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## **The Rock, Rail and Kakadu**

8 days, Alice Springs to Darwin

Trip code OARK

### **What's included**

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing January 1st, 2015 and onwards

# Itinerary

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## Itinerary Notes

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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

## Alice Springs/Uluru

Be picked up from one of our approved pick-up points starting at 5:25am, and travel to the Red Centre. Visit the Aboriginal cultural centre and take the informative Mala Walk around part of Uluru's base. Catch the sunset over Uluru before heading to the campground for the night. Camp under the stars of the night sky—the only way to really experience the Outback.

Pass by Eildunda, Lake Amadeus and Mt Connor en route, then stop at Curtin Springs cattle station for a quick break. Stop in the small town of Yulara for a homemade lunch, then stop off at the Uluru cultural centre to gain some more knowledge of the flora, fauna and Aboriginal people of the area.

Head to the base of Uluru for a guided Mala Walk, which includes a more in depth explanation of the area and Uluru. From there, continue onto the sunset viewing point to watch the sun dip behind the impressive sandstone rock and enjoy a glass of bubbly and snacks.

At night, experience the Red Centre the most unique way possible by sleeping outside in a swag (canvas bedroll) under the stars. This is bound to be one of the most unique and memorable nights of the trip. Enjoy a dinner cooked on the barbecue then enjoy the stars in the Outback sky.

\*NOTE: This tour begins very early on Day 1. We recommend booking a pre-departure night in Alice Springs.

Pick up provided from one of our approved pick-up points from 5:25am and travel to the Red Centre. See Joining Hotel in the trip details or your voucher for the approved pick-up points. Pre-accommodation is available at the meeting location; please speak to your sales agent to book.

Between November and March, there is extreme heat with temperatures averaging between 43-46°C (109-115 °F) in the middle of Australia, especially around Uluru and Kings Canyon. This can lead to heat exhaustion and potentially become very dangerous. Be sure to drink plenty of water and replenish electrolytes by drinking sports drinks, coconut water or water mixed with electrolyte powder packets.



### Meals included

Lunch | Dinner



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Alice Springs - Uluru

6h

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

Indigenous Cultural Centre Visit

Uluru

Learn about Indigenous Australian culture in the area to get a better perspective of the history, beliefs and present-day life of the Anangu people. Discover the wild world of bush tucker (indigenous food), find out which plants are used in bush medicine, and hear creation stories.

Uluru Mala Walk

Uluru

1h-1h30m

2km

Take a guided walk along the northwest side of Uluru to learn about the history of the area, hear the stories of the Anangu people and gaze upon these awe-inspiring uplifted sandstone rock formations.

Uluru at Sunset

Uluru

30m-1h

Enjoy a glass of bubbly, and watch the setting sun transform Uluru into a glowing monolith bathed in deep reds and oranges. Capture the moment with your camera but also take a moment to soak in the serenity of the scene just with your own eyes. Magic!

Day 2

## Uluru/Kings Creek

Watch the sunrise over Uluru, then enjoy a walk through the Valley of the Winds in Kata Tjuta. Continue onto Kings Creek Station for another night around the campfire.

Awake before dawn to view the invariably stunning sunrise over Uluru before digging into breakfast. Travel to Kata Tjuta for a hike through the beautiful red rock formations of the Valley of the Winds. Return to Yulara for lunch, then continue onto Kings Creek Station for another night around the campfire.

Opt to take a helicopter ride over the area or get off road on a quad bike.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Uluru at Sunrise

Uluru

45m

Get up early, grab a coffee and watch the reddish hues of massive Uluru come to life as the sun rises.

Private Vehicle

Uluru - Kata Tjuta / Mount Olga

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

Valley of the Winds Walk

Kata Tjuta / Mount Olga

1h-4h

2km

Walk through the Valley of the Winds to explore the beautiful, red, domed rocks that comprise the site. Visit two separate lookouts for great views over the area.

Private Vehicle

Kata Tjuta / Mount Olga - Kings Creek

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



### Optional Activities - Day 2

Kings Canyon Helicopter Ride

Kings Canyon

95-285AUD

7m-30m

Get a birds-eye view of Kings Canyon from the large bubble windows of a 4-passenger helicopter.

Quad Biking

Kings Creek

Hop on a quad bike and enjoy a guided off-road tour. A mix of adrenaline, nature and fun, quad biking gets you closer to the destination and puts a smile on your face.

Day 3

## Kings Creek/Alice Springs

Enjoy a morning walk through the gorges and valleys of Kings Canyon in Watarrka National Park, then transfer to Alice Springs.

