

# EXPEDITIONS



## SIGNATURE: ALASKA'S FAIRBANKS, DENALI & THE KENAI PENINSULA

8 days, Fairbanks to Anchorage

Trip code NUAFNS

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Your G for Good Moment: Alaska Native Heritage Center Visit, Anchorage
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- Alaska SeaLife Center
- Prince William Sound Cruise
- Engaging Discussions with the National Geographic Expedition Expert throughout
- Porterage at hotels and when getting on and off of vehicles
- Tips are included for all activities, meals and porterage, except for your Expedition Leader
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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**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.

**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing October 30th, 2025 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

## FAIRBANKS

Welcome to the vast beauty of the north. Your expedition begins in Fairbanks, where the subarctic light stretches long across the horizon and the air carries the particular stillness of the interior. You are met and transferred to your hotel and after settling in, the afternoon brings an immediate introduction to one of Alaska's most celebrated traditions – dog sledding. Learn about the huskies and meet a veteran musher. This evening, join your National Geographic Expedition Leader, National Geographic Expedition Expert and fellow travellers for a welcome cocktail and dinner as the golden light fades over the boreal forest.

Please note your arrival flight should land no later than 1:00 PM in order for you to be on time for the 3:45 PM Veteran Musher & Sled Dog Presentation.



### Meals included

Dinner



### ACCOMMODATION

SpringHill Suites Fairbanks (or similar) Hotel



### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Arrival Transfer

Fairbanks International Airport – Fairbanks

15m

11km

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

Veteran Musher & Sled Dog Presentation

Fairbanks

1h-1h

Experience the legacy of Alaska at Trail Breaker Kennel, founded in 1976 by mushing icons Susan Butcher and David Monson. This one-hour tour offers a deep dive into the lifestyle of Interior Alaska, from historic racing feats to modern training philosophies. You'll walk the grounds with expert mushers and hear stories of the trail. It's an authentic encounter with the heart and soul of the "Last Frontier."

ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your Expedition Leader and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group. There will be an included group welcome dinner after the meeting.

Day 2

## FAIRBANKS/DENALI

Board the Gold Star dome car for a scenic rail journey toward the shadows of the Alaska Range – one of the most cinematic train rides in North America. Settle into your seat or step into the open-air sky dome to feel the crisp mountain air as the landscape shifts from boreal forest to open tundra, the peaks growing larger with every mile. Upon arrival in Denali, stretch your legs on the McKinley Station trail, a winding path through fragrant spruce with views that hint at the wilderness to come. The evening is spent at your lodge, sharing a group dinner as the last light fades over the rugged peaks of the range.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### ACCOMMODATION

Grand Denali Lodge (or similar) **Hotel**



### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Train

Fairbanks - Denali

4h

Enjoy the scenic vistas of the Alaskan tundra from the panoramic windows of the Denali Gold Star Dome train. You can also choose to enjoy the views from the outdoor dome car. On clear days you might see Denali in the distance as you travel further south.

Afternoon Guided Walk on Denali's McKinley Station Trail

Denali

1h30m-2h

2km

This afternoon after arriving to Denali join the group for an included, guided walk on Denali's McKinley Station Trail. If you are feeling tired after today's train ride you can choose to remain back at the hotel and relax, or join a shorter section of the trail.

Duration: 1-2 hours

Length: 2-5km

Day 3

## DENALI

Rise early to venture deep into Denali National Park, one of the most pristine wilderness areas on earth. Travel the park road as the tundra opens up, stopping to scan the vast valleys for grizzly bears, moose, and caribou that move freely across the landscape. After lunch at the visitor centre, choose your pace: join your Expedition Leader for an included hike along the turquoise waters of Horseshoe Lake, or take part in a ranger-led program exploring the park's extraordinary biodiversity. The evening gathers the group back together for a communal dinner, and reflection on the day's activities.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### ACCOMMODATION

Grand Denali Lodge (or similar) Hotel



### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Denali Natural History Tour

Denali

4h30m-6h

5km

The Denali Natural History Tour highlights the natural and cultural history of Denali National Park. The tour includes several interpretive stops with about an hour off the bus, including the Denali Bus Depot, historic Savage Cabin, and Primrose Ridge with an Alaska Native presentation. A driver-naturalist provides insights into the park's landscape, geology, and history throughout the trip.

