

EXPEDITIONS



SIGNATURE: IRELAND'S DUBLIN, KILLARNEY & THE CLIFFS OF MOHER

9 days, Dublin to Ennistymon

Trip code EQDENS

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your Expedition Leader and Group, Dublin
- Signature Moment: Experience Gaelic Games, Dublin
- Your Foodie Moment: Ballykeefe Distillery visit, Ballykeefe
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- Signature Moment: Tour of Ballyvourney with a Local Archeologist, County Cork
- Arrival and departure transfers
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- Sweny's Pharmacy Visit, Dublin
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- Dingle Peninsula Scenic Drive, Dingle
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- Irish Dance Experience in Ennis
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- Visit Poul nabrone Dolmen Ancient Tombs
- 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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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing March 8th, 2026 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

DUBLIN

Welcome to the Fair City. Your expedition begins in Dublin, a capital where medieval history meets a legendary literary spirit. Later, gather with your National Geographic Expedition Leader, National Geographic Expedition Expert and fellow travellers for a welcome presentation that sets the stage for your journey through Ireland's ancient east and rugged west, followed by a welcome dinner at the hotel to toast the start of your Irish odyssey.



Meals included

Dinner



ACCOMMODATION

Dylan Hotel Dublin (or similar) **Hotel**

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The building's layered past lends a quiet gravitas to the experience, while its modern incarnation has attracted a sophisticated international clientele over the years, including writers, musicians, artists, film figures, and visiting cultural tastemakers, drawn by its discretion, design-forward sensibility, and residential feel. The hotel's name itself nods to Ireland's literary legacy, reinforcing its connection to the country's creative spirit.

Inside, interiors are bold yet refined, combining rich textures, custom furnishings, and playful modern details with the building's original proportions. Guest rooms and suites feel intimate and expressive, offering a calm retreat from the city while maintaining a strong sense of character. Public spaces – from the courtyard to the dining and cocktail areas – are designed for lingering, conversation, and understated social energy.

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TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Arrival Transfer

Dublin

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.

The day opens with an experience unlike any other – a private introduction to the passion and pride of Ireland's national sports. Join local athletes for a hands-on session of hurling and Gaelic football, feeling the raw energy and amateur devotion that has defined Irish identity for centuries. Afterwards, stand before the breathtaking illuminated pages of the Book of Kells at Trinity College, where centuries of craftsmanship unfold in vivid detail. After lunch, step into Dublin's layered past on a walking tour led by a formally unhoused guide from a social enterprise, whose personal perspective brings the city's streets to life in unexpected ways. The afternoon concludes with a stop at Sweny's Pharmacy, immortalised in the pages of James Joyce's Ulysses.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



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TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY

A visit to Experience Gaelic Games offers a hands-on introduction to Ireland's national sports at a real community club. Led by passionate local coaches, the session combines interactive history with active training in Hurling, Gaelic Football, and Handball, concluding with fun-filled mini-matches that provide a true taste of Ireland's sporting soul.

Visit to Trinity College (Book of Kells) Dublin 2h

Step into the halls of Trinity College Dublin, founded in 1592, to visit the Book of Kells Exhibition and the historic Long Library. Written in the 9th century, the Book of Kells is a richly illustrated document (inscribed in Latin) of the four Gospels in the New Testament. Widely considered Ireland's greatest cultural treasure, it's one of the world's most famous medieval manuscripts. Continue to the Long Library, a soaring room filled with over 200,000 books, including the library's oldest collections. A must-visit for book lovers, it's also known for its appearance in Harry Potter movies.

Community Tourism Walking Tour Dublin 1h-1h

Enjoy a walking tour led by a local social enterprise. Hosted by professional guides who have navigated the challenges of homelessness, the experience weaves personal storytelling with the social history of iconic neighbourhoods like the Liberties. This walk offers an authentic and ultimately hopeful view of Dublin, ensuring your presence leaves a direct, positive impact on the local community.

Sweny's Pharmacy Visit Dublin 30m-30m

A visit to Sweny's Pharmacy is a multisensory journey into Dublin's literary soul. From the scent of the famous lemon soap to the sound of James Joyce's prose being read aloud in multiple languages, this volunteer-run Victorian gem offers an intimate, unscripted encounter with history. It's a place where you don't just learn about Ulysses—you breathe it in.

