



## **Complete Spain: South to North Adventure**

14 days, Madrid to Bilbao

Trip code ESMQ

## What's included

- Your G for Good Moment: Mescladis Paella Cooking Class and Dinner, Barcelona
- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Your Discover Moment: Barcelona
- Your Foodie Moment: Wine Tasting at a Local Winery, Logroño
- Your Foodie Moment: Pintxos (Tapas) Experience, Logroño
- Orientation walks in Madrid, Granada, Barcelona, San Sebastian and Bilbao
- Albaicin quarter visit
- Alhambra guided tour
- Mezquita Mosque and Jewish quarter visit in Cordoba
- Flamenco show performance
- Hike a portion of the Camino de Santiago from Obanos to Puente la Reina
- Entrance and visit to the royal palace of Olite
- Visit Pamplona
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing September 9th, 2024 and onwards

# Itinerary



**NOTE:** Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

Day 1

## Madrid

Arrive any time.



### Accommodation

Hotel Europa (or similar)

Hotel



### 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

Reina Sofia Museum

Madrid

12EUR

2h-3h

The Reina Sofia is Spain's national museum of 20th-century art, and currently boasts an art collection of over 21,000 works.

Plaza Mayor Visit

Madrid

Free

15m-30m

Enjoy some spectacular people watching with a visit to the Plaza Mayor, the true heart of the city. Enjoy a coffee in one of the plaza's many cafes and watch the world go by.

Museo Nacional Del Prado Visit

Madrid

15EUR

30m-1h

Take in some culture with a trip to the Museo del Prado, one of the greatest art galleries in the world, and a definite highlight of any Madrid trip. Be inspired by its collections and exhibitions: the museum's main emphasis is 15th to 19th century Spanish, Flemish, and Italian art, but there is plenty of Goya and a wealth of paintings by Diego Velázquez.

Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum

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13EUR

1h-2h

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Day 2

## Madrid

Take a brief orientation walk with your CEO, then enjoy a full day to explore this bustling capital. Discover Plaza Mayor or opt to visit the famous Royal Palace. Indulge in delicious Spanish tapas or get your art fix at the Prado Museum.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Europa (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Orientation With CEO

Madrid

30m-1h

Enjoy a brief walk with your CEO. He/she will give you some tips on finding things like supermarkets, main squares, and ATMs. For more specific or in-depth information, an official guided tour is recommended.

Free Time

Madrid

Lively, passionate Madrid is a treasure trove of art and architecture, with its royal palaces and works by masters including Goya, Picasso, and Dalí. Be sure to take in some tapas. Madrid is one of the richest culinary capitals of Europe, and showcases food from all over Spain.



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Day 3

## Madrid/Granada

Journey south to Granada. Upon arrival enjoy an orientation walk. Wander through the whitewashed historic quarter of the Albaicin; with its narrow lanes and fantastic views, it's a great place to watch the sunset.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Casa Palacio Pilar del Toro (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Local Bus

Madrid - Granada

4h12m

420km

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

Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

Enjoy a brief walk with your CEO. He/she will give you some tips on finding things like supermarkets, main squares, and ATMs. For more specific or in-depth information, an official guided tour is recommended.

Albaicín (El Albayzín) Visit

Granada

1h-2h

Wander through the historic quarter of the Albaicin. Try to head there for sunset. With its narrow lanes and fantastic views back to the Alhambra, visitors are rewarded with a spectacular colour-washed skyline when the sun goes down.

Day 4

## Granada

Enjoy a guided visit to the architectural masterpiece, the Alhambra. In the evening, opt to go for a stroll and check out the local tapas and wine bars.

After visiting the Alhambra, opt to take a wander through this historic city. In the evening, opt for a night on the town. Granada is filled with trendy tapas bars and has a lively music scene.

Due to regulations for Alhambra's ticketing system, your passport information must be provided to G Adventures at the time of booking in order to guarantee your guided tour of the Alhambra. See "Important notes" under Tour Details for more information.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Casa Palacio Pilar del Toro (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Alhambra visit

Granada

2h-3h

Enjoy a guided visit of the Alhambra, one of the greatest accomplishments of Islamic art and architecture. Learn about Granada's reign as one of the region's most regal cities during the Muslim rule of Spain, which is captured in time within the Alhambra.

Free Time

Granada

Wander this charming city and sample their famous tapas.



