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**Last Updated:** December 24, 2019



## Complete Australia

28 days, Melbourne to Cairns

Trip code OAMC

### What's included

- Your G for Good Moment: Cafe Chloe, Tully
- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Your Discover Moment: Adelaide
- Your Foodie Moment: Wine Tasting, Clare Valley
- Your Hands-On Moment: Wine Tour, Hunter valley
- Your Hands-On Moment: Sheep Shearing, Nundle

- Your Hands-On Moment: Gold Mine Tour, Bingara
- Your Discover Moment: Byron Bay
- Your Discover Moment: Cairns
- Rainforest walk in Great Otway NP
- Visit to the 12 Apostles, an Aboriginal cultural centre, Tower Hill Reserve and Coorong NP
- Underground mine tour
- Champagne sunset viewing of Uluru
- Mala Walk around Uluru and cultural centre visit
- Hikes at Grampians NP, Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) and Kings Canyon
- Overnight excursion on Fraser Island
- Noosa Everglades overnight excursion
- Entrance fees to Cooloola Recreation Area and Fraser Island in Great Sandy NP
- Whitsunday Islands sailing excursion (3 days)
- Visit to Whitehaven Beach
- Internal flight
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing November 1st, 2016 - December 31st, 2016

# Itinerary



## Itinerary Notes

Please note, the December 24, 2019 departure of this tour will stay at Spot X Surf Camp in Arrawarra for 2 nights instead of the stay in Tamworth and Yamba.

**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

## Melbourne

Arrive at any time.

There are no planned activities during the day, so check into the hotel and explore the city. If you arrive early enough, head into the city to take in the 'cultural capital of Australia'. Get lost in the city's famous laneways, go on the hunt for the perfect flat white (hint: Melbourne loves its coffee shops), catch the tram to St. Kilda, or wander around the über-cool Fitzroy neighbourhood.

Please try to arrive before 7pm for an important group welcome meeting where you can meet the Chief Experience Officer (CEO) and the other group members.



### 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.



### Optional Activities - Day 1

Phillip Island Day Tour

Melbourne

129-190AUD

If you've always dreamed of spotting a penguin in the wild, make sure to head down to Phillip Island. Check out the spectacular scenery and beaches, and be ready at dusk to watch the famous 'Penguin Parade' as hundreds of Little Penguins (yes, that's their actual name) cross the beach to return to their burrows after a day of fishing.

Myki Explorer Public Transportation Pass

Melbourne

15AUD

From St. Kilda to Fitzroy, make the most of your time in Melbourne with a Myki Transportation Pass, giving you access to all tram travel throughout the city.

Yarra Valley Wine Tour

Melbourne

175-200AUD

The Yarra Valley is home to dozens of vineyards and wineries set along the banks of the Yarra River itself. It is considered one of Victoria's premier wine regions making it an idyllic escape from Melbourne. Stroll the grounds of these establishments, sip a glass of chardonnay, and relax in this beautiful setting.

Day 2

## Melbourne/Port Campbell

Travel past world-famous surf beaches along the Great Ocean Road. Enjoy views of the 12 Apostles and walk through the rainforest in Great Otway National Park.

Depart early morning for the journey to Port Campbell. Check out the famous surf towns of Torquay, Lorne and Apollo Bay en route. Make a stop at Great Otway NP for an included rainforest walk. Explore the scenic attractions of the Great Ocean Road including the picturesque 12 Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Melbourne - Port Campbell

7h

300km

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

Twelve Apostles Visit

Port Campbell National Park

45m-1h

Stop at a scenic lookout point along the Great Ocean Road and capture the beautiful views over the ocean and the Twelve Apostles. Now with only seven formations still standing, these iconic attractions were once limestone caves which eroded to become arches and eventually stacks up to 45m (147 ft) in height.

Loch Ard Gorge Visit

Port Campbell National Park

15m-30m

Located along the Great Ocean Road, beautiful Loch Ard Gorge shows the process of erosion in action. See offshore stacks and blowholes, and watch short tailed shearwaters soar over the nearby island. This location is a perfect backdrop for a group photo. Get snapping!

Rainforest Walk

Great Otway National Park

30m

1km

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



### Optional Activities - Day 2

Helicopter Ride

The Twelve Apostles

145AUD

A series of limestone cliffs stretching into the ocean, the 12 Apostles is one of the most iconic sites in Victoria. Get a birds eye view of these massive rock columns and watch the swells of the ocean crash into them from above. Prepare to be awed by the sheer size of these cliffs and one of Australia's most famous coastlines.