Day 3

DUBLIN/KILKENNY

Begin at the EPIC Museum, a vivid digital tribute to the extraordinary global reach of the Irish diaspora – a story of resilience, creativity, and cultural endurance told across continents. Then leave the city behind as the landscape softens into the rolling countryside en route to Kilkenny, one of Ireland's best-preserved medieval towns. After a local lunch, discover the artisanal craft behind Ireland's most celebrated spirit at the Ballykeefe Distillery, where the intricate origins of whiskey-making are revealed in the warmth of a working still. Check into your hotel as the amber light of evening settles over the ancient stone streets, before gathering for dinner.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



ACCOMMODATION

Lyrath Estate Hotel (or similar) Hotel



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

EPIC Museum Visit with local guide Dublin 1h30m

A visit to EPIC with a local guide is a journey through the "spirit" of the 70 million people who claim Irish heritage. By combining award-winning digital interactivity with the personal storytelling of a Dublin guide, the experience moves beyond data and dates to reveal the emotional core of the Irish identity— one defined by resilience, creativity, and an enduring connection to the "Old Country."

Private Vehicle Dublin - Ballykeefe 2h

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

ACTIVITY

Discover the origins of Irish Whiskey at Ballykeefe Distillery. The tour will be a journey through every part of the Ballykeefe operation, which has revived the lost traditions of a family farm distillery, with a unique commitment to environmental protection, carbon neutrality and sustainability.

Private Vehicle Ballykeefe - Kilkenny 30m

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

Day 4

KILKENNY

This morning, Kilkenny reveals its medieval soul on foot. A local guide leads you through the city's historic lanes – including the atmospheric Butter Slip, a narrow medieval passageway worn smooth by centuries of footfall. Step inside the commanding ramparts of the 12th-century Kilkenny Castle, where grand halls and richly decorated ceilings speak to the ambitions of the Butler dynasty. Visit the former stables, now a design centre alive with contemporary Irish craft. After a traditional lunch at a historic inn once owned by the legendary Dame Alice Kyteler – Ireland's first recorded witch – explore the soaring Gothic heights of St. Canice's Cathedral. The evening is yours, whether spent in a candlelit pub or along the quiet riverside paths that wind through the city.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



ACCOMMODATION

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TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Guided Tour of Kilkenny Including Kilkenny Castle Kilkenny 3h

A tour of Kilkenny blends the narrow, stepped history of the Butter Slip with the aristocratic grandeur of Kilkenny Castle. From the stables-turned-design-hub to the vibrant, hand-painted ceilings of the Picture Gallery, the experience offers a perfect balance of medieval grit and artistic elegance.

Visit St. Canice's Cathedral Kilkenny 1h-1h

St. Canice's Cathedral offers a profound sense of continuity, bridging the gap between its 6th-century monastic roots and its current role as a vibrant center of Kilkenny life. Whether you are marvelling at the medieval effigy tombs, listening to the choral echoes in the nave, or conquering the Round Tower, it remains the definitive landmark of the "Medieval Mile."

ACTIVITY

A lunch at a medieval inn is an immersion into the darker, more atmospheric side of Ireland's "Marble City." Established in 1324 by the notorious Dame Alice Kyteler (the first person in Ireland to be accused of witchcraft), the building is a labyrinth of stone, shadow, and local lore.

Day 5

KILKENNY/KILLARNEY

The Rock of Cashel rises dramatically from the surrounding plain – a cluster of medieval ruins perched atop a limestone hill that has witnessed the sweep of Irish history from the 4th century onward. Explore the ornate Romanesque chapel and weathered high crosses before lunch. The afternoon in the Gaeltacht town of Ballyvourney, meet a local archaeologist whose National Geographic-sponsored work is preserving Ireland's ancient holy wells for future generations. In the fading light, he connects the threads of modern science and ancient spiritual tradition in a way that stays with you long after you've left. The day concludes in Killarney, the storied gateway to the wild kingdom of Kerry.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Killarney - Victoria - (or similar) Hotel



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Private Vehicle

Kilkenny - Rock of Cashel

1h

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

Rock of Cashel Visit

Rock of Cashel

1h

A visit to the Rock of Cashel is a journey through 1,500 years of Irish history. From the pre-Christian legends of the Devil's Bite to the Gothic grandeur of the cathedral ruins, it offers a visceral connection to Ireland's royal and ecclesiastical past. The combination of the Cormac's Chapel frescoes and the panoramic views over the Golden Vale makes it an essential stop in Ireland's Ancient East.

ACTIVITY

A tour of Ballyvourney is a rare opportunity to explore the "thin places" of the Irish landscape through the lens of modern archaeological preservation. Guided by a National Geographic sponsored archaeologist, you will move from the ancient stone huts and holy wells to the 13th-century monastic ruins, gaining an insider's understanding of how Ireland's medieval past is being meticulously saved for the future.

