

# EXPEDITIONS



## SIGNATURE: IRELAND'S LEGENDARY LANDSCAPES & CITIES

16 days, Dublin to Belfast

Trip code EQDBNS

## 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
- Your Foodie Moment: Lunch at a Medieval Inn, Kilkenny
- Signature Moment: Tour of Ballyvourney with a Local Archeologist, County Cork
- Your Foodie Moment: Visit and Lunch at Burren Farm, County Clare
- Your Foodie Moment: Traditional Pub Dinner, Westport
- Your Foodie Moment: Private Whiskey Cellar Tasting, Lough Eske Castle
- Signature Moment: Specialist Discussion at the Museum of Free Derry, Derry
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Visit to Trinity College (Book of Kells), Dublin
- Community Tourism Walking Tour, Dublin
- Sweny's Pharmacy Visit, Dublin
- EPIC Museum Visit with local guide, Dublin
- Guided Tour of Kilkenny Including Kilkenny Castle, Kilkenny
- Visit St Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny
- Rock of Cashel Visit
- Dingle Town Orientation Walk
- Dingle Peninsula Scenic Drive
- Stop in Adare Village
- Irish Dance Experience in Ennis
- Cliffs of Moher
- Visit Poul nabrone Dolmen Ancient Tombs
- Guided Tour of Inisheer
- Guided Walking Tour of Galway
- Orientation Walk in Westport
- Clew Bay Cruise, Westport
- Visit of Leenane Village
- Orientation Walk in Sligo
- Drumcliff Church and Yeats' Tomb Visit
- Private Tour of Lough Eske Castle
- Visit to Slieve League
- Visit to Donegal Town
- Free Time to Enjoy Lough Eske

- Guided Tour of Derry, Derry
- Visit to Giant's Causeway, Giants Causeway
- Black Cab Tour of Belfast
- Clifton House Visit and Lunch
- Titanic Museum Belfast
- 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 15th, 2026 and onwards

# ITINERARY

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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**

"Set within a handsome Victorian red-brick building in Dublin's leafy Ballsbridge district, Dylan Hotel occupies what was once the Royal City of Dublin Hospital, dating back to the late 19th century. Thoughtfully reimaged, the property blends architectural heritage with contemporary Irish design, creating one of the city's most distinctive boutique luxury hotels.

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.

Guests choose Dylan Hotel for its quiet, upscale location, just beyond the bustle of the city center yet within easy reach of Dublin's historic sights, cultural institutions, and dining scene. The hotel's atmosphere, highly personalized service, and distinctive design make it especially appealing to travelers seeking a stay that feels both stylish and authentically Dublin.

Rooted in history but confidently contemporary, Dylan Hotel offers a refined and character-rich base for experiencing Ireland's capital – a place where heritage, creativity, and modern luxury meet."



## 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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### 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

Lyrath Estate Hotel (or similar) Hotel



### 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.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### ACCOMMODATION

Falls Hotel & Spa (or similar) Hotel



### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Private Vehicle Ennistymon - Cliffs of Moher 1h

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

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.

Day 9

## ENNIS

Before the expedition crosses into new territory, the Burren offers one final, grounding encounter with the Irish landscape. Meet the owners of the working Burren farm for a guided tour of heritage pastures, learning about native cattle breeds and the sustainable farming traditions that have shaped this unique limestone region for generations. Wander the land, see the animals, and settle in for a farm-to-table lunch in a warm, family-owned setting – the kind of unhurried, generous hospitality that defines rural Ireland. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy the grounds of the hotel before dinner, as quiet anticipation builds for the road north ahead.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### ACCOMMODATION

Falls Hotel & Spa (or similar) Hotel



### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

#### ACTIVITY

A visit to a Burren farm offers a rare "behind the scenes" look at the ancient practice of Winterage farming. Guided by the fifth-generation owners, you will explore the 5,000-year-old stone landscape and meet the livestock before sitting down to a hearty, farm-to-table lunch featuring premium local beef, artisan cheeses, and traditional homemade breads.

Private Vehicle

Ennis - County Clare

30m

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

Day 10

## ENNISTYMON/WESTPORT

The jagged Atlantic coastline leads to Doolin, where you board a ferry for a crisp crossing to Inis Oírr. Feel the salt spray on your face as you arrive at this soul-stirring island. Explore the island with a local guide, wandering a labyrinth of dry-stone walls and coastal heritage that has barely changed in centuries. After a relaxed lunch overlooking the sea, a local guide leads you through Galway's vibrant Latin Quarter, where the echoes of maritime history meet a modern hub of art and music. The day concludes on arrival at your majestic manor house-style hotel where a gourmet dinner awaits, surrounded by the quiet grandeur of the estate.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### ACCOMMODATION

Grace Hotel (or similar) **Hotel**

The Grace offers a rare blend of authentic Irish heritage and contemporary indulgence. It is the Wild Atlantic Way's most significant luxury landmark—a place to dream boldly, live beautifully, and lose track of time in the heart of the West.



### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Private Vehicle **Ennistymon - Doolin** 30m-45m

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

Ferry **Doolin - Inisheer** 30m

Get to the next spot on your route aboard a convenient and efficient ferry boat.

Guided Tour of Inisheer **Inisheer** 3h30m-3h30m

A day trip to Inisheer involves trading your coach for a ferry a short ride to the smallest Aran Island, just enough time to feel the salt air and watch the Cliffs of Moher loom in the distance. You'll pass endless networks of hand-built stone walls, a shipwreck rusting on the shore, and a 10th-century church that has slowly sunk into the sand over the centuries. Everything is quiