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USA Road Trip: Music City to the Big Apple

14 days, Nashville to New York

Trip code NUTY

What's included

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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing June 12th, 2019 - June 1st, 2020

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

Nashville

Arrive at any time.

Put on those dancing shoes and get ready to bust a move. Take to the streets in the home of dive bars and honky tonks and let the music guide you to your next destination. Get to know the locals, swap travel stories, sip some Tennessee Whiskey, and get ready to sing your heart out as the night goes on.

Nashville has so much unique culture to experience while visiting. No stay would be complete without trying some of the city's famous hot fried chicken, or visiting one of its many country bars or music museums.

Please note this trip leaves the city first thing the following morning. If you wish to spend time in Nashville, speak to your sales agent about booking pre-accommodation.



Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

Connect with new friends on your first night out in a new destination. Only available on 18-to-Thirtysomethings tours.

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.



Optional Activities - Day 1

Johnny Cash Museum

Nashville

18USD

Country music's favourite bad boy, Johnny Cash. Visit this museum dedicated to the famous musician, and learn more about the life of the Man in Black.

Country Music Hall of Fame

Nashville

25USD

Spend some time exploring the largest collection of country music memorabilia on the planet. The Country Music Hall of Fame is the epicenter of country music research and history, and a must visit for fans around the world.

Cowboy Bar Visit

Nashville

Free-20USD

1h-3h

Hit the town and live it up in the country music capital of the world. This "Music City" will get you up and dancing and keep your toes tapping late into the night.

It's time to head south through Tennessee to explore the vibrant musical and cultural melting pot of Memphis. Good ole' Elvis may have left the building, but get ready for a 'hunk of burning love' and take an optional tour of Graceland.

Feeling more historical than musical? Delve into the past at the National Civil Rights Museum and learn how Memphis played a role in this historical movement, or jam out on a tour of the Rock 'n' Soul Museum. As the sun begins to set head to Beale Street for an evening out. Experience mouth-watering cuisine, live music, and a buzzing energy that will have you out spinning on the dance floor in no time.

Entry into bars in the US is 21 years and over. There is still a live music to be heard on Beale Street at a couple of locations that allow 18 and over. Speak with your CEO for more information.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Nashville - Memphis

4h

380km

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

ACTIVITY

Head to Central BBQ, a firm favourite amongst locals for the best southern flavours and delicious meats. Experience the famous southern hospitality of your hosts as you indulge in a BBQ feast that's sure to leave you with a full belly and lasting memories.

Memphis Night Out

Memphis

Hailed "Home of the Blues", Beale Street is filled with talent and tunes to get you moving. Find the Memphis Music Hall of Fame, the Sidewalk of Stars, and an Elvis statue as you make your way to the Beale Street Entertainment District. Hear the music from B.B. King's Blues Club filter out to the street along with several of the other cafes, dives and clubs that line the street and make it hard not to dance.



Optional Activities - Day 2

Sun Studio Visit

Memphis

14USD

Visit the reputed birthplace of rock and roll and see where it all began. First opened in January of 1950, this historic recording studio will deepen your understanding of the origins of rock music in Memphis.

Rock & Soul Museum Visit

Memphis

12USD

1h-3h

Learn all about the birth of rock and soul music at the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum. Discover the stories of this genre's musical pioneers, who blazed a path and created a cultural revolution.

Graceland Visit

Memphis

41-61USD

2h-4h

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Visit the National Civil Rights Museum, located at the Lorraine Motel, the assassination site of Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Tour exhibits and collections to learn about key episodes of the American civil rights movement and its legacy in inspiring global civil and human rights efforts.

Day 3

Memphis

Ready...set...go! Today is your free day in Memphis—a chance to experience the “Home of Blues, Soul & Rock ‘N’ Roll” the way you have always wanted. Pay your respects to Martin Luther King Jr, feel the wind in your hair as you ride a bike along the Mississippi River, or catch a world-class show at one of the theatres in Memphis.