Private Vehicle

Rock of Cashel - Killarney

2h-2h15m

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

Day 6

KILLARNEY

The rugged Dingle Peninsula unfolds like a painting – a landscape of salt-sprayed cliffs, ancient stone huts, and vast Atlantic skies that stretch beyond the edge of the world. Peer inside the extraordinary clocháns, dry-stone beehive huts clinging to these hillsides for over a thousand years. Walk the wide sands of Inch Beach as the Atlantic breeze rolls in off the water. In Dingle, one of Ireland's last living Gaeltacht towns, the Irish language drifts from doorways and fishing boats bob in the harbour. Browse a local pottery studio before returning to Killarney – where a free evening awaits, perhaps in one of the town's legendary music pubs or along the shimmering lakeshore.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Killarney - Victoria - (or similar) Hotel



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Exploring the Dingle Peninsula Dingle - Killarney 2h

Trace the rugged contours of the Dingle Peninsula on a comprehensive circuit defined by Gaelic culture and Atlantic drama. From ancient dry-stone dwellings to sheer cliffs that plunge into the churning surf, every turn reveals a new layer of Irish history, mythology, and breathtaking coastal geometry.

Private Vehicle Killarney - Dingle 1h-2h

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

Visit to Inch Beach Dingle Peninsula 30m

A stop at Inch Beach serves as a sensory palate cleanser. Between the roar of the surf, the calls of the red-billed choughs foraging in the dunes, and the panoramic mountain views, it is a place that makes one feel remarkably small in the best possible way. As you scan the horizon, imagine the massive camera crews of 1969; this stretch was a primary location for the Oscar-winning film *Ryan's Daughter*. The vastness that once made it perfect for the silver screen is exactly what makes it feel so tranquil today.

Visit the Beehive Huts Dingle Peninsula 45m

The Fahan Beehive Huts can be found on Sleah Head, which is part of the Dingle Peninsula in County Kerry. Here, there is a fascinating collection of clochans, or beehive huts, some of which are underground and others standing. A visit here is a sensory journey into Ireland's early Christian past. Located along the spectacular stretch of coast, these stone structures cling to the southern slopes of Mount Eagle, overlooking the vast, churning Atlantic.

Dingle Town Orientation Walk

Dingle

1h-1h30m

A Dingle orientation walk is a loop of color and character. From the salty breeze of the harbor to the sloping streets of the town center, it provides an immediate feel for the town's "bohemian-meets-traditional" spirit. It's a place where Irish is spoken in the hardware stores and the world's best seafood is served in cozy, wood-paneled snugs.

Day 7

KILLARNEY/ENNISTYMON

Depart Killarney continuing through the beautiful countryside, pausing in the postcard-perfect village of Adare – its thatched cottages and manicured gardens offering a gentler side of the Irish landscape. In the historic market town of Ennis, enjoy a hands-on Irish dance experience with local experts introducing you to three distinct styles – from the precise footwork of céilí to the soaring athleticism of sean-nós. Feel the heartbeat of Irish culture through movement and the kind of shared experience that needs no translation. The evening gathers the group for dinner, reflecting on a day that moved between scenic beauty and tradition.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



ACCOMMODATION

Falls Hotel & Spa (or similar) Hotel



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Private Vehicle Killarney - Adare 1h30m

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

Stop in Adare Village Adare 1h-4h

A stop in Adare offers a blend of architectural charm and aristocratic luxury. It is a village designed to be walked, where you can move from a medieval abbey to a fashion boutique in minutes. Whether you are browsing the Irish woollens at the Heritage Centre or enjoying a Sunday Roast in a 200-year-old cottage, Adare provides a refined, picturesque pause on the road to the Southwest.

Private Vehicle Adare - Ennis 1h-2h

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

Irish Dance Experience in Ennis Ennis 1h30m-1h30m

An Irish dance experience in Ennis provides an authentic "triple-threat" introduction to Gaelic culture. By mastering the soulful improvisation of Sean-nós, the communal joy of the Céilí, and the disciplined power of Step Dancing, you'll walk away with more than just a few steps—you'll have a genuine connection to the rhythm of the West of Ireland while getting hints and tips from a former Riverdance dancer

Day 8

ENNISTYMON

Stand at the edge of the world. The Cliffs of Moher rise over 700 feet above the churning North Atlantic – a wall of ancient rock that has humbled visitors for centuries. Afterwards, step into the otherworldly silence of Burren National Park, where a limestone landscape unlike anywhere else in Ireland stretches to the horizon. Marvel at the megalithic portal tomb of Poul nabrone Dolmen – a 6,000-year-old monument predating Stonehenge – and attend a presentation on the conservation work that earned this region a National Geographic World Legacy Award. This evening, enjoy a festive farewell dinner, celebrating the legends, landscapes, and connections made throughout this Irish odyssey.



