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## **Highlights & Hidden Gems of Argentina & Brazil**

22 days, Buenos Aires to Salvador

Trip code SABS

## What's included

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

**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing January 1st, 2016 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

## Buenos Aires

Arrive at any time.

If you arrive early, start exploring! Later, grab a seat and enjoy a drink at one of the city's many sidewalk cafés and restaurants.

Pre nights are recommended to fully enjoy this vibrant city and take part in the optional activities available.



## 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.

Fly to Iguassu Falls for two full days of exploration from both the Argentine and Brazilian sides.

The luggage restrictions for all Aerolineas Argentinas flights are 15kg for checked baggage and 5kg for carry-ons.



## Meals included

Breakfast



## Today's Activities

Plane

Buenos Aires - Puerto Iguazú

1h30m

1640km

Head to the airport and fly north to the Argentine side of Iguassu Falls. Continue on to the border via private vehicle from there.

Border Crossing (Argentina - Brazil)

Puerto Iguazú - Foz do Iguaçu

1h30m-2h

Ready for a little more ink in your passport? Grab your bags and get ready to check another country off your bucket list.

Private Vehicle

Puerto Iguazú - Foz do Iguaçu

1h-1h30m

Climb aboard and drive to the Brazilian side of Iguassu Falls for a little exploration.

Iguassu Falls (Brazil Side) Guided Tour

Foz do Iguaçu

3h-4h

Visit the Brazil side of the falls to get a panoramic view of Iguaçu, one of the world's largest and most impressive waterfalls. In total, there are over 275 individual falls spread out over 3km (2 mi). Find the best spot to take jaw-dropping photos of this UNESCO World Heritage site.

Day 3

## Iguaçu Falls

Return to the Argentine side to explore the trails. Opt for a boat tour to get up close and personal. Return to the Brazilian side for one more night in town.

Explore trails that will bring you directly over the falls of the Devil's Throat—the highest and deepest of the falls. Other trails allow access to the stretch of falls across the forest on the Argentine side. Opt to take an inflatable boat to the base of the thundering falls.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Border Crossing (Brazil - Argentina)

Foz do Iguaçu – Puerto Iguazú

1h-1h30m

Ready for a little more ink in your passport? Grab your bags and get ready to check another country off your bucket list.

Iguassu Falls Visit

Puerto Iguazú

Spend the whole day on the Argentine side of Iguassu, exploring the paths over the falls or experience the UNESCO World Heritage site from a boat tour. Tours utilize trails and catwalks adapted to the landscape of the area, and walking is easy for all ages; guided tours of the complex are available several times a day.

Border Crossing (Argentina - Brazil)

Puerto Iguazú – Foz do Iguaçu

1h30m-3h

Ready for a little more ink in your passport? Grab your bags and get ready to check another country off your bucket list.



### Optional Activities - Day 3

Iguassu Falls Visit

Puerto Iguazú

70USD

1h-2h

Enter the jungle from the “Sendero Yacaratía” and enjoy the panoramic view. Board motorboats that pass through the Lower Canyon of the Iguassu River, and continue onto the falls. After enjoying the view from San Martin Island, sail to “Tres Mosqueteros” to the "Devil's Throat." Sail along the shore before and enjoy the splendour of the San Martin waterfall, a wonderful and unforgettable experience.

Day 4

## Iguaçu Falls/Paraty

Fly to São Paulo and continue by van to Paraty. Opt to visit the cachaça distilleries or take a boat into the bay to explore the nearby islands and beaches.

On arrival in São Paulo, continue on by bus to the gorgeous coastal town of Paraty. Wander the cobblestoned streets, take a boat trip to the nearby islands in the bay, or visit one of the many white-sand beaches that make Brazil famous.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Plane

Foz do Iguaçu - São Paulo

1h30m

An early morning flight gets you Paraty with plenty of time to explore.

Flight time may vary if there is not a direct flight available.

Shared Van

São Paulo - Paraty

5h-6h

Enjoy the drive to São Paulo, stopping for lunch along the way.

Day 5

## Paraty

Enjoy a free day to explore Paraty.

