



JOURNEYS: DAY OF THE DEAD IN SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

6 days, San Miguel de Allende to San
Miguel de Allende

Trip code CMSNG

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing July 8th, 2025 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

SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer is included.

Tonight, you will kick off the six days of celebration with a Welcome Dinner at a traditional Mexican cantina featuring local specialties, stories, music, and charm.

If you arrive early, take some time to explore San Miguel de Allende, known for its well-preserved colonial architecture, rich history, and vibrant arts scene. The city is also a UNESCO World Heritage site with the centre of town being a time capsule of cobblestone streets lined with jewel toned houses.

Please note in order for your arrival transfer to be included, travellers must arrive into Guanajuato International Airport (BJX).



Meals included

Dinner



ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Real de Minas (or similar) Hotel



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Arrival Transfer

Guanajuato International Airport - San Miguel de Allende

2h

Sit back and scan the scenery from the comfort of your private vehicle during your included arrival transport from Guanajuato International Airport to your start hotel in San Miguel de Allende.

ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your Expedition Leader and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. 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 on the morning of day two.

Day 2

SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

Visit the historical sites of San Miguel de Allende and learn about their most vibrant celebration; Día de Los Muertos. Join a local expert and walk through the streets lined with marigolds, altars, and papel picado, as you listen to the stories, legends, and traditions behind this important holiday. Pass by key landmarks like Parroquia, Templo de San Francisco, and the artesanías market, while discovering how the city honors its ancestors through art, memory, and rituals. Later, visit a local shop and personalize your alfeñiques, a traditional, hand-crafted sugar confection, often shaped like skulls with intricate designs and lots of colours. End the day with some iconic Pan de Muerto and hot chocolate as you walk through the square and experience the charged atmosphere. Dinner will be at your leisure.



Meals included

Breakfast



ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Real de Minas (or similar) Hotel



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

San Miguel de Allende Walking City Tour San Miguel de Allende 2h

Set your eyes on the heart of San Miguel de Allende today alongside a knowledgeable local guide. Walk through the cobblestone streets lined with marigolds, altars, and papel picado for the city's vibrant celebration of Día de Los Muertos. Your local guide will share stories, legends, and traditions behind this beautiful holiday. Pass by key landmarks in the city like Templo de San Francisco and the Parroquia. Discover San Miguel de Allende during a time in which the city honours its ancestors through art, rituals, and memory. Stop by the local artesanías market where your Expedition Leader will take you to personalize your alfeñiques.

Free Time San Miguel de Allende

Enjoy time to rest and recharge in San Miguel Allende. Choose between optional activities like visiting an organic farm, or hiking if you're still feeling adventurous. Dinner this evening is on your own. If you're hoping to dine on a rooftop, reservations will need to have been made in advance during this week of celebrations.

Taste the Flavours of Pan de Muerto San Miguel de Allende 1h

Savour a true staple of Día de Los Muertos and taste Pan de Muerto, an iconic sweet bread baked in honour of the season. Begin in one of the city's most traditional bakeries where you are able to choose from different types of the dessert. Try the classic orange-scented one paired with Mexican hot chocolate as a warm and flavourful way to connect with local culture.



Optional Activities - Day 2

Hike Coyote Canyon **San Miguel de Allende**

Hike to the mouth of the canyon following a river. Then begin your ascent to the top of the canyon, which takes about 1 hour. Enjoy the beautiful scenery before descending back to the base of the canyon. Back at the ranch near the canyon you'll enjoy a traditional meal prepared fresh at one of the homesteads. Foods like fresh cheese, beans, quesadillas, nopales, freshly-made tortillas, rice, guacamole, and salsas.

Guided Visit to Organic Farm **San Miguel de Allende** **200MXN**

Visit a nearby ranch and learn about their ecological management of animals, crops, seed house, and native trees. Enjoy views of the valley and gain a tangible understanding of the importance to regenerative agriculture.