### Optional Activities - Day 4

### Albaicín (El Albayzín) Visit

Granada

Free

1h-2h

Wander through the historic quarter of the Albaicín. Try to head there for sunset. With its narrow lanes and fantastic views back to the Alhambra, visitors are rewarded with a spectacular colour-washed skyline when the sun goes down.

### Granada Cathedral (Cathedral of the Incarnation) Visit

Granada

5EUR

30m-1h

Be taken by the beauty of one of the largest cathedrals in Spain on this visit to the Cathedral of Granada. Tour its beautiful facades and interiors that house a grand altar and numerous chapels. Built by Queen Isabella, it is a masterpiece of Spanish-Renaissance style.

### Granada City Center and Tapas Gourmet Tour

Granada

3h-3h30m

Explore Granada beyond the Alhambra on a guided walking tour of its historic city centre, where centuries of Moorish influence, incredible architecture and a lively university town await visitors today. Immerse yourself further in Andalusian culture by enjoying some tapas (light bar snacks and appetizers) at bars where the locals hang out. Sample local fare and the region's excellent wine - this is one of the world's gastronomic capitals for a reason!

Day 5

## Granada/Cordoba/Seville

Travel to Seville via picturesque Cordoba. Go for a stroll through the historic Jewish quarter and visit the iconic Mezquita de Cordoba (mosque). In the early evening, continue towards Seville and end your day with free time to get to know the city.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Cool Sevilla Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Granada - Seville

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

Jewish Quarter (Juderia) Visit

Córdoba

1h-2h

Wander among narrow winding lanes, traditional houses, and charming cafés in Cordoba's historic medieval Jewish quarter. Discover one of Spain's three remaining synagogues.

Mezquita de Córdoba (Mosque) Visit

Córdoba

1h-2h

Be amazed by the diverse and stunning architecture of Córdoba's most famous monument, the extraordinary Mezquita. Built as a mosque in 785 by the Moors, the Mezquita was converted in the 16th century by the remarkable addition of a Christian cathedral inserted into the centre of the building.

Day 6

## Seville

Spend a day enjoying this city and its Moorish influence. Opt to explore the district of Santa Cruz, the Alcázar palace or the world's largest Gothic cathedral. In the early evening, end your day with a dramatic flamenco performance.

Take the time to see all this great city has to offer. Opt to explore the interiors and gardens of the Alcázar, a magnificent palace dating from Moorish times, or the true heart of Seville, the Santa Cruz quarter– a charming area with winding alleys, picturesque lime-washed houses, flowery patios, and small squares.

Seville is home to the world's largest gothic cathedral – climb the adjoining tower for great views of the city. Other attractions include the Museo Arqueológico, the Casa de Pilates and the Parque de María Luisa, which has a maze of paths, garden beds, pretty little patios, fountains, and shaded lawns.

Please note that if you wish to visit popular sites and want to avoid waiting in line, it is advisable to reserve tickets in advance. We recommend pre-arranging your visit to the Alcázar of Seville.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Cool Sevilla Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Free Time

Seville

With heaps to see and do, get exploring.

Flamenco Show

Seville

2h-3h

Enjoy a flamenco performance in the city known for the energetic dance. Be swept away by the flamenco's passion, fire, and grit!

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## Optional Activities - Day 6

Santa Cruz Quarter Visit

Seville

Free

15m-45m

Visit the true heart of Seville, the Santa Cruz quarter. A charming area with winding alleys, picturesque lime-washed houses, flowery patios, and small squares, you can wander, shop, or just soak in the neighbourhood's quaint atmosphere while enjoying a refreshing drink (sangria, perhaps) at one of the local restaurants.

La Giralda Visit

Seville

9EUR

1h-2h

Climb the tower known as La Giralda, adjacent to the world's largest Gothic cathedral, for spectacular views and a walk among historic walls. The 76m (249 ft) Giralda was constructed by the Moors as a mosque between 1184 and 1197. In 1568, after the reconquest, Christians fit the minaret with its bell tower.

The Golden Tower (Torre del Oro)

Seville

3EUR

30m-45m

Dating to 1220, the Golden Tower is the last major building constructed by Seville's historic Muslim population.

Alcázar Palace Visit

Seville

13.50EUR

2h-3h

Explore the wonderful interiors and gardens of the Alcázar, a royal palace that was originally a Moorish fort. Arrive during the evening in the summer months (until mid-September) and enjoy a series of concerts in the beautiful setting of the Reales Alcázares.

Casa de Pilatos

Seville

10-12EUR

1h30m-2h

Take a visit to marvel at one of the grandest mansions in Seville. The home is still inhabited by the Medinaceli family, but remains open to visitor tours during operating hours.