Denali Visitor Center

Denali

15m-45m

5km

Explore the visitor center and join one of the ranger-led programs or join your Expedition Leader for a walk along the Front country including Horseshoe Lake Trailhead.

Day 4

## DENALI/TALKEETNA

Leave the high peaks behind and head south, keeping a watchful eye on the horizon for Mount McKinley's massive snow-covered summit – which reveals itself only on the clearest of days. Arrive in the characterful town of Talkeetna for an afternoon on the water, floating the Talkeetna River as your guide traces the flora and fauna thriving along its banks. Before dinner, a local mountaineer shares stunning photography and firsthand accounts of the challenges and triumphs of climbing North America's highest peak – stories that reframe the summit you've been watching all day.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### ACCOMMODATION

Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge (or similar) Hotel



### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Private Vehicle Denali - Talkeetna 3h-3h 245km

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

Talkeetna River Float Trip Talkeetna 2h-2h

Enjoy a peaceful float down the Talkeetna River on a private, guide-paddled raft designed for small groups. This calm-water excursion focuses on the area's natural history, with expert commentary on regional flora, fauna, and local wildlife. It's a relaxing way to immerse yourself in the Alaskan wilderness while learning about the delicate ecosystem of the river valley.

Lifestyle and Mountaineering Presentation Talkeetna 1h-1h

Enjoy an intimate presentation by a local mountaineer describing the culture and unique lifestyle of Denali. Featuring stunning photography and personal stories, this session highlights the raw beauty of the Alaska Range and the perseverance required to navigate its peaks, providing deep insight into one of the world's most formidable wilderness areas.

Day 5

## TALKEETNA/GIRDWOOD

Travel toward the Kenai Peninsula to the Alaska Native Heritage Center, a living gateway to the Indigenous heart of the Great Land. Step into the rhythm of the North during a cultural dance performance, where the beat of the drum and traditional movements tell stories passed down through generations. Join a Culture Bearer (a person who practices, preserves, and teaches their community's traditional arts, beliefs, and culture to future generations) for a private tour of the centre and learn about Alaska's diverse Indigenous groups. After lunch, sit down with an Elder for a conversation about the enduring spirit of village life. Watch a demonstration of Akutaq, a traditional delicacy, served with a contemporary flair, before continuing to Girdwood for a free evening.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### ACCOMMODATION

Alyeska Resort (or similar) Hotel

Alyeska Resort is a majestic mountain sanctuary nestled in a lush valley surrounded by hanging glaciers. This chateau-style retreat features the saltwater pool and a world-class Nordic Spa for deep relaxation. Guests can take the aerial tram to the mountaintop Seven Glaciers restaurant for fine dining with unrivaled views. Whether skiing in winter or hiking in summer, this grand base offers a soulful and scenic gateway to the Chugach Mountains.



### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

#### ACTIVITY

Enjoy a unique experience at the Alaska Native Heritage Centre as you journey through 10,000 years of Alaska Native history and culture through art, dance, Native Games demonstrations, films, traditional dwellings, and in-depth exhibits. Regarded as THE cultural site to see on National Geographic Travel's "Top 10-things to do in Anchorage" list, the Center is the perfect place to engage with history, discover a more in-depth look at Alaska's past, and ask questions about what you learn.

Private Vehicle

Talkeetna - Anchorage

2h-2h

175km

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

#### ACTIVITY

Experience an exclusive cultural session featuring an Akutaq demonstration and narratives from Elder Cultural Guides. You will learn about traditional village life and the evolution of Alaska Native culinary practices, blending ancestral traditions with modern influences. After tasting freshly prepared Akutaq—a unique "something mixed" dessert made of whipped fat and tundra berries—you will depart with a recipe card and a deeper understanding of the vital role subsistence living plays within Alaska Native communities.