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Memphis/New Orleans

Drive through the bayous, crank up the jazz and head into the Big Easy. Home of Mardi Gras, Voo Doo, and Gumbo. Get ready to head out and explore the French Quarter, where you'll join fellow revellers on Bourbon Street until the early hours.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

It's time to have some fun in "Nawlins y'all. Tonight gear up for a Mardi Gras themed party at camp with your travel tribe. Put on some fun masks, tell stories around the fire, and laugh the night away as you show off those hilarious dance moves.

New Orleans Night Out

New Orleans

Enjoy a night on the town in the "Big Easy". Check out the live music and street scene of Frenchmen and Bourbon Streets in this vibrant, lively city.

Private Vehicle

Memphis - New Orleans

6h-7h

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



Optional Activities - Day 4

Mississippi River Steam Boat Ride

New Orleans

31-42USD

Climb aboard an iconic steamboat and gain a new perspective on the Mississippi River.

Café du Monde Visit

New Orleans

10USD

Grab a coffee and try a delicious beignet at Café du Monde – a New Orleans institution. The original stand was established in 1862 and is just as popular today.

Ghost Tour

New Orleans

25USD

After the sun goes down, embark on a tour of mysterious and (possibly!) haunted spots around New Orleans. From century-old cemeteries to historical voodoo sites, see if you'll experience any paranormal activity.

French Quarter and Bourbon St Visit

New Orleans

Free

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Historical Tours

New Orleans

25-30USD

1h-4h

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Creole Cooking Class

New Orleans

25USD

2h-3h

Learn to cook authentic Creole food and savour the fruits of your labour.

Day 5

New Orleans

Get ready to take on NOLA all on your own today! Grab a buddy or head out solo— just make sure to soak up as much as you can. Trust us there's plenty to do: from taking part in a creole cooking demonstration, to taking a bike tour around the city you're sure to find your own way to make your New Orleans experience unique and special. But, if all else fails and you can't decide what to do; simply grab some beignets at Café du Monde and wander the streets downtown soaking up the music and culture as you go.



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Breakfast



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Day 6

New Orleans/Panama City Beach

Hop across the state line and arrive at Panama City Beach—the quintessential Florida getaway. What’s here you ask? Well for starters there’s 27 miles of pearly white beaches and a subtropical climate that practically guarantees warm sunny days. On top of that it’s a great place to enjoy an afternoon on the water before hitting the town in the evening. Bonus fact: because Panama City Beach has the highest concentration of bottlenose dolphins your chances of watching some play in the waves are pretty high.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today’s Activities

Private Vehicle

New Orleans – Panama City Beach

5h-6h

500km

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

Free Time

Panama City Beach

Soak up the sun during an afternoon on the white sand of Panama City Beach. Tonight, opt for a night out with the group.

Day 7

Panama City Beach/Orlando

Let your inner child run wild as you head to the home of 'The Most Magical Place on Earth', Orlando. With endless shopping, nightlife, and famous amusement parks like Disney World and Universal Studios there's plenty to explore. So take that selfie you've always wanted with Cinderella's Castle or sip on a butterbeer from Harry Potter World and make the most of your day together!



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Panama City Beach - Orlando

6h-7h

600km

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

Day 8

Orlando

It's a full free day in Orlando, so get busy folks, because there's loads to see. Meet Mickey Mouse at Disney World, feel your stomach drop on the Tower of Terror, or drink/eat your way through Epcot.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Free Time

Orlando

With some of the world's most famous amusement parks, make the most of the day and get to the parks! Choose from options like Magic Kingdom, Epcot, or the Wizarding World of Harry Potter at Universal Studios.

