

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
- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your Expedition Leader and Group, Fairbanks
- Your Foodie Moment: Elder Talk & Akutaq Demonstration, Anchorage
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- Porterage at hotels and when getting on and off of vehicles
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- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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

ITINERARY



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

Day 1

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.



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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

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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

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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.

What is the group leader like?

All National Geographic Signature group trips are accompanied by one of our National Geographic Expedition Leaders throughout. The aim of the Expedition Leaders is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. 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. 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. 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?

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

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

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 arrival to your Joining Hotel (note that check-in time will be in the afternoon), look for a note or bulletin board in the reception with a note from your Expedition Leader. This note will give the details of your Welcome Meeting on day 1, where you will get a chance to meet your Expedition Leader and other travellers, as well as learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

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

What happens if I experience problems when arriving?

We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier and contact us as soon as possible. If you have a pre-booked transfer, and you have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

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.

AIRPORT TRANSFER

If you have purchased an arrival through G Adventures or if an arrival transfer is included in the cost of your tour, please note that: Your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. Included arrival transfers are provided from the nearest airport to your starting location. If you are advised of a flight schedule change or flight cancellation within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, please call the emergency contact number to advise of your new arrival flight information. If you do not, we will not be able to rearrange your arrival transfer and you will need to make your own way to the starting hotel at your own expense. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Local Representative (Las Vegas)

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

From within the USA: 725-201-1494

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: 1 800 394 5416

Calls from UK: 0800 041 8146

Calls from Germany: 0800 181 9454

Calls from Australia: 1 800 204 905

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 424 389

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?

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

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?

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 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

How much emergency money should I bring on this trip?

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

Should I be tipping on my trip?

On 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 a guideline would be \$10 per person per day.

In addition, please note that tipping is not required or expected for the Expedition Expert.

What activities are optional on this trip?

- No optional activities

Are there any health considerations I should know before travelling?

Please note inoculations may be required for the country visited. It is your responsibility to consult with your travel doctor for up to date medical travel information well before departure.

You should consult your doctor for up-to-date medical travel information well before departure. We recommend that you carry a First Aid kit and hand sanitizers / antibacterial wipes as well as any personal medical requirements. Please be aware that for legal reasons our leaders are prohibited from administering any type of drug including headache tablets, antibiotics, etc. When selecting your trip please carefully read the brochure and itinerary and assess your ability to cope with our style of travel. Please refer to the Physical ratings for trip specific information. G Adventures reserves the right to exclude any traveller from all or part of a trip without refund if in the reasonable opinion of our Expedition Leaders if they are unable to complete the itinerary without undue risk to themselves and/or the rest of the group.

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

Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your group leader has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it deemed necessary, due to safety concerns. Your National Geographic Expedition Leader 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 Expedition Leader 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 Expedition Leaders 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 Expedition Leaders 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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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.