Take in the scenery or go on a 4km (2.5 mi) walk through the gorges and valleys of Kings Canyon of Watarrka National Park. Travel to Alice Springs via the homestead of Erldunda. Spend the night in a centrally-located hostel in Alice Springs.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Kings Canyon Hike

Kings Canyon

3h-4h

5km

Hike through beautiful Kings Canyon in Watarrka National Park on this walk that visits the natural amphitheatre, the North and South walls, and the Garden of Eden.

Private Vehicle

Kings Creek - Alice Springs

4h30m

375km

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



### Optional Activities - Day 3

Camel Ride

Pushkar

Hold on and enjoy a ride on this even-toed ungulate, also known as the desert horse. Bring your camera for some fantastic photos of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Day 4

## Alice Springs/Katherine

Travel in comfort on the famous Ghan Train. Glide through the remote Outback en route to the subtropical Top End of Australia.

Free day to explore Alice Springs. Embark on the Ghan Train at approximately 6pm. Sit back and enjoy the scenery pass by as the train travels from the Red Centre to the Top End of Australia.

Our seats are two-abreast; reclining chairs that can swivel to face each other if you'd like to socialize. The overnight train is comfortable and there is a café on board where you can buy meals. There are no power outlets on the train, so make sure all your gadgets are fully charged and ready to go!



### Today's Activities

Overnight Train (seats)

Alice Springs - Katherine

15h

Curl up and catch a snooze en route to the next stop.

Day 5

## Katherine/Darwin

Stop at Katherine Gorge. Opt for a flat-bottomed boat trip or a walk before continuing on to Darwin.

Opt to walk the stunning Katherine Gorge or get adventurous with a flat-bottomed boat or helicopter flight over the gorge.

The Ghan Train makes a stop at Katherine for a 4-hour break. There are a number of activity options to choose from. A transfer to Katherine Gorge is included and from there, feel free to choose the activity that suits you.

We arrive into Darwin at approximately 5:30pm.



### Today's Activities

Train

Katherine - Darwin

4h30m

Climb aboard, take a seat, and enjoy the ride.



## Optional Activities - Day 5

Katherine Gorge Walk

Katherine Gorge

Free

1-2km

Take a short self-guided walk along Katherine Gorge to enjoy the beautiful scenery of the area. Stop at the Nitmiluk Visitor Centre learn more about the cultural and spiritual significance of the area for the Jawoyn.

Katherine Gorge Flat-Bottomed Boat Ride

Katherine Gorge

89AUD

1h30m-2h

Hop aboard a flat-bottomed boat and enjoy the view from Katherine River. With cliffs on either side of the river (try and spot the Indigenous rock art paintings) and freshwater and saltwater crocodiles along the banks and in the water (depends on the season which one!), there's something to see wherever you look.

Helicopter Flight

Katherine Gorge

104-226AUD

Enjoy a bird's eye view of Katherine Gorge with an optional helicopter flight.

Set off on an early start to take advantage of time in Litchfield National Park. Visit the Florence Falls, the Buley Rockhole and see the spectacular giant termite mounds before heading off on a wetland nature cruise in search of crocs.

Pick-up provided from one of our approved pickup points from 7:00am. If you've travelled up with us from the Red Centre, you will be picked up at your accommodation between 7:00am and 7:15am, so be ready!

NOTE: The itinerary for this day varies depending on the season. We will visit slightly different attractions depending on the weather conditions. During the wet season, groups will stay in dorm accommodation (located outside the park) to avoid the rain.



### Meals included

Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Darwin – Litchfield National Park

5h

350km

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

Litchfield National Park Visit

Litchfield National Park

6h-10h

Hike trails to see the Buley Rockhole and Florence Falls. Bring a bathing suit to take a quick dip to cool off. Head to the Buley Rockhole, past forests of Eucalyptus trees, and marvel at the magnetic termite mounds, aligned in a north-south direction.

Crocodile Spotting Cruise

Adelaide River

2h

Enjoy a captivating cruise along the muddy waters of Northern Australia's Adelaide River. See the area's most dangerous reptiles -- saltwater crocodiles -- jump up out of the river near the boat. Bring your binoculars to view birds, wild pigs and buffalo in the tall grasses along the banks.

Day 7

## Litchfield National Park/Kakadu National Park

Cross into Kakadu National Park. Learn about rock art, and hike down to a breathtaking gorge with various pools.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Litchfield National Park - Kakadu National Park

5h

310km

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

Indigenous Cultural Centre Visit

Uluru

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Day 8

## Kakadu National Park/Darwin

Get an early start to visit Gunlom Falls en route to Katherine, then split with the group and catch a bus back to Darwin. Tour ends in Darwin upon arrival in the evening.