Day 9

Orlando/Savannah

Head to historic Savannah, stopping along the way in America's oldest city, St. Augustine. Once in Savannah you can enjoy free time to explore alone or with a travel buddy. Walk around this Southern Belle of a town, admire the architecture and oak trees covered in Spanish moss, head out to Bonaventure Cemetery, or stroll along the waterfront.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Orlando - Saint Augustine

2h-3h

175km

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

Free Time

Savannah

From it's stunning historic district to the downtown creative core, get out and explore this Southern Belle. Opt to check out City Market for local restaurants and art, visit the maritime museum, or stroll the grounds of a historic plantation.

Private Vehicle

Saint Augustine - Savannah

3h-4h

280km

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



Optional Activities - Day 9

Savannah Historic Walking Tour

Savannah

Discover the history of this charming city on a tour of Savannah's well-known landmarks. Admire gardens, cobblestone streets, monuments, churches, and quaint parks on a walk through the city's historic district—the largest in the nation. Stop in at one of the area's lovely cafés to refuel.

Savannah City Market

Savannah

Dating back to the 1700s, this historic market is a cultural hub in the city that boasts a vibrant array of art galleries, shops and cafés. Spend some time browsing the wares of shop owners before stopping for a drink in the market's shaded courtyard.

Day 10

Savannah/Charleston

Journey to the city of Charleston, known for its historic, romantic charm. Once you arrive, if you aren't too beat enjoy a free afternoon in this southern charmed city with your friends. Make sure to sample some catfish stew or shrimp and grits from The Glass Onion. Get to know the locals and enjoy the home-cooked comforts of soul food in your new home away from home.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Savannah – Charleston

2h-3h

170km

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

Free Time

Charleston

Enjoy free time to explore beautiful Charleston this afternoon.



Optional Activities - Day 10

Charleston Harbor Tour

Charleston

28USD

Journey through Charleston Harbour for an insightful tour of city's most prominent landmarks. Cruise past Fort Sumter, where the first shots of the Civil War were fired, army forts, the the famous World War II "Fighting Lady", St. Michael's Church, stately homes, and Cooper River Bridges. You may even spot dolphins along the way.

Bonaventure Cemetery and Historic District Tour

Savannah

Discover the history of this charming city on a tour of Savannah's well-known landmarks. View striking tombs at historic Bonaventure Cemetery, made famous by the book *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. Admire gardens, cobblestone streets, monuments, churches, and quaint parks on a walk through the city's historic district—the largest in the nation. Stop in at one of the area's lovely cafés to refuel.

Charleston Historic Homes Tour

Charleston

50USD

1h-3h

See Charleston's historic homes—some dating back to the mid-18th century—and learn more about a bygone era. Take in impressive structures ranging from the Georgian townhouses of Rainbow Row to the varied styles of Battery Row's waterfront mansions. Opt to visit these homes on a walking or bus tour, or explore them independently.

Day 11

Charleston/Richmond

Sit back, relax, and reflect as you travel north. Then history buffs unite once you arrive in Richmond, Virginia – a city that played a large part in the U.S. Civil War. With a buzzy craft beer scene, a loyalty to the homegrown, and locally owned shops you just may find yourself yelling the famous quote "Give me liberty or give me death" with your fellow tour buddies as the night goes on.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

Washington, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Obama... guess what guys, it's time for an American presidents party with your group in Richmond. Step back in time dress up as one of the greats and laugh the night away as you try to successfully give your inauguration speech to your travel buddies.

Private Vehicle

Charleston - Richmond

6h-7h

510km

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

Free Time

Richmond

Spend some free time wandering the historic city of Richmond. If you're interested in US history, there's lots of it here! If not - feel free to visit the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, do some shopping, or head to a nearby brewery to try to local craft brews of Richmond.

Day 12

Richmond/Washington D.C.

Next stop: the U.S. capital! Along the way enjoy time to explore Georgetown, a historic waterfront D.C. neighbourhood lined with cobblestoned streets, 19th-century architecture and a flare for blending the past and present. As the sun sets get ready to embark on a moonlight monument tour to some of Washington DC's memorials as they light up the night.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Richmond - Washington D.C.