Paraty is a quaint colonial town renowned for its architecture—the pace might be slow but there's a lot to choose from. Considered one of the world's most important examples of Portuguese colonial architecture by UNESCO, the historic centre is a well-preserved national historic monument, and today has been closed to vehicles to preserve its laid-back colonial ambiance. Opt to take a boat trip in the bay, kayak, go horseback riding, or take a jeep tour.

Opt to pre-book the "Paraty Caipirinha Boat Tour" activity on the checkout page ahead of time to include this optional on your tour.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Optional Activities - Day 5

4x4 Tour

Paraty

150BRL

6h-7h30m

Hop in the back of a jeep and hang on for this tropical tour. Enter the Serra da Bocaina National Park, visit waterfalls (great for photos and swimming), and step back in time along the Gold Trail road, constructed by African slaves to transport gold mined inland and transported to Paraty port bound for Portugal.

Kayaking

Paraty

90BRL

1h-6h

See Paraty's from a whole other level—sea level! Check out the spectacular views of the old town and the coastal mountain range and explore otherwise inaccessible mangroves.

Walking Tour Paraty + cachaça tasting (2hrs)

Paraty

160BRL

Tour a cachaça distillery where sugarcane juice is used to create the most popular distilled spirit in Brazil. If it tastes familiar, that's because it's the main ingredient in a Caipirinha, the country's national cocktail. Often called "Brazilian rum," cachaça is so popular, it's produced by 40,000 micro-companies across the country. The blend from Paraty is sweet and salty; taste the sea as you sip this local liquid.

## Horseback Riding Paraty

Paraty

390BRL

3h-6h

Throw on some long pants, grab the reins and hop up on a well-trained horse. Trail ride through the Atlantic Rainforest in the mountains around Paraty. Cross rivers and follow trails lined with tropical trees. Reach a lookout and see the village and the water below. Stop at a waterfall and jump in! Let the rushing water massage your muscles then hop back on the horses and gallop home.

## Paraty Boat Tour

Paraty

150BRL

Home to hundreds of pristine islands and idyllic white sand beaches it doesn't get much better than the Costa Verde. Cruise up the coast with a caipirinha in one hand and your camera in the other. Stop along the way to swim in the crystal clear waters or to catch a few rays. Snorkeling equipment is provided for those wanting a peek at what is under the water's surface.

## Paraty Bay Boat Tour

Paraty

Explore some of Paraty's 65 islands and hundreds of beaches on a schooner tour.

Day 6

## Paraty/Ilha Grande

Continue by van up the coast and take a ferry to Ilha Grande. Opt to hike to remote beaches and enjoy free time to relax and explore the island.

A short, scenic drive along the coast takes us to Angra dos Reis. Board the ferry to Ilha Grande—home to some of Brazil's most beautiful beaches.

Enjoy free time to soak up the sun, snorkel, hike and cruise to various beaches, not to mention feast on fresh seafood and sip caipirinhas in the plaza in the evenings.



### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Shared Van

Paraty - Angra dos Reis

1h30m-2h

100km

Climb aboard and make friends with your seatmate en route to the next stop.

Ferry

Angra dos Reis - Ilha Grande

1h30m

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

Day 7

## Ilha Grande

Enjoy a free day in Ilha Grande. Optional activities include hiking Pico Do Papagaio or to Lopes Mendes, snorkelling or relaxing on the beach.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Optional Activities - Day 7

Hike to Pico do Papagaio

Ilha Grande

150BRL

6h-7h

Enjoy a guided hike from Abraão to Pico do Papagaio, soaking in the scenery along the way. It will take roughly 4 hours to hike up and about 2 hr to hike back down. The 360 degree views from the top are well worth the effort.

Lopes Mendes Hike

Ilha Grande

2h30m-4h

Grab your bathing suit, slip on your walking shoes and take the hike from Abraão to the beautiful beach of Lopes Mendes. Follow a well-marked trail up and down, through forest and past other beaches. Eat Jack fruit picked along the way. Drink water from a natural spring. Listen to howler monkeys. After 2.5-3 hrs, arrive at the stunning Lopes Mendes beach, where the white powder sand squeaks under foot and the rolling green hills provide a stunning contrast to the turquoise water.