Day 3

SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

Set out to discover the charm culture of San Miguel de Allende. Begin with a visit to a community tourism initiative led by the weavers of a women's craft cooperative. The women here are the descendants of the Otomi pyramid builders, and this intimate, hands-on experience invites travellers into their homes to spend time in a space where females can support their families, and themselves by designing and making traditional hooked rugs to sell, featuring designs inspired by their daily lives in their rural village. Then, enjoy a typical lunch at the cooperative before joining an expert guide on a visit to Fábrica La Aurora, a former textile factory turned art and design centre. Explore the galleries, artist studios, and creative spaces full of inspiring work blending tradition with contemporary expression. You will gain a deeper knowledge of the local art for Dia de Los Muertos with time to look around and admire the work. Dinner will be at your leisure then opt for a nearby rooftop to watch the revelry from above.

Please note the date of the Día de Los Muertos Parade can vary slightly year to year. In the event that this occurs, days 2 & 3 of your itinerary will be swapped to accommodate the change.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



ACCOMMODATION

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TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Art Day at Fabrica La Aurora

San Miguel de Allende

1h45m

Gain some exposure to San Miguel de Allende's art scene on a guided visit to Fábrica La Aurora. This former textile factory has become an art and design centre and around Día de Los Muertos it's just the right time to explore the galleries, artist studios, and other creative spaces here.

Catrina's Parade - San Miguel de Allende

San Miguel de Allende

1h

Blend tradition with festivity as you witness San Miguel de Allende's Catrinas Parade; a spectacular highlight of the Día de Los Muertos celebrations. The skeleton figures that make up the parade are iconic to this holiday and known as the Catrinas. They are dressed in colourful costumes, painted faces, and adorned with flowers as they move through the streets of San Miguel. Choose to join in and become part of the parade as it moves through the city.

Las Rancheritas Community Visit

San Miguel de Allende

1h30m

2km

Enjoy a memorable visit to a rural village where you'll meet the weavers of Las Rancheritas. The 16 women who call this place home are the descendants of the Otomi pyramid builders. Here, they are able to support themselves and their family's through the practice of their traditional weaving techniques. Learn more about the community project making a difference here and enjoy a delicious traditional lunch featuring homemade tortillas as you connect deeper with the locals and the history of San Miguel de Allende.

Day 4

SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

Begin the morning with a walk to the Cemetery Virgen de Guadalupe for a guided tour with an expert. This experience offers a respectful and insightful look at local traditions of remembrance. Witness where families gather to honour their departed loved ones and observe the colourful altars, marigolds, candles, and music throughout the cemetery. Learn about the symbolism behind these offerings and enjoy time to quietly reflect on cultural connections during a unique window into one of Mexico's most powerful traditions. This afternoon, enjoy free time for optional artisan workshops like macramé and ceramics. Dinner will be at your leisure this evening.



Meals included

Breakfast



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TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Free Time

San Miguel de Allende

Enjoy a free afternoon in San Miguel de Allende and choose from a variety of optional activities. There are many different artisan workshops to consider trying.

Cemetery Virgen de Guadalupe Visit

San Miguel de Allende

1h

1km

During the celebrations of Día de Los Muertos, you'll visit the Cemetery Virgen de Guadalupe. Enjoy a respectful and insightful look into the local traditions of remembrance. See vibrant alters, marigolds, candles, listen to music from all over as you walk through the cemetery. Led by a local expert, this experience invites quiet reflection, cultural connection, and a unique window into one of Mexico's most powerful traditions.



Optional Activities - Day 4

Mojiganga Workshop

San Miguel de Allende

The mojiganga is a giant puppet, marionette, or sculpture. It's made of cardboard/papier-mâché, and then mounted on a structure that supports the head/bust and gives it its height of 2 to 6 metres. The

dancer will step inside with suspenders on and their legs will become the legs of the mojiganga. Learn how to make one for yourself during this workshop.

Macramé Workshop

San Miguel de Allende

Enjoy a relaxing and creative afternoon with a macramé workshop. Learn the basics of this popular knot-tying technique and make your very own wall hanging.