2h-3h

175km

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

Georgetown District Visit

Washington D.C.

Situated along the Potomac River lives the lovely neighbourhood of Georgetown. Take some time to explore the cobblestone sidewalks of this urban district and do some shopping if you'd like. Filled with ivy-covered buildings, colourful local shops, and home to the historic Georgetown University it's a must-explore neighbourhood of Washington DC.

Free Time

Washington D.C.

Spend some time exploring the US capital, home to loads of history, politics, and some beautiful interesting neighbourhoods.

Monuments by Moonlight

Washington D.C.

1h30m

2km

See a different side of the city by moonlight. Take a tour after the sun sets to see some of Washington DC's most popular monuments and memorials all lit up.



Optional Activities - Day 12

Smithsonian Museums

Washington D.C.

Take some time to visit Smithsonian's world-class collection of museums. Learn about the African American experience at the National Museum of African American History and Culture or explore the art that spans three centuries at the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

National Mall Visit

Washington D.C.

2h-8h

1-15km

Visit the National Mall, a park in downtown Washington DC, that occupies the area between the Lincoln Memorial and the United States Capitol. Wear comfy shoes – there's lots to explore in this spectacular green space. The National Mall includes the Washington Monument, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Constitution Gardens, World War II Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the District of Columbia War Memorial, National Air and Space Museum, National Museum of American History, National Museum of Natural History, the Smithsonian, and much more.

White House Visit (Outside)

Washington D.C.

Free

Visit 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue and learn more about where the president of the US lives and works.

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Free

2h-6h

2-10km

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Day 13

Washington D.C.

Spend your day immersed in the Nation's capital with plenty of free time to see the sights. Meander through exhibits at the Smithsonian Museum and along the National Mall, see where the President lives on Pennsylvania Avenue, tour the Capitol Building, eat something delicious on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, and get lost on the streets of DC's quaint neighbourhoods.



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Reflecting Pool and National Mall Visit

Reflecting Pool

Free

Visit the National Mall to see the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool, a stunning 2,029 ft (618m) long pool lined with trees and walking paths, which reflects the Lincoln Memorial and/or the Washington Monument, depending on your vantage point.

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Day 14

Washington D.C./New York

Today, let history guide you through Philadelphia along the way to New York City. See the room where the Declaration of Independence was signed, stuff your face with a famous Philly Cheesesteak, get up close and personal with the Liberty Bell and feel the freedom of America in your veins before making your way to the final destination—NYC!

Welcome to The Big Apple! From the Statue of Liberty to Ground Zero to Chinatown, New York City is full of things to do and see. We recommend spending extra time here before you head home.

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Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Washington D.C. - New York

6h

375km

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

Liberty Bell Visit

Philadelphia

1h

Admire the Liberty Bell, once hung in the steeple of Independence Hall. Walk through the Liberty Bell Center and learn about the facts and myths of this cracked, 940 kg (2,080 lbs) bell, an enduring symbol of freedom.

Departure Day

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

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Is there an itinerary Disclaimer?