Ilha Grande Boat Excursion

Ilha Grande

130BRL

4h-5h

From the main village of Vila do Abraão, take a boat tour to some of the best beaches around the island. See tropical fish and cool off in the salt spray of the turquoise waters. Stop to swim and snorkel and pinch yourself for being lucky enough to partake in this tropical piece of paradise. Enjoy the scenery while drinking a caipirinha, Brazil's national drink.

Snorkelling Ilha Grande

Ilha Grande

Rent a mask and snorkel, pull on some fins and get set to enter the underwater world of colourful tropical fish, shells and all things seaworthy. November through May is Ilha Grande's best time to snorkel. Hotspots include the Blue Lagoon, Green Lagoon and Abraãzinho Beach. Luxuriate in the warm salt water, look down and, in some cases, see to a depth of 15m (50 ft).

Day 8

## Ilha Grande/Rio de Janeiro

Carry on by ferry and van to Rio de Janeiro. With free time, explore the city on an optional city tour.

Travel back to the mainland by ferry before continuing north along the coast. Enjoy the incredible scenery before rounding the cliffs at Vidigal. Get your first look at one of the most memorable cities in the world—Rio de Janeiro.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Ferry

Ilha Grande - Angra dos Reis

1h30m

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

Shared Van

Angra dos Reis - Rio de Janeiro

3h-3h30m

87km

Enjoy the incredible scenery before rounding the cliffs at Vidigal. Get your first look at one of the most memorable cities in the world—Rio de Janeiro.

Free Time

Rio de Janeiro

Use your free time in Rio to start your exploration of this world-class city.



### Optional Activities - Day 8

Rio de Janeiro City Tour

Rio de Janeiro

470BRL

There's so much to see and do in this vibrant city pulsing with passion, music and the waves of the sea. Take a city tour and visit some of Rio's hot spots. Visit the art deco statue of Christ the Redeemer atop Corcovado Mountain, the colourful Lapa Steps and the Rio Cathedral. Ride a cable car to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain and marvel at the magnificent views of the bay, city and beaches beyond.

Day 9

## Rio de Janeiro

Enjoy a free day to soak up the vibrant energy of Rio de Janeiro.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Free Time

Rio de Janeiro

Get out and enjoy this megatropolis. Explore its most popular attractions, stroll through different neighbourhoods, or lounge on the beach.

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### Optional Activities - Day 9

Optional Welcome Meeting for Travellers on Combos

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

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In the morning, leave the concrete jungle behind to fly north to the lush Amazon. Travel by motorized canoe along the famous Amazon river, take in the flooded landscape and spot wildlife along the way. In the evening, spot caimans on a boat excursion and overnight in a jungle lodge.

Transfer one hour from Manaus to the village of Rio Preto da Eva, visit a local market before heading up river by motorized canoe to the jungle lodge.

The wet season, from March to August known as igapó, floods the surrounding forests enriching the soil and plants. Gliding over the submerged forest by canoe is an experience that is unique to the Amazon.

The dry season from September to February also has its draws, when the level of the river reaches its lowest, fish crowd together making them easy targets for catfish and dolphins. Lower water levels also make it harder for caimans to hide and easier to spot.



## Meals included

Breakfast



## Today's Activities

Plane

Rio de Janeiro - Manaus

4h

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

Private Vehicle

Manaus - Rio Preto da Eva

1h

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

Motorized Canoe

Rio Preto da Eva - Amazon Jungle Lodge

1h30m

Climb in and move swiftly through the water to the next stop.

Day 11

## Amazon Jungle Lodge

Enjoy two guided hikes through the Amazon and learn about the plants, trees and wildlife that live deep within the jungle. Stop at a local community for lunch and learn about their way of life.

The lodge is located within the jungle and just off the river making a great base for Amazon exploration. During free time relax in the hammocks or go for a swim.