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TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Private Vehicle Ennistymon - Cliffs of Moher 1h

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Cliffs of Moher Cliffs of Moher 2h

A visit to the Cliffs of Moher and the Burren is a journey through 330 million years of history. You move from the soaring heights and salty spray of the Atlantic cliffs to the quiet, alien beauty of the Burren's limestone hills. It is an experience of "vastness and detail"—where a massive sea stack is as compelling as a single blue gentian growing in a crack of stone.

Visit Poul nabrone Dolmen Ancient Tombs Cliffs of Moher 1h30m

A visit to Poul nabrone today is an encounter with Neolithic empathy and celestial timing. Beyond the "big stones," it is the story of a community that cared for a child with special needs, used quartz to bring light to the dead, and built a territorial "billboard" that still hums with the sound of the wind. It is less a cemetery and more a 5,000-year-old anchor for the human spirit.

After a final Irish breakfast, take a last look at the rolling green hills of County Clare. A private transfer is provided to Shannon Airport where your expedition concludes. Continue on carrying with you the spirit of the ancient wells, the echoes of traditional music, and the enduring beauty of the wild Atlantic coast.



Meals included

Breakfast



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Departure Transfer **Ennistymon - Shannon**

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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. 22, Avg. 16

What meals are included in this trip?

8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners

What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Private Vehicle, Walking

Where will we stay during the trip?

Hotel (8 nights).

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 that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned on this day.

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 (usually between 5pm and 7pm), 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 our G Adventures Local Office. 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 NUMBER

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If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, 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?

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

What should be on my packing list?

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.)

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?

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](#)

For other nationalities, travelling in Europe has been simplified with the introduction of the Schengen visa. As a visitor to the Schengen area (Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Greece, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Portugal, Finland, Italy, Spain, France, Luxembourg, Sweden, Czech Republic, Hungary, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Switzerland) you will enjoy the many advantages of this unified visa system. Generally speaking with a Schengen visa, you may enter one Schengen country and travel freely throughout the Schengen region during the validity of your visa. There are limited border controls at Schengen borders, if any at all.

Please note that the UK and Ireland are NOT part of the Schengen agreement.

A Schengen visa is applied for at the Embassy or Consulate of the Schengen country in which you will be spending the most nights on your trip to the Schengen space. If you are only visiting one country on your trip then you apply for your visa at the Consulate of this Schengen country.

As of 2025, various European countries are introducing ETIAS travel authorisation as an entry requirement for visa-exempt nationals.

We highly recommend you checking in advance how your nationality and country/s you are visiting may be affected. Further details can be found [here](#)

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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?

Credit cards and debit cards are very useful for cash advances. Visa cards are the most widely accepted cards. While ATMs are commonly available, there are no guarantees that your credit or debit cards will actually work. Check with your bank. You should be aware when purchasing products or services on a credit card, that a fee usually applies. Do not rely on credit or debit cards as your only source of money. A combination of Euros and cards is best. 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

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 as a guideline would be \$10-\$15 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

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

Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your group leader has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it deemed necessary, due to safety concerns. Your Chief Experience Officer (CEO) will accompany you on all included activities. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy and explore at your leisure. While your CEO will assist you with options available in a given location, please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgement when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to stay in small groups and to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions.

Water based activities have an element of danger and excitement built into them. We recommend only participating in water based activities when accompanied by a guide(s). We make every reasonable effort to ensure the fun and adventurous element of any water based activities (in countries with varying degrees of operating standards), have a balanced approach to safety. It is our policy not to allow our CEOs to make arrangements on your behalf for water based activities that are not accompanied by guide(s).

Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk. [Read more about travel safety](#) for ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling.

What rules should I know before joining this trip?

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

Is travel insurance required for my trip?

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

What is Planeterra?

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

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

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

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

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

How can I share feedback about my trip experience?

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!

Discount cannot be combined with other offers or applied to 'Independent' style trips. Maximum discount value is \$100 USD (or equivalent currency). Valid for new bookings only. G Adventures reserves the right to withdraw or modify this offer at any time without notice. Limited to one discount per person.

How old must I be to join this trip?

You must be 18 to travel unaccompanied on a G Adventures tour. For minors travelling with a guardian over 21 years old, the minimum age is 12.

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.