Private Vehicle

Anchorage – Girdwood

1h-1h

75km

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

Free Time

Girdwood

Enjoy your free time exploring Girdwood's lush rainforest trails or browsing local shops. You can take a scenic tram ride for mountain views, visit a nearby waterfall, or simply relax. It is the perfect opportunity to soak in the town's laid-back atmosphere at your own pace.

Day 6

## GIRDWOOD

The scale of Alaska's glacial landscape announces itself at the Exit Glacier Nature Centre, where an informative presentation precedes a walk along the Glacier View loop – the retreating ice a stark, visceral reminder of the forces reshaping this wilderness. Free time for lunch follows in the seafaring town of Seward, before a private tour of the Alaska SeaLife Centre. Meet a member of the research team to gain insight into the protection of the marine ecosystem and the extraordinary lives of the animals that navigate these cold, remote waters.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### ACCOMMODATION

Alyeska Resort (or similar) **Hotel**

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### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Private Vehicle

**Girdwood – Kenai Fjords National Park**

2h-2h

160km

The drive from Girdwood to Kenai National Park follows a stunning scenic route. You'll pass dramatic coastal cliffs and hanging glaciers before climbing through mountain passes into lush forests. The route is famous for views of tidal flats, alpine lakes, and frequent sightings of Dall sheep and eagles.

Kenai National Park Exit Glacier Nature Center Visit

**Kenai Fjords National Park**

1h30m-1h30m

2km

The Exit Glacier Nature Center serves as the gateway to the Kenai Fjords, offering interactive exhibits on glacial retreat and the local ecosystem. From the center, well-maintained trails lead you to dramatic overlooks where you can witness the massive river of blue ice up close. It is an accessible and powerful way to experience the shifting Alaskan landscape while learning about the park's unique geology and wildlife.

Alaska SeaLife Center Visit

Seward

1h-1h

Experience a specialized tour of the Alaska SeaLife Center, a premier global hub for marine research. You'll explore public exhibits with an educator, enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at ongoing science projects, and meet a member of the Chiswell research team. This immersive visit offers a rare look into Steller sea lion conservation and the remote video monitoring used to study nearby rookeries.

Private Vehicle

Kenai Fjords National Park - Girdwood

2h-2h

150km

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

Today belongs entirely to Prince William Sound. A private, naturalist-led charter navigates hidden coves and remote beaches inaccessible to the crowds. Observe the unique wildlife of the region, view sea lion colonies and step ashore on isolated islands to explore the intertidal zone up close. Towering glaciers frame the horizon as the emerald water carries you deeper into the sound – a day of pure, unhurried discovery that feels as far from the ordinary world as it's possible to get. Gather tonight for a farewell dinner, celebrating the memories made across the Alaskan wilderness.

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## TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Private Vehicle

Girdwood - Whittier

1h-1h

40km

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

### ACTIVITY

This immersive expedition into Prince William Sound offers a deep dive into the wild heart of Harriman Fjord and Port Wells. Led by expert naturalist Aubrey Jurgerson, the flexible itinerary includes viewing tidewater glaciers, visiting sea lion rookeries, and going ashore on remote beaches to explore the world's northernmost rainforest. Designed as a true field study, this tour prioritizes patience to witness wildlife like sea otters and puffins, providing an intimate and secluded experience within the Chugach National Forest.

Private Vehicle

Whittier - Girdwood

1h-1h

42km

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

Enjoy a final morning at leisure, perhaps taking a deep breath of the mountain air or a final stroll through the forest. Your expedition to the Last Frontier concludes as you depart for Anchorage for your travels home.

Please note your departure flight should take-off no earlier than 3:00 PM



## Meals included

Breakfast



## TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Private Vehicle

Girdwood - Anchorage

1h-1h

70km

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

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## What are the main highlights of this trip?