Santa Paula Convent

Seville

2EUR

1h30m-2h

Take a visit to this beautiful historic convent. Established in 1475, this convent is still home to the Jerónimas nuns. Infrequent tours in Spanish are run here, but visitors are welcome to the modest museum displaying 16th-18th century ecclesiastical art and sculpture.

Day 7

## Seville/Barcelona

Hop on the train and get comfortable on the journey north to Barcelona. Take an orientation walk, including visits to the Gothic Quarter and Las Ramblas. In the evening participate in a G Adventures supported paella cooking class, followed by a group dinner to round out the day.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### Accommodation

Hotel AA Viladomat Barcelona (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Train

Seville - Barcelona

6h

920km

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

Orientation Walk

Barcelona

15m-45m

Enjoy an orientation walk along Las Ramblas and stop at the famous Boqueria market.

#### ACTIVITY

Mescladis - Catalan for "Mixed Space" - is a migrant training kitchen and cafe in the heart of Barcelona featuring a unique feel that fuses old Catalan favourites and migrants' home recipes. With the help of migrant students, learn how to make paella with the resident chef, accompanied by a discussion that promotes social reflection - with the kitchen and food at the centre of it all. Then enjoy the fruits of your labour!

Day 8

## Barcelona

Get out and explore all that Barcelona has to offer, or choose to journey further afield to the surrounding beaches and countryside to get a true taste of Catalan life.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel AA Viladomat Barcelona (or similar)

Hotel



### Optional Activities - Day 8

Las Ramblas Visit

Barcelona

See and be seen on Las Ramblas, a large tree-lined pedestrian boulevard perfect for people watching and window shopping that ends at the harbourfront facing the Mediterranean Sea.

Casa Batlló

Barcelona

25-30EUR

30m-45m

Deemed the crowning architectural work of Antoni Gaudí, Casa Batlló is a must-visit on anyone's trip to Barcelona.

Picasso Museum

Barcelona

12EUR

The Picasso Museum in Barcelona is a must-visit destination for art lovers, showcasing one of the most extensive collections of works by Pablo Picasso. Located in the historic El Born neighbourhood, the museum spans five medieval palaces and houses over 4,000 pieces, including paintings, drawings, and ceramics. The collection offers a comprehensive view of Picasso's formative years and his deep connection to Barcelona.

La Sagrada Família Visit

Barcelona

17-37EUR

1h-2h

Visit Gaudí's most famous life work, the cathedral of La Sagrada Família, an inspiring, yet, bizarre testament to the artist's unique vision.

### Gothic Quarter Visit

Barcelona

Free

2h-3h

Uncover a different side of Barcelona. Visit the old Gothic Quarter with its maze of dark streets, historic cathedral, medieval buildings, bars, and cafés.

### Parque Güell Visit

Barcelona

10EUR

2h-2h30m

Get away from it all with a visit to the imaginative Parque Guell. The fantastical works of Antoni Gaudí (1852–1926) are scattered throughout Barcelona, a grouping of these including Parque Guell, Casa Mila, and the Crypt of La Sagrada Familia were established as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1984. Stroll the tree-lined paths and admire Gaudí's creative genius at play.

Day 9

## Barcelona/Logroño

Travel by train to the La Rioja wine region of Spain and the city of Logroño, visiting a local winery shortly after arriving for a tasting. In the evening, set off with your CEO on a tavern crawl to sample small plates of food, called pintxos, very delicious and typical to this part of Spain, which will serve as a light dinner.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### Accommodation

Hotel Condes de Haro (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Train

Barcelona - Logroño

4h

486km

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

#### ACTIVITY

Head to a nearby winery for a tasting experience of some of La Rioja's finest varieties with an on-site expert. Learn a bit about what makes the region so ideal for wine-producing with the area's climate and soil as you try to pick out different flavours and notes from the various types of wines available.

#### ACTIVITY

See (and taste) what all the fuss is about - Basque cuisine is famous worldwide, with many believing this is the best food in the country. Enjoy a delicious culinary experience on this pintxos (tapas) crawl from tavern to tavern, tasting and learning all about the different delicacies of the area.

Day 10

## Logroño

Take advantage of a free day in Logroño to discover wine country as you please. Options include a day tour to the nearby town of Haro, visit wineries or see some of the sights in the city like the cathedral or the Museum of La Rioja.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Condes de Haro (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Free Time

Logroño

Enjoy a full free day in La Rioja wine country to do as much or as little as you please.



