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India River Cruise – Ganges Encompassed

15 days, Patna to Calcutta

Trip code AHLPC

What's included

- Arrival transfer
- Patna city tour

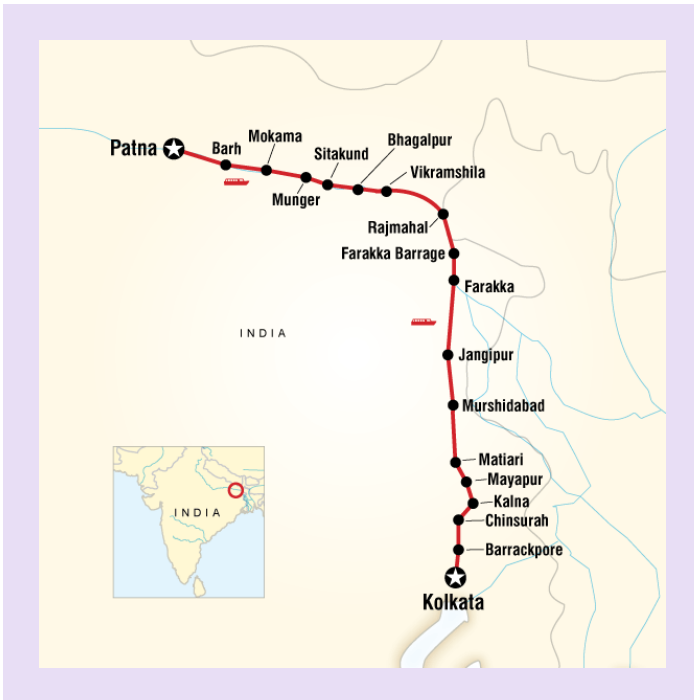
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- Chandannagar visit
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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing September 28th, 2015 - December 31st, 2016

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

Patna

Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included.

This itinerary may change slightly due to river conditions.



Accommodation

Vijaya Tej Clarks Inn (or similar)

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Today's Activities

Arrival Transfer

Patna

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

Day 2

Patna

Enjoy a free day to explore Patna before a 4pm embarkation.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Free Time

Patna

Get out and explore.

Day 3

Patna/Bārḥ

Enjoy a morning tour of Patna, visiting the extraordinary 18th-century Golghar granary, the great Sikh temple, and the State Museum. Continue on, passing near the old East India Company opium warehouses and cruise down to moor for the evening at Barh.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Varuna Riverboat

Patna - Bārḥ

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

State Museum Visit

Patna

Visit the State Museum in Patna to learn more about the region.

Sikh Temple Visit

Patna

Enjoy a visit to a beautiful Sikh temple in Patna. Learn more about the religion and history of the temple.

Golghar Granary Visit

Patna

Explore the 18th-century Golghar granary in Patna to learn more about the history of the area.

Day 4

Bārḥ/Mokāma

Enjoy an excursion to the excavated Buddhist monastery and stupa at Nalanda, with a visit to the adjoining museum. After, visit the Pawapuri Jain temple, situated in the middle of a lake. Return to the vessel and continue to the bridge at Mokama, where earlier the famous naturalist Jim Corbett spent his working life overseeing the ferry crossing.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Varuna Riverboat

Bārḥ - Mokāma

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Buddhist Monastery and Stupa Visit

Nālanda

Enjoy a visit to the excavated ruins of the a Buddhist monastery and stupa in Nalanda. Check out the adjoining museum for more insight into the area.

Pawapuri Jain Temple Visit

Nālanda - Ranakpur

Visit this gorgeous Jain temple - located in the middle of a lake - and learn more about this uniquely Indian religion.

Day 5

Mokāma/Sultānganj

Sail down to Munger. Take a rickshaw ride through the town to view the remnants of a Mughal fort and the East India Company cemetery. Visit the bazaars with the locals before exploring Pirpahar Hill and Sitakund Hot Springs. Continuing walking through the village and fields before getting back on board. Continue on to anchor near Jehangira Island at Sultanganj, a pilgrimage spot with early Hindu rock carvings.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Varuna Riverboat

Mokāma - Sultānganj

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Munger Village and Sitakund Hot Spring Visit

Munger

Visit some highlights of the town like the local bazaar, Pirpahar Hill, crowned by a fine old mansion, and the Sitakund Hot Springs. Wander through farmland on the way back to the boat.