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

This compiled itinerary represents our thoughtfully designed plan, provided in good faith and correct at the time of publication. However, to ensure we deliver the most rewarding experience possible, our itineraries remain dynamic; we continuously refine our routes based on research, field insights, and guest feedback, meaning details may evolve between the release of our annual directory and your departure. Flexibility is a cornerstone of our travel philosophy, and while we intend to follow the path described, the nature of exploring unpredictable environments means alterations may occur, and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife encounters cannot be guaranteed. We invite you to view these travel times and details as an approximate guide rather than a strict contract, and we kindly ask that you review a final copy of your Trip Details a few days prior to departure to ensure you have the most current information for your upcoming expedition.

## What is the group leader like?

Every National Geographic Signature departure is accompanied throughout by a dedicated National Geographic Expedition Leader, whose purpose is to ensure a seamless experience so you can fully immerse yourself in the destination. Your Expedition Leader offers deep insight into the landscapes you traverse, suggests enriching independent activities, recommends exceptional local dining venues, and connects you with our community friends along the way. Rather than acting as conventional guides, they possess a broad, sophisticated understanding of the historical, cultural, religious, and social tapestry of the region. To offer the ultimate perspective, we complement their expertise with specialist local guides whose deep regional knowledge adds profound depth to specific sites—delivering a masterfully balanced exploration.

## How large will the group be?

Max 20, Avg. 14.

## What meals are included in this trip?

7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 6 dinners

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

Private vehicle, boat, walking.

## Is there an extra cost for travelling solo?

Yes, for those travelling solo there is a single supplement.

## Where will we stay during the trip?

Hotels (7 nts)

## What are the joining instructions?

To review the specific details of your starting property, please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

A seamless arrival transfer is included for guests landing on the first day of the itinerary, or up to three days prior if your pre-trip accommodations were arranged directly through G Adventures at our starting property. To maintain the exceptional quality and continuity of your experience, all scheduled services must run consecutively.

Please note your arrival flight should land no later than 1:00 PM in order for you to be on time for the 3:45 PM Veteran Musher & Sled Dog Presentation.

Upon arriving at the starting property, please look for a dedicated notice from your National Geographic Expedition Leader at the reception desk. This message will outline the specific details for our welcome reception and meeting where you will gather with your Expedition Leader, Expedition Expert, and fellow travellers to look ahead at the days to come

## What happens if I experience problems when arriving?

While we anticipate a seamless arrival, your peace of mind is our utmost priority. Should any unforeseen circumstances prevent you from beginning your expedition as scheduled, please refer to the essential emergency contact details provided in your documentation and contact us as soon as possible.

Upon landing, if you do not connect with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend making your own way to the starting point property by following the Joining Instructions. Rest assured, you may submit a request to your travel professional upon your return to secure a refund for any transport costs incurred during this time.

## Who should I contact in case of an emergency?

Should you require urgent assistance during your travels, your first point of contact should be our local representative or regional office. If your call is not answered immediately, please leave a detailed message with your contact information so our team can return your call and assist you as quickly as possible. The numbers can be found below.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Local Representative (Las Vegas)

From outside the USA: 1-725-201-1494

From within the USA: 725-201-1494

In addition, a dedicated toll-free line is available for guests within North America, connecting you directly to our global operations team during regular business hours. For support outside of standard hours, an emergency mobile line is actively monitored day and night to ensure you are never out of reach. In the rare event that your call is not answered immediately, please leave a detailed message along with your contact information so our team can return your call and assist you as swiftly as possible.

Toll-free (North America only): 1-800-465-5600

From the United Kingdom: 0870 080 1756

International (Outside North America and the UK): +1 416 260 0999

Emergency Mobile: (416) 305-6139

Your included arrival transfer has been meticulously arranged based on the flight details you provided. If you experience a flight schedule change or cancellation within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival, please contact our emergency number immediately with your updated details. Prompt notification ensures we can adjust your transfer; otherwise, you will need to arrange your own transportation to the starting property. Upon arrival, if your transfer representative does not connect with you within 30 minutes of exiting the arrivals area, please take a local taxi directly to the starting property.

