



Kenya & Seychelles: Maasai Mara, Wildlife Safaris & Island Shores

16 days, Nairobi to Beau Vallon

Trip code DKNF

What's included

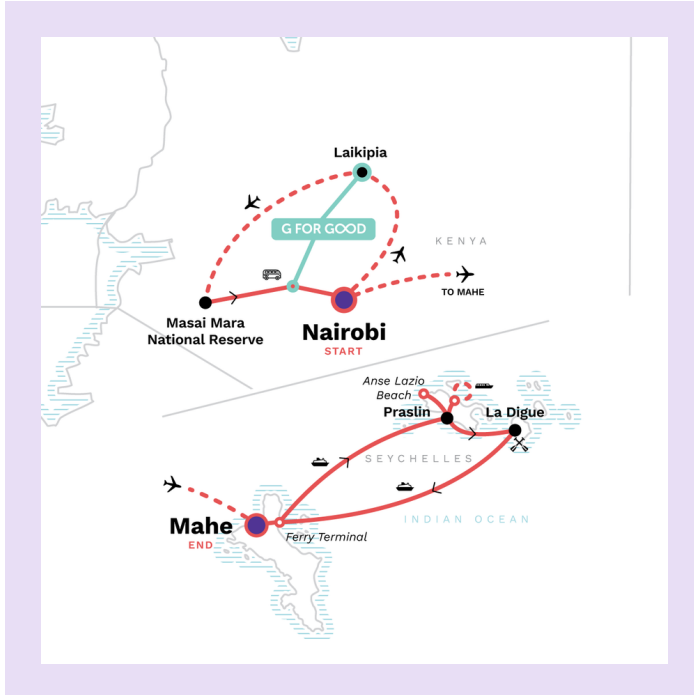
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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing July 20th, 2026 and onwards

Itinerary



NOTE: Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

Day 1

Nairobi: Welcome to Kenya

From culture to wildlife to active adventures, Kenya has it all, and has well-earned its reputation as one of the best places for safari in Africa. But this adventure goes way beyond that, bringing you a step further off the beaten path. Welcome to Nairobi and to Kenya, where we invite you to leave your hesitations behind and dive straight into the action.

Join your CEO and fellow travellers for a welcome briefing. Afterwards, head out for a delicious welcome dinner.



Meals included

Dinner



Today's Activities

Airport Transfer

Jomo Kenyatta International Airport – Nairobi

Settle in and scan the scenery from the comfort of your private vehicle.

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.

Without a doubt the Maasai people have become the symbol of East Africa in many ways. North of Nairobi, south of Samburu, sits a very special lodge with a very special story. Il Ngwesi is owned and operated by the local Maasai community. The aim is to invite travelers to meet the community and feel completely immersed into your surroundings. It can be hard to really understand a culture when you are limited to a quick hour-long visit, and this experience at Il Ngwesi is the exact opposite. Spend plenty of time with your hosts, asking questions and discussing life. Join them on a bush walk to learn local techniques, or visit the village to learn how to craft some beautiful beadwork. With a laid back pace and a completely private experience, your stay at Il Ngwesi is completely worthy of its OMG status.

After a short flight from Nairobi to Laikipia, transfer to a vehicle to make your way north to Il Ngwesi. Keep your eyes peeled as you will be on safari some of the way to the lodge. Stretch your legs this afternoon and join your Maasai guides on a bush walk as they teach you different bird calls and how to spot elephant tracks in the bush.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Plane

Nairobi – Lewa Downs Airstrip

1h

Sit back and enjoy the scenery on your short flight from Nairobi to Lewa Downs.

7-Seat 4x4 Safari Vehicle

Lewa Downs Airstrip – Laikipia

2h-3h

Take a private Safari vehicle from the Lewa Downs Airstrip to the Laikipia. This transfer is likely to take 2 hours as a transfer, but will take closer to 3 hours, as we will see wildlife en route. The drive is via the Lewa Conservancy.

Guided Bush Walk

Laikipia

A highlight of your stay at Il Ngwesi is the bush walk. Walking with the Maasai guides, the stories on the tracks and trails unfold around you as you learn to spot the different calls and habitats of the birds and animals. As you walk, you will hear the ancient tales as told by the Maasai people to explain the world around you.

