



## **Patagonia Overland: Santiago to Ushuaia with Rio Carnival**

32 days, Santiago to Rio de Janeiro

Trip code SCSC

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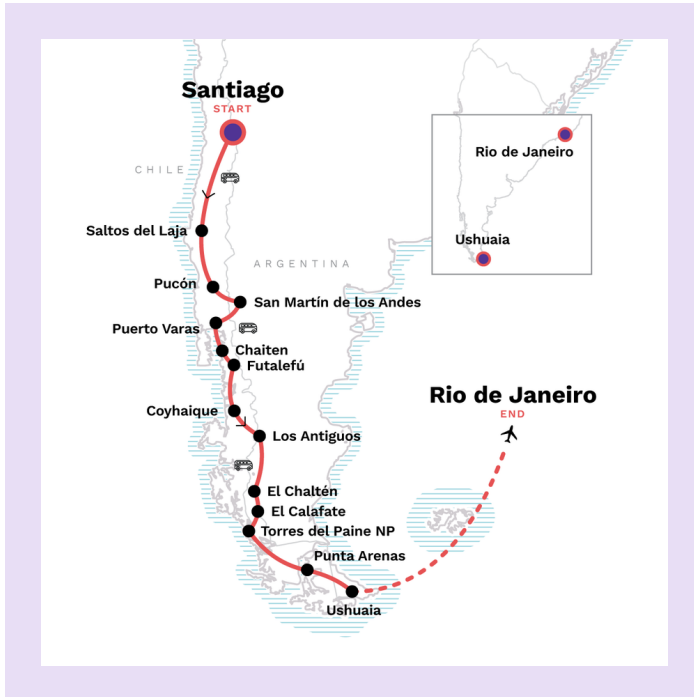
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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing April 14th, 2026 and onwards

## Itinerary

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**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

### Santiago

Arrive at any time.



### Today's Activities

#### ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.

Days 2–5

## Santiago/Pucón

Drive south from Santiago on the Pan-American Highway along the spine of the Andes. Spend a night camping near the Saltos del Laja waterfall before arriving to Pucón, in Chile's beautiful Lake District. The next two days are free to choose from an abundance of optional activities like hiking up the Villarica Volcano, whitewater rafting, and biking. On one of the evenings, drive to some nearby natural hot springs so soak the muscles after a day of adventure.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Lando

Santiago - Saltos del Laja

5h-5h30m

489km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Lando

Saltos del Laja - Pucón

4h

308km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Los Pozones Natural Hot Springs

Pucón

3h

Drive to the natural hot springs of Los Pozones for a soak in the restorative pools of varying temperatures and depths. Located right next to the Liucura River and surrounded by forest, it is the perfect way to end a day of outdoor adventure and discovery.



### Optional Activities - Days 2–5

Whitewater Rafting Pucon

Pucón

35000-28000CLP

Grab a paddle, strap on your helmet, and head down the rapids. Take a rest from paddling and take in the beautiful scenery of Chile's Lake District.

Guided Huerquehue Park Visit

Pucón

55000CLP

Explore the lagoons and lush forests of Chile's Lake District in Huerquehue National Park with a guide.

Volcan Villarica Hike

Pucón

100000CLP

If summiting an active volcano is on your bucket list, this activity is for you. Weather permitting, set out early to make it to the top and appreciate the views before sliding part of the way back down.

Days 6-7

## Pucón/San Martín de los Andes

The road leads through the mountains into Argentina and to the town of San Martín de los Andes, on the shores of Lake Lácar, one of the area's many glacial lakes. After setting up camp, the rest of the day and the following are free to explore and to choose from some of the many optional activities available. The nearby Lanín National Park offers hiking options, lookout points and incredible views of glacial lakes, forests and the ice-clad Lanín Volcano for which the park is named.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Lando

Pucón - San Martín de los Andes

3h30m-4h

182km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Free Time

San Martín de los Andes

Get out and explore from San Martín de los Andes, gateway to Lanín National park in Argentina's Lake District.

Day 8

## San Martín de los Andes/Puerto Varas

Drive south along the spectacular "Seven Lakes Route," stopping frequently at viewpoints for photos and to soak in the natural beauty. Cross back into Chile and stop in Frutillar to walk along its iconic pier before travelling along the shores of Lago Llanquihue for great views of Osorno Volcano before arriving to Puerto Varas for the evening.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch

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### Today's Activities

Lando

San Martín de los Andes - Puerto Varas

5h-5h30m

307km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Enjoy a free day in Puerto Varas to choose from many different optional activities to discover the beautiful surroundings. Visit the nearby waterfalls of Petrohue with views of the iconic Osorno Volcano, take an excursion to Chiloé Island or visit the fish market in Puerto Montt, just to name a few.



## Today's Activities

Free Time

Puerto Varas

Puerto Varas is the perfect base for discovery of the nearby sights and natural features of the Chilean Lake District with many different options to explore, sightsee, get active or just stay local and relax



## Optional Activities - Day 9

Chiloé Island Excursion

Isla Chiloé

180USD

Take the ferry to the Big Island of Chiloé, the land of myths and legends. Immerse yourself in its rich history, traditions and fascinating tales. Cross the Chacao Channel, continue to Ancud and explore its vibrant market. The highlight of your adventure awaits at the Puñihuil National Monument, where you will witness the communal life of Magellanic and Humboldt penguins along with other sea birds. Have lunch at a local restaurant and share special moments with the community and fellow travellers.

Osorno Volcano Day Hike

Volcán Osorno

161USD

Discover the natural beauty of the region on this exhilarating hike up to the ice-clad Osorno. Enjoy spectacular views of Lake Llanquihue, the surrounding mountains and forests, and the Petrohue River valley resting below.

Paso Desolacion Trek

Puerto Varas

161USD

Head out early on a guided tour through volcanic canyons, past waterfalls, and turquoise pools to the base of Osorno Volcano.

Days 10–12

## Puerto Varas/Futalefú

Travel south from Puerto Varas deep into Patagonia's pristine wilderness along the Carretera Austral, Chile's legendary southern scenic highway. Drive onto ferries when the road goes no further in order to connect to the next stretch of the route, surrounded at all times by spectacular mountain scenery, lush forests and rugged coastline. Set up camp in Chaiten before continuing to town of Futalefú, located in a remote valley at the confluence of the Espolon and Futaleufú rivers. Spend a free day to relax or choose from some of the many optional activities available in the area like horseback riding, canyoning or mountain biking.



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### Today's Activities

Lando

Puerto Varas - Chaitén

8h-9h

261km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Lando

Chaitén - Futalefú

3h

151km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Free Time

Futalefú

Take advantage of a free day in Futalefú to enjoy the outdoors and the natural beauty of the area or to relax.

Days 13–17

## Futalefú/El Chaltén

Continue driving south, soaking in the wild natural beauty in all directions. Stop in the town of Cohaique for a free day to explore with options for trekking, visiting a hanging glacier, or take an excursion to see the marble caves. Drive onto another ferry to continue further south to the next stretch of the highway and cross into Argentina. Spend a night in Los Antiguos before embarking on one of the most remote and inhospitable stretches of road in the heart of the Patagonian steppe, along Argentina's mythic Ruta 40. Stop at the "Cueva de las Manos" UNESCO Heritage site to see prehistoric handprints left on the walls over 9000 years ago. Arrive in the evening to the hamlet of El Chaltén, the gateway to Los Glaciares National Park and home to the iconic Mount Fitz Roy. Take advantage of a free day in El Chaltén to hike some of the nearby trails, visit a nearby waterfall or go mountain biking.



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### Today's Activities

Lando

Futalefú - Coyhaique

7h-8h

422km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Free Time

Coyhaique

Enjoy a free day to get active on a trek, visit Queulat National Park, or stick closer to town and relax.

Lando

Coyhaique - Puerto Ingeniero Ibáñez

2h

116km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Ferry

Puerto Ingeniero Ibáñez - Chile Chico

2h

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

Lando

Chile Chico - Los Antiguos

30m-45m

14km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Lando

Los Antiguos - El Chaltén

8h30m-9h30m

648km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Visit the Cueva de las Manos

Cueva de las Manos

2h-2h30m

Cueva de las Manos (Cave of the Hands) is one of the most significant archaeological sites in South America and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Tucked away in the deep canyon of the Pinturas River, it houses art created by hunter-gatherer societies dating back over 9,300 years. Ancient artists placed their hands against the rock and blew mineral pigments through bone tubes, leaving a silhouette. Beyond hands, the walls display vivid scenes of guanaco hunting, human figures, and geometric patterns. These provide a unique window into the spiritual and daily lives of Patagonia's first inhabitants.

Free Time

El Chaltén

Take advantage of a free day in El Chaltén to hike some of the iconic longer treks like up to Laguna de los Tres or to Laguna Torre, or stay closer to town and check out a lookout point or nearby waterfall. A 3-day pass to Los Glaciares National Park is included.



## Optional Activities - Days 13-17

Marble Caves Excursion

Coyhaique

90None

12h-13h

Set off on a long day for an excursion to the Marble Caves from Coyhaique to see a truly unique natural formation, and an iconic landmark of the Carretera Austral. Drive about 4 hours south to the port of Rio Tranquilo and take a boat tour of the marble caves on General Carrera Lake. See the calcium carbonate formations and the different colours on the walls as the light shimmers off of the water. This activity includes lunch and returns back to Coyhaique in the evening.

Days 18–19

## El Chaltén/El Calafate

As Mount Fitz Roy disappears in the rearview mirror, head to the city of El Calafate on the edge of the blue glacial lake of Lago Argentino, the largest freshwater lake in Argentina. Wander the boardwalks in front of the majestic Perito Moreno Glacier and witness giant chunks of ice calve off of the face and crash into the water below. Spend free time with an optional boat trip, a kayak excursion, or explore the city on foot before re-grouping at the campsite in the evening.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Lando

El Chaltén – El Calafate

3h-3h30m

213km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Perito Moreno Glacier Visit

El Calafate

Explore Perito Moreno Glacier, one of the world's few "advancing" glaciers. See the glacier's magnificent natural beauty firsthand, and enjoy awe-inspiring views (it stretches about 250 sq km/97 sq mi in size and 30km/19 mi in length).

Free Time

El Calafate

Enjoy time in El Calafate to explore some of the local attractions like a walk in the Laguna Nimez Reserve or visit the Glaciarium Museum. Further afield, optional activities include a boat trip at Perito Moreno Glacier or go ice trekking.



### Optional Activities - Days 18–19

Perito Moreno Glacier Boat Tour

Perito Moreno Glacier

80USD

Embark in the floating dock in the south arm of Argentino Lake, and navigate along the Iceberg Channel towards the front wall of the Perito Moreno Glacier where most of the ice calving takes place. This boat trip lasts approximately one hour.

Days 20–23

## Torres del Paine/Punta Arenas

Drive across the sweeping pampas and cross back into Chile to the port city of Puerto Natales, the gateway to Torres del Paine National Park. Spend two full days in the park exploring amongst the stunning natural scenery, stopping at viewpoints and camping under the stars. Hike up to base of the iconic basalt towers and keep an eye out for roaming guanacos, pumas and condors who call this place home. Continue south to Punta Arenas for the night.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Lando

El Calafate - Puerto Natales

5h-6h

272km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Lando

Puerto Natales - Torres del Paine National Park

2h-2h30m

122km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Two Days in Torres del Paine NP

Torres del Paine National Park

Spend two days exploring the pristine and spectacular wilderness of Chile's most iconic national park. Hike from the Mirador Grey lookout point to Mirador Serrano for sweeping views of the massif and surrounding landscapes (Distance: 13km; Elevation Gain: 411m; Duration: 4,5–5h). The following day, hike up to the immense towers of Las Torres and the glacial lagoon before returning to camp for the night (Distance: 22km, Elevation Gain: 1000+m, Duration: 8-10h). Base Torres is a challenging trek and those not able to complete it can return early by the same path or rest and wait at a refuge along the way until the others return.