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

Your expedition finishes on arrival to Anchorage airport. Please note your departure flight should depart no earlier than 3:00 PM.

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

When deciding what to pack, considerations will vary based on your specific itinerary, the regions you are visiting, and the season in which you are travelling. Generally speaking, we recommend packing thoughtfully and keeping your luggage to one checked bag at a manageable weight to facilitate seamless transitions throughout your expedition.

In addition to your primary luggage, you will also require a small day pack or shoulder bag. This smaller bag is essential for keeping your camera, water, and personal items close at hand during day walks, excursions, and daily explorations.

# What should be on my packing list?

## Clothing:

- A sun shirt with hood
- Camp shoes and sandals
- Comfortable camp clothing
- Comfortable sleepwear (that layers for temperature fluctuations)
- Fleece jacket or warm layer
- Hiking boots/sturdy walking shoes ((gore tex or water resistant))
- Hiking pants (Convertible/Zip-off and quick dry recommended)
- Long-sleeved shirts
- Shorts
- Short sleeve t-shirt, light-weight, moisture-wicking
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear
- Synthetic hiking shirts (long and short sleeved.)
- Synthetic Hiking Socks
- Thermal base layer
- Warm gloves
- Warm hat

## 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.)

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

Securing the necessary visas and travel documentation is an essential step in preparing for your upcoming expedition, and remains the responsibility of each individual traveller. Entry requirements fluctuate depending on your nationality and destination; while we strive to provide the most current information, immigration regulations change frequently. We strongly advise verifying all entry protocols directly with the relevant embassy or consulate well in advance of your departure. Please also ensure your passport remains valid for at least six months beyond your scheduled departure date from the country.

For tailored details specific to your nationality and destination, please consult our dedicated pre-departure resource page at

[here](#)

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

While personal spending habits naturally vary, we recommend factoring in your individual preferences for shopping, tipping, and beverages to ensure a seamless experience. In addition to these day-to-day comforts, we kindly ask that you maintain access to a minimum of USD \$200 (or its equivalent) as a dedicated emergency fund; though exceptionally rare, unpredictable circumstances such as changing weather patterns or natural events may occasionally necessitate a shift from our planned route, and this reserve ensures we can navigate any path ahead with peace of mind.

## 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), 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](http://www.xe.com)

## Should I be tipping on my trip?

To ensure a seamless and elevated experience throughout your National Geographic Signature departure, gratuities have been fully taken care of for all included meals, activities, and luggage portage.

On our National Geographic Signature tours, tipping is included for all included activities and meals, and portage. Tipping is not included for the Expedition Leader. Should you want some basic guidelines on tipping for the activities you do on your own, please see below. At the end of each trip if you felt your National Geographic Signature Expedition Leader did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline would be \$10-\$15 per person per day. Tipping is neither required nor expected for your National Geographic Expedition Expert.

## What activities are optional on this trip?

- No optional activities

## Are there any health considerations I should know before travelling?

Please note that health requirements and recommended inoculations vary by destination. To ensure your well-being, it is your responsibility to consult with a specialized travel physician for up-to-date medical guidance well before departure.

We highly recommend carrying a personal first aid kit, hand sanitizer, and any essential prescription medications. Because our itineraries frequently trace paths through remote regions far from advanced medical facilities, legal regulations prohibit our National Geographic Expedition Leaders from administering any medication, including standard over-the-counter pain relievers. While local pharmacies along our route may stock familiar remedies, they are often produced under regional names, so we advise bringing the generic chemical name of any critical prescription. Before finalising your plans, please carefully review the itinerary and physical requirements to ensure your personal fitness aligns with our style of exploration. To safeguard the well-being of the group, we reserve the right to excuse any traveller from all or part of an itinerary if, in the professional judgment of our Expedition Leader, continuing would pose an undue risk to themselves or their fellow travellers.