Listen to the local guides explain what life is like in the Amazon and learn about the legends, traditions and culture of the region.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Wake up early for a morning excursion by canoe and enjoy the silence before the jungle awakens. Take in the sights and sounds of the Amazon while travelling along the river back to Manaus before flying to Fortaleza.



## Meals included

Breakfast



## Today's Activities

Sunrise Canoe Excursion

Amazon Jungle Lodge

Canoe slowly along the river and get the best spot to watch the sunrise, waking up the wildlife in the jungle. Listen closely as the birds start to sing and the monkeys call out to each other. If you are lucky, you may encounter some of the river's majestic pink dolphins.

Motorized Canoe

Amazon Jungle Lodge - Rio Preto da Eva

1h30m

Climb in and move swiftly through the water to the next stop.

Private Vehicle

Rio Preto da Eva - Manaus

1h

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

Plane

Manaus - Fortaleza

5h

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

Day 13

## Fortaleza/Jericoacoara

Today is a long travel day to get to the calm teal waters of "Jeri". Travel up the coast away from Fortaleza and arrive in the evening in time to watch the sunset over the ocean.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Local Bus

Fortaleza - Jericoacoara

8h

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

Free Time

Jericoacoara

Start to unwind and take in the surroundings.

Enjoy the chill life in Jeri, spend the day exploring the area by 4x4 or relax in a floating hammock above the crystal clear water. In the evening, watch Brazilians practice Capoeira on the beach, a unique type of martial art made to look like dancing.

Affectionately known as 'Jeri' to locals, Jericoacoara is a small fishing village where the streets are made of sand. Surrounded by sand dunes, and stunning coastline there are plenty of activities to choose from during the day. At night, the town lights up with its many restaurants and fun nightlife.



## Meals included

Breakfast



## Today's Activities

Free Time

Jericoacoara

Climb the sand dunes and test out your sandboarding skills.



## Optional Activities - Day 14

Dune Buggy Ride

Jericoacoara

400BRL

One of the best ways to explore Jericoacoara and the surrounding dunes, hop in a dune buggy and get going!

Kite Surfing Lesson

Jericoacoara

550BRL

Always wanted to try kite surfing? This is the place to do it!

Por do Sol Sunset

Jericoacoara

Free

Grab your camera and a caipirinha and head to Pôr do Sol, a sand dune perfect for watching the sunset. One of the few places in the world you can see an emerald sunset, where the sun briefly turns a bright green before descending over the horizon.

Sandboarding

Jericoacoara

Rent a board on main street and head to one of the surrounding dunes to try your hand at sandboarding.

Day 15

## Jericoacoara

Take a stroll along the endless beach and watch windsurfers ride the waves. Opt to take a surf lesson, rent a stand up paddle board or soak up the sun.

Visit the Holed Stone, a famous rock formation located a 30 min walk down the beach, grab your camera, it makes for a scenic view with the ocean as its backdrop.

Jeri is an ideal spot to try some of the many water sports on offer. Named one of the best places in the world for windsurfing, it is a mecca for water sports of all kinds, give surfing, windsurfing or kitesurfing a try.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Free Time

Jericoacoara

Take a buggy tour, surf the waves or soak up some sun.



### Optional Activities - Day 15

Surfing

Jericoacoara

Jeri is a great place for a surf lesson because of its smaller waves, grab a long board and try it out! Head to Malhada if you're looking for more of a challenge and larger waves. The best time of year for surfing is from December to April when there is less wind.

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Day 16

## Jericoacoara/Fortaleza

Travel from Jeri back to Fortaleza, enjoy the vibrant city and nightlife.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Local Bus

Jericoacoara - Fortaleza

8h

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

Day 17

## Fortaleza/Salvador

Transfer to the airport and catch a morning flight to Salvador. Spend the day exploring, walk around the old city with its colourful buildings and see all the boats lined up in the port.

Salvador is famous for its Afro-Brazilian culture, if you haven't had a chance to see the famous Capoeira, check out a performance. Wander the cobblestone streets of Pelourinho, the old city, and sit outside and enjoy dinner while people watching.

