



Madeira: Pico do Arieiro, Fanal Forest & Porto Moniz

7 days, Funchal to Funchal

Trip code EPMF

What's included

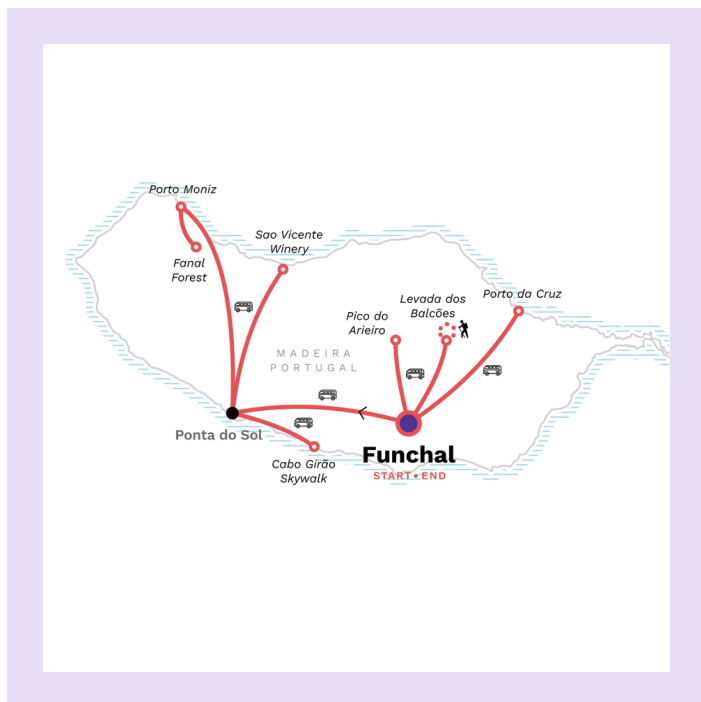
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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing June 24th, 2026 and onwards

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

Funchal: Welcome to Madeira

Touch down in Funchal for a week of active discovery and cultural immersion. Transfer to your hotel in Funchal where you will meet your fellow travellers. Prepare for a trip of a lifetime including the cinematic Pico do Arieiro, trek along an emerald levada path, visits to hidden valleys and sun-drenched seaside villages. Every wild Atlantic vista is paired with curated comfort and deep local flavor.

Arrive and transfer direct to your hotel. 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 and CEO later this afternoon. Afterwards, enjoy an orientation walk and dinner with your CEO.



Meals included

Dinner



Accommodation

Editorial House Garden (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Arrival Transfer

Funchal

30m-1h

You will be met at the airport and transferred to the hotel to start your adventure.

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.

Madeira: Pico do Arieiro and Levada Hike

A winding morning journey sweeps you up to the majestic peaks of Pico do Arieiro to wander soaring walks above the clouds. Next, immerse yourself in nature on a gentle, levada trek through emerald forests to a panoramic lookout. Savor a leisurely, multi-course lunch pairing fresh regional flavors with dramatic Atlantic views at Quinta do Furão. Conclude your day exploring the sun-drenched coastal hamlet of Porto da Cruz and witnessing the raw, sculpted volcanic beauty of Ponta de São Lourenço (the Dragon's Tail) at golden hour, before returning to Funchal for an evening at your own pace.

Enjoy a private transfer to Pico do Arieiro for viewpoint exploration. Next, come back down the mountain and stop for a guided 3km Balcões levada hike through the forest along the open-air irrigation channel, followed by a multi-course lunch at Quinta do Furão, a cliffside winery and retreat. End the day with a CEO-led visit to the seaside town of Porto da Cruz and Ponta de São Lourenço overlook. Return by private transfer to your hotel in Funchal for a free evening.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Editorial House Garden (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Funchal - Pico do Arieiro

1h

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

Visit to Pico do Arieiro

Pico do Arieiro

1h

Stand atop Pico do Arieiro to witness jagged volcanic peaks, where crisp mountain air meets dramatic, high-altitude stone skywalks snaking along a backdrop of magnificent island and ocean views.

Hike from Ribeiro Frio to Levada dos Balcoes

Santana

1h45m-2h

3km

Enjoy an easy 3.1km trail following historic levada water channels, hand-carved by 15th-century settlers to irrigate the island. Walk through the endemic, UNESCO-protected Laurissilva forest—filled with ancient laurel trees and friendly native birds—before reaching the dramatic Balcões viewpoint for sweeping views of the valley and ocean.