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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. An essential part of your trip is participation - from putting up your tent (while camping) or packing it away in the morning, to helping with meal preparation and cleaning up - it is all part of your adventure and when everyone puts in a little effort the trip will run smoothly. Your CEO will do all the meal planning, but we do ask the clients to help with the preparation and washing up. Team spirit is part of the fun! All camping equipment (with the exception of your sleeping bag and pillow) is supplied. We supply dome tents and assembly/disassembly takes only 5 minutes. All tents have built-in insect nets. Comfortable, self-inflating mattresses are also provided, which are approximately 4cm thick.
2. Proper sleeping bags are necessary for this tour. Evening temperatures can reach -9°C - 0°C . Please ensure that your sleeping bag is rated to (-17°C for spring and fall trips and 0°C for trips June - Sept). If you prefer you can purchase a proper sleeping bag on the first day of the trip. Prices range from \$60-\$150USD.
3. In order to cover the vast distance in North America to be able to visit several different parks and cities along our trip, we will have a couple of long driving days.
4. All walks and hikes proposed by our CEO will be easy to moderate level. You may choose to participate or not, but exploring our national parks on foot is part of our way of travelling. It's a healthy way to discover North America's beauty and landscape.
5. Please note that some trips could be a combination of multiple G Adventure tours. You should expect some group members to join or leave the tour between tour segments.
6. Regarding our wi-fi equipped vehicles: we have limited bandwidth, and in the interests of allowing all travellers to access the wi-fi, travellers should limit their access to reasonable levels. Please note that wi-fi is not always available due to areas with limited or no cell phone service (e.g. in parts of national parks).
7. Please note that the legal drinking age in the United States is 21 and in Canada, 19 (with Alberta and Quebec at 18). Many bars and clubs will ask for ID at the door, therefore listening to live music in certain bars or spending a night out in Las Vegas or New Orleans is not possible when you are under the legal age, even if you don't plan on consuming alcohol. Drinking laws in both countries are strictly enforced and our CEOs are unable to help those under age obtain alcohol of any kind.

While this should not stop those under legal drinking age from booking a tour, it is important to note that if a traveller is under-age there are certain optional nighttime activities that they may not legally be able to participate in. When trying to book the right trip, we recommend that travellers under legal drinking age take this into consideration when booking a tour that visits several big cities.

What is the group leader like?

This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our group leaders, otherwise known as a Chief Experience Officer (CEO). The CEO will be the group manager, leader and sometimes the driver - this person is knowledgeable in the routes travelled and will organize and lead the meal preparations and has experience in cooking a variety of local and international dishes for large groups.

As the group coordinator and manager, the aim of the CEO is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. While not being guides in the traditional sense, you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. They will also offer suggestions for things to do and to see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends.

If a group exceeds 16 travellers, there will be a second CEO/CEO Driver co-leading the group to allow for a better overall experience.

Keep in mind that North America is a really big place - New York to New Orleans alone is the equivalent of driving across most of Europe, and we cover that much ground in a single week. Driving time is the perfect opportunity to catch up on sleep, relax, and swap stories with your fellow travellers.

While our CEOs are trained and have resources to assist them along the way, the United States is the fourth largest country on the planet, and it is impossible for them to know everything about this massive country. We recommend local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting - we think it's the best of both worlds.

Please note that specific tour guide licenses are required to guide in certain cities and regions, and as such, our CEOs will oftentimes provide brief orientation walks or drives to point out useful places like supermarkets, main squares and ATMs but for more specific or in depth destination information, an official guided tour is recommended.

How large will the group be?

Max 22, avg 16.

What meals are included in this trip?

13 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 4 dinners

What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Air-conditioned private vehicle, walking.

What transportation will we take on this trip?

We use 25-passenger vehicles perfect for cross-country road trips on our 18-to-Thirtysomethings tours in the United States. Our new fleet of more cushy vehicles give travellers all the comfort of a big coach bus, but with a small-group experience. They put rider wellbeing first and foremost, with high-backed bucket seats and built-in headrests for all seats on board, huge 92cm-tall (36 in) windows that make every seat a window seat, an aisle way with enough headroom for most of stand upright, sliding seats that free up more shoulder room while on the road, A/C, charging stations, wi-fi, and loads of other features. We use a trailer to carry luggage and camping equipment. These are durable vehicles that allow us to drive on most types of roads in North America.

This is not a physically demanding journey. However, please take note of the travel times and distances in the itinerary. Despite some of the long days, most clients feel that the diversity of the North American landscape, culture and wildlife are all well worth the experience! A typical day of driving will include about six hours driving by one of the CEOs and two to five hours of stops along the way. Keep in mind that North America is a really big place - New York to New Orleans alone is the equivalent of driving across most of Europe, and we cover that much ground in a single week. Driving time is the perfect opportunity to catch up on sleep, relax, and swap stories with your fellow travellers.