Lando

Torres del Paine National Park - Punta Arenas

4h30m-5h

345km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Days 24–25

## Punta Arenas/Ushuaia

Cross back into Argentina, taking a car ferry onto the island of Tierra del Fuego, eventually reaching the city of Ushuaia at South America's southern tip and the final destination of the epic journey aboard the Lando. Nicknamed "The End of the Earth," Ushuaia sits on the Beagle Channel and is flanked by the mountain range of the Martial Glacier. Spend the next day free to explore the city, set off on an excursion into Tierra del Fuego National Park or take a boat cruise before a final evening on the town.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Lando

Punta Arenas – Ushuaia

11h-12h

629km

Climb aboard our custom built ride .... overlanding G-style!

Free Time

Ushuaia

Enjoy a free day at the "End of the Earth" with options outside of the city or stay local to explore on foot and relax.



### Optional Activities - Days 24–25

Tierra del Fuego National Park Visit

Parque Nacional Tierra del Fuego

30USD

Opt to explore this stunning coastal National Park extending 630 sq km. You can choose to hop on the End of the World train for some amazing views. The National Park has many different trekking routes, ask your CEO for some advice and embrace Bahia Lapataia. Make sure to keep an eye out for a variety of birdlife.

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The Maritime Museum and Prison at the End of the World Museum

Ushuaia

36USD

Visit the Navy Museum, which was previously the Recidivist Prison. Learn about two different histories of seafarers and prisoners who both arrived at "the end of the earth."

Beagle Channel Cruise to Isla Martillo

Ushuaia

125USD

Leave the local port and head to the famous Les Eclaireurs Lighthouse. See rock cormorants and sea lions sharing a cliff-side resting spot. Visit Bird Island to see king and imperial cormorants and Isla de Los Lobos to spot plenty of seals. Finally, reach the waters off of Isla Martillo and try to spot Magellanic Penguins from the ferry before returning to Ushuaia.

Day 26

## Ushuaia/Rio de Janeiro

Spend another day as you please in Ushuaia to do any other activities that remain or squeeze in some last-minute shopping. In the evening, board a northbound flight to Buenos Aires and connect on a flight into Brazil to Rio de Janeiro, arriving the following day.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Free Time

Ushuaia

Get out and explore Ushuaia before flying north in the evening.

Airport Transfer

Ushuaia

15h-20h

6km

Catch a lift from the city centre to Ushuaia airport for your outbound flight.

Plane

Ushuaia - Rio de Janeiro

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



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Day 27

## Rio de Janeiro

Welcome to Brazil! Land in Rio de Janeiro and transfer from the airport to the hotel. Attend a welcome meeting in the evening to meet your fellow travellers and learn important details about the coming days. Afterwards, choose to attend an optional group dinner at a local restaurant.

Upon arrival at your hotel, there will be note at the reception letting you know the time of the Welcome Meeting, at which you will receive the welcome package providing a schedule, documentation/vouchers, and pick-up times for all included activities. It also will contain contact information, should you have any questions about your tour.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Airport Transfer

Rio de Janeiro–Galeão International Airport – Rio de Janeiro

45m-1h

23km

Be met at the airport by a driver and transfer to your accommodations in the city.

Day 28

## Rio de Janeiro

Get an introduction to the city's iconic sights including Sugarloaf Mountain and Christ the Redeemer on an included guided tour. In the evening, get ready for the huge private G party on Copacabana beach, be sure to put on some purple flair.

This massive city gets as many as five million international tourists every year to sip caipirinhas on the beach, dance the samba in the city's streets, and ascend Corcovado Mountain to see the truly monumental Christ the Redeemer up close. Experience Rio at its finest, full of energy during this crazy, colourful, epic party.

Get into the Carnival spirit with a private beach party. Make sure you find something purple to wear!



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Rio de Janeiro City Tour

Rio de Janeiro

4h-5h

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

Purple Beach Party

Rio de Janeiro

Take Carnival to the next level with a party on Copacabana beach with all your new G Adventures friends. We have organized a private party at a beach bar with music blaring, sun shining and tons of fun to be had.

Earlier in the day you can choose to attend today's bloco location with your CEO and group using your included subway pass. Today, enjoy the festivities at Bloco "Sargento Pimenta", known for playing music by The Beatles with a Brazilian twist. In the evening, head out to the Sambadrome to watch the parade. Marvel at the sights and sounds of Carnival, and dance the night away with new friends.