Day 5

SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

Travel to the nearby hot springs for a relaxing soak in the natural thermal waters just outside of San Miguel de Allende. Find yourself surrounded by gardens, mountain views, and mineral-rich pools to recharge and connect with the environment. Then visit the church of Atotonilco, nicknamed "Mexico's Sistine Chapel" and see the birthplace of the Mexican War of Independence. Arrive back in town for a free afternoon to explore, before gathering in the evening for a unique dining experience. Celebrate your final night in San Miguel de Allende with a flavourful, guided pulque tasting at one of the city's most unique spots. Learn about this ancestral drink from the gods and sit down for a relaxed, family-style meal of local appetizers in a rustic, cantina-like setting.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



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TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Hot Springs & the Church of Atotonilco San Miguel de Allende

Slip in for a soak in the natural thermal waters outside of the city. Surrounded by gardens and mountain views, these mineral-rich pools offer the perfect excuse to relax, recharge, and connect with nature. The group will also stop for lunch on your own and a visit to the church of Atotonilco, known as the "Sistine Chapel of Mexico" because of its mural work.

Free Time San Miguel de Allende

There will be a more free time today to continue exploring San Miguel de Allende at your own pace

ACTIVITY

Pulque is a milky, fermented beverage made from the sap of the maguey (agave) plant. It is a drink that has been part of Mexican culture for centuries and some traditions in the country view it as a gift from the gods. Visit a pulquería, a type of tavern in Mexico that specializes in serving this beverage and enjoy a guided tasting of this ancestral drink. These locations hold deep historical and cultural roots while serving as important locations for social gatherings. Try Pulque in its traditional al curado forms (made from Cempazuchil flower) while experiencing a shared Mexican, family-style local appetizer meal in a rustic, cantina-like setting.

Day 6

SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

Depart at any time.



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Breakfast

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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?

ACCOMMODATION NOTE:

Please be aware that properties we stay in with only two stories may not have elevators installed and climbing the stairs with your luggage will be necessary.

What is the group leader like?

All G Adventures group trips are accompanied by one of our National Geographic Expedition Leader throughout. The aim of the Expedition Leaders 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?

5 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners

What are the meals like on this trip?

Eating is a big part of traveling. 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 Expedition Leader will be able to suggest favourite restaurants during your trip. On truck trips in Africa, aboard the expedition ship Explorer or our Galapagos yachts, while trekking in remote regions etc. food is included, plentiful and made of fresh local ingredients. The above information applies to G Adventures group trips. For Independent trips please check the itinerary for details of meals included. 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.

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?

Hotel (5 nts).

Will I get my own room?

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

What are the joining instructions?

For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

An arrival transfer is included when you arrive on Day 1 at Guanajuato International Airport (BJX), or if you arrive up to three days prior provided that you have booked your pre-accommodation through National Geographic Journeys 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 National Geographic Journeys sign, and they will be waiting for you outside the luggage hall. 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 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 Expedition Leader. This note will give the details of your Welcome Meeting on day 1 (usually between 5pm and 7pm), where you will get a chance to meet your Expedition Leader 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 Expedition Leader will leave a note at reception for you with any information you may need, and with morning instructions for the next day.

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 Operator (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 transfer 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 San Jose, Costa Rica

During Office hours (Weekdays 9am-5pm Local Time): +506 4001 8474

After hours emergency number: +51 997 582 712

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 instructions should I follow at the finishing point?

If you would like to book an airport Departure transfer for your tour, please contact our Sales Team or your Travel Agent in advance of travel.

What should I take on my trip?

We recommend using a backpack for your convenience, or a medium-sized suitcase if you prefer. A daypack is also essential for carrying everyday items. Space is limited on transportation, so there is a limit of one main piece of luggage per person. You will be responsible for carrying and handling your own luggage.

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.)

Smart Dress:

- Smart outfit (For evenings out)

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. If laundry is not available at your hotel, your Expedition Leader will be able to direct you to a nearby laundromat.

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

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).

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!

Do I need to pay a departure tax?

Depending on the exchange rate departure tax is approximately \$35 USD per person. This tax is sometimes included in the price of your ticket, contact your airline to confirm.

Should I be tipping on my trip?

Tipping of your National Geographic Expedition Leader is very much appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference; however as a guideline \$5- 7 USD per person, per day is our recommendation in the region. However, if you felt your Expedition Leader did an especially outstanding job, any additional amount will always be welcome.

What activities are optional on this trip?

San Miguel de Allende

- Hike Coyote Canyon
- Guided Visit to Organic Farm (200MXN per person)
- Mojiganga Workshop
- Macramé Workshop

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 Expedition Leader 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 Expedition Leader 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 Expedition Leader 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 Expedition Leaders 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 Expedition Leaders 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?

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

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

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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?

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.

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