

!  
x

Sorry! There are no remaining departures for "Deep South to DC – Music, Eats, and Culture" (NUND), [but here are some similar trips.](#)



## **Deep South to DC – Music, Eats, and Culture**

15 days, New Orleans to Washington D.C.

Trip code NUND

### **What's included**

- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Your Foodie Moment: Café du Monde Visit, New Orleans

- Your Foodie Moment: New Orleans Cooking Demonstration, New Orleans
- Your Foodie Moment: Central BBQ Dinner, Memphis
- Your Discover Moment: Memphis
- Your Discover Moment: Nashville
- Your Foodie Moment: Jack Daniel's Distillery Tour, Lynchburg
- Your Discover Moment: Atlanta
- Your Discover Moment: Savannah
- Your Discover Moment: Charleston
- Memphis Night Out, Nashville Saloon Line Dancing, Savannah Historic Walking Tour, Charleston Harbor Tour, Georgetown District Visit, Washington DC Monuments by Moonlight Tour
- Free time New Orleans and Washington DC
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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 G Adventures. 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.

**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing May 9th, 2019 - June 1st, 2020

# 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

## New Orleans

Arrive at any time.

There are no activities planned until an evening welcome meeting. After the welcome meeting, opt to head out and enjoy the music and culture of this vibrant city.



## Today's Activities

### ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.

Day 2

## New Orleans

Start the morning with beignets at Café du Monde before enjoying a Creole cooking demonstration for lunch. Enjoy a free afternoon to take a bike tour of the city, hop on a steamboat on the Mississippi, take a bayou swamp tour or wander the streets soaking up the music of Bourbon Street and culture around town. In the evening, opt to join the group to head to Frenchmen Street to take in the jazz music pouring out of the bars and cafes.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### Today's Activities

#### ACTIVITY

Grab a coffee and try a delicious beignet at Café du Monde – a New Orleans institution. The original stand was established in 1862 and is just as popular today.

#### ACTIVITY

Sit back and delight in the aromas as your host cooks up a classic Creole meal for you. Learn about the vibrant history of New Orleans, the people who influenced the region, and the roots of this cuisine. Then tuck-in and try it for yourself, ending with a sweet treat.

Free Time

New Orleans

Walk along Bourbon Street and put a little groove in your step listening to all of the amazing tunes coming out of the local hot spots. Be sure to also explore the French Quarter where you can find lots of delicious creole food and live music, or even step into a voodoo shop.



### Optional Activities - Day 2

Mississippi River Steam Boat Ride

New Orleans

31-42USD

Climb aboard an iconic steamboat and gain a new perspective on the Mississippi River.

Bayou Swamp Tour

New Orleans

70-95USD

Jump on a flat-bottomed boat and venture deep into the Bayou swamp. Navigate through the shallow waters surrounded by cypress and willow trees, in search of gators, snakes, wild boar, and a variety of bird species. This eco-tour uses a quiet, efficient motor to ensure wildlife aren't scared off and is also one of the only tours in the region not to feed the alligators. Learn more about these fascinating creatures and about the culture and history of the region from your local naturalist guide.

New Orleans Bike Tour

New Orleans

Join a group for a guided city tour by bike. Buzz around the city on two wheels to cover more ground and get your blood pumping.

Music Box Village

New Orleans

Visit the interactive 'musical houses' that comprise The Music Box for an exciting, multi-sensory experience. The nonprofit arts organisation behind the project invite people of all ages to come and enjoy this creative space and marvel at the art installations and performers that dazzle crowds every weekend.

French Quarter and Bourbon St Visit

New Orleans

Free

Discover the charm of New Orleans' oldest neighbourhood. Admire the Spanish colonial architecture of this historic district—many of the buildings date back to the late 18th century. Visit Jackson Square, Bourbon St (known for its many bars), Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop and Pat O'Brien's (known for inventing the hurricane cocktail) as you explore this lively area, a National Historic Landmark.

Historical Tours

New Orleans

25-30USD

1h-4h

Learn more about this fascinating city by discovering its past. New Orleans has all kinds of tour options for all kinds of tastes. Opt for a voodoo tour, ghost tour, cemetery tour or vampire tour – you name it, there's probably a tour for it. All the tours bring a different historical side of New Orleans to life, with a little bit of creepy thrown in.