Rickshaw Ride and Mughal Fort Visit

Munger

Ride through Munger on a rickshaw and learn more about the area's ruined Mughal Fort. Take in scenes of village life amongst grandiose tombs - this place is home to an East India Company cemetery.

Jhangira Island Excursion & Hindu Rock Carvings Visit

Sultānganj

Explore this pilgrimage site and view ancient Hindu rock carvings. Learn more about the island's religious significance and take in views of a picturesque mosque built on a rock. Opt to stroll through the local market.

Spend the morning sailing a stretch of the river where South Asian river dolphins may be seen to Bhagalpur, a centre of silk production. Visit a mansion and silk-weaving village. Continue on close to the island shrine at Colganj, boasting Hindu and Buddhist cave temples. Visit Bateshwar Temple with 6th-century Hindu carvings, and the nearby ruins of an 8th-century Buddhist stupa and monastery at Vikramshila. Anchor for the night near the confluence with the Kosi River coming down from Nepal.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Varuna Riverboat

Sultānganj - Bhāgalpur

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Mansion and Silk-Weaving Village Visit

Bhāgalpur

Visit the elegant 18th-century mansion built by Augustus Cleveland and learn about his revered status with the local communities. Continue on to a silk-weaving village to learn about this industry.

Colganj Cave Temples and Area Ruins Visit

Bhāgalpur

Visit the island shrine at Colganj, exploring the Hindu and Buddhist cave temples. Dating back to the Gupta Empire (5th-6th century), the temples display many Buddhist, Jain and Hindu deities.

Continue on to visit the Bateshwar Temple with Hindu carvings and an 8th-century Buddhist stupa and monastery at Vikramshila.

Day 7

Bhāgalpur/Farakka Barrage

Sail downstream to Rajmahal, a village offering both points of interest and fantastic local atmosphere. Shah Jehan, builder of the Taj Mahal, spent much of his youth here. Explore the remains of palaces, forts, and mosques submerged in vegetation before continuing on down to the Farakka Barrage.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Varuna Riverboat

Bhāgalpur - Farakka Barrage

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Rajmahal Town and Sights Visit

Rājmahāl

Enjoy the lively atmosphere of Rajmahal. Explore the remains of palaces, forts and mosques.

Day 8

Farakka Barrage/Farakka

Continue on to Farakka and set off for a full day excursion by road to Gaur, near the town of Malda (English Bazaar). Visit a number of sights from the 12th-century Hindus and 14th-century Muslims. Rejoin the ship in the evening.

This trip is a combo. As such, today some travellers may depart and others may join.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Varuna Riverboat

Farakka Barrage - Farakka

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Gaur Excursion

Ingrāj Bāzār

Enjoy a full day tour to Gaur, close to the town of Malda (English Bazar). Now a quiet place to visit, Gaur was once one of India's great cities, first under the Hindus in 12th century, then as the muslim capital of Eastern India from the 14th to the 16th century. There are plenty of mosques, palaces and gateways to explore, so take some time wander around with your camera.

Day 9

Farakka/Jangipur

Sail down the canal to Jangipur. In the afternoon, explore this small country town on foot.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Riverboat

Farakka - Jangipur

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Jangipur Visit

Jangipur

Set off on foot and discover this charming country town and check out the local market.

Day 10

Jangipur/Murshidābād

Sail down the Hooghly River en route to the small village of Baranagar. Walk through the fields to reach the terracotta temples and get a taste of rural Indian life. Continue to Murshidabad to visit the Nawab's great Hazarduari Palace. Visit the Katra Mosque before driving to two 18th-century buildings – the Nashipara Palace and the Katgola Palace.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Varuna Riverboat

Jangipur – Baranagar

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Baranagar Excursion

Baranagar

Explore the sleepy village of Baranagar. Wander through the fields and explore the terracotta temples. Soak up the atmosphere of idyllic rural Indian life.