Porto da Cruz Visit

Porto da Cruz

30m-30m

Nestled on Madeira's rugged northeastern coast, Porto da Cruz is a dramatic, timeless village where the island's raw volcanic geology meets a laid-back surfing culture and centuries-old agricultural traditions.

Visit Ponta de São Lourenço (the Dragon's Tail)

Ponta de São Lourenço

30m

Ponta de São Lourenço—affectionately nicknamed The Dragon's Tail—is a dramatic, wave-battered peninsula on the easternmost tip of Madeira. Experiencing it feels like stepping off a subtropical island and directly onto a wild, prehistoric Martian landscape.

Private Vehicle

Ponta de São Lourenço - Funchal

45m-1h

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

Private Vehicle

Pico do Arieiro - Funchal

1h

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

Funchal: Highlights and Culture

Uncover the heart of Funchal on a CEO guided walk. Meander into the vibrant local market, where you're free to sample fruits or relax at a cafe for lunch. Afterward, ascend to Monte via a panoramic cable car for breathtaking Atlantic views, with the option to descend via a thrilling, wicker toboggan ride. Delve into Madeira's living heritage during a private embroidery workshop and artisan demonstration, before concluding your day with a convivial, locally sourced dinner brought to life by spirited folklore dancing.

Spend the day exploring Funchal. Start with a two-hour CEO-led walking tour and market visit with free time for lunch. Experience local culture at the Instituto do Vinho, do Bordado e do Artesanato da Madeira craft center. In the evening, enjoy a traditional group dinner with live folklore dancing.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Editorial House Garden (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

CEO Led Walking Tour of Funchal

Funchal

2h-2h

2km

Join your CEO for a walk in the historic Zona Velha (Old Town), a maze of narrow streets dating back to the 15th century. Once a sleepy fisherman's quarter, it has been transformed into an open-air art gallery through the "Art of Open Doors" project. The highlight of the walk is stepping into the bustling Mercado dos Lavradores (Farmers' Market). Housed in a grand 1930s Art Deco building, the entrance is lined with beautiful hand-painted tile panels (azulejos) depicting traditional island life.

Visit the Heritage Museum for Artisan Workshop

Funchal

1h30m

A visit to the Heritage Museum in Funchal offers an intimate look into one of the island's most revered, century-old cultural traditions: the art of authentic Madeira embroidery (Bordado da Madeira). The heartbeat of the visit is the live demonstration, where you get to sit alongside a master embroiderer (bordadeira) and learn this artform up close.

Cable Car Ride to Monte with Included Traditional Toboggan Ride

Funchal

1h-1h30m

Gliding upward by scenic cable car for panoramic Atlantic views, afterwards you may opt for a thrilling, high-speed descent down mountain streets in a traditional, driver-steered wicker toboggan.

Dinner with Folklore Dancing

Funchal

1h30m

Savor traditional dishes during a lively evening of vibrant Madeiran folklore music, dynamic dancing, and interactive audience participation.

Today is all about you. Choose your own unforgettable morning adventure: explore more of Madeira's iconic, emerald levada paths on a curated trek, or coast past dramatic Atlantic cliffs on an exhilarating e-bike tour of the sun-drenched south coast. After a leisurely lunch, journey to the historic fishing village of Câmara de Lobos with your CEO, stepping into a rustic waterfront tavern to sample authentic, citrus-infused poncha. Conclude your day in picturesque Ponta do Sol, unwinding at your hotel in the heart of this vibrant seaside hamlet.

Morning transfer by private vehicle for your choice between a guided levada hike or a south coast e-bike tour, followed by an included lunch. An afternoon transfer includes a CEO-led visit to the local village of Câmara de Lobos where you have a traditional poncha tasting. Continue to your new hotel for check-in and time to relax in Ponta do Sol.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Estalagem da Ponta do Sol (or similar)

Hotel

Perched high atop a dramatic sea cliff on Madeira's sunny southern coast, Estalagem da Ponta do Sol is a striking contemporary escape born from the thoughtful conversion of a traditional historic quinta. The design seamlessly integrates the rustic charm of its original stone buildings with sleek, modern architecture, creating a sophisticated yet deeply relaxed sanctuary that frames breathtaking, panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean.



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Funchal - Ponta do Sol

1h

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

ACTIVITY

Option 1: Levada Hike where giant ferns and moss-covered laurel trees block out the modern world. The paths gracefully hug the contours of deep valleys, guiding you past sheer rock faces dripping with mountain moisture

Option 2: South Coast E-Bike Tour along scenic coastal roads perched high above the Atlantic, threading through sleepy seaside hamlets, historic fishing harbors, and vibrant, bright green banana plantations.