Day 3

## New Orleans/Memphis

Hit the road early and travel through the bayous of Louisiana north through the southern state of Mississippi. Settle into Tennessee and opt to tour the National Civil Rights Museum and see the life's work of Martin Luther King Jr. Dig into an included barbecue dinner at Central BBQ, a Memphis institution. Then catch some live music on Beale Street, where Blues was born.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

New Orleans - Memphis

7h

640km

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

#### ACTIVITY

Head to Central BBQ, a firm favourite amongst locals for the best southern flavours and delicious meats. Experience the famous southern hospitality of your hosts as you indulge in a BBQ feast that's sure to leave you with a full belly and lasting memories.

Memphis Night Out

Memphis

Hailed "Home of the Blues", Beale Street is filled with talent and tunes to get you moving. Find the Memphis Music Hall of Fame, the Sidewalk of Stars, and an Elvis statue as you make your way to the Beale Street Entertainment District. Hear the music from B.B. King's Blues Club filter out to the street along with several of the other cafes, dives and clubs that line the street and make it hard not to dance.



### Optional Activities - Day 3

National Civil Rights Museum

Memphis

15USD

1h-3h

Visit the National Civil Rights Museum, located at the Lorraine Motel, the assassination site of Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Tour exhibits and collections to learn about key episodes of the American civil rights movement and its legacy in inspiring global civil and human rights efforts.

Day 4

## Memphis

Take advantage of a free day in Memphis. Stroll Beale Street, opt to tour Elvis' home, Graceland or check out the birthplace of rock 'n' roll, Sun Studios.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Optional Activities - Day 4

Sun Studio Visit

Memphis

14USD

Visit the reputed birthplace of rock and roll and see where it all began. First opened in January of 1950, this historic recording studio will deepen your understanding of the origins of rock music in Memphis.

Graceland Visit

Memphis

41-61USD

2h-4h

Pay a visit to the ample Graceland estate and see how this rock and roll legend lived. Tour Graceland Mansion and see Elvis' living room, music room, kitchen and famous Jungle Room. Wrap up your visit with a stop at Meditation Garden where "the king" has been laid to rest.

Rock & Soul Museum Visit

Memphis

12USD

1h-3h

Learn all about the birth of rock and soul music at the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum. Discover the stories of this genre's musical pioneers, who blazed a path and created a cultural revolution.

Day 5

## Memphis/Nashville

Leave the land of Rock, Blues and Soul behind and head to the Country Music capital of the world. Stroll the streets of Nashville and let the music pull you into one of the many watering holes. Live like a local with some line dancing at a local saloon.

---



### Meals included

Breakfast

---



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Memphis - Nashville

4h

380km

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

Saloon Line Dancing

Nashville

Visit the world-famous Country Music Capital and learn to line dance like a local! Get moving to the city's best-loved country music on one of Tennessee's famous dance floors for an experience you'll never forget.

---



### Optional Activities - Day 5

Cowboy Bar Visit

Nashville

Free-20USD

1h-3h

Hit the town and live it up in the country music capital of the world. This "Music City" will get you up and dancing and keep your toes tapping late into the night.

Day 6

## Nashville

Enjoy a free day in Music City, U.S.A.. Opt to visit the Grand Ole Opry, Country Music Hall of Fame, Johnny Cash Museum, or try some of the city's famous hot fried chicken. Later, head out for live music and cowboy nightlife in this country music capital.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Optional Activities - Day 6

Country Music Hall of Fame

Nashville

25USD

Spend some time exploring the largest collection of country music memorabilia on the planet. The Country Music Hall of Fame is the epicenter of country music research and history, and a must visit for fans around the world.

Grand Ole Opry

Nashville

Pay a visit to the legendary Grand Ole Opry and walk in the footsteps of country music stars. Get an exclusive, behind-the-scenes insight into this iconic venue that celebrates the rich history and modern day vivacity of country music. Depending on scheduling, you may also be able to catch a performance.

Nashville Pedal Tavern

Nashville

Grab your 10 closest friends and hop on the party bike and pedal around Nashville with a drink in one hand. There are a few different routes that take you through popular areas of Nashville for some fun-cycling bar hop and experience some live music. The party bikes are also BYOB so you can sip on what you enjoy! (Must be 21+ years of age)

Cowboy Bar Visit

Nashville

Free-20USD

1h-3h

Hit the town and live it up in the country music capital of the world. This "Music City" will get you up and dancing and keep your toes tapping late into the night.

Johnny Cash Museum

Nashville

18USD

Country music's favourite bad boy, Johnny Cash. Visit this museum dedicated to the famous musician, and learn more about the life of the Man in Black.