Take it slow today because the parade literally lasts all night. This evening between 6-7:30 we transfer to the Sambodrome for the big spectacle. Your CEOs will accompany you throughout the evening and after the parade you'll transfer back to your hotel.

Samba Schools is an association of people from the same neighbourhood or community (favela) who get together on a regular basis for samba meetings and rehearsals. Samba Schools provide valuable jobs to the community in the production of costumes and floats. Each year, schools choose a different theme and may take to the parade from 3,000 to 5,000 members, and 6 to 8 floats. They have to make it through the runway in a period from 60-80 minutes, which means each member will spend only about 25-30 minutes inside the Sambodrome.

On days 3, 4, and 5 you will be able to use your included subway pass to go to different street parties during Carnival with your CEO as your guide.



## Meals included

Breakfast



## Today's Activities

Carnival Parade

Rio de Janeiro

The Samba Schools Parade is something that everybody has to experience at least once. Watch the parade from inside the Sambadrome, marvelling at the outrageous costumes, arresting beats, and soulful rhythm of this incredible competition. Cheer on a favourite samba school as their floats make their way past you down the samba runway in an unbelievable parade of colour, movement and sound that lasts all night. When Carnival magic takes over, the Sambodrome is the setting for the greatest show on earth.

Enjoy free time in this vibrant city to get out and explore. Opt to take a favela tour or soak up some sun on the famous Copacabana beach. In the evenings dance in the streets with the locals and other G travellers.

Many visitors head to the famous Copacabana beach, although the beaches of Ipanema and Leblon can be less crowded and are equally as alluring. Opt to enjoy some of the Carnival street parties in the evening with your CEO as your guide.

Known as blocos, these free outdoor parties are a central part of Rio de Janeiro's Carnival. Blocos are known for their loud music and performers. There can be marching bands, stilt walkers, theme inspired costumes and lots of fun! The parties take place all over the different neighbourhoods within the city. Each night during Carnival there are more than 300 different parties to choose from.

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Breakfast



## Optional Activities - Day 30

Rio Football Game

Rio de Janeiro

500BRL

If it's a game day, catch a football match (or some call it soccer). Watch the locals cheer for their team and join in the celebrations.

Please note the pricing for this activity is approximate and could vary slightly on the ground when booked.

Favela Tour

Rio de Janeiro

187BRL

3h-3h30m

Get a feel for what life in a Favela is really like. We take you to the top of the Rocinha Favela and then descend on foot. On the way down, you get a unique insight into the vibrant spirit of the people, especially the kids.

Day 31

## Rio de Janeiro

Free day to relax and recover from the night before. Afternoon and evening street parties are ongoing for those who still haven't had enough of Carnival.

After an all-night samba party, relax and enjoy the sun and surf of the city. Take a book to Copacabana beach, shop along the main streets of Ipanema and Leblon, try some Brazilian beef at a churrascaria, or just sleep in and get some rest.

In the late afternoon, there will be the option to meet up with your CEO and group and use your included subway pass to attend one more Bloco. Here, spend a final evening revelling in the charged atmosphere of Carnival.

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Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Free Time

Rio de Janeiro

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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. COMBO TRIP

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

### 2. CHILEAN PDI

When you enter Chile, immigration will give you a PDI (Entry Card) – proof of your legal entry into the country. Please keep it with you for your departure from Chile, as it must be shown when leaving or if requested by authorities.

3. Please note that the included meal count may vary slightly based on the logistics of the drives. As a general rule, meals are included on travel days and while camping. Please refer to the FAQ section for more details about the meals.

## What is the group leader like?

On this tour, you will be accompanied by two Chief Experience Officers (CEOs). The Chief Experience Officers (CEOs) will be the group manager and leader, cook and driver. They will provide information on the places where we are travelling, offer suggestions for things to do and see, and introduce you to our local friends. They will take care of the small things so you can concentrate on enjoying your adventure.

All of our CEOs in South America are experienced group leaders, with a broad knowledge base of the region's history, cultures, and wildlife.

All of our overland adventure vehicle (OAV) drivers are experienced in the routes travelled, and highly skilled in dealing with different terrains. Cooks will organize and lead the meal preparation, and have experience in cooking a variety of local and international dishes for large groups.

We also use local guides for some included activities where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting.