Poncha Tasting in Camara De Lobos

Câmara de Lobos

Travel to the historic fishing village of Câmara de Lobos where you enter a rustic, wood-paneled tavern for a taste of the soul of Madeira. The magic happens right at the counter, a proper poncha is never pre-made; it is mixed to order right in front of you. The bartender grabs a thick wooden mixing stick—the uniquely named caralhinho—and gets to work making your tasty drink.

Madeira: Cabo Girão Skywalk and Winery Visit

Ascend to the breathtaking heights of Cabo Girão, standing on one of Europe's highest cliff viewpoints to marvel at the sheer drop into the crashing Atlantic below. Your journey continues to a family-run estate in São Vicente, where you'll walk the sun-kissed vines, meet the winemakers, and savor a guided tasting of crisp Madeiran wines. Afterward, indulge in a traditional espetada lunch—succulent, garlic-marinated beef skewers grilled over open flames—paired with sweeping vineyard views. Return to Ponta do Sol for a relaxed, independent evening in this sun-drenched coastal haven.

Your day begins with a private transfer to the Cabo Girão skywalk for sweeping ocean views. Continue to a São Vicente estate for a family-guided vineyard tour and wine tasting, followed by a traditional espetada lunch. Return to Ponta do Sol for a free afternoon and evening in town.



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Ponta do Sol - Cabo Girão

30m

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Cabo Girão Cliffs and Skywalk

Cabo Girão

Take in Cabo Girão's beautiful panoramic views of the sea. Visit the skywalk, jutting out of the cliffs at over 580m above sea level.

ACTIVITY

Relish artisan vintages amid dramatic northern peaks, paired with a flame-cooked feast of savory meats and buttery local bread.

Private Vehicle

São Vicente – Ponta do Sol

30m

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

Immerse yourself in the ethereal beauty of the mystical Fanal Forest, wandering beneath the twisted boughs of ancient, moss-draped laurel trees. Next, trace the dramatic coastline to Porto Moniz to gaze at cascading waterfalls and take an invigorating dip in the iconic, black-volcanic natural swimming pools carved into the Atlantic. After time for lunch on your own, return to your hotel for a relaxed afternoon. Celebrate your final evening with your CEO and fellow travelers, at a handpicked ocean-front restaurant for a farewell dinner celebrating authentic Madeiran gastronomy against a backdrop of crashing waves.

Embark on an excursion to the famous Fanal Forest for a guided walk. Next continue by private vehicle for a coastal drive to Porto Moniz, passing waterfalls along the way. Upon arrival, enjoy an included opportunity for swimming in the natural seawater pools in the town. After time for lunch on your own, return to your hotel in Ponta do Sol for a free afternoon. Conclude your memorable journey with an included farewell dinner overlooking the vast expanse of the Atlantic Ocean.



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Today's Activities

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Ponta do Sol - Ponta do Seixal

45m

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

Walk Through Fanal Forest

Ponta do Seixal

30m-45m

Walking the high-altitude plateau of Fanal is like stepping into a prehistoric fairy tale. This fog-shrouded woodland is home to centuries-old Til trees whose gnarled, sculptural trunks rise dramatically from rolling green pastures.

Visit Porto Moniz and Natural Pool Swimming

Porto Moniz

3h

Explore a rugged northern outpost of Porto Moniz for the chance to plunge into crystalline basalt basins, replenished daily by surging tides against cooled magmatic shelves. Enjoy free time for lunch in this seaside town.

Private Vehicle

Porto Moniz – Ponta do Sol

1h

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

Day 7

Departure Day

Today your adventure comes to an end, but the memories made during your time in Madeira will live on.

Your journey ends today with an included transfer to the airport in Funchal for your onward flights.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Departure Transfer

Ponta do Sol – Funchal

1h

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

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

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

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

1. LOCAL GUIDES

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

2. LUGGAGE

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

3. OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES NOTE:

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

What is the role of the group leader during this trip?

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

What is the maximum and typical number of participants on this tour?

Max 16, Avg 12.

What meals are included in this trip?

6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners

What are the meals like on this trip?

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

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

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, walking, gondola

Is there an extra cost for travelling solo?

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

Where will we stay during the trip?

Hotels (6 nts)

If I choose to purchase My Own Room, are there any exceptions during the trip?

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 should I expect from the accommodations on this trip?

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

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.