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

To ensure your well-being and security throughout our explorations, we recommend consulting your home government's regularly updated international travel advisories prior to departure. For peace of mind while on the move, we strongly advise using a concealed neck wallet or money belt to secure your passport, travel documentation, and currency. We suggest leaving exceptional jewelry at home, as it is unnecessary for our style of travel; instead, make use of the safety deposit boxes available at most of our accommodations. Securing your luggage with a reliable lock is also highly recommended.

When travelling on a departure, your National Geographic Expedition Leader maintains the authority to modify or adapt any portion of the itinerary should environmental conditions or safety considerations require it. Your Expedition Leader accompanies the group on all scheduled activities, but you will also enjoy unstructured time to pursue personal interests, relax, or discover locales at your leisure. While your leader is delighted to suggest local options for these independent periods, please note that these optional choices do not form part of our curated itinerary, and we make no representations regarding their operating standards; we encourage you to exercise your own discerning judgment.

While the destinations we visit are welcoming during the daytime, navigating urban environments at night requires mindfulness. We recommend exploring in small groups and utilizing local taxis when dining out or moving about after dark. Furthermore, should you encounter public demonstrations or political gatherings, please prioritize your safety by leaving the vicinity immediately rather than remaining for photographs, as these situations can evolve rapidly.

Water-based experiences carry inherent risks. To ensure your protection, we recommend participating in aquatic activities only when accompanied by professional guides. Our commitment to safety means that our Expedition Leaders are strictly prohibited from facilitating unguided water activities on your behalf. Please note that swimming and snorkelling are always undertaken at your own risk. For further insights on enhancing your personal safety during your voyage, please visit [www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/](http://www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/)

## What are the trip specific safety considerations?

For peace of mind while on the move, we strongly advise using a concealed neck wallet or money belt to secure your passport, travel documentation, and currency. We suggest leaving exceptional jewelry at home, as it is unnecessary for our style of travel; instead, make use of the safety deposit boxes available at most of our accommodations. Securing your luggage with a reliable lock is also highly recommended.

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

Our philosophy of travel is rooted in deep respect for the people, cultures, and lands we encounter. To ensure the safety of our travellers, staff, and the communities that welcome us, the possession or use of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited on all departures. While certain substances may be woven into local traditions in some regions, they are not permitted within our groups. Furthermore, any form of exploitation, including the solicitation of sex workers, directly contradicts our values. To protect the integrity of the experience and the well-being of the group, our National Geographic Expedition Leader retains the right to remove any traveller who violates these standards.

## Is travel insurance required for my trip?

Comprehensive travel insurance is a mandatory prerequisite for participation in all our departures. To safeguard your well-being, your National Geographic Expedition Leader will kindly request to verify your physical policy details before you may officially join your fellow travellers.

When choosing your coverage, please ensure your policy includes full medical protection, featuring a strict minimum requirement of \$200,000 USD for emergency rescue and medical repatriation. For complete peace of mind while exploring, we also strongly advise securing comprehensive coverage for personal liability, trip cancellation or curtailment, and the loss of luggage and personal belongings. If you intend to rely on insurance provided through your credit card, you must supply formal proof of purchase—such as a credit card statement or receipt in your name—along with explicit confirmation from your banking institution regarding the participating insurer, exact policy limits, and their dedicated 24-hour emergency contact 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?

Upon your return, we invite you to share your insights with us. Your valued feedback shapes the future of our itineraries and ensures we continue to deliver meaningful experiences. As a token of our appreciation for your time, we are pleased to offer a 5% savings (up to a maximum of \$100 USD) toward your next expedition with us. Simply submit your evaluation within four weeks of completing your travels to unlock this benefit and join our global community of returning travellers.

\*This offer is valid for new bookings only, limited to one per person, and cannot be combined with other promotions or applied to independent itineraries. Maximum value of \$100 USD (or local currency equivalent). This program may be amended or withdrawn at any time.

## 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.

## 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.