Hattie B's Hot Chicken

Nashville

Pay a visit to this Nashville institution for a plate of chicken a waffles - the restaurant's signature dish.

Day 7

## Nashville/Atlanta

Before leaving Tennessee, stop in Lynchburg and take a tour of the Jack Daniel's Distillery. Learn about the history of this whiskey and then get to try a flight of their favourites. Continue to Atlanta, the capital of Georgia and original home of Coca-Cola. If the Braves are in town, opt to partake in America's Favourite Pastime, with a baseball game.

---



### Meals included

Breakfast

---



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Nashville - Lynchburg

1h30m-2h

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

#### ACTIVITY

Take a tour of the Jack Daniel's Distillery for more insight into the brand's history, the story of Mr. Jack, and the whiskey production process. Opt for a taste test at the end!

Please be aware that this tour is for people aged 21+ only. You will need to show a valid ID when entering the distillery.

Private Vehicle

Lynchburg - Atlanta

4h

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

Free Time

Atlanta

Spend the evening exploring, watching a sports game or relaxing.



## Optional Activities - Day 7

Atlanta Braves Baseball Game

Atlanta

15-25USD

When the Braves are in town, grab a ticket and head out to the ball game. Really get into the spirit of things as you stand for the national anthem, partake in the 7th inning stretch, and gorge on hot dogs, peanuts and a few cold beers.

Day 8

## Atlanta

Take a deep dive into this southern capital city. Options include visiting some of the Martin Luther King Jr sites, a tour of the Coca Cola Factory, or check out the famous graffiti art. Check out some local joints here, like one of the many true American diners from the early 1900s.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Optional Activities - Day 8

World of Coca-Cola Tour

Atlanta

18USD

Discover the history of one of the world's most iconic beverages at the World of Coca-Cola. Explore colourful memorabilia and exhibits chronicling the impressive lifespan of the famous soda, or pop—whatever you want to call it! Cap off the experience in the tasting area where you can sample dozens of variations of Coke from around the world.

Martin Luther King Jr National Historic Site Visit

Atlanta

Free

Visit the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site and learn more about the charismatic leader and the American civil rights movement. Gain a deeper understanding of this American icon as you explore his boyhood home, the church where he and his father pastored, and the place he was laid to rest. Pay tribute to other brave defenders of equality with a walk along the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame.

Atlanta Braves Baseball Game

Atlanta

15-25USD

When the Braves are in town, grab a ticket and head out to the ball game. Really get into the spirit of things as you stand for the national anthem, partake in the 7th inning stretch, and gorge on hot dogs, peanuts and a few cold beers.

Day 9

## Atlanta/Savannah

Head to Savannah and arrive in time for lunch. Take a guided historic walking tour of Savannah, tasting some of the regional favourite sweets. In the evening, opt to take a riverboat cruise or stroll through the cobblestone streets in town admiring the architecture and oak trees covered in Spanish moss.

---



### Meals included

Breakfast

---



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Atlanta - Savannah

3h30m-4h30m

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

Savannah Historic Walking Tour

Savannah

1h

Discover the history of this charming city on a tour of Savannah's well-known landmarks. Admire gardens, cobblestone streets, monuments, churches, and quaint parks on a walk through the city's historic district—the largest in the nation. Stop in at one of the area's lovely cafés to refuel.

---



### Optional Activities - Day 9

Savannah Riverboat Cruise

Savannah

Take to the water to admire the city from a new perspective. Enjoy the sounds of onboard entertainment while savouring the flavours of southern cuisine.

Enjoy a free day to explore this Georgia Peach of a town. Opt to check out City Market for local restaurants and art, tour around the Bonaventure Cemetery, visit the maritime museum, or stroll the grounds of a historic plantation.

---



## Meals included

Breakfast

---



## Optional Activities - Day 10

Bonaventure Cemetery Visit

Savannah

View striking tombs at Bonaventure Cemetery, made famous by the book *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. This historic cemetery is located on the site of a former plantation.

Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum

Savannah

At the Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum, explore the history, culture and living artifacts that connect modern Savannah with the 18th and 19th centuries. Learn about the era of Atlantic trade and Savannah's naval encounters during the Civil War.

Savannah City Market

Savannah

Dating back to the 1700s, this historic market is a cultural hub in the city that boasts a vibrant array of art galleries, shops and cafés. Spend some time browsing the wares of shop owners before stopping for a drink in the market's shaded courtyard.