Varuna Riverboat

Baranagar – Murshidābād

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Murshidabad Excursion

Murshidābād

Explore Murshidabad and see Nawab's Hazarduari Palace. Visit the Katra Mosque and two amazing buildings of the late 18th century, the Nashipara Palace and the Katgola Palace. Both were built in classical Georgian style by rich local merchants.

This morning, travel by cycle rickshaw to the Khushbagh, a peaceful Moghul-style garden. Continue on the river past Berhampur, to a rural mooring near the battlefield of Plassey and opt to walk to the commemorative obelisk. Cruise on to a mooring near Katwa for the night.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Khushbagh Excursion

Murshidābād

Travel by cycle rickshaw to visit the Khushbagh, a peaceful garden enclosing the tombs of Siraj-ud-Daulah and his family.

Varuna Riverboat

Murshidābād – Palāshi

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Battlefield of Plassey Visit

Palāshi

Visit the battlefield of Plassey, where Clive's defeat of Siraj-ud-Daulah in 1757 changed the course of Indian history. Opt to walk through the fields to the commemorative obelisk.

Varuna Riverboat

Palāshi – Matiari

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Start the day with a visit to the brassworking village of Matiari to witness their ancient techniques. Later continue to Mayapur with a visit to the Hare Krishna temple. Enjoy a few of the older temples and see a giant banyan tree.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Matiari Excursion

Matiari

Visit the charming brassworking village of Matiari. Watch a demonstration of the traditional process of beating out brass water pots and other vessels.

Varuna Riverboat

Matiari – Māyāpur

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Mayapur Excursion

Māyāpur

Head out to explore Mayapur, including a visit to the vast ISKCON temple – visited by over a million people annually. Take time to check out some of the smaller temples in the area as well.

Explore the country town of Kalna. Take cycle rickshaws to see a group of some of Bengal's most attractive terracotta temples and visit a Shiva temple. Continue to Chinsurah, to visit the historic Dutch cemetery. After, take cyclos to the Imambara before reboarding the vessel.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Varuna Riverboat

Māyāpur – Kālina

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Kālina Excursion

Kālina

Take a rickshaw ride to explore the terracotta temples of Kālina. Visit the unique and beautiful 108 Shiva Temple Complex. With 108 temples arranged in two concentric circles, it is architecturally unique and fascinating to explore and photograph.

Varuna Riverboat

Kālina – Chunchura

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Chinsurah Excursion

Chunchura

Arrive in Chinsurah and visit the Dutch cemetery. Spend some time walking around the pathways that lead through the monuments. Later, board a cycle rickshaw ride and check out the imposing Imambara mosque with its magnificent clock tower and spectacular location right on the river.

Sail to Chandannagar, a former French possession, to explore. Continue to Barrackpore. Disembark for a walking tour around the main sights.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Varuna Riverboat

Chunchura - Chandannagar

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Chandannagar Excursion

Chandannagar

Visit the beautiful 18th-century Sacred Heart Church with its historical French style architecture. Continue on to the Chandannagore Museum and Institute, one of the oldest museums in the area. With its beautiful collection of French antiques, cannons and 18th-century wooden furniture, it is well worth the time to explore.

Varuna Riverboat

Chandannagar - Bārākpur

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Barrackpore Excursion

Bārākpur

Discover Barrackpore on foot. Take a walk past the Semaphore Tower, Government House, the Temple of Fame and Flagstaff House, its garden housing many of the British statues removed from central Kolkata.

Cruise under the Howrah Bridge to central Kolkata to disembark. Transfer to central Kolkata or the airport. Tour ends on arrival.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Departure Day

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with any onward travel arrangements you require.

Varuna Riverboat

Bārākpur - Calcutta

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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?

1. While it is our intention to follow the itinerary as advertised, some modifications to the itinerary are occasionally needed if water levels become very low. If changes need to be made, they may involve docking the boat just before a scheduled port and using overland transportation to reach the destination.

2. ALCOHOL

For a portion of this trip you are travelling through the state of Bihar that has banned the sale and consumption of alcohol, during which time you will be unable to purchase alcoholic drinks on the cruise.

