

EXPEDITIONS



SIGNATURE: ARGENTINA, CHILE & THE HEART OF PATAGONIA

9 days, Buenos Aires to Santiago

Trip code SABSNS

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- 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 March 4th, 2026 and onwards

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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

BUENOS AIRES

Welcome to Argentina. Your expedition begins in Buenos Aires, a city where the air is thick with the scent of grilled asado and the sound of distant violins. You will be met and transferred to your hotel to settle in before meeting your National Geographic Expedition Leader, National Geographic Expedition Expert and fellow travellers. This evening, immerse yourself in the soul of the city at an intimate and immersive tango performance. Soak in the history and cultural significance of this passionate dance before gathering for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant to toast the beginning of your Patagonian exploration.



Meals included

Dinner



ACCOMMODATION

Recoleta Grand Hotel Buenos Aires (or similar) Hotel



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Arrival Transfer Ministro Pistarini International Airport – Buenos Aires

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

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.

Tango Performance Buenos Aires 1h

Sit down for an intimate encounter designed for those seeking an authentic connection with the soul of Argentine music. It stands as a sophisticated alternative to massive tango show productions, focusing on the raw emotion and heritage of the genre. Set in a hidden, warm, and carefully-curated venue, the experience prioritizes proximity. The audience is seated just a few meters from the artists, allowing guests to feel the vibration of the instruments and the intensity of every movement in a deeply personal way.

Day 2

BUENOS AIRES

Buenos Aires reveals its layered identity today, beginning in the grand tree-lined streets of Recoleta before moving through the political heart of the city – past the iconic obelisk and Plaza de Mayo – to the cobblestones of San Telmo and the vivid murals of La Boca. The afternoon takes an unexpected turn across the Riachuelo River via the historic 1914 transporter bridge to the Isla Maciel community, where local guides share a side of the city that few visitors ever encounter. Vibrant street art, empanadas, and the ritual of mate (a traditional tea) tell a story of resilience and identity that no museum could replicate. The remainder of the day is yours to savour the European-influenced elegance of the capital at your own pace.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



ACCOMMODATION

Recoleta Grand Hotel Buenos Aires (or similar) Hotel



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY

This immersive excursion begins with a comprehensive journey through the most iconic landmarks of Buenos Aires, exploring the political heart of Plaza de Mayo, the grand architecture of Recoleta, and the historic cobblestone streets of San Telmo. After discovering the city's European-influenced elegance, the tour transitions into a deeply authentic cultural immersion in La Boca. Led by local community guides from Isla Maciel, guests will embark on a specialized walking tour through the neighborhood's historic streets before crossing the Riachuelo river Avellaneda Bridge, situated alongside the historic transporter bridge, a heritage landmark built in 1914.. On the other side, a guided walk through Isla Maciel offers an intimate look at local mural art and social history, culminating in a traditional tasting session shared with the community. This experience provides a unique perspective on the city's dual identity, concluding with a return crossing over the river after a day of profound cultural discovery.

Free Time

Buenos Aires

Enjoy free time to explore the vibrant metropolis of Buenos Aires or to find a cafe to relax and watch the world go by.

Day 3

BUENOS AIRES/EL CALAFATE

Leave the bustle of the capital behind and fly deep into the heart of southern Patagonia. Arrive in El Calafate, a gateway city nestled on the shores of the milky-blue Lago Argentino. As evening falls, enjoy a rare opportunity to meet with a local glaciologist. Gain a scientific perspective on the massive ice fields that define this region and learn how these geographic giants shape the landscape. Continue the immersion with a visit to the Glaciarium Museum, where high-tech displays bring the history of the glaciers to life. The evening is free to enjoy on your own.



Meals included

Breakfast



ACCOMMODATION

Xelena Hotel & Suites (or similar) Hotel



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Plane

Buenos Aires - El Calafate

3h30m

Trade the urban pulse of Buenos Aires for the raw grandeur of Patagonia as you fly south to El Calafate.

ACTIVITY

Before entering the main halls of the Glaciarium, the group will attend an exclusive briefing in a private auditorium or the museum's theatre. topics: The glaciologist will explain the physics of ice, the formation of the Southern Patagonian Ice Field, and the unique "stable" behaviour of the Perito Moreno Glacier. After the lecture, the group will move into the modern exhibition halls. The architecture itself is inspired by the jagged lines of a glacier. The group will walk through dioramas, 3D models, and high-definition documentaries that illustrate the history of the ice ages and the pioneering explorers of Patagonia.