While we try to travel into and out of cities during non-rush hour times, heavy traffic is a reality of some of the places we visit. As a result, some drives may be a bit longer than listed in the day-to-day itineraries. Bring your patience and a smile, and we'll make the most of it!

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 (3 nts), hostels (2 nts, multi-share with 4-6 people), participation camping (8 nts).

Will I get my own room?

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

What kind of accommodation can I expect on this trip?

Accommodation will be varied throughout your adventure. We use a combination of hotels and hostels, but most of the nights on tour are spent camping in tents in public and private campgrounds.

Multi-share accommodation, on a single-sex basis (typically 4-6 people per room), is common in the U.S. and is the way you will be spending your hostel nights. We have specifically chosen unique accommodations to give local flavor to your trip.

Couples: Please note that due to the types of accommodation used in the U.S., couples will likely be split into separate rooms where we use multi-share hostels. Pending availability, couples may be able to pay extra while on tour to have their own room in some destinations.

All camping equipment (with the exception of your sleeping bag and pillow) is supplied, including comfortable camp mattresses. We supply dome tents that take only 5 minutes to assemble/disassemble. They are good quality, durable, industry-standard, oversized 2-person tents, each with 2 separate and convenient zip-up doors, so that each person has his/her own entrance.

We use 2 types of campgrounds in North America:

1. Private campgrounds: These are privately run sites, usually with all services such as fire pits, picnic tables, drinking water, toilets & shower buildings. Some have small outdoor swimming pools and laundry facilities. These campgrounds are typically located near national park entrances or towns.
2. Public campgrounds: These are park-run sites, usually with basic facilities such as fire pits, picnic tables, and drinking water. In some cases, this type of campground doesn't have showers, only pit toilets and a lake! In other locations, toilet and shower facilities may be located outside the campground, or at times in another location a drive away. Some may have shower fees for onsite facilities (\$2-6/shower).

What is the joining hotel?

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

What are the joining instructions?

The Nashville International Airport is located approximately 8 miles (13km) from the Joining Hotel. When arriving at Nashville International Airport you have a choice of transportation options: taxi, door-to-door shuttle service, or a ride-sharing app such as Uber or Lyft. All transportation is located on Level 1 in the Terminal Garage/Ground Transportation Center. When you exit the terminal on Level 1, turn right, follow the sidewalk/pedestrian canopy to the Terminal Garage. Overhead signs will direct you to the Ground Transportation Center on Level 1 of the garage.

Taxi

It takes approximately 20 min depending on traffic. It will cost you about \$25 and a couple of dollars (“bucks”) more for tip to reach your hotel. Taxis are available from the Ground Transportation Center on Level 1.

Shuttles

If you'd prefer a Door-to-Door Shuttle, also known as a “Shared-Ride Van” , we recommend pre-booking a service through a provider, such as <http://nashvilleexpressshuttle.com>. Fares to your hotel run at about \$30 plus gratuity

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 the G Adventures Local Representative. 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.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Local Representative (Boston)

During office hours (Weekdays, 6:00am-9:00pm EST)

From outside the USA: 1-412-423-8143

From within the USA: 412-423-8143

After hours emergency numbers

From outside the USA: 1-412-423-8143

From within the USA: 412-423-8143

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local representative, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

What should I take on my trip?

You will be on the move a lot, so our advice is to pack as lightly as possible.

For days in the outdoors, we recommend the use of lightweight, breathable, moisture-wicking fabrics made of wool or synthetic fibers. Cotton is not recommended for days spent hiking as it does not allow for heat or moisture to enter or escape, and it will not dry easily once wet.