Some members of the group may be continuing south as part of a longer trip. Your CEO will accompany you to the bus station in Katherine, but won't be joining you back to Darwin. Ask your GCO about post accommodation in Darwin, located across the street from the bus terminal.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



## Today's Activities

Gunlom Falls Visit

Kakadu National Park

1h

1km

Visit Gunlom Falls and the large natural swimming pool at their base. Follow a short but steep path to the top of the falls to find more pools to swim in. From up top, take in the amazing, sweeping views over southern Kakadu. Due to weather conditions, Gunlom Falls is only accessible during the dry season (April to Oct).

### ACTIVITY

Ikoymarrwa is the Jawoyn name for an area that contains a small plunge pool fed by the Rockhole Creek that is perfect for swimming.

Sit on a large boulder at the waterfall's base, listen to the call of lorikeets and kingfishers, and feel rejuvenated by this remote natural gem. The access road is bumpy and it's also restricted, which makes it a great spot to discover without any crowds.

Private Vehicle

Kakadu National Park - Katherine

1h30m-2h

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

### Departure Day

Depart on arrival to your final destination.

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## What are the main highlights of this trip?

Witness the majesty of Uluru at sunset and sunrise, hike the Red Centre, stargaze at the impressive Southern sky, ride the route of Afghan cameleers on The Ghan Train, learn about Aboriginal creation time stories, explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kakadu National Park.

## Itinerary Notes

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## **Is there a disclaimer I should read before booking this trip?**

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## **Is there a travel disclaimer for my itinerary I should review before booking this trip?**

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.

## **Are there Itinerary notes?**

Please note that this tour begins very early on Day 1.

## What important notes should I be aware of before the trip?

1. This tour departs very early on Day 1. If you require pre-accommodation, our reservations team will be happy to assist you.
2. The itinerary and accommodation in both Kakadu and Litchfield National Parks vary depending on the season. We will visit slightly different attractions depending on the weather conditions.
3. The itinerary in the Red Centre may run in reverse.
4. 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.
5. Over public holidays in Australia and New Zealand (such as Christmas, New Years Day, Easter, and Anzac Day) there may be some limitations of services and disruptions to schedules. In general our tours still operate effectively over public holidays, but there may be closures of optional activities and restaurants, and slight itinerary adjustments in order to provide all tour inclusions.

## 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 driver - this person is experienced 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.

We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting - we think it's the best of both worlds.

## How large will the group be?

Max 20, avg 16

## What meals are included in this trip?

4 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners

## What are the meals like on this trip?

Eating is a big part of traveling. Travelling with G Adventures you experience the vast array of wonderful food that is available out in the world. Generally meals are not included in the trip price when there is a choice of eating options, to give you the maximum flexibility in deciding where, what and with whom to eat. It also gives you more budgeting flexibility, though generally food is cheap. Our groups tend to eat together to enable you to taste a larger variety of dishes and enjoy each other's company. There is no obligation to do this though. Your CEO will be able to suggest favourite restaurants during your trip.

Please note that most included breakfasts will consist of cereal, milk, bread and spreads, juice, tea and instant coffee. Having a simple breakfast together most days allows us the flexibility to get on the road early and get from point A to B all that much faster.

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

Private bus, train, 4x4, boat.

## What transportation will we take on this trip?

Our vans are Mini Coaches (24 seat vans which have been accommodated to occupy 18 people so you have more space while travelling). Occasionally with smaller group sizes we will use smaller, equally comfortable 13 seater vehicles. All Mini Coaches tow a trailer for luggage and camping equipment (when needed). All groups have one CEO/Driver.

The vehicles are factory built, with comfortable seats and air-conditioning. They are fitted with seat belts and it is mandatory to wear them.

On the 4x4 based trips we use purpose-built 16 or 13 seat truck vehicles. They have an air-conditioned customer compartment which is fitted with comfortable coach seats. All seats are forward facing.

On the rail based sections of our trips we use a standard seat, not the sleeping compartment. During the portion of the tour on the Ghan train between Alice Springs and Darwin, larger luggage will be checked in a separate luggage car and inaccessible during the journey. A small to medium day pack is allowed as hand luggage. There is a restaurant on board open late (until 11PM) that has food and drinks for purchase. Outside food is also allowed on board. Blankets and pillows are not provided but may be purchased on board. Please note that there are no outlets on board for charging; be sure to charge any electronic devices prior to boarding.