Day 4

EL CALAFATE

Prepare for an encounter with one of the world's most iconic natural wonders: the Perito Moreno Glacier. Stand on the boardwalks and feel the chill radiating from the ice as you listen for the "white thunder"—the crack and roar of massive shards calving into the water below. Wander the various viewpoints to see the jagged blue walls from every angle, with the opportunity to take an optional boat ride to approach the towering ice face. After a morning in the presence of this frozen giant, return to El Calafate for a free afternoon. Tonight, gather for a traditional Patagonian feast at a local restaurant, celebrating the flavours of the region.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



ACCOMMODATION

Xelena Hotel & Suites (or similar) Hotel



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Perito Moreno Glacier Tour Perito Moreno Glacier

Get out there and explore the natural wonder that is the Perito Moreno Glacier, one of the world's few "advancing" glaciers. Head to the southern end of Los Glaciares National Park, where Moreno's 60m (197 ft) wall of ice sporadically chokes off the narrow "Canal de los Tempanos" (Iceberg Channel) creating a natural ice dam, which eventually explodes in a dynamic display of force.

Please note this tour does not include walking on top of the glacier.

ACTIVITY

Indulge in a Patagonian feast at a local restaurant, featuring market cuisine which changes seasonally to ensure that every ingredient, from Patagonian lamb to local trout, is at its peak freshness. Hear the origin of the ingredients directly from the chef in this intimate and delicious dining experience.

Day 5

EL CALAFATE

Board a boat for a full-day navigation of Lago Argentino, where the water is a brilliant turquoise fed by ancient ice. Sail past the towering Spegazzini, Heim, and Peineta glaciers, surrounded by the dramatic silhouettes of the Patagonian mountains. In the comfort of the Captain's Club, enjoy preferential seating and the insights of a local guide as you glide past icebergs. Step ashore for a walk through an old-growth forest trail at Bahía de los Glaciares, leading to a panoramic refuge for a spectacular lunch at the base of the glacier. Return to El Calafate for an evening at leisure.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



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TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Scenic Boat Cruise on Lago Argentino El Calafate 7h

Embark on a boat trip through the winding channels of Lago Argentino, surrounded by spectacular scenery in all directions. Cruise to the Spegazzini Base, which offers breathtaking views of the Spegazzini, Heim and Peineta Glaciers, surrounded by the vast lake and Patagonian mountains. Visitors enjoy an easy 300-meter forest trail through Bahía de los Glaciares, featuring thematic stations and unforgettable viewpoints, leading to the Spegazzini Refuge with panoramic indoor spaces and an outdoor Deck & Terrace.

The Captain's Club elevates this experience with personalized and exclusive services. Guests enjoy preferential seating in a private, more comfortable cabin, accompanied by a dedicated guide and host throughout the journey. The experience includes exclusive food and non-alcoholic beverages during navigation, alcoholic beverages for special moments, and upon arrival at Spegazzini Base, a spectacular Patagonian menu.

Day 6

EL CALAFATE/TORRES DEL PAINE

Journey across the vast pampa, watching the horizon for guanacos and rheas as you cross the border into Chile. Arrive at your lodge situated at the southern limit of Torres del Paine National Park, a pristine wilderness and sanctuary of granite towers, azure lakes, and golden grasslands. Upon arrival, meet with a local guide to learn about the unique natural history and geology of the park as well as the various ways to discover it. Settle into your room as the twilight turns the famous granite "horns" deep shades of purple and orange. Enjoy a delicious dinner at the lodge, preparing for a full immersion into one of the world's most spectacular landscapes.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Rio Serrano (or similar) Hotel



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Private Vehicle

El Calafate - Torres del Paine National Park

7h-8h

291km

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

Day 7

TORRES DEL PAINE

Today is yours to explore the jagged beauty of Torres del Paine where you can choose one of a variety of included activities. If you are looking for active options, join a guided walk to the Cuernos viewpoint for a staggering look at the park's central massif, or wander the Aonikenk Trail in search of local wildlife and ancient cave paintings. Alternatively, take a full-day panoramic vehicle tour to reach the park's most hidden corners, or board a boat to witness the sheer grey walls of the Grey Glacier. This evening gather back together in the warmth of the lodge to share stories of the day over a delectable meal.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Rio Serrano (or similar) Hotel



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Choice of Activities in Torres del Paine National Park

Torres del Paine National Park

4h-8h

Explore the spectacular Torres del Paine National Park on your own terms, with a variety of options available depending on activity level and interest:

Full Day

Miradores del Paine - A scenic full-day exploration of Torres del Paine National Park with multiple panoramic stops. This experience allows guests to understand the park as a whole—its geography, wildlife, glacial systems, and landscapes—through observation and interpretation, without strenuous walking.

Grey Glacier Navigation (Grey III) - A premium navigation experience among icebergs on Lake Grey, offering close-up views of the Grey Glacier. This activity provides strong visual and emotional impact with minimal physical effort and represents privileged access to one of the park's most iconic features.

