is important to note that in Europe, all guiding is based around local guides all of whom are licensed to work only in a particular city. As such, our leaders are able to provide orientation walks which will show you the layout of each town and city as well as the location of local services such as post offices and laundromats, but are unable to legally share historical facts and figures in public places.

2. LUGGAGE

In Europe it is very rare to find elevators in train stations, hotels or other public places. We use public transport on this trip, which means you will need to carry your luggage from platform to platform, in and out of trains and buses etc. and also possibly up several flights of stairs. You will also need to be able to stow your luggage safely on trains and buses. It is therefore essential that you pack light and bring luggage which is compact and lightweight, and which you can easily transport. The carrying of your luggage remains your responsibility at all times. We highly recommend travelling with a backpack or duffel bag over any wheeled luggage options.

3. COMBO TRIP

Please note that this tour combines with other G Adventures tours. As such, the staff and some travel companions on your tour may have previously been traveling together with G Adventures, prior to Day 1 of your tour. Likewise, some staff and travel companions may be continuing together on another G Adventures tour, after your trip concludes.

4. ACCOMMODATION NOTE:

Please be aware that properties we stay in with only two stories may not have elevators installed and climbing the stairs with your luggage will be necessary.

5. OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES NOTE:

During high season in Europe (May-October) we highly recommend booking reservations for any popular optional activities/museum tickets etc. in advance to avoid encountering sold-out activities on the ground while on tour.

What is the group leader like?

This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our group leaders. The aim of the group leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects.

How large will the group be?

Max 16, avg 12.

What meals are included in this trip?

27 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 4 dinners

What are the meals like on this trip?

Eating is a big part of traveling. G Adventures understands the importance of breakfast to start your day, we strive to include a basic breakfast wherever possible. A typical breakfast may include toast, coffee and tea, however this may vary depending on the city. Should breakfast not be included, your CEO can suggest some local options.

Travelling with G Adventures you experience the vast array of wonderful food that is available out in the world. Generally meals are not included in the trip price when there is a choice of eating options, to give you the maximum flexibility in deciding where, what and with whom to eat. It also gives you more budgeting flexibility, though generally food is cheap. Our groups tend to eat together to enable you to taste a larger variety of dishes and enjoy each other's company. There is no obligation to do this though. Your CEO will be able to suggest favourite restaurants during your trip. While trekking in remote regions etc. food is included, plentiful and made of fresh local ingredients.

For all trips please refer to the meals included and budget information for included meals and meal budgets.

What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Private vehicle, boat, walking.

What transportation will we take on this trip?

Private vehicle, train, ferry, boat, walking

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?

Hotels (25 nts), Eco Lodge (2 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.

Please be aware that single room accommodations in European hotels are often smaller, and may not be to the same service level as double-occupancy rooms.

What kind of accommodation can I expect on this trip?

It is important to note that accommodation in Europe tend to be quite different to other areas of the world you may have travelled in. Buildings and rooms are generally old and may not have been renovated or maintained to the highest standard. Downtown hotels in Europe were not built to be hotels but rich owners houses, which have been changed into hotels. Therefore unusual room sizes are common as large rooms have been partitioned in the past, resulting in rather "thin" walls. Reception areas, rooms and bathrooms tend to be very small as they were often added into an existing room, and may have a hand nozzle rather than a conventional shower head.

On this trip you can expect to stay in small family-run hotels (with the exception of the start and finish hotels, which are often larger city hotels), which will vary a little in standard and facilities: some may not have elevators, air-conditioning or English-speaking staff, but most importantly all are locally-run, with some traditional character, and in excellent central locations to give you maximum time for exploring the sights. You can expect to find clean, safe, simple accommodation in convenient locations.

Note that most accommodation in Europe does not have air conditioning units in rooms. Air conditioning is not routinely installed in European homes and workplaces. However, nearly all hotels will provide a standing or desk fan for your room on hot nights. If you do not already have one in your room, please ask your CEO to organize one for you with reception.

What are the joining instructions?

For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

From Zagreb airport (ZAG), you can reach the city centre in a few ways. To get to Zagreb Autobusni Kolodvor (the central bus station), take the Pleso Prijevoz bus operated by Croatia Airlines from outside the main International Arrivals terminal.

To arrange an arrival or departure transfer, we recommend you book through our preferred transfer provider - [Welcome Pickups](#)

We advise that you book both your arrival and departure transfers in advance. Please make sure you have the following details before booking:

- Flight number
- Flight Arrival Time and Date
- Flight Departure Time and Date
- Passenger's Name
- Number of Passengers
- Email
- Valid Mobile Telephone Number
- Drop off and/or Pick Up Address

Please note that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned on this day.