ACTIVITY

Enjoy a truly unique stay at Il Ngwesi, an eco-lodge owned and operated by the Maasai community. Become immersed in the resident wildlife and Maasai culture, join your host on bush walks, learn more about traditional ways of hunting, watch the watering hole from a unique perch, and join in on some dancing to local music. The best part? Your stay is helping to support the nearby community while offering guests no barrier between each room and the vast savannah. Plus, the conservation efforts here have been instrumental in protecting a number of species only found in northern Kenya.

Awake this morning at Il Ngwesi and with no front wall whatsoever, the fresh air wafts in as the sun rises. Rooms are built in the traditional style using wood and earth to afford travelers the opportunity to feel connected to traditional Maasai life in a very unique way. The lodge has an incredible location, set away from other tourist spots, and your hosts and guides are the Maasai men and women from the nearby community. Though not quite as modern as other facilities in Kenya, Il Ngwesi brings you straight into the heart of a Maasai community who are keen to welcome you and engage with you from the moment you arrive.

Today you get to choose! Do you want to visit a local Maasai Village or spot wildlife? If the village visit sounds right, you will head off to one nearby and learn more about Maasai culture. If you're looking for something more wildlife focused, choose to embark on morning safari alongside extremely knowledgeable Maasai guides through some of Kenya's most spectacular scenery and spot the legendary wildlife of the plains. The afternoon is for enjoying the lodge's atmosphere and amenities before a delicious dinner together as a group.

Today might just be the best day of your trip. For your OMG Day, choose between a cultural immersion visit to a nearby Maasai village, or set off on a morning wildlife safari drive through Kenya's beautiful landscape in search for the legendary creatures that call this place home. In the afternoon, you'll enjoy free time at the lodge before a group dinner in the evening.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

Option 1: Enjoy a visit to a nearby Maasai Village where the group will learn about the Maasai culture. Witness how the lodge is also helping this community to develop and admire the exquisite beaded necklaces, bracelets and earrings worn by both the men and women, and watch expert bead makers in action. Learn about the traditions that have been passed down from generation to generation.

Option 2: Join knowledgeable, local Maasai Safari Guides on a morning drive. Drive away from the crowds and take in some of Kenya's most spectacular scenery. The area is famous for its high population of big cats and is also home to the Great Migration. Climb aboard your safari vehicle and head out in search of wildlife!

Free Time

Il Ngwesi

Enjoy a free afternoon to partake in the lodge's amenities, or simply relax in an unforgettable setting.

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Maasai Mara: Gateway to Safari

Hosting the safari Big Five, the Great Migration and offering unparalleled wildlife encounters, the Mara is a destination you could easily spend weeks discovering. With some of the largest populations of lions, leopards and cheetahs in the world, Maasai Mara is one of the most legendary safari destinations. After your flight, waste no time before your first unforgettable safari out in its rugged grasslands.

If safari is what brought you to Africa, then get your binoculars ready. After a flight to Maasai Mara, we'll head out on safari in the national park renowned for having the highest concentration of big cats in the world. You'll be amazed how these giant cats are still master disguisers.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Plane

Lewa Downs Airstrip – Mara-Keekorok Airstrip

1h45m-2h

Enjoy a short flight between Lewa Downs and Mara-Keekorok Airstrip.

Wildlife Safari Drive

Masai Mara

You are in one of the world's top safari destinations, known for its abundance of big cats – cheetahs, leopards and lions – as well as the two million wildebeest, Thomson's gazelles and zebra that migrate annually across the vast grasslands in search of water. Set off on safari with our driver/guide on a private concession near the reserve and keep your eyes and ears peeled for movement and memories. Watch elephants and giraffe grazing, photograph zebras and wildebeest and, with a little luck, you'll even spot animals feasting on a recent kill.

You begin to recognize the soulful soundtrack of the wild at dawn, the comforting scent of the evening fire after an epic day on safari, and the responsive rhythm of the vehicle as it navigates the vast bush. The sheer wonder of discovery—witnessing a breathtaking spectacle of Earth's diversity—is an unforgettable thrill that stays with you. Thankfully, an extraordinary day of safari awaits to fill your spirit.

Start your day with light snacks before heading out on an exhilarating, early morning safari wildlife drive. The golden light is sure to bring a special atmosphere to the whole wildlife route. Return to the lodge for a delicious breakfast. There will be free time to spend at your leisure. Choose to enjoy the property's amenities. In the late afternoon, board the vehicle for another safari drive into the gorgeous scenery of the area as the sun begins its descent. This drive culminates in a beautiful bush dinner in the open landscape.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Wildlife Safari Drive

Masai Mara

Spend the morning out on safari in Maasai Mara National Park. The dawn hours present optimal conditions for observing active and vibrant animal behavior, giving us a prime opportunity to witness the untamed beauty of the wilderness awakening to a new day.