## How large will the group be?

Max 24, Avg. 16 on the Lando. A G party with around 100+ like-minded G travellers in Rio de Janeiro.

## What meals are included in this trip?

30 breakfasts, 21 lunches, 20 dinners

## What are the meals like on this trip?

Most of the meals on this tour are included in the tour price. When a meal is not included, this is because there are often many options available - we would like to give you the opportunity to explore a bit and test the local cuisine yourself. In these cases, your CEO will be able to suggest some good local restaurants or options for you to choose from.

All included meals will be prepared from fresh local produce. Breakfasts will generally consist of breads and cereals, if time allows a warm breakfast may be prepared. Many lunches will be provided en-route and will be light meals such as sandwiches and/or salads. All evening meals will be freshly-prepared hot meals, and will consist of a variety of continental and local dishes.

The CEO/Driver will organize the meal preparation and lead the way here, but will prepare a duty schedule for ensuring a fair, rotating participation from you and your group members in the meal preparation and dish washing duties.

Vegetarian meals and other dietary requirements need to be specified prior to arrival. Please note all bottled drinking water will be at your own expense.

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

Lando (overland adventure vehicle), ferry, walking

## What transportation will we take on this trip?

This trip is done on a 26 seat overland vehicle named the Lando, which allows the entire group, including your CEO, to travel together, and sits higher, which is great to enjoy the scenic landscape.

Here's a quick look at the unique features of the well-equipped G Adventures overland adventure vehicle (OAV):

- Storage for your main luggage is accessible from inside the vehicle
- Day packs can be stored at your feet or on the luggage shelf above
- Onboard safety box for valuables
- Front viewing windows and large sliding windows, both great for landscape viewing
- Reclining seats
- Fully equipped mobile kitchen
- Access to a large tank of drinking water
- Air-conditioning
- Charging station, a mix of North American and European plugs
- USB charging ports for every traveller at their seat

Please note that our Landos do not have on-board bathrooms.

This is not a physically demanding journey; however, travelling can be difficult, with long drives and poor road conditions at times. Please take note of the travel times and distances in the above itinerary, and consider that this is often on poor quality, bumpy roads. Despite this, most clients feel that the diversity of the South American landscape, culture and wildlife are all well worth the experience.

In Rio, the group will be given subway/public transportation passes to use to attend various street festivities with your CEO.

## 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?

Camping (19 nts), Hostels and simple hotels (multi-share, 11 nts), Overnight flight (1 nt)

## Will I get my own room?

Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room/Tent" option for this tour, you will receive your own single tent for all night stops when camping.

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

Night 1: Santiago, Nights 8-9: Puerto Varas, Night 23 Punta Arenas, Nights 24-25: Ushuaia, Nights 26-30 Rio de Janeiro

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

Camping in South America is truly an adventure. You will be able to get off the beaten track to get a first-hand experience of the beautiful nature. While camping, we stay at designated campsites and outside towns. Campsite facilities can be basic in certain places.

The camps have flush toilets (with some exceptions). Additionally, warm water might be available, but it is not guaranteed to always be warm when you take your shower; the warm water may be used up by others who also use the camp. We usually set-up camp within close proximity to the toilet facilities, though occasionally to reach them you may to walk a short distance.

All camping equipment (with the exception of your sleeping bag, sleeping mats, and pillow) is supplied. We supply dome tents and assembly/disassembly will take you only 5 minutes. They are good quality, durable, industry-standard 2-person tents. Please note that most adults will not be able to fully stand up inside the tents, though most travellers find these more than adequate.

We travel with our own portable camp chairs with a comfortable back-rest, and we utilize our own cooking equipment to provide the group good quality camp meals.

Camps are open to the natural environment – care must be taken, especially at night, when a torch/flashlight is recommended when walking around the camp area.

Despite the challenge that a few days “roughing it” may pose to some, the experience of being that close to nature, camping under the stars is not just gratifying but ultimately an experience of a lifetime.

Please be note that where we use multi-share accommodations, rooming requests of any kind cannot be taken. For private accommodation please see tours in our Classic Travel Style.