Day 3

## Port Campbell/Halls Gap

Travel inland to Grampians National Park, known for its sandstone mountain range and impressive rock art. Trek through the forest, lush with vegetation and wildlife.

Start the day visiting more attractions of the Great Ocean Road including The Arch and the now broken London Bridge. Visit Tower Hill State Wildlife Reserve for a chance to see animals endemic to Australia such as koalas, emus and kangaroos. Opt to visit an Indigenous Cultural Centre to learn about the significance of the area to the indigenous people. End the day with an evening walk in the Grampians NP.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Port Campbell - Grampians National Park

3h

260km

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

London Arch Visit

Port Campbell National Park

15m-30m

Stop by the rock formation named the London Arch, formerly the London Bridge, until part of the arch collapsed in 1990. This brief stop on the Great Ocean Road showcases the art of nature -- the erosion of limestone and the beautiful rock formations it creates.

Tower Hill State Wildlife Reserve Visit

Tower Hill

15m-30m

Visit Tower Hill State Wildlife Reserve west of Warrnambool for a chance to see animals endemic to Australia such as koalas, emus and kangaroos. Learn more about this large volcanic crater and wetland and the role it plays in Indigenous history. Set off on one of the self-guided walking paths, then visit the Worn Gundidj Centre to see cultural displays and crafts.



### Optional Activities - Day 3

Brambuk Indigenous Cultural Centre Visit

Halls Gap

3AUD

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

Day 4

## Halls Gap/Adelaide

Explore Grampians NP. Enjoy waterfalls, lakes and beautiful vistas. Later, travel to Adelaide.

Early start to explore more of Grampians NP. Walk to the stunning Jaws of Death Balconies, visit MacKenzie's Falls, and travel onto Adelaide, the capital of South Australia.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Grampians National Park Visit

Grampians National Park

1h-5h

3km

Walk past lookouts, sandstone ridges and other various rock formations. Be rewarded with sweeping views of the natural landscape.

The Balconies (Jaws of Death) Visit

Grampians National Park

1h

2km

Set off from the Reed Lookout overlooking Victoria Valley, and enjoy a short walk with beautiful scenery to the Balconies, formerly called the Jaws of Death. Check out the gorgeous view, but be careful not to lean too far over the edge!

MacKenzie Falls Visit

Grampians National Park

30m-1h

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

Private Vehicle

Halls Gap - Adelaide

6h-6h30m

500km

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

Get ready to stuff your face in the food and wine capital of Australia; Adelaide. Wander the clean laneways and sample your way from place to place as the sun warms your skin. With an emerging art scene, natural beauty, interesting attractions, and incredible restaurants, Adelaide has tons to see and do. Get out and discover the hub of South Australia!

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



## Optional Activities - Day 5

Adelaide Central Market

Adelaide

Looking for a bite to eat? Head over to Adelaide Central Market, the city's premiere fresh food and produce market since 1869. Wander the stalls and meet some of the locals – just don't forget to grab some snacks from one of the 80 vendors at the market.

Optional Welcome Meeting for Travellers on Combos

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

Dolphin Swim and Cruise

Adelaide

120-130AUD

There are very few places in the world that you can swim with dolphins in the wild, so don't miss the opportunity to get close to these majestic creatures. Watch them interact and play around you while you swim in their natural habitat. Available mid-Sept to late-April.

The Barossa Valley Food and Wine Experience

Adelaide

Dreamy days and new locations call for one-of-a-kind experiences. Book the Barossa Valley Food & Wine tour for an intimate experience in the valley. The tour includes a full-day of sampling some of the Barossa's finest wines and gourmet food. You will also have the chance to visit the new Barossa Valley Chocolate Company, the famous Maggie Beer's Farm shop, and two award winning cellar doors.

Kangaroo Island Day Trip

Kangaroo Island

283AUD

Remote, wild, and stunning, Kangaroo Island is the perfect mixture of all things Aussie. Hop over to the island for a day exploring the coastline and creatures that call it home. Prepare for a full day (up to 16 hours) that will leave you enchanted and in love with this slice of paradise just off the mainland.

Day 6

## Adelaide/Quorn

Enjoy a wine tasting in the Clare Valley, then it's on to Quorn.