Free Time

Masai Mara

Enjoy free time this afternoon back at the lodge. Simply relax in a gorgeous setting amid some of Kenya's premier scenery and wildlife.

Wildlife Safari Drive

Masai Mara

In the late afternoon, head out on another safari in the Maasai Mara. As the setting sun casts mesmerizing, warm hues across the landscape, it creates stunning silhouettes which enhance the photographic allure of the wildlife. During the afternoon, many animals can become more active, engaging in their daily rituals and increasing the chances of encounters.

Dinner in the Bush

Masai Mara

Dinner in the savannah is one of those meals that is much less about what you eat, and more about where you eat. The food will be delicious, without question, but it's eating in the open air with the sights, smells and sounds of Africa all around that make this experience unforgettable. From the bush kitchen straight to your outdoor table, bon appetit!

Maasai Mara: The heartbeat of the Wild

With some of the largest populations of lions, leopards, and cheetahs in the world, Maasai Mara is one of the most legendary safari destinations. Waste no time today as you become immersed on safari through its rugged grasslands; a landscape you could easily spend weeks discovering. Find time to give back to the planet while searching for the legendary big five on morning and afternoon wildlife drives.

The day begins with an exhilarating choice: soar above the vast plains of the Maasai Mara by pre-booking the Hot Air Balloon Safari, gliding through the air as the beauty of dawn breaks. This breathtaking adventure concludes with a delicious bush breakfast. Alternatively, sleep a bit later and join your CEO for an included Early Morning Game Drive, seeking out the Mara's iconic residents as they begin their day. Those who choose to book the balloon safari ride will still be able to join the morning wildlife drive.

Afterwards, participate in a meaningful Tree Planting Experience before a satisfying lunch at the lodge. Later, choose to join the included afternoon safari drive out into the landscape or stay behind at the lodge and simply relax before a final group dinner there this evening.



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Tree Planting

Masai Mara

Support a local reforestation project by planting acacia trees with your fellow travellers.

Wildlife Safari Drive

Masai Mara

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Optional Activities - Day 6

Masai Mara Balloon Safari

Masai Mara

Choose to pre-book a Hot Air Balloon safari over the plains of the Maasai Mara. Your balloon adventure ends with a delicious breakfast. Float above the Mara plains in a dimension of unsurpassed tranquillity and beauty. The hot air balloon lifts you into the clear blue sky at dawn and gives you an eagle's view of the wildlife pageant below. You will glide over the treetops with the early birds and be wafted gently over the plains, above the bustle and bumps of the ground below, but cruising close to enjoy the spectacular scenery.

Balloon Flight Times

Pickup at 05:00

Flight at 06:00

Savor a final, soul-stirring morning within the legendary Maasai Mara, capturing last precious mental snapshots of your incredible safari adventure. As you journey northward toward the bustling heart of Nairobi, pause for a delicious and meaningful lunch at the G Adventures-supported Cafe Ubuntu. This inspiring social enterprise not only offers delightful cuisine but also empowers local women and families, fueling their community's growth through the cafe's vibrant atmosphere and a beautiful crafts shop.

Enjoy one final morning safari drive as you exit the breathtaking Maasai Mara National Reserve. Stop by the G Adventures-supported Café Ubuntu for lunch en route to Nairobi. Once in city, join your CEO and fellow travellers for a final farewell meal.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Safari Vehicle

Masai Mara – Nairobi

6h30m

245km

Get a better view and take better snapshots aboard this off-road ride as the group exits the Mara and begins the transfer to Nairobi.

ACTIVITY

In the rural settlement of Maai Mahiu is the very special G Adventures for Good supported project, Ubuntu Café. A true social enterprise in the heart of Kenya, this initiative empowers the community, creating over 400 sustainable local jobs for mothers of children with disabilities, and supporting pediatric health and education programs in the region. Enjoy a delicious, organic farm-to-table lunch with tastes of quality coffee, breakfast tacos, soup, salad, freshly made pizzas, curry dishes and burritos.

Farewell to Kenya Dinner

Nairobi

Join your group for one last dinner together in Kenya.