We recommend using a backpack for your convenience, or a medium-sized suitcase if you prefer. Heavy luggage is not recommended for the health of the CEO, who will take a lead in loading the storage trailer. Due to space in the trailer, we will not be able to accommodate more than one piece of main luggage per person. A good size day-pack (20-35L) is also essential to carry your personal gear for the day, as access to luggage between destinations will be limited. This daypack will be used to carry your personal gear for the day, your lunch and a water bottle.

It is important to pack clothes for warm days and cool evenings, as well as a light jacket. A set of smart casual clothes is also advisable.

What should be on my packing list?

Camping:

- Bug net/ bug spray
- Day Pack (with water bladder or refillable bottle)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Hiking boots/sturdy walking shoes
- Sleeping bag and liner, 4 season
- Small travel towel
- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Thermal base layer
- Toiletries (Preferably biodegradable)
- Travel pillow
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof daypack cover
- Windproof rain gear (Rain and Windproof rain gear - pants and jacket)
- Your own inflatable sleeping pad (or you can use the one provided)

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

Warm Weather:

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear Note: Note: For evenings out in some cities there will be a dress code. If you wish to participate, please bring a nicer outfit for these occasions. We recommend a nicer pair of shoes and a collared shirt or blouse.

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?

The United States currency is the US Dollar (USD).

Credit cards are accepted almost everywhere in the US and can be used to purchase small and large items. When purchasing products or services with a foreign credit card in the USA, you may be charged additional fees by your credit card company for foreign purchases.

Credit cards and debit cards are very useful for cash advances but you must remember to bring your PIN number (be aware that many ATM machines only accept 4-digit PINs). Both Cirrus and Plus system cards are the most widely accepted debit cards. Both Visa and Master Cards are the most widely accepted credit cards. While ATMs are commonly available, there are no guarantees that your credit or debit cards will actually work check with your bank before you travel. A visit to an ATM can be arranged on Day 1 and other days of the trip.

Do not rely on credit or debit cards as your only source of money. A combination of US Dollars as cash (preferably smaller bills, 5's, 10's and 20's), traveller's cheques and credit cards is best. Currency exchange is best obtained prior to travel or at the airport, currency exchange is very difficult to find in the USA and most banks do not accommodate.

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

As currency exchange rates can fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for daily exchange rates: www.xe.com

How much emergency money should I bring on this trip?

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

Should I be tipping on my trip?

It is customary in North America to tip service providers such as waiters, bartenders and taxi drivers, at approximately 15-18%, 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 times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip any local guides used. Recommendations for tipping local guides would range from \$2-8 USD per activity depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture.

Also at the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures Chief Experience Officer did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference; however as a guideline \$5-10 USD per person, per day can be used as a guide. If your CEO exceeded your expectations, feel free to tip more.

What activities are optional on this trip?

Nashville

- Johnny Cash Museum (18USD per person)
- Country Music Hall of Fame (25USD per person)
- Cowboy Bar Visit (Free-20USD per person)

Memphis

- Sun Studio Visit (14USD per person)
- Graceland Visit (41-61USD per person)
- Rock & Soul Museum Visit (12USD per person)
- National Civil Rights Museum (15USD per person)

New Orleans

- Mississippi River Steam Boat Ride (31-42USD per person)
- Ghost Tour (25USD per person)
- Historical Tours (25-30USD per person)
- Café du Monde Visit (10USD per person)
- French Quarter and Bourbon St Visit (Free)
- Creole Cooking Class (25USD per person)

Savannah

- Savannah Historic Walking Tour
- Savannah City Market
- Bonaventure Cemetery and Historic District Tour

Charleston

- Charleston Harbor Tour (28USD per person)
- Charleston Historic Homes Tour (50USD per person)

Washington D.C.

- Smithsonian Museums
- National Mall Visit
- White House Visit (Outside) (Free)

Washington Monument

- Washington Monument Visit
(Free)

Reflecting Pool

- Reflecting Pool and National Mall Visit (Free)

Lincoln Memorial

- Lincoln Memorial Visit

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?

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

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

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.