An arrival transfer is included when you arrive on Day 1, or if you arrive up to three days prior provided that you have booked your pre-accommodation through G Adventures in our joining hotel. Due to customer experience and quality considerations, all services related to the tour must be continuous.

Our driver will be waiting for you with a G Adventures sign. If for any reason you are not met at the airport, please call our local support line.

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 at 6pm), where you will get a chance to meet your CEO and other travellers, as well as learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

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

What should I do if I can't find my airport transfer or experience arrival issues?

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

Who do I contact for arrival issues or in the event of an emergency?

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call either the G Adventures Local Representative (if one is listed below) or 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.

AIRPORT TRANSFER

If you have purchased an arrival through G Adventures or if an arrival transfer is included in the cost of your tour, please note that:

Your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. Included arrival transfers are provided from the nearest airport to your starting location. If you are advised of a flight schedule change or flight cancellation within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, please call the emergency contact number to advise of your new arrival flight information. If you do not, we will not be able to rearrange your arrival transfer and you will need to make your own way to the starting hotel at your own expense. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Office London, United Kingdom

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

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For absolute emergencies after office hours please contact: +441858378000

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

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

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from Australia: 1300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

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

What details should I be aware of when planning my departure day?

You will be met at your hotel and transferred to the airport at the end of your adventure.

What should I pack for this trip?

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.)

Light Hiking:

- Hiking boots
- Hiking pants (Convertible/Zip-off and quick dry recommended)
- Walking poles

Warm Weather:

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

What are the visas and entry requirements for my trip?

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

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

For other nationalities, travelling in Europe has been simplified with the introduction of the Schengen visa. As a visitor to the Schengen area (Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Greece, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Portugal, Finland, Italy, Spain, France, Luxembourg, Sweden, Czech Republic, Hungary, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Switzerland) you will enjoy the many advantages of this unified visa system. Generally speaking with a Schengen visa, you may enter one Schengen country and travel freely throughout the Schengen region during the validity of your visa. There are limited border controls at Schengen borders, if any at all.

Please note that the UK and Ireland are NOT part of the Schengen agreement.

A Schengen visa is applied for at the Embassy or Consulate of the Schengen country in which you will be spending the most nights on your trip to the Schengen space. If you are only visiting one country on your trip then you apply for your visa at the Consulate of this Schengen country.

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

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

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

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

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

Credit cards and debit cards are very useful for cash advances. Visa cards are the most widely accepted cards. While ATMs are widely available, there are no guarantees that your credit or debit cards will actually work in Western Europe. Check with your bank. You should be aware that to purchase products or services on a credit card a fee of 5%-10% usually applies. Do not rely on credit or debit cards as your only source of money. A combination of euros, travellers cheques and cards is best. Always take more rather than less, as you don't want to spoil the trip by constantly feeling short of funds.

As currency exchange rates can fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for daily exchange rates: www.xe.com

Do I need to pay a departure tax?

Usually included in international air ticket, check with your air travel agent.

What activities are optional on this trip?

- No optional activities

Are there any health considerations I should know before travelling?

Please note inoculations may be required for the country visited. It is your responsibility to consult with your travel doctor for up to date medical travel information well before departure.

You should consult your doctor for up-to-date medical travel information well before departure. We recommend that you carry a First Aid kit and hand sanitizers / antibacterial wipes as well as any personal medical requirements. Please be aware that quite often we are in remote areas and away from medical facilities, and for legal reasons our leaders are prohibited from administering any type of drug including headache tablets, antibiotics, etc. When selecting your trip please carefully read the brochure and itinerary and assess your ability to cope with our style of travel. Please refer to the Physical and Culture Shock ratings for trip specific information. G Adventures reserves the right to exclude any traveller from all or part of a trip without refund if in the reasonable opinion of our CEO they are unable to complete the itinerary without undue risk to themselves and/or the rest of the group.

What general safety tips and free-time guidelines should I follow?

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

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

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

What are the mandatory group rules regarding laws and behaviour?

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.

What are the mandatory travel insurance requirements for this trip?

Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your leader, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy we require that at a minimum you are covered for medical expenses including emergency evacuation and repatriation. A minimum coverage of USD200,000 is required. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. Some tours include adventure activities that require extra coverage (e.g. crampon use); please review your itinerary and make sure that you are covered for all included activities. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

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

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What are the age restrictions for this trip?

Minimum age of 18 years for this trip.

Are international flights included in this trip?

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

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

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

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

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

Dossier Disclaimer

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

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

Itinerary Disclaimer

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

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