Day 8

Nairobi: A Vibrant African Metropolis

This busy metropolis and capital city has an intoxicating mix of African and Indian culture, which are both well-represented in the local cuisine. Enjoy artsy cafes with a cup of famous Kenyan coffee, and bring your dancing shoes -- Nairobi has a fantastic nightlife. For a taste of history and archaeology, visit the National Museum, home to most of the great prehistoric finds made by the famous Leakey family.

Free day in Nairobi.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Free Time

Nairobi

Take advantage of a free day in Nairobi to explore this vibrant metropolis. Sip coffee at one of the many cafes or visit the National Museum.

Mahé: From Africa's Mainland to the Seychelles

The different shades of blue in the water along the coastline seem almost unreal as your plane touches down on Mahé Island. Sitting some 1500 kilometres from mainland Africa, the archipelago sits blissfully in the Indian Ocean and is home to incredible beaches, wildlife and culture. We welcome you to the Seychelles, and we invite you to go beyond the resort walls as you immerse yourself in the vibrant landscapes of this incredible part of our planet.

Transfer to the Nairobi airport for the flight to the Seychelles, where you'll be met on arrival and transferred to the hotel. In the evening meet up with the CEO and any new fellow travellers who are joining the tour before dinner at the hotel.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Today's Activities

Plane

Nairobi - Seychelles International Airport

Sit back and enjoy the flight between Nairobi and the Seychelles.

Arrival Transfer

Seychelles International Airport - Beau Vallon

-4h

14km

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

Kick off the adventure on a day that is all about you. Feel like a hike? Head into Morne Seychellois National Park to walk along Copolia Trail and soak in the panoramic views. Can't wait to see the giant land tortoises? Take an excursion to the Cap Lazare Private Nature Reserve and visit the free roaming giant tortoises who reside on the property. Whichever option you choose, your first full day in the Seychelles will be unforgettable.

Choice of activity today, both options with lunch. The remainder of the day and evening are at leisure.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

Option 1: Set off on a moderate-to-demanding hike along the Copolia Trail, located in the Morne Seychellois National Park. Take in the panoramic views as well as seeing some of the endemic birds and plants, like the carnivorous pitcher plant. Hike in and out the same trail to the summit and back. Elevation gain of the trail: 497M

Option 2: Take an excursion to Cap Lazare Private Nature Reserve. After a welcome by the Cap Lazare team, visit the free roaming giant tortoises who reside on the property; enjoy panoramic views of the reserve, surrounding lush tropical landscapes and the azure ocean at Simone Lookout and tour the hydroponic farm which supplies the on-site restaurant. Enjoy some time at leisure to enjoy the property - relax on the beach, go for a refreshing swim or enjoy a drink at the bar

Swap one gorgeous island for another as you travel by ferry across the Indian Ocean to Praslin. Waste no time as you drive to the tip of the island to Anse Lazio Beach, considered by some to be the most beautiful beach in the Seychelles or even the world. Judge for yourself and take advantage of the time to swim and relax on the golden sand and in the turquoise water, edged by lofty palm trees and giant boulders.

Travel by ferry from Mahé Island to Praslin. Swing by the hotel to drop off bags and get beach towels before driving to Anse Lazio Beach for time to relax and swim. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Today's Activities

Ferry

Beau Vallon – Anse Bois de Rose

1h-1h30m

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

Excursion to Anse Lazio Beach

Anse Bois de Rose

4h-5h

Drive to the opposite tip of Praslin Island to Anse Lazio Beach, renowned to be one of the world's most beautiful beaches. Enjoy time at leisure to swim and enjoy the beach, with a couple of different options available for lunch before returning to the hotel in the late afternoon.

Imagine a day of cruising from one blissful paradise to another, swimming and snorkelling all along the way from sandy beaches in warm azure water. Now, prepare to live it as that day has finally arrived!

Cruise to the St Pierre Islands and to Curieuse to stand in awe of the roaming giant land tortoises, one of the few places on the planet to be able to do so. Stroll along the mangroves and swim at idyllic spots before returning to Praslin with a full stomach and an even fuller heart.

Full-day catamaran cruise to Curieuse & St Pierre Islands with swimming and snorkelling opportunities throughout the day. Enjoy a barbecue lunch on board and return to Praslin and to the hotel in the late afternoon.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Full-day Boat Cruise to Curieuse & St Pierre Islands

Anse Bois de Rose

7h30m-8h

Set off by catamaran from Praslin bound for St. Pierre Island. Spend time in the water swimming and snorkelling before cruising to Curieuse Island, where the awe-inspiring giant land tortoises await. Take a tour of the island on a walk to Anse Jose where there will be time for swimming and relaxing before a barbecue lunch onboard the boat. Cruise towards Anse Georgette (weather permitting) for another swimming session before returning to Praslin and our hotel. Snorkelling equipment and water are included onboard.