Hit the road in the morning. Travel through the Clare Valley wine area, making a stop for a wine tasting to learn about the different grape varieties and the development of the vineyards in the area. Travel to the town of Quorn for the night.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Adelaide - Quorn

4h

350km

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

#### ACTIVITY

Stop by a local winery and sample some of the different grape varieties while learning a bit more about wine production and its history in the Clare Valley. Try some Riesling, the local favourite (considered the best in Australia, if not the world), along with some Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz.

Day 7

## Quorn/Beltana

Head to Wilpena Pound for a walk to a natural amphitheatre sacred to the Aboriginal Adnyamathana people. Learn about Aboriginal art and early settler history.

Take the day to explore the amazing scenery of Flinders Ranges.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Quorn - Beltana

4h

300km

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

Wilpena Pound Hike

Wilpena Pound

1h-3h

2km

Enjoy nature's 800 million-year-old natural amphitheater carved out of the mountains in the Ikara-Flinders Ranges NP. Visit Indigenous art sites and learn more about the history and customs of the Adnyamathanha people who have lived here for tens of thousands of years. Keep an eye out for emus, kangaroos, and if you are lucky, the threatened yellow footed rock wallaby.

Day 8

## Beltana/William Creek

Travel along the Old Ghan Railway route. Marvel at ruins of early settler sites and opt for a scenic flight over the great salt lake of Lake Eyre.

We follow the Oodnadatta Track, strewn with ruins of failed early settler activity, along the route of the equally unsuccessful original Ghan Railway route. Visit the dry salt lake of Lake Eyre.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Ikara-Flinders Ranges - William Creek

6h30m-7h

450km

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

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### Optional Activities - Day 8

Lake Eyre Scenic Flight

William Creek

150-260AUD

Soar above Australia's largest inland lake on this 60-min flight in the north of South Australia. Typically, Lake Eyre is dry, so prepare to see a vast white salt plain shimmering in the sun. Following monsoon rains in the north, the lake fills and becomes a breeding site pelicans, gulls and terns. Enjoy a bird's-eye view and enjoy the flight.

Day 9

## William Creek/Cooper Pedy

Travel to the town of Cooper Pedy, the world's opal mining capital. After a guided tour of a mine, escape the heat like the locals by spending the night underground.

Travel to the unique opal mining town of Cooper Pedy, where people live underground to avoid the heat. A guided mine tour gives insight to the mining process and the importance of opal to the area. Overnight like the locals by sleeping in an underground hostel, a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

William Creek – Cooper Pedy

2h30m

200km

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

Guided Mine Tour

Cooper Pedy

1h

Learn about opals and Cooper Pedy's mining history on a tour of an old opal mine. See examples of both hand-dug and machine-dug underground homes, which are a popular way to escape the heat.

Day 10

## Coober Pedy/Kings Creek

Take in the vastness of the Outback on a driving day, then bed down in a swag (padded canvas bedroll) around a campfire and sleep under the Outback sky.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Coober Pedy - Kings Creek

10h

760km

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



### Optional Activities - Day 10

Camel Ride

Kings Canyon

21.50AUD

Climb over the hump and settle in for a 15-minute ride to give you a taste of the Outback from a different perspective.

Kings Canyon Helicopter Ride

Kings Canyon

95-285AUD

7m-30m

Get a birds-eye view of Kings Canyon from the large bubble windows of a 4-passenger helicopter.

Quad Biking Around Cattle Station

Kings Canyon

105AUD

Day 11

## Kings Creek/Uluru

Enjoy a morning walk through the gorges and valleys of Kings Canyon. Drive to Uluru, where Australia's most iconic view awaits. Experience the colourful sunset at Uluru while enjoying a glass of bubbly.

Enjoy the morning taking in the scenery or by going on an optional 4km walk through the gorges and valleys of Kings Canyon of Watarrka National Park.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch

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### Today's Activities

Kings Canyon Hike

Kings Canyon

3h-4h

5km

Hike through beautiful Kings Canyon in Watarrka National Park on this walk that visits the natural amphitheatre, the North and South walls, and the Garden of Eden.

Private Vehicle

Kings Creek - Uluru

4h30m

420km

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

Uluru at Sunset

Uluru

30m-1h

Enjoy a glass of bubbly, and watch the setting sun transform Uluru into a glowing monolith bathed in deep reds and oranges. Capture the moment with your camera but also take a moment to soak in the serenity of the scene just with your own eyes. Magic!

Enjoy the Mala Walk at Uluru to learn the importance of the rock to the Aboriginal Australians.

The next morning, awake before sunrise to do the Mala Walk around part of the base of Uluru (Ayers Rock) while learning its significance to the local Aboriginals. Visit the cultural centre to get a better understanding of the area.