## 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.

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

If you have paid in advance for an arrival transfer, a G Adventures representative will be at the airport to meet you, in the arrival hall in front of La Pica restaurant. There is only one exit for international flights. If for any reason you are not met at the airport, please call our local emergency number. 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.

Please make sure to keep the stamped immigrations receipt you receive when you arrive into Chile. This receipt is required when leaving Chile.

## 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, 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 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 Lima, Peru.

During office hours (Weekdays, 9-6pm Local Time): +51 1 241 1650

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

# What should be on my packing list?

## Additional Items:

- Sleeping bag (required)
- Sleeping Mat (or thermarest with repair kit)

## Cold Weather:

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

## Documents:

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

**Essentials:**

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

**Health & Safety:**

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

**Warm Weather:**

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

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

Travellers can do their own laundry at the campsites where we stay. We recommend bringing some eco-friendly soap with you on tour, as well as some clothes pegs to do your own washing. Cities are also a good place to find laundry services, always keeping in mind operating hours and whether express service is available.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Credit cards and debit cards are very useful for cash advances. Visa cards are the most widely accepted cards. While ATMs are widely available, there are no guarantees that your credit or debit cards will actually work in Latin America. Check with your bank.

You should be aware that to purchase products or services on a credit card a fee of 5%-10% usually applies.

Do not rely on credit or debit cards as your only source of money, a combination of US dollar cash and cards is best. Please bear in mind that cost of living in the southern cone countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile) is much higher than the rest of South America, and more comparable with Europe. Always take more rather than less, as you don't want to spoil the trip by constantly feeling short of funds.

We recommend bringing USD in cash for the Argentinean portion of this tour as it is easier than using a credit card or withdrawing ARS from an ATM. USD currency is accepted in travel agencies for booking optional activities.

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

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

As currency exchange rates can fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for approximate daily exchange rates: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) rates can fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for daily exchange rates: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)

## How much emergency money should I bring on this trip?

Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

## Do I need to pay a departure tax?

Most airlines include departure tax in the cost of the ticket. Please check with the airline with which you are travelling.

## Should I be tipping on my trip?

It is customary in Latin America to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service. Tipping is an expected - though not compulsory - component of your tour program and an expression of satisfaction with the persons who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides or drivers we use. Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from \$5-10 USD per day depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture.

# What activities are optional on this trip?

## Pucón

- Whitewater Rafting Pucon (35000-28000CLP per person)
- Guided Huerquehue Park Visit (55000CLP per person)
- Volcan Villarica Hike (100000CLP per person)

## Isla Chiloé

- Chiloé Island Excursion (180USD per person)

## Volcán Osorno

- Osorno Volcano Day Hike (161USD per person)

## Puerto Varas

- Paso Desolacion Trek (161USD per person)

## Coyhaique

- Marble Caves Excursion (90 per person)

## Perito Moreno Glacier

- Perito Moreno Glacier Boat Tour (80USD per person)

## Parque Nacional Tierra del Fuego

- Tierra del Fuego National Park Visit (30USD per person)

## Ushuaia

- The Maritime Museum and Prison at the End of the World Museum (36USD per person)
- Beagle Channel Cruise to Isla Martillo (125USD per person)

## **Rio de Janeiro**

- Rio Football Game (500BRL per person)
- Favela Tour (187BRL per person)

## **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 ratings for trip specific information. G Adventures reserves the right to exclude any traveller from all or part of a trip without refund if in the reasonable opinion of our CEO they are unable to complete the itinerary without undue risk to themselves and/or the rest of the group.

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

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

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

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

## What are the trip specific safety considerations?

Due to the number of tourists in the city for Carnival many pickpockets will also be attending this event. It is best not to carry more money than you need on you at any time and be sure to leave your passport in the hotel safe. If you need to withdraw money from an automated teller it is best to do so with during the day. When going to the beach be sure to only bring the necessities, sandals, a good book, sunblock and water should do.

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

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

## Is travel insurance required for my trip?

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

## What is Planeterra?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## How old must I be to join this trip?

You must be 18 to travel unaccompanied on a G Adventures tour. For minors travelling with a guardian over 21 years old, the minimum age is 12.

## Are international flights included in this trip?

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

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

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

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

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

## Dossier Disclaimer

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

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

## **Itinerary Disclaimer**

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

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