Find a spot on the umbrella crowded beach and do some shopping from the vendors passing by, they sell almost everything. The bay has calm waters which makes it ideal to go for a dip in the ocean.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Plane

Fortaleza - Salvador

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

Free Time

Salvador

Enjoy exploring this historical city.

Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

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



### Optional Activities - Day 17

Salvador City Tour

Salvador

45BRL

Tour the sights of this vibrant city by bus and take in the colourful colonial architecture.

Capoeira Performance

Salvador

80BRL

Marvel at the masters of Capoeira, a unique Afro-Brazilian martial art that combines elements of dance, acrobatics and self-defence into a spectacular battle-like performance. Want to impress your friends back home? Opt to take a Capoeira lesson and master the moves for yourself.

Olodum House

Salvador

Free

Visit the historic Pelourinho neighbourhood and learn about Olodum, the most famous "bloco-afro" percussion group in Brazil. Famed for appearing alongside Paul Simon and Michael Jackson in their music videos. The Olodum House showcases the history of the group and their role in African-Brazilian activism.

Day 18

## Salvador/Chapada Diamantina National Park

Head away from the coast for some hiking, mountains and breathtaking landscapes. Catch a bus to Chapada Diamantina NP and look forward to a few active days. Enjoy the evening in the small town of Lençóis, the base for exploring the park.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Local Bus

Salvador - Lençóis

7h

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

Days 19–20

## Chapada Diamantina National Park

Chapada Diamantina NP is a hidden Brazilian gem with flat top mountains, beautiful waterfalls and majestic caves to discover. Hike around the park and explore the caves filled with crystal clear water, swim in natural pools and test your fear of heights at impressive lookout points.

Over the next few days, enjoy guided exploration through Chapada Diamantina NP. Journey down into the caves at Gruta Lapa Doce and Pratinha, where the glowing blue water is so transparent that it's hard to tell where the roof ends and the water begins.

Hike through the park to Poco do Diablo waterfall for a swim en route to Morro do Pai Inácio for an incredible view over the beautiful park.



### Meals included

Breakfast

Day 21

## Chapada Diamantina National Park/Salvador

Take a scenic ride through the countryside on the way back to Salvador. Enjoy the evening in this vibrant city.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Local Bus

Lençóis - Salvador

7h

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

Depart at any time.

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## Meals included

Breakfast

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## What are the main highlights of this trip?

Experience the bustle of Buenos Aires, hear the roar of Iguassu Falls, marvel at Rio's cityscape, spot wildlife in the northern Amazon Jungle, swim in the teal waters at Jericoacoara, hike around Chapada Diamantina NP

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## **Is there an 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.

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

A good size daypack or overnight bag is required for this trip. The luggage allowance for the motorized canoe from Manaus is 7 kg. Your remaining luggage can be safely stored in Manaus - the CEO will help to arrange this locally.

### **COMBO TRIP**

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

## **What is the group leader like?**

All G Adventures group trips are accompanied by one of our group leaders, a G Adventures representative, or an expedition team. 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.

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

Max 16, avg 12

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

21 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner

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

Plane, private van, bus, ferry, boat, canoe, hiking

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

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

## **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 (13 nts), jungle lodge (2 nts), guesthouse (6 nts).

## **Do any exceptions apply to Rooming or “My Own Room” on my tour?**

Nights 10-11: Amazon lodge, Nights 18-20 Chapada Diamantina National Park.

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

Please note that hot water shortages and power outages can be fairly common in Latin America (even in upgraded hotels and private homes). We appreciate your patience and understanding that these occurrences are outside of our control.

## **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?**

Officially the airport is called Ministro Pistarini International Airport, but it is commonly referred to as Ezeiza. It is situated 35 km (22 miles) from the city, about 40 minutes in a taxi. A taxi to the centre costs approximately \$45 USD and can be arranged from the official counter inside the Arrivals area.

If you have paid in advance for an arrival transfer, a G Adventures representative will be at the airport to meet you. If for any reason you are not met at the airport, please call our local support line. If you are unable to make contact for whatever reason, please make your way to the joining point hotel via taxi.