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## Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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## Today's Activities

Uluru Mala Walk

Uluru

1h-1h30m

2km

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

Indigenous Cultural Centre Visit

Uluru

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

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## Optional Activities - Day 12

Outback Astronomy Tour

Uluru

60-70AUD

Enjoy a tour of the night sky, learning how Indigenous people of Australia used the stars for mythology and seasonal predictions while getting a chance to stargaze through telescopes and binoculars. The Outback is one of the best places to stargaze, with low humidity and surrounding light - take a peek and see what's out there!

Uluru Helicopter Flight

Uluru

180-360AUD

See some of the highlights of the red centre from a bird's-eye view. Take to the air and choose between a 15-minute loop around Uluru, or opt to also see Kata Tjuta on a 25-minute flight.

Day 13

## Uluru/Sydney

Transfer to the airport and fly to Sydney.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

Travel to the Hunter Valley for a wine tasting. Overnight at a sheep station, which includes a shearing demonstration.

Depart in the morning and head to a small country town for lunch before continuing to Nundle Sheep Station for the night.

At the sheep station, have the unique opportunity to meet an expert sheep shearer. Experience a shearing demonstration and learn about local sheep farming. At the end of the day, enjoy dinner with the locals before sleeping in historic shearer's quarters.

The sheep station is quite remote, and there is usually no reception for mobile phones.



## Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Sydney - Nundle

6h

380km

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

### ACTIVITY

Drive to the famous wine region of Hunter Valley for an included wine tasting. Sample some reds and whites, and find a new favourite (the area is known for its semillon and shiraz). Learn about the the history of wine-making in the oldest wine region in Australia.

### ACTIVITY

Watch a local shearer demonstrate how to shear a sheep and learn all about the shearing equipment used today and in days gone by. Afterwards, get in there and give it a go!

Day 15

## Nundle/Bingara

Visit a working mine and have a go at panning for gold.

After breakfast, drive to Tamworth, the country and western music capital of Australia and home to a giant guitar. Arrive in Bingara in the early afternoon for an included visit to a historic gold mine where you can try gold panning.

Later, opt for a swim in the local watering hole.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Nundle - Bingara

3h

210km

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

#### ACTIVITY

Learn about a historic gold mining site and try your hand at panning for gold. You never know what you'll find!

Day 16

## Bingara/Yamba

Travel over the Great Dividing Range to Yamba, a quaint beach town. Go for a swim at the beach, relax, and enjoy the view.

Continue north, visiting Raspberry Lookout and Boundary Falls in Gibraltar National Park en route. Once in Yamba, head to the beach for a swim.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Bingara - Yamba

5h

380km

Travel distance: 380km (236 mi)

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### Optional Activities - Day 16

Swimming

Grab your bathing suit and go for a refreshing swim.

Day 17

## Yamba/Byron Bay

Continue up the coast to Byron Bay, an alternative hippie paradise. Hit the beach and enjoy an included surf lesson.

After breakfast, travel the coastal road to the stunning surf and arts town of Byron Bay. Enjoy plenty of free time to experience the hippie surfing town. Options are abound – walk to the lighthouse (located on Australia's most easterly point) for a chance to see whales swimming off shore or hang ten with the locals after an included surfing lesson.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Yamba - Byron Bay

2h

128km

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

Surfing Lesson

Byron Bay

3h

Hit the beach and get ready to hang ten with a surf lesson from trained surf instructors. Spend some time in the water getting friendly with the waves, practice paddling, then pop up to balance on the wider, softer beginner boards. Too easy.

Enjoy free time to hit the beach, get a massage, or try sea kayaking.

The free time is yours to explore. Walk along the long stunning beach, play in the surf, or simply hang out at the Byron Bay Brewery and people watch. Want to get your adrenaline pumping? Go skydiving, try sea kayaking, or go on a dolphin watch.



## Optional Activities - Day 18

Whale Watching

Byron Bay

89AUD

2h30m-3h

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

Sea Kayaking Tour

Byron Bay

69AUD

2h-3h

Paddle along Byron Bay's coast, learn about local and Aboriginal history, surfing meccas, and Australia's most easterly point. Keep an eye out for marine life, such as dolphins, whales, turtles, and tropical fish.

Skydiving

Byron Bay

409AUD

2h-5h

Enjoy the awe-inspiring beauty of Byron Bay from an eagle's perspective this morning. Suit up, get briefed, and board the prop plane to soar high about the land and sea. Strap onto your instructor, take a breath, and leap into a once-in-a-lifetime free fall. This is what a natural high truly feels like!