La Digue: Valle de Mai Nature Reserve and a New Island

One last exploration on Praslin Island awaits as you venture into the Valle de Mai Nature Reserve where the Coco de Mer, the world's heaviest seed, grows naturally. Wander through this otherworldly forest of towering palms, keeping an eye out for resident birds and wildlife along the way. A short ferry ride brings you to the island of La Digue, our home for the next 2 nights and our new base of exploration by foot and by bicycle.

Take a morning excursion with a local guide to the Valle de Mai Nature Reserve. Hop on a ferry to La Digue Island and enjoy a free afternoon. Bicycles are provided for the time spent on La Digue.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Today's Activities

Guided visit to the Valle de Mai Nature Reserve

Anse Bois de Rose

1h-1h30m

Join a local guide and visit the famous Vallée de Mai, a unique biosphere well deserving of its allocation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Once believed to be the original site of the Garden of Eden, this magical place offers a forest of larger than life palms which play host to an array of rare and endemic species. Discover the Coco der Mer palm and its iconic seed, the largest on earth, as you take a leisurely guided tour through this awe-inspiring primeval forest.

Ferry

Anse Bois de Rose – Anse Reunion

15m

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

Free Time

Anse Reunion

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore the north coast areas of La Digue Island on foot or by bicycle. Stop at Anse Severe, Anse Patates and Anse Grosse Roches and find some lunch at a local spot.

Spend the morning paddling a clear kayak over coral reefs and schools of tropical fish, passing the iconic giant boulders of Anse Source d'Argent. Continue to a remote gem of a beach only accessible by water with time to laze, swim or wander on foot to some other nearby stretches of white sand and blue water. The remainder of the day is yours to continue beach-hopping on foot or by bike or simply soak it all in from the hotel pool.

Take a guided clear kayak excursion at Anse Source d'Argent with ample time for swimming and relaxing on the beach. Free afternoon to explore or relax.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Today's Activities

Clear Kayaking at Anse Source d'Argent

Anse Reunion

3h

Head out on a guided clear kayaking tour departing from Anse Source d'Argent. Paddle past granite boulders then head to the reef to observe coral formations and natural fish nurseries. Leaving the reef, depart to Anse Pierrot, accessible only by sea and known to be the filming location of the Robinson Crusoe movie (1980). Enjoy free time at the beach to relax, swim, explore the caves and soak in the scenic views. There is also the opportunity to hike to two wild and untouched beaches before paddling back to Anse Source d'Argent.

Free Time

Anse Reunion

Get out and explore by bike, wander the nearby beaches or hang out by the pool.

Day 15

Mahé: An Island Farwell

A gently-paced morning brings you another final day in paradise as you again swap islands and make your way back to Mahé where this adventure all began. Spend the afternoon doing any last-minute shopping for those who are interested, otherwise it is a perfect opportunity for some more time by the water before regrouping in the evening to share a last meal with your travelling companions.

Take a midday ferry back to Mahé. The afternoon is free before a farewell dinner in the evening.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Today's Activities

Ferry

Anse Reunion – Beau Vallon

1h-1h30m

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

Free Time

Beau Vallon

Take advantage of a free afternoon back on Mahé Island to relax by the water or do any last-minute sightseeing.

The adventure finishes today, and you can depart at any time. A departure transfer to the airport is included for your departing flight.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Departure Day

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

What's included

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

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

On this tour, you will be accompanied by a group Chief Experience Officer (CEO) and an expert driver on the Kenya portion. The Chief Experience Officer (CEO) will be the group manager and leader. All of our leaders in East Africa are registered and licensed tourism guides, meaning they've studied to have a broad knowledge base of the region's history, cultures, and wildlife, and are legally certified to lead/guide tours in the regions visited. Most of our leaders in the region are from East Africa, though it may be possible that you'll have a leader from another country in the southern African region.

As the group manager and leader, 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 where are travelling, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. He/she will take care of the small things so you can concentrate on enjoying your adventure. In addition, as an integral part of the team, your driver is skilled and experienced driver who has intimate knowledge of the vehicle and routes travelled.

How large will the group be?