Half Day

Aonikenk Trail - A short, interpretive walk focused on indigenous heritage, rock art, and the human history of the Patagonian landscape. This activity adds cultural depth and narrative value, aligning strongly with the National Geographic approach.

Cuernos Viewpoint Walk - An accessible walk leading to iconic views of the Cuernos del Paine. It offers an excellent balance between light physical activity and high scenic reward, suitable for a wide range of fitness levels.

Day 8

TORRES DEL PAINE/SANTIAGO

A transfer to Puerto Natales, precedes the flight north to Santiago, a city that feels like a different world entirely: sophisticated, sun-drenched, and framed by the snow-capped Andes. This evening, the expedition concludes as it began, around a shared table, with a farewell dinner that traces the journey from the tango halls of Buenos Aires to the wind-scoured edges of Patagonia – and everything extraordinary in between.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Singular Santiago (or similar) **Hotel**

A Luxury Travel Experience In Chile's Vibrant Capital

Located in the cultural and historical hub of Santiago, The Singular Santiago, Lastarria Hotel invites guests to embody its unique spirit through relaxation and singular satisfaction. Providing excellent service in an elegant atmosphere, the hotel offers perfectly balanced architecture, distinctive design and gastronomy which integrates the essence of the area. An array of experiences, flavours and rest in Chile's cultural gallery awaits you.

A prime destination in the centre of the city, The Singular Santiago, Lastarria Hotel places guests near cultural, historic and artistic attractions, with a variety of activities and entertainment close by. With appealing restaurants, pubs and independent design shops creating one the most attractive and visited sections of Santiago, the hotel offers a unique environment for those who wish to discover the local essence of Chile's Capital.

Connected by what's unique about this destination, travelers alike appreciate the high-standards set at The Singular Santiago, Lastarria Hotel. Luxury here is defined by the personalized service we deliver to our guests in all aspects of their stay. Read what our previous guests have to say about the warm, anticipatory and customized experience that awaits.



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Private Vehicle

Torres del Paine National Park – Puerto Natales

1h30m

77km

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

Plane

Puerto Natales – Santiago

3h15m-3h30m

Fly north Puerto Natales to Santiago, Chile's vibrant capital, where the granite spires of the south give way to a sprawling metropolis cradled by the snow-capped Andes.

Day 9

SANTIAGO

Your expedition to Chile and Argentina concludes today. In the morning, enjoy a guided panoramic city tour of Santiago to see the historic Moneda Palace, the bustling Plaza de Armas, and the green slopes of Cerro Santa Lucia. Take a final look at the snow-capped Andes that have been your constant companion throughout the journey. The tour ends back at the hotel, where airport transfers are provided throughout the day for your departure back home.

Departing flights should depart no earlier than 5pm. Most long-haul international flights out of Santiago depart in the evening.



Meals included

Breakfast



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Panoramic City Tour of Santiago **Santiago** 4h-5h

Enjoy a panoramic city tour in the morning of Santiago de Chile to see some of the city's famous sights like the Moneda Palace, Plaza de Armas and Cerro Santa Lucia, surrounded by the Andes Mountains. The tour ends back at the hotel around midday.

Departure Transfer **Santiago**

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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 role of the group leader during this trip?

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 17, Avg. 14.

What meals are included in this trip?

8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners

What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Private vehicle, airplane, 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 (8 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.

Upon arriving at the starting property, where check-in begins typically by 3:00PM, 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 evening welcome reception and meeting—typically held between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.—where you will gather with your Expedition Leader, Expedition Expert, and fellow travellers to look ahead at the days to come. Should you arrive later in the evening and miss this initial gathering, your Expedition Leader will leave a comprehensive briefing note for you at reception detailing the next morning's schedule.

Please note that the joining day of the itinerary can vary, please refer to your specific itinerary for further details.

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 Office Lima, Peru.

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

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

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?

You will be met at your hotel property and transferred to the airport for your onward travels at the end of your expedition.

Your departure flight must depart no earlier than 5pm on Day 9.

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?

Cold Weather:

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

Documents:

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

Essentials:

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

Health & Safety:

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

Smart Dress:

- Smart outfit (For evenings out)

Warm Weather:

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

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 currency in Argentina is the Argentine Peso (ARS), and in Chile, the Chilean Peso (CLP).

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

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

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

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

CURRENCY EXCHANGE TIP: Please be advised that slightly torn notes, notes that have been heavily marked or are faded may be difficult to exchange. It is best to bring notes in fairly good condition, in denominations lower than 100USD (or equivalent).

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

On our National Geographic Signature tours, tipping is included for all included activities and meals, and portorage. 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.

For meals and activities not included in your itinerary, it is appropriate in Latin America to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service.

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/

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/

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.