Yoga Class

Byron Bay

18AUD

Zen out during a yoga class with a qualified instructor and learn various stretches, postures, and breathing exercises.

Hinterland and Minyon Falls Tour

Byron Bay

139AUD

Head inland to Nightcap National Park, a subtropical rainforest in part of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area, for a 2-hour guided walk through the rainforest to beautiful Minyon Falls. After a refreshing swim at the base of the 100m falls, visit the quaint town of Bangalow, the oldest town in the region and known for its historic storefronts. After perusing local shops and cafés, enjoy the drive back to Byron Bay, passing through historic towns and beautiful scenery. Locally sourced barbecue lunch included.

Cape Byron Lighthouse Visit

Cape Byron

Free

30m-2h

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

Day 19

## Byron Bay/Brisbane

Venture north with your group to the capital of Queensland; Brisbane. Pass by national parks, mountains, surfy enclaves, and endless stretches of sand bordering brilliant blue water. Feeling hungry? Grab a delicious pastry creation from the famous Yatala Pie shop, serving hungry patrons for 130 years. Word of advice... make sure those cameras are charged and ready. Experience a night out with the group in Queensland's capital.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Byron Bay - Brisbane

4h

288km

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



### Optional Activities - Day 19

Optional Welcome Meeting for Travellers on Combos

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

Day 20

## Brisbane/Fraser Island

Travel by private bus, private 4x4 and ferry to reach Fraser Island, the world's largest sand island. Explore the island by 4x4.

Once on the island, enjoy a 4x4 tour of Fraser Island, driving along over 100km of beach. Go for a swim in Lake McKenzie, and enjoy a rainforest walk along the way.

While on Fraser Island and the Noosa Everglades, main luggage will be stored in a secure storage facility. Each person will need to pack a bag for two nights with max weight of 5kg. This is due to luggage capacity restrictions in 4x4 vehicles and canoes. Your CEO will explain further details on arrival into Rainbow Beach.

Depending on the day of the week, some groups may swap the order of the Fraser Island and Noosa Everglades days. Some groups will first travel to the Noosa Everglades for a night before travelling on to Fraser Island. All inclusions will still be offered but just in a different order.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Brisbane - Rainbow Beach

3h30m

250km

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

Ferry

Rainbow Beach - Fraser Island

Get to the next spot on your route aboard a convenient and efficient ferry boat.



### Optional Activities - Day 20

K'gari (Fraser Island) Flight

Fraser Island

75AUD

The world's largest sand island is home to some of the most stunning landscapes. Keep your eyes peeled for Lake Mckenzie, Eli Creek, and maybe even a breaching whale (in season) as you soar above the island. On top of it all, take off and landing is directly on 75 Mile Beach – epic!

Day 21

## Fraser Island/Noosa Everglades

Enjoy a morning of exploring by 4x4 to hit the remainder of Fraser Island's highlights, then set off to the Noosa Everglades for an evening surrounded by stunning wilderness.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

4x4 Excursion

K'gari (Fraser Island)

Embark on a private excursion taking in the highlights of this amazing island including Lake McKenzie (Boorangoora) and the forest around Central Station.

Ferry

Fraser Island - Rainbow Beach

Get to the next spot on your route aboard a convenient and efficient ferry boat.

4x4

Rainbow Beach - Noosa Everglades

Roads? Where this rough-and-ready vehicle's going, we don't need roads.

Noosa Everglades Overnight Excursion

Noosa Everglades

Stay at the edge of the stunning Noosa Everglades, one of only two everglade systems in the world. Take it easy and relax around the lake, or hike one of the nearby trails.

Day 22

## K'gari (Fraser Island) to Airlie Beach

Hop on board a northbound train. Visit rural Queensland and learn about cattle station history. Bed down in a swag (canvas bedroll) under the Outback sky.

Catch a train up the 'Capricorn Coast' which is well-known as 'Cattle Country'. Arrive at a remote farm and stay the night.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner

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### Today's Activities

Train

Rainbow Beach - Rockhampton

6h-8h

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

Day 23

## Rockhampton/Whitsunday Islands

Embark on a 3-day maxi yacht sailing adventure. Enjoy beach visits, island bush walks, and time to snorkel the reefs. Anchor off of secluded tropical islands at night.