Plantation Visit

Savannah

Head out to one of the plantations in the area to gain a better understanding of Georgia's rice-cultivating past.

Leave Georgia behind and head to Charleston, South Carolina, full of cobblestone streets and pre-civil war houses. On an included Charleston Harbor history tour, see and learn about over 75 points of interest, including Fort Sumter, the location of the first shots of the Civil War. Later, enjoy free time and opt to visit the Charleston City Market or relax at Folly Beach.

---



## Meals included

Breakfast

---



## Today's Activities

Charleston Harbor Tour

Charleston

1h30m

Journey through Charleston Harbour for an insightful tour of city's most prominent landmarks. Cruise past Fort Sumter, where the first shots of the Civil War were fired, army forts, the the famous World War II "Fighting Lady", St. Michael's Church, stately homes, and Cooper River Bridges. You may even spot dolphins along the way.

Private Vehicle

Savannah - Charleston

2h-3h

160km

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

---



## Optional Activities - Day 11

Historic City Market Visit

Charleston

Free

1h-2h

Discover the eclectic wares and exciting atmosphere of the historic Charleston City Market. Learn the story of this 200 year-old landmark, browse the stalls of crafts, clothing, toys, and art, or stop in for a bite at the Great Hall. If you're looking for a souvenir, the woven Sweet Grass baskets and roses found in the market are a timeless Charleston keepsake.

Folly Beach Visit

Folly Beach

Free

1h-2h

Relax on the sand or take a dip in the water at this laidback beach on historic Folly Island. Walk along the pier, explore the charming beach town, and savour some great seafood.

Enjoy an entire free day to explore this southern charmed city. Opt to take a historic house tour, take a food or brewery tour, tour Boone Hall Plantation, lounge on the beach or try stand-up paddleboarding.



## Meals included

Breakfast



## Optional Activities - Day 12

Boone Hall Plantation Tour

Boone Hall Plantation

24USD

Explore one of South Carolina's most iconic plantations, Boone Hall. Tour the grounds of this historic landmark and learn about "Gullah" culture, with live theatre presentations focusing on the unique culture adapted by African slaves.

The site also features a critically acclaimed Black History In America Exhibit, with self-guided tours of the living quarters, shedding light on a dark past and the historic progression to modern times.

Charleston Historic Homes Tour

Charleston

50USD

1h-3h

See Charleston's historic homes—some dating back to the mid-18th century—and learn more about a bygone era. Take in impressive structures ranging from the Georgian townhouses of Rainbow Row to the varied styles of Battery Row's waterfront mansions. Opt to visit these homes on a walking or bus tour, or explore them independently.

Historic City Market Visit

Charleston

Free

1h-2h

Discover the eclectic wares and exciting atmosphere of the historic Charleston City Market. Learn the story of this 200 year-old landmark, browse the stalls of crafts, clothing, toys, and art, or stop in for a bite at the Great Hall. If you're looking for a souvenir, the woven Sweet Grass baskets and roses found in the market are a timeless Charleston keepsake.

Folly Beach Visit

Folly Beach

Free

1h-2h

Relax on the sand or take a dip in the water at this laidback beach on historic Folly Island. Walk along the pier, explore the charming beach town, and savour some great seafood.

Drayton Hall Visit

Charleston

32USD

The beautiful Drayton Hall was built in 1750 and is quickly becoming one of the most iconic and recognizable historic homes in Charleston. The Hall is surrounded by 125 acres of well kept land and is an active archaeological site. Tours to this property depict the history of Drayton Hall under the care of one family. Stroll the grounds, wander the largest African American cemetery in North America, and witness an accurate representation of all of the Ashley River plantation sites at the only homestead in unrestored condition that survived both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars.

Day 13

## Charleston/Richmond

Head to one of the oldest cities in the US, Richmond, the capital of Virginia. Home to the famous quote “Give me liberty or give me death” this city played a large part in the US Civil War. In modern times, the city is undergoing a cultural revolution, centered around food, craft beer and art. Enjoy a free evening to explore.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Charleston - Richmond

6h-7h

510km

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

Day 14

## Richmond/Washington D.C.

Travel to Georgetown, one of the oldest districts of Washington, D.C. and enjoy lunch and some free time in this historic area. There is so much to see and do in Washington DC. Head to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave to see where the President lives, tour the Capitol Building, explore the Smithsonian Museums, wander the monuments, or take a trolley tour. Re-join the group this evening for an included Monuments by Moonlight tour.