### Optional Activities - Day 10

Logroño Cathedral

Logroño

Free

The Logroño Cathedral (also known as the Santa María de la Redonda) has played an important role in La Rioja culture for over 500 years. Known for its "twin" towers constructed in a classic Baroque style, the cathedral's interiors are just as stunning, with a large painting attributed to Michaelangelo gracing the main altar.

Museum of La Rioja

Logroño

Free

1h-2h

Uncover the history and culture of La Rioja (beyond its famous wines) at the Museo de la Rioja. Set in an 18th century palace, the museum's collection includes items spanning the paleolithic era to the Middle Ages, alongside contemporary religious artifacts. Admission is free with a piece of ID.

Travel through the Navarre region today from Logroño to San Sebastian with many stops on the way. First, stop in the town of Obanos for a hike along a portion of the famed Camino de Santiago trail. Continue by bus to the town of Olite to visit the grand palace then stop in Pamplona for a bit of free time to explore. End the day's travels on the coast at San Sebastian and check into the hotel.



## Meals included

Breakfast



## Accommodation

Casual De Las Olas (or similar)

Hotel



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Puente la Reina – Olite

45m-1h

35km

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

Private Vehicle

Olite – Pamplona

1h

45km

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

Private Vehicle

Pamplona – San Sebastian

1h30m

90km

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

Private Vehicle

Logroño – Obanos

1h

70km

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

Hike from Obanos to Puente la Reina

Obanos – Puente la Reina

45m-1h

2km

This section between Obanos and Puente la Reina is a particularly short but picturesque stretch of the Camino de Santiago. The trail follows the gentle flow of the Robo river, winding its way through green fields and orchards. The path itself is well-maintained and relatively flat, making it an easy and enjoyable walk, allowing hikers to take in the serene surroundings and absorb the tranquility of the countryside.

Palacio Real de Olite Visit

Olite

1h

Visit the gorgeous Palace of the Kings of Navarre in Olite. The grand monument consists of 3 sections, the Old Palace, New Palace and a church named the Iglesia de Santa María la Real. Explore the many hallways, galleries and bedrooms and learn about its royal history and military significance since it was built in the 13th century.

Start the morning with an orientation walk of San Sebastian with your CEO before enjoying the rest of the day free to get the most out of the city's vibrant centre, waterfront and the incredible food. Some options to choose from could be a visit to a local cider house, take a bike, or a walking tour.



## Meals included

Breakfast



## Accommodation

Casual De Las Olas (or similar)

Hotel



## Today's Activities

Orientation Walk of San Sebastian

San Sebastian

1h-1h15m

Head out with your CEO on foot to get your bearings of San Sebastian's vibrant city centre. Get tips on the best places to visit, explore and eat.

Free Time

San Sebastian

Set off to discover San Sebastian as you please and choose from a variety of different optional activities.



## Optional Activities - Day 12

Cider House Visit and Tastings

San Sebastian

55EUR

2h-3h

Visit one of the many local cider houses in the area for an introduction into the world of cider-making from local apples. Sample some of the various flavours and types and learn how the different ciders are produced in this region of Spain.

San Sebastian eBike Tour

San Sebastian

50EUR

Strap on a helmet and set off on an eBike with a local guide to explore San Sebastian's surrounding coast and landscapes. Hear about some of the important sites as you pass and soak in the incredible views of Basque Country.

San Sebastian Walking Tour

San Sebastian

50EUR

Set out on foot with a local guide to discover the old and new parts of San Sebastian. Starting downtown, see the main landmarks like city hall and the Good Shepherd Cathedral, before exploring parts of the old town, passing churches and walking along streets lined with historical buildings and taverns.

Cooking Class in San Sebastian

San Sebastian

3h-3h30m

Dive into the Basque region's culinary world on a cooking class in San Sebastian. First visit a local market with a chef to see all of the fresh produce and ingredients before donning the apron and learning how to prepare some dishes for yourself.

Day 13

## San Sebastian/Bilbao

Catch a morning bus from San Sebastian to the city of Bilbao. Set off with your CEO on an orientation walk before enjoying the rest of the afternoon free to explore. Choose to visit the stunning Guggenheim Museum, or climb the Mallona Stairs to Parque Etxebarria for beautiful views over the city.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Bilbao Plaza (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Local Bus

San Sebastian - Bilbao

1h30m

100km

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

Orientation Walk of Bilbao

Bilbao

1h-1h30m

Set off with your CEO on an orientation walk of Bilbao to get your bearings and to see some of the main sights.