After a traditional Outback-style breakfast, transfer to the town of Airlie Beach and embark on a maxi yacht which will be our home for the next three days. Set sail to a secluded cove in the Whitsunday Islands where you will drop anchor for the night.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Whitsunday Islands Sailing Trip

Whitsunday Islands

Board a maxi-yacht formerly used to circumnavigate the globe, and get used to being on the water. Lend a hand hoisting the sails or just sit back and enjoy the breeze.

Maxi Yacht

Airlie Beach - Whitsunday Islands

Climb aboard a speedy racing yacht (and hang on to your hat).

Private Vehicle

Rockhampton - Airlie Beach

6h30m-7h

539km

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

Day 24

## Whitsunday Islands

Hike to an island lookout over Whitehaven Beach, known for its stunning white sand, then enjoy free time on the famous beach. Anchor off of a secluded tropical island at night.

The sailing route today allows us to follow part of Captain Cook's route up through the Whitsunday Islands. Again we drop anchor in a secluded bay for the night.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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### Today's Activities

Maxi Yacht

Whitsunday Islands

Climb aboard a speedy racing yacht (and hang on to your hat).

Whitsunday Islands Sailing Trip

Whitsunday Islands

Set off towards Whitehaven Beach, and hike to a lookout over the beautiful white-sand beach and shallow turquoise waters off its coast. Take advantage of the included snorkel gear, throw on a mask and see what lives in the Great Barrier Reef. Along the way experience parts of the Whitsunday Ngaro Sea Trail.

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### Optional Activities - Day 24

Whitsunday Islands Snorkelling

Whitsunday Islands

Free

30m-1h

Take advantage of the included snorkel gear, throw on a mask and see what lives in the Great Barrier Reef. (Note that fins are not provided in order to adhere with local coral conservation efforts.)

Scuba Diving

Whitsunday Islands

75AUD

Get the chance to scuba dive the beautiful coral reefs of the Whitsunday Islands.

Day 25

## Whitsunday Islands/Airlie Beach

Continue sailing through the gorgeous backdrop of the Whitsunday Islands. Sail to the resort town of Airlie Beach for a night on the town.

After three days at sea, we sail to the resort town of Airlie Beach for a night on land in a local beach hostel resort. Feel free to relax by the pool at the end of the day.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Maxi Yacht

Whitsunday Islands

Climb aboard a speedy racing yacht (and hang on to your hat).

Whitsunday Islands Sailing Trip

Whitsunday Islands

It's the final half-day at sea! Enjoy sailing through the gorgeous Whitsunday Islands in the morning, passing by secluded coves and tiny islands. After some free time, sail in style back into Airlie Beach.

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### Optional Activities - Day 25

Whitsunday Islands Snorkelling

Whitsunday Islands

Free

30m-1h

Take advantage of the included snorkel gear, throw on a mask and see what lives in the Great Barrier Reef. (Note that fins are not provided in order to adhere with local coral conservation efforts.)

Day 26

## Airlie Beach/Cairns

Admire the scenery on the train north to Tully. Upon arrival, enjoy lunch and a tour of the G Adventures-supported Ingan Cultural Museum. Participate in either a weaving or painting activity with traditional Jirrbal Aboriginal artists before continuing on to Cairns.

Get ready for an early morning wake-up today for the journey to Cairns. Make sure to stock up on snacks and bring personal entertainment - it may be one of the longer travel days on this trip, but it's worth it to reach The Gateway to the Great Barrier Reef!



### Meals included

Lunch



### Today's Activities

Train

Proserpine - Cairns

10h-11h

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

#### ACTIVITY

Enjoy a tour of the G Adventures-supported Ingan Cultural Centre and have an opportunity to participate in a painting activity with traditional Jirrbal Aboriginal artists - an excellent opportunity to see the diversity of an Aboriginal people from a local perspective!

Private Vehicle

Tully - Cairns

2h

140km

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

Enjoy a free day to visit the Great Barrier Reef or get the adrenaline pumping by skydiving, whitewater rafting or bungee jumping.

Please be aware that if you decide to book the optional scuba diving activity in the Great Barrier Reef and are taking any prescription medications, you will need a doctor's release giving you permission to dive.



## Optional Activities - Day 27

Skydiving

Cairns

310-400AUD

2h-6h

Enjoy the awe-inspiring beauty of Cairns from an eagle's perspective. Suit up, get briefed and board the prop plane to soar high above the land and sea. Strap onto your instructor, take a breath and leap into a once-in-a-lifetime free fall. This is what a natural high truly feels like!