There is so much to see and do in Washington DC. Head to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave to see where the President lives, tour the Capitol Building, explore the Smithsonian Museums, wander the monuments, or take a trolley tour.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Richmond - Washington D.C.

2h-3h

175km

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

Georgetown District Visit

Washington D.C.

Situated along the Potomac River lives the lovely neighbourhood of Georgetown. Take some time to explore the cobblestone sidewalks of this urban district and do some shopping if you'd like. Filled with ivy-covered buildings, colourful local shops, and home to the historic Georgetown University it's a must-explore neighbourhood of Washington DC.

Free Time

Washington D.C.

Spend free time exploring this historic area.

Monuments by Moonlight

Washington D.C.

1h30m

2km

See a different side of the city by moonlight. Take a tour after the sun sets to see some of Washington DC's most popular monuments and memorials all lit up.



### Optional Activities - Day 14

## Washington Monument Visit

Washington Monument

Free

2h-6h

2-10km

Visit the massive obelisk built to honour George Washington, the United States' first president. The Washington Monument is the world's tallest structure made entirely of stone and the world's tallest obelisk. Reopened after suffering damage from an earthquake and hurricane, visitors can opt to travel to the top for a gorgeous view of the city.

## White House Visit (Outside)

Washington D.C.

Free

Visit 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue and learn more about where the president of the US lives and works.

## Smithsonian Museums

Washington D.C.

Take some time to visit Smithsonian's world-class collection of museums. Learn about the African American experience at the National Museum of African American History and Culture or explore the art that spans three centuries at the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

## National Mall Visit

Washington D.C.

2h-8h

1-15km

Visit the National Mall, a park in downtown Washington DC, that occupies the area between the Lincoln Memorial and the United States Capitol. Wear comfy shoes – there's lots to explore in this spectacular green space. The National Mall includes the Washington Monument, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Constitution Gardens, World War II Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the District of Columbia War Memorial, National Air and Space Museum, National Museum of American History, National Museum of Natural History, the Smithsonian, and much more.

Depart at anytime.

---



## Meals included

Breakfast

---



## Today's Activities

Departure Day

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

## What's included

- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Your Foodie Moment: Café du Monde Visit, New Orleans
- Your Foodie Moment: New Orleans Cooking Demonstration, New Orleans
- Your Foodie Moment: Central BBQ Dinner, Memphis
- Your Discover Moment: Memphis
- Your Discover Moment: Nashville
- Your Foodie Moment: Jack Daniel's Distillery Tour, Lynchburg
- Your Discover Moment: Atlanta
- Your Discover Moment: Savannah
- Your Discover Moment: Charleston
- Memphis Night Out, Nashville Saloon Line Dancing, Savannah Historic Walking Tour, Charleston Harbor Tour, Georgetown District Visit, Washington DC Monuments by Moonlight Tour
- Free time New Orleans and Washington DC
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

## **What are the main highlights of this trip?**

Explore the dark and mysterious side of Savannah, Get into the country groove in Nashville, Learn about the blues in Memphis, Eat Cajun-style food and party on Bourbon Street, Experience Washington's monuments by moonlight

## **What are the main highlights of this trip?**

Explore the dark and mysterious side of Savannah, Get into the country groove in Nashville, Learn about the blues in Memphis, Eat Cajun-style food and party on Bourbon Street, Experience Washington's monuments by moonlight

## **Is there a disclaimer I should read before booking this trip?**

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.

## **Is there a travel disclaimer for my itinerary I should review before booking this trip?**

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

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

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

## 1. TRAVEL DAYS

In order to cover the vast distance in North America to be able to visit several different parks and cities along our trip, we will have a couple of long driving days.

## 2. WALKS AND HIKES - OPTIONAL

All walks and hikes proposed by our CEO will be easy to moderate level. You may choose to participate or not, but exploring our national parks on foot is part of our way of travelling. It's a healthy way to discover North America's beauty and landscape.

## 3. LEGAL DRINKING AGE

Please note that the legal drinking age in the United States is 21. Many bars and clubs will ask for ID at the door, therefore listening to live music in certain bars or spending a night out in Las Vegas or New Orleans is not possible when you are under the legal age, even if you don't plan on consuming alcohol. Drinking laws in both countries are strictly enforced and our CEOs are unable to help those under age obtain alcohol of any kind.

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

# What is the group leader like?

This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our group leaders, otherwise known as a Chief Experience Officer (CEO). The CEO will be the group manager, leader and 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 13, avg 10

# What meals are included in this trip?

14 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner

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

Eating is a big part of travelling. 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. Your CEO will be able to suggest favourite restaurants during your trip aiming to where the locals eat.