Upon arrival to your Joining Hotel (note that check-in time will be in the afternoon), 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!

If you are arriving later and will miss the Welcome Meeting, your CEO will leave a note at reception for you with any information you may need, and with morning instructions for the next day.

What happens if I experience problems when arriving?

We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, as soon as possible please contact your starting point hotel, requesting that you speak to or leave a message for your CEO (if you are not on a group tour please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier). If you are unable to get in touch with your leader, please refer to our emergency contact details.

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 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.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER

G Adventures Berlin office: +441858378000

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, from calls within North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from within UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from within Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from within Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from within New Zealand: 0800 333 307

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

What information should I be aware of as the itinerary draws to a close?

Leave Berat after breakfast for the drive back to Tirana, where the tour ends on arrival at approximately 11am.

Please do not book onward travel from Tirana before 2pm.

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, on and off transportation, and to hotels (max 15-20 mins.)

What should be on my packing list?

Conservative Dress:

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)
- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

Documents:

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

Essentials:

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

Health & Safety:

- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Hand sanitizer
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)

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. Your CEO can also show you where the you can get your laundry done.

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](#)

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.

As of 2025, various European countries are introducing ETIAS travel authorisation as an entry requirement for visa-exempt nationals.

We highly recommend you checking in advance how your nationality and country/s you are visiting may be affected. Further details can be found [here](#)

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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?

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. Visa 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. You should be aware when purchasing products or services on a credit card, that a fee usually applies.

Do not rely on credit or debit cards as your only source of money. A combination of Euros and cards is best.

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

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?

While conventions can vary from country to country, tipping is customary in Europe. A general rule is 10% of the bill for wait staff, and a smaller amount (€1 or €2) for other service providers.

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.

At the end of each trip, if you felt your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is expected and appreciated. The precise amount is a personal preference, however €6-8 per person, per day can be used as a guideline.

What activities are optional on this trip?

Split

- Mestrovic Gallery (30HRK per person)
- Bacvice Beach Visit (Free)
- St Duje Cathedral Visit (15-40HRK per person)
- Diocletian's Palace

Otok Brač

- Brač Island Excursion

Makarska

- Tuk Tuk Tour to Skywalk (60-70EUR per person)

Ston

- Visit Ston and Wall Walk (10EUR per person)

Sarajevo

- National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina (10-30BAM per person)
- Times of Misfortune Tour & Tunnel Museum (54BAM per person)
- Gallery 11/07/95 (12-15BAM per person)

Kotor

- Kotor Maritime Museum (5EUR per person)
- Sea Kayaking (20EUR per person)
- Kotor City Exploration (Free)

Shkodër

- Site of Memory and Memorial Museum
- Venice Art Mask Factory (3EUR per person)

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

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

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

What 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.

What is Planeterra?

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

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

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

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

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

How can I share feedback about my trip experience?

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

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

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

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

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

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

How old must I be to join this trip?

You must be 18 to travel unaccompanied on a G Adventures tour. For minors travelling with a guardian over 21 years old, the minimum age is 12.

Are international flights included in this trip?

No, international flights are generally not included in the price of your tour.

However, on some combo tours travelling between two different countries, international flights are included as part of the itinerary and price of the tour. Please speak to your GCO or booking agent for further details.

In addition, check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.

What should LGBTQ+ travellers know about safety and travel considerations on this trip?

The safety and well-being of all of our travelers is a priority at G Adventures and that includes our travelers who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. We recognize that there are specific concerns and questions you may have about your adventure in terms of safety and security. We encourage you to visit our [LGBTQ+ page](#) for useful resources to ensure you feel safe and comfortable throughout the duration of your trip. The Equaldex tool linked on this page can be of particular help when deciding where you may want to visit next.

Dossier Disclaimer

The information in this trip details document has been compiled with care and is provided in good faith. However it is subject to change, and does not form part of the contract between the client and the operator. The itinerary featured is correct at time of printing. It may differ slightly to the one in the brochure. Occasionally our itineraries change as we make improvements that stem from past travellers, comments and our own research. Sometimes it can be a small change like adding an extra meal along the itinerary. Sometimes the change may result in us altering the tour for the coming year. Ultimately, our goal is to provide you with the most rewarding experience. Please note that our brochure is usually released in November each year. If you have booked from the previous brochure you may find there have been some changes to the itinerary.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please ensure that you print a final copy of your Trip Details to review a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

Itinerary Disclaimer

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.