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

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

## **What happens if I experience problems when arriving?**

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

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

Should you need to contact 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. If you are advised of a flight schedule change within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, we will do our best to rearrange your arrival transfer however we cannot guarantee this. 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.

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After hours Emergency number: +51 99 758 2712 (WhatsApp Available)

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: 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

## What should I take on my trip?

Most people automatically assume that the weather is hot in South America, however this is not always the case, and you may need warm clothes depending on the time of year you travel. We recommend the use of a duffel bag or backpack, whichever is easiest for you to carry.

A good size daypack or overnight bag is required for this trip. The luggage allowance for the motorized canoe from Manaus is 7 kg. Your remaining luggage can be safely stored in Manaus - the CEO will help to arrange this locally.

# What should be on my packing list?

## Documents:

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

## Essentials:

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

## Health & Safety:

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

### **Warm Weather:**

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

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

Laundry facilities are offered by some of our hotels for a charge. There will be times when you may want to or have to do your own laundry so we suggest you bring non-polluting/biodegradable soap.

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

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

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

## **How much spending money do I need for my trip?**

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 Latin America. 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 US dollar cash and cards is best. Please bear in mind that cost of living in the southern cone countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile) is much higher than the rest of South America, and more comparable with Europe. Always take more rather than less, as you don't want to spoil the trip by constantly feeling short of funds.

We do not recommend bringing travellers cheques as they are very difficult to change in country.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE TIP: Please be advised that slightly torn notes, notes that have been heavily marked or are faded may be difficult to exchange. It is best to bring notes in fairly good condition, in denominations lower than 100USD (or equivalent).

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 Latin America to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, 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 several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides or drivers we use. Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from \$5-10 USD per day 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 CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline \$20-25 USD per person, per week can be used.

# What activities are optional on this trip?

## Puerto Iguazú

- Iguassu Falls Visit (70USD per person)

## Paraty

- 4x4 Tour (150BRL per person)
- Kayaking (90BRL per person)
- Walking Tour Paraty + cachaça tasting (2hrs) (160BRL per person)
- Horseback Riding Paraty (390BRL per person)
- Paraty Boat Tour (150BRL per person)
- Paraty Bay Boat Tour

## Ilha Grande

- Hike to Pico do Papagaio (150BRL per person)
- Lopes Mendes Hike
- Ilha Grande Boat Excursion (130BRL per person)
- Snorkelling Ilha Grande

## Rio de Janeiro

- Rio de Janeiro City Tour (470BRL per person)
- Optional Welcome Meeting for Travellers on Combos

## Jericoacoara

- Dune Buggy Ride (400BRL per group)
- Kite Surfing Lesson (550BRL per person)
- Por do Sol Sunset (Free)
- Sandboarding
- Surfing

## Salvador

- Salvador City Tour (45BRL per person)
- Capoeira Performance (80BRL per person)
- Olodum House (Free)

## Are there any health considerations I should know before travelling?

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

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

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

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

## What are the trip specific safety considerations?

Please note: You should be especially careful when wandering about Buenos Aires on your own, particularly at night. Tourists are easy prey for individual pickpockets or groups of two or more people working as a team on the streets. Pay particular attention to anyone who 'accidentally' spills anything on your clothes or belongings (mustard, etc.) and then apologizes and offers to help clean up. They will clean you out instead! Be safe and leave your passport, credit cards, travellers cheques and cash funds you won't be using immediately in the hotel's safety deposit box. Most locals are honest and genuinely helpful and friendly, but be safe and enjoy the city!

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

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of people in the sex trade is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our CEOs have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they utilize the services of paid sex workers, in any capacity.

## Is travel insurance required for my trip?

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

## What is Planeterra?

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

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

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

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

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

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

After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us that we'll give you 5% off the price of your next G Adventures trip if your feedback is completed on-line within 30 days of finishing your trip. Your tour evaluation will be e-mailed to you 24 hours after the conclusion of your trip. If you do not receive the tour evaluation link in the days after your tour has finished, please drop us a line at [customersolutions@gadventures.com](mailto:customersolutions@gadventures.com) and we will send it on to you.

## 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.