Great Barrier Reef Diving from Cairns

Great Barrier Reef

245-289AUD

8h-9h

Experience the largest coral reef in the world from beneath the ocean's surface on a scuba diving day trip. Packages vary and include 1, 2, or 3 dives in a day. The Great Barrier Reef teems with 1500 species of tropical fish, as well as whales, dolphins and porpoises. Bring an underwater camera and go crazy!

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Skyrail Experience : Kuranda to Smithfield

Cairns

116-171AUD

Settle into a comfortable 6 seat gondola for a ride with a spectacular view along the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway. Pass over the canopy one of Australia's tropical rainforests, so close to the tree tops it's as if you could reach out and touch the leaves. After, ride the Kuranda Scenic Railway through a lush tropical paradise framed by rugged mountains, waterfalls and ravines back to Cairns. Travel on authentic timber carriages via hand-hewn tunnels and across towering bridges, through the awe-inspiring Barron Gorge. Experience the exotic beauty of North Queensland's tropical rainforests, marvelling at the incredible array of plants and animals encountered all along the way.

Bungee Jumping

Cairns

179AUD

Leave your fears at home and prepare to have your breath taken away as you jump from 164ft. Now's the time to release your inner daredevil – what are you waiting for?

Whitewater Rafting

Cairns

138-210AUD

12h-12h30m

Put on a helmet, grab a paddle and raft the Class 3 & 4 rapids of the mighty Tully River, considered the best rafting river in all Australia & New Zealand.

Minjin Swing

Cairns

129AUD

Soar through the rainforest on the fastest jungle swing in the world. Suit up and be pulled to 150ft above the ground before flying over the canopy at a heart-racing, adrenaline-pumping 120km/hr. We can already hear your screams!

Great Barrier Reef Snorkelling from Cairns

Great Barrier Reef

8h-9h

Don a mask and snorkel the largest coral reef in the world, the Great Barrier Reef. Say g'day to Nemo, the clown fish, and some of the 1,500 other species of tropical fish that thrive in the warm waters off Australia's east coast.

Depending on availability of Dive Instructors, an upgrade to SCUBA diving may be possible but is by no means guaranteed. Please speak to your CEO to see if this is available.

Day 28

**Cairns**

Depart at any time.



## Today's Activities

Departure Day

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with travel arrangements to extend your adventure.

## What's included

- Your G for Good Moment: Cafe Chloe, Tully
- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Your Discover Moment: Adelaide
- Your Foodie Moment: Wine Tasting, Clare Valley
- Your Hands-On Moment: Wine Tour, Hunter valley
- Your Hands-On Moment: Sheep Shearing, Nundle
- Your Hands-On Moment: Gold Mine Tour, Bingara
- Your Discover Moment: Byron Bay
- Your Discover Moment: Cairns
- Rainforest walk in Great Otway NP
- Visit to the 12 Apostles, an Aboriginal cultural centre, Tower Hill Reserve and Coorong NP
- Underground mine tour
- Champagne sunset viewing of Uluru
- Mala Walk around Uluru and cultural centre visit
- Hikes at Grampians NP, Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) and Kings Canyon
- Overnight excursion on Fraser Island
- Noosa Everglades overnight excursion
- Entrance fees to Coolooloa Recreation Area and Fraser Island in Great Sandy NP
- Whitsunday Islands sailing excursion (3 days)
- Visit to Whitehaven Beach
- Internal flight
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

## What are the main highlights of this trip?

Marvel at the 12 Apostles along the Great Ocean Road, bed down at a traditional Outback station, catch the magnificent colours of Uluru at sunset, sail through the gorgeous Whitsunday Islands, explore Fraser Island.

## Itinerary Notes

Please note, the December 24, 2019 departure of this tour will stay at Spot X Surf Camp in Arwarra for 2 nights instead of the stay in Tamworth and Yamba.

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

## **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. 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.

2. Please be aware that wifi and internet access is not as readily available in Australia as in other parts of the world. There are often additional charges to connect to the internet, and speeds may be slower than what you are used to.

3. Over public holidays in Australia and New Zealand (such as Christmas, New Years Day, Easter, and Anzac Day) there may be some limitations of services and disruptions to schedules. In general our tours still operate effectively over public holidays, but there may be closures of optional activities and restaurants, and slight itinerary adjustments in order to provide all tour inclusions.

### 4. Scuba Diving Optional Activity

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## What is the group leader like?