## 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?

Hostels (2 nts, multi-share), camping (4 nts), overnight train (1 nt, airline-style seating)

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

Accommodation will be varied throughout your adventure. When camping on this tour, you will have the choice between a tent or the truly Aussie 'swag'—a canvas bedroll with built-in padding and perfect for a night under the stars. We'll have both with us, so mix it up and try out the Aussie way. Towels and soap are not always provided at overnight stops, so it's best to bring your own for bathing. Bathroom and showering facilities are shared and are very rarely en-suite.

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

Couples: Please note that due to the types of accommodation used in Australia, 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.

PRE/POST ACCOMMODATION: If booking additional nights before or after your tour, accommodation will be multi-share on a mixed gender basis.

## **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?

Alice Springs Airport is located just 15km from the city.

A taxi from the airport is approximately \$25-30AUD and takes roughly 10-15 minutes to get to the joining hotel.

A shuttle bus is also available for transport from the airport to your hotel. Cost is \$16 per person on the 'Alice Wanderer' shuttle bus. Meet outside the terminal. For pre-bookings from within Australia, call 1-800-722-111 or book online at <http://www.alicewanderer.com.au/32-alice-springs-airport-transfer-shuttle.html>

For those who stay at Aurora Alice Springs Hotel, please meet the group at the hotel by 5:40AM on Day 1.

Others will be picked up on Day 1 from one of our approved pick up points below between 5:50AM & 6AM. Please contact your sales representative to let us know which hotel you will be picked up from.

Alice in the Territory

46 Stephens Rd

Alice Springs

Northern Territory

Australia

Haven Backpackers

3 Larapinta Drive

Alice Springs NT 0870

(08) 8952 4663

\*\*Please note that if you choose to not stay at either Aurora Alice Springs or one of our other approved pick up points, we ask that you please meet at Aurora Alice Springs by 5:40 AM.

## 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 G Adventures during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call our local office in Melbourne. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so we may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Local Office and after office hours emergency number

From outside Australia: +61 432 705 621

From within Australia: 0432 705 621

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local operations manager, 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 information should I be aware of as the itinerary draws to a close?

Any onward travel can be booked for 8pm or later.

## Are there any additional packing suggestions I should consider?

You will be on the move a lot, so our advice is to pack as lightly as possible. We recommend the use of a well-labeled duffel bag, soft bag or backpack (whichever you find easiest to carry). Suitcases or heavy luggage are not recommended for the health of the CEO! A good size day-pack (20-35L) is also essential as you will have the chance to walk and hike in different national parks during these trips. This daypack will be used to carry your personal gear for the day, your lunch and a water bottle.

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.

## What should be on my packing list?

### 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.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Australian currency is the Australian Dollar (AUD).

Credit cards are accepted almost everywhere in Australia and can be used to purchase small and large items. When purchasing products or services with a foreign credit card 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 local currency (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 easy to find in Australia in the gateway cities and most banks do 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](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!

## Should I be tipping on my trip?

It is not customary in New Zealand or Australia to tip service providers, but if you do experience outstanding service it is good to do so. Such service would only usually be in places like quality restaurants and it would be very rare that you would tip more than 10%. Unless specifically asked to do so at the time (by your CEO) - do not tip your local guides. Also at the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures Chief Experience Officer did an outstanding job, you may consider a small tip - but it certainly isn't expected.

## What activities are optional on this trip?

### Kings Canyon

- Kings Canyon Helicopter Ride  
(95-285AUD per person)

### Kings Creek

- Quad Biking

### Pushkar

- Camel Ride

### Katherine Gorge

- Katherine Gorge Walk (Free)
- Katherine Gorge Flat-Bottomed Boat Ride (89AUD per person)
- Helicopter Flight (104-226AUD per person)

## 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?

Between November and March, there is extreme heat with temperatures averaging between 43-46°C in the middle of Australia, especially around Uluru and Kings Canyon. This can lead to heat exhaustion and potentially become very dangerous. Be sure to drink plenty of water and replenish electrolytes by drinking sports drinks, coconut water or water mixed with electrolyte powder packets. Our CEOs have been trained in first aid and are well-versed in the risks associated with this heat.

As a result of this heat some included walks may be closed in the interests of travellers health. Certain walks around central Australia including Uluru, Kata Tjuta and Kings Canyon are closed when weather is forecast to exceed 36°C. During these hot months, we will endeavour to offer all walks early in the day to avoid the heat. Our CEOs will monitor the weather conditions to gauge the safety of any included walks and may need to call off a given day's walk due to extreme heat.

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

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

## Is travel insurance required for my trip?

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

## What is Planeterra?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.