3. GANGES & HOOGHLY RIVERS

Please note that between Farakka and Kolkata we sail along a distributary arm of the Ganges locally known as the Hooghly River. This narrower arm, once a key transportation channel in Bengal, offers the opportunity to cruise close to riverbanks dotted with historic temples and colonial settlements while still travelling the sacred waters of the Ganges.

4. RAMADAN

Depending on the lunar cycle, Ramadan will fall between May 15th and June 14th, 2018. Please note that Ramadan is a month of fasting observed by Muslims throughout the world, during which time the followers of Islam should not eat or drink between sunrise and sunset. Only about 20% of Indians are Muslim, but it is important to note that there may be some limitations to services and disruptions to schedules during Ramadan. Generally our tours still operate effectively during this period and food is available to non-muslims throughout the day. It is important to display increased cultural sensitivity during Ramadan in predominately Muslim areas of India. Please wear loose fitting clothes, that cover knees and shoulders, and try to avoid eating, drinking or smoking in public out of respect for those who can't at that time.

How large will the group be?

Max 24

What meals are included in this trip?

14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 13 dinners

What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Riverboat Varuna, private vehicles, train, rickshaws, walking.

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?

Aboard the Varuna riverboat (13 nts), comfort hotels (1 nt).

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 kind of accommodation can I expect on this trip?

Cabins on board the riverboat all have exterior view windows and private bathrooms.

Built: 2006

Capacity: 24 passengers

Cabins: 12 Cabins

Boat Layout: Spacious saloon with French windows opening onto a front balcony deck, dining room with glass doors down each side.

Large sun deck with cane rattan chairs and sun loungers. Single seating for buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Combination of Indian and Western cuisines.

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.

If your call is specifically concerning Airport Transfer complications please call our local transfer providers directly at Patna Airport:

Mr Girish Mob

Phone: 080842755124

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

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Emergency number: From outside of India: +91 99 7179 5447

From within Delhi: 99 7179 5447

From within India, but outside Delhi: 099 7179 5447.

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 airlines allow up to two checked bags and one carry-on per person. To avoid any problems upon check-in and with possible excess baggage charges, please consult the airline for specific restrictions.

Dress on board the boat is informal. Plan to bring comfortable, casual clothing for all activities. When packing, we suggest that you do not weigh yourself down with too many clothes or too much gear. Select informal, practical attire that can be worn in layers.

What should be on my packing list?

Cold Weather:

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

Conservative Dress:

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)
- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- 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
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear Note: During the colder months (Oct-Apr) the mountains can be very cold, so please make sure you pack warm clothes.

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.

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?

Please note that it is customary to tip 10% to service staff in India. If someone helps you carry a bag, you can offer to tip a few USD (in local currency), although it will not be expected. If you have a local guide or a driver on your trip, then you will be advised to tip \$2-5 USD (in local currency) per person per service, as long as you feel it is deserved, which it usually is because we have excellent staff working with us. Please ask your CEO for specific advice if you are unsure.

If at the end of the riverboat sailing you find the staff onboard were exceptional, a tip of \$5-10 USD/day is recommended. You can leave this tip at the end of your riverboat leg.

Also at the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is highly appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline \$20-30 USD per person, per week can be used.

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 medication required. 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. 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.

For your own safety, we strongly recommend that you advise us of any medical condition that may affect you while traveling.

If you are carrying any prescribed medication, or if you have any particular health needs, please bring with you a signed and dated letter from your physician stating any such health problems and dosage requirements for any medication to be provided to any medical authorities in case of an emergency.

Also, please note that if you are particularly sensitive to heat, this may not be the trip for you.

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 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 should I dress to respect local customs during the tour?

In Asia the dress standard is more conservative than it is back home. When packing try to pick loose, lightweight, long clothing that will keep you cool in the usually hot and humid climate of Asian summers. In predominately Buddhist, Hindu and Muslim countries we ask that you dress respectfully and avoid very short shorts/skirts and singlets/tanktops when visiting temples or mosques or other holy sites.

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 and we will send it on to you.

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

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

How old must I be to join this trip?

Minimum age of 18 years for this trip.

Are international flights included in this trip?

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

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

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

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

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

Dossier Disclaimer

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.