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

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

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

## How large will the group be?

Max 20, avg 16

## What meals are included in this trip?

22 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 10 dinners

## **What are the meals like on this trip?**

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

Please note that most included breakfasts will consist of cereal, milk, bread and spreads, juice, tea and instant coffee. Having a simple breakfast together most days allows us the flexibility to get on the road early and get from point A to B all that much faster.

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

Private bus, train, maxi yacht, 4x4 vehicle, ferry, walking.

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

We use mini-coaches on our tours in Australia but also throw in a few other transport types to keep it interesting and mix it up. Occasionally with smaller group sizes we will use smaller, equally comfortable 13-seater vehicles. All mini-coaches tow a trailer for luggage and camping equipment (when needed). All groups have one CEO/Driver.

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

On the rail based sections of the tour, we use the standard seats, not sleeping compartments. The trains have a dining carriage available.

## **Are local flights included in the cost of the trip?**

All local flights are included in the cost of your tour unless otherwise noted. It is important that we have your passport information at the time of booking in order to process these tickets. Internal flight tickets are issued locally and will be given to you prior to the flight departure.

The max luggage allowance on domestic flights within Australia is 1 checked bag (20 kgs) and 1 carry on (7 kgs) per person.

## **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?

Hostels (17 nts), swag camping (5 nts), maxi-yacht (2 nts), underground hostel (1 nt), cabins (2 nt). All nights multi-share.

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

Accommodation will be varied throughout your adventure. When camping on this tour, you will be provided with an Aussie 'swag'—a canvas bedroll with built-in padding and perfect for a night under the stars. Towels and soap are not always provided at overnight stops, so it's best to bring your own for bathing. Bathroom and showering facilities are shared and are very rarely en-suite.

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

**COUPLES:** Please note that due to the types of accommodation used in Australia, 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.

**PRE/POST ACCOMMODATION:** If booking additional nights before or after your tour, accommodation will be multi-share on a mixed gender basis.

## 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?

1. By Taxi: Approximately \$70, and it is 35km to the joining hotel.

2. SKYBUS, \$19 per person: A 24-hour service from the airport to the Southern Cross train station in the city centre. From here, check in at the Skybus Hotel Transfer Service booth and a SkyBus mini-bus will drop you at the hostel.

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.

## What happens if I experience problems when arriving?

We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier and contact us as soon as possible. If you have a pre-booked transfer, and you have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

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

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

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Local Office and after office hours emergency number

From outside Australia: +61 432 705 621

From within Australia: 0432 705 621

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

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

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

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

The max luggage allowance on domestic flights within Australia is 1 checked bag (20 kgs) and 1 carry on (7 kgs) per person.

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

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.

You will need a smaller bag for the Whitsunday Islands overnight excursion, as we will leave big bags on the mainland due to space constraints.

# What should be on my packing list?

## Documents:

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

## Essentials:

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

## Fraser Island and Noosa Everglades Overnight Excursion:

- Overnight bag (For the Fraser Island and Noosa Everglades excursion)

## Sleep Sheet and Pillow:

- Sleeping bag liner/sleep sheet
- Travel pillow

**Warm Weather:**

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear

**Note:**

- 1) During the winter months (June - Sept), it can get quite cool at night in the Outback. If you are travelling to the Red Centre during the winter, it is recommended to bring some warm layers. 2) A sleeping bag will be provided for all camping nights. We recommend bringing a sleeping bag liner/sleep sheet and pillow.

## What are the visas and entry requirements for my trip?

All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

## What should I consider when planning my personal expenses and discretionary spending for this itinerary?

Every traveller is different and therefore spending money requirements will vary. Some travellers may drink more than others while other travellers like to purchase more souvenirs than most. Please consider your own spending habits when it comes to allowing for drinks, shopping and tipping. Please also remember the following specific recommendations when planning your trip.

## What should I know about currency, credit cards, and exchanging money while on this tour?

The Australian currency is the Australian Dollar (AUD).

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

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

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

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

As currency exchange rates can fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for daily exchange rates: [www.xe.com](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 not customary in New Zealand and Australia to tip service providers, but if you do experience outstanding service it is good to do so. Such service would only usually be in places like quality restaurants and it would be very rare that you would tip more than 10%. Unless specifically asked to do so at the time (by your CEO) - do not tip your local guides. Also at the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures Chief Experience Officer did an outstanding job, you may consider a small tip - but it certainly isn't expected.

## What activities are optional on this trip?

- Please see the full itinerary for information on optional activities, descriptions and estimated pricing.

## 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 are the trip specific safety considerations?

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

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

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

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of 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/](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

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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.

## Itinerary Disclaimer

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