Free Time

Bilbao

Enjoy a free afternoon to explore Bilbao's sights and museums.



### Optional Activities - Day 13

Parque de Etxebarria Visit

Bilbao

Free

1h-1h30m

Climb the Mallona Stairs to Parque Etxebarria and be rewarded with beautiful views over Bilbao.

Basilica of Begoña Visit

Bilbao

Free

1h-2h

Take in the beauty of the Basilica of Begoña. It was built in the 1500s with a mix of Gothic architecture and a number of other styles.

Guggenheim Museum Visit

Bilbao

13EUR

1h-2h

Be sure to visit the Guggenheim Museum – it's a must-see, even if just to marvel at the outside of the building. See Frank Gehry's acclaimed work – he designed this titanium-clad twisting, curving, and angular building to much praise in the 1990s. Tour the building to take in its maritime theme, supposedly representing the ships along the docks of the city, with titanium squares acting as fish scales and the skylights inside designed to look like fish fins.

Casco Viejo Visit

Bilbao

Free

1h-2h

Take some time to wander through Casco Viejo (Old Town), a medieval neighbourhood also known as Las Siete Calles (Seven Streets), that's considered the most colourful in Bilbao. Discover its many churches, shops, and taverns, and take the elevators to the areas at the top of the hill for further exploration.

Day 14

## Bilbao

Depart at any time.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Departure Day

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

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

ALHAMBRA

Due to regulations for Alhambra's ticketing system, your passport information must be provided to G Adventures at the time of booking in order to guarantee your guided tour of the Alhambra.

If your booking for this trip is confirmed with less than 90 days prior to departure, we will do our best to secure a ticket for your guided Alhambra tour. However, please note that due to high demand for tickets, we are not able to guarantee this inclusion if your booking is confirmed within this time period. In the event we cannot secure a guided tour of the Alhambra for you, alternative options such as a self-guided visit of the Alhambra (with reduced access), or visits to the nearby districts of Albaicín and Sacramonte will be arranged.

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

Max 16, avg 12.

## **What meals are included in this trip?**

13 breakfasts, 2 dinners

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

Public bus, private vehicle, train, taxi, walking.

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

Hotels (13 nts).

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

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

## What 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 Madrid airport (MAD), you can reach the city centre in a few ways. You can take the Metro Line 8 (pink) directly to Nuevos Ministerios station, which is located in the city centre. Alternatively, take the 203 bus to Atocha Train Station (only operational during daytime hours).

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.

## 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 NUMBERS

G Adventures Office - London, United Kingdom

During office hours (Weekdays, 9am-5:30pm Local Time)

+44 20 7243 9870

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

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If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

# 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

## What 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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## 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 €30-€40 per person, per week can be used as a guideline.

# What activities are optional on this trip?

## Madrid

- Reina Sofia Museum (12EUR per person)
- Plaza Mayor Visit (Free)
- Museo Nacional Del Prado Visit (15EUR per person)
- Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum (13EUR per person)
- Royal Palace (Palacio Real) Visit (12EUR per person)

## Granada

- Albaicín (El Albayzín) Visit (Free)
- Granada Cathedral (Cathedral of the Incarnation) Visit (5EUR per person)
- Granada City Center and Tapas Gourmet Tour

## Seville

- Santa Cruz Quarter Visit (Free)
- La Giralda Visit (9EUR per person)
- The Golden Tower (Torre del Oro) (3EUR per person)
- Alcázar Palace Visit (13.50EUR per person)
- Casa de Pilatos (10-12EUR per person)
- Santa Paula Convent (2EUR per person)

## Barcelona

- Las Ramblas Visit
- Casa Batlló (25-30EUR per person)
- Picasso Museum (12EUR per person)
- La Sagrada Família Visit (17-37EUR per person)
- Gothic Quarter Visit (Free)
- Parque Güell Visit (10EUR per person)

## Logroño

- Logroño Cathedral (Free)
- Museum of La Rioja (Free)

## San Sebastian

- Cider House Visit and Tastings (55EUR per person)
- San Sebastian eBike Tour (50EUR per person)
- San Sebastian Walking Tour (50EUR per person)
- Cooking Class in San Sebastian

## Bilbao

- Parque de Etxebarria Visit (Free)
- Guggenheim Museum Visit (13EUR per person)
- Casco Viejo Visit (Free)
- Basilica of Begoña Visit (Free)

## 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.