Max 16, avg 12

What meals are included in this trip?

15 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 12 dinners

What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Private vehicle, plane, walking, open-air safari vehicle, ferry, truck, catamaran, bicycle.

What transportation will we take on this trip?

The Kenya portion of this trip uses private 7 seat 4x4 Land cruiser vehicles. With sliding windows and a large pop-up roofs, these vehicles are designed for wildlife viewing. If there is a large group, 2 vehicles will be used.

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 (15 nts).

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

Night 2, 3

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.

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

Our driver will be waiting for you with a G Adventures sign, 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 CEO. 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 CEO and other travellers, as well as learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

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

What 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.

What information should I be aware of as the itinerary draws to a close?

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

What should be on my packing list?

Cold Weather:

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

Documents:

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

Essentials:

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- 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)
- Locks for bags
- Binoculars (optional)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Long pants/jeans
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Moneybelt
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Footwear
- Outlet adapter
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Hat
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Ear plugs
- Headphones (Noise-cancelling recommended)
- 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.)

Marine:

- Drybag (Will help keep cameras and essentials dry)
- External battery pack
- High UV sunscreen
- Locks for bags
- Motion sickness tablets
- Sandals/flip-flops (Extra pair of deck shoes or sandals recommended)
- Sarong
- Small travel towel
- Snorkel gear (optional) (Only if own equipment is preferred.)
- Sun hat/bandana

Warm Weather:

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

What are the visas and entry requirements for my trip?

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

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

Kenya:

As of January 1st 2024, the Kenyan government announced the introduction of a new Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA) scheme, eliminating the requirement for all nationalities to obtain a visitor visa for Kenya. ALL travellers must apply for the eTA, including those that were previously exempt.

For more information, please refer to the eTA site [here](#)

IMPORTANT NOTE:

It may be required to show a Yellow Fever certificate upon entering the country. Please check in with your local consulate and health expert for advice on Yellow Fever and other inoculations required for this area.

Information is accurate as of March 1st, 2024.

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

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

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?

On the Geluxe Collection tours, tipping is included for all included activities and meals. Tipping is not included for the CEO or Porterage. Should you want some basic guidelines on tipping for the activities you do on your own, please see below. 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 would be \$10-\$15 per person, per day.

For meals and activities not included in your itinerary, it is appropriate in Africa to tip 10%. Though not compulsory, tipping is expected. 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 and shows an expression of satisfaction.

What activities are optional on this trip?

Masai Mara

- Masai Mara Balloon Safari

Are there any health considerations I should know before travelling?

We recommend you contact your family physician, or your local travel clinic for the most up-to-date health information at least one month before departure. Travellers should also carry a basic first-aid kit and hand sanitizers/antibacterial wipes on their travels. Medical facilities are basic throughout these countries. For your own safety, we strongly recommend that you advise your tour leader of any medical condition that may affect you while travelling with the group. Your tour leader will be able to inform you of local health advisories (e.g. drinking water quality). Please ensure you have all the inoculations recommended by your doctor.

Yellow Fever Certificate Note (Updated: June 2026)

It is compulsory to show a valid Yellow Fever Certificate if you are travelling to the following G Adventures-visited countries from a Yellow Fever endemic country, or if you have transited for more than 12 hours through the airport of a Yellow Fever endemic country:

Botswana

Kenya*

Malawi

Namibia

South Africa

Tanzania

Uganda*

Zambia

Zimbabwe

*Kenya and Uganda require a valid Yellow Fever Certificate from all travellers regardless of country of origin, not only those arriving from endemic countries. Travellers to these destinations should ensure they are vaccinated regardless of their travel history. If other non-endemic countries have been visited after visiting an endemic country, a Yellow Fever certificate may still be required on entry into subsequent destinations. This is particularly relevant on multi-country Southern Africa itineraries, for example, a traveller moving from Uganda to Kenya, or from Kenya across a land border into Tanzania, will be required to show their certificate at each entry point. Please check country-specific regulations before departure.

Malaria

Malaria is a mosquito-borne disease that is present in some regions in Africa. Risk of malaria can increase during periods of heavy rain, during the rainy seasons, and in densely populated areas of Southern & East Africa. To prevent malaria, we recommend speaking to your doctor about taking preventative medication (prophylaxis), combined with regular use of insect repellent spray/cream. Please check updated travel health advisories specific to malaria before your departure.

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 can I share feedback about my trip experience?

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

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

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

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

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

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.