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

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

Private vehicle, boat, walking.

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

For this trip we use 15-passenger vans for up to 14 people plus the CEO/Driver. These vans are durable vehicles that allow us to drive on most types of roads in North America.

Each van has a front passenger seat and 4 benches that will accommodate 3 people each with mandatory seat belts to keep us secure and safe. No standing is permitted in these vehicles.

This is not a physically demanding journey. There is air conditioning to cool things down on warm days to keep everyone more comfortable. Travelling can be difficult, with long drives and limited space in the van. Please take note of the travel times and distances in the above itinerary. Despite some of the long days, most travellers feel that the diversity of the North American landscape, culture and wildlife are all well worth the experience!

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

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

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

Hotels (14 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 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?

The Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport is located 15miles (24km) from the Joining Hotel. When arriving at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport you have two transportation possibilities: public taxi or a door-to-door shuttle service. All transportation is located on the lower level outside the baggage claim area.

### Taxi

It takes approximately 30 min depending on traffic yet enough time to get a taste of New Orleans. It will cost you about \$35 and a couple of dollars (“bucks”) more for tip to reach your hotel.

### New Orleans Airport Shuttle

Once you have retrieved your luggage make your way over to the Airport Shuttle ticket counter located across the baggage area 3, 6 and 12. The ticket will cost you \$24 one way. Proceed outside to wait for your shuttle. They run approximately every 30 min.

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

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

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

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call the G Adventures Local Representative. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Local Representative (Las Vegas)

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

From within the USA: 412-423-8143

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

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

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

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

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

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

For days in the outdoors, we recommend the use of lightweight, breathable, moisture-wicking fabrics made of wool or synthetic fibers. Cotton is not recommended for days to spend hiking as it does not allow for heat or moisture to enter or escape, and it will not dry easily once wet.

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

It is important to pack clothes for warm days and cool evenings, as well as a light jacket. A set of smart casual clothes is also advisable.

# What should be on my packing list?

## Cold Weather:

- Long-sleeved shirts or sweater
- Scarf
- Warm gloves
- Warm hat
- Warm layers
- Warm waterproof jacket

## 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

### **Warm Weather:**

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

## **When can I do my laundry on this trip?**

Laundry can be done at least once a week while on tour. Your CEO will advise you along the trip where you will be able to do your laundry.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The United States currency is the US Dollar (USD).

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

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

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

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

As currency exchange rates can fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for daily exchange rates: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)

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

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

## Should I be tipping on my trip?

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

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

# What activities are optional on this trip?

## New Orleans

- Mississippi River Steam Boat Ride (31-42USD per person)
- Bayou Swamp Tour (70-95USD per person)
- New Orleans Bike Tour
- Music Box Village
- French Quarter and Bourbon St Visit (Free)
- Historical Tours (25-30USD per person)

## Memphis

- National Civil Rights Museum (15USD per person)
- Sun Studio Visit (14USD per person)
- Graceland Visit (41-61USD per person)
- Rock & Soul Museum Visit (12USD per person)

## Nashville

- Cowboy Bar Visit (Free-20USD per person)
- Country Music Hall of Fame (25USD per person)
- Grand Ole Opry
- Nashville Pedal Tavern
- Johnny Cash Museum (18USD per person)
- Hattie B's Hot Chicken

## Atlanta

- Atlanta Braves Baseball Game (15-25USD per person)
- World of Coca-Cola Tour (18USD per person)
- Martin Luther King Jr National Historic Site Visit (Free)

## Savannah

- Savannah Riverboat Cruise
- Bonaventure Cemetery Visit
- Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum
- Savannah City Market
- Plantation Visit

## Charleston

- Historic City Market Visit (Free)
- Charleston Historic Homes Tour (50USD per person)
- Drayton Hall Visit (32USD per person)

## Folly Beach

- Folly Beach Visit (Free)

### **Boone Hall Plantation**

- Boone Hall Plantation Tour  
(24USD per person)

### **Washington Monument**

- Washington Monument Visit  
(Free)

### **Washington D.C.**

- White House Visit (Outside)  
(Free)
- Smithsonian Museums
- National Mall Visit

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of 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: Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your CEO, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy please bear in mind that all clients must have medical coverage and that we require a minimum coverage of USD 200,000 for repatriation and emergency rescue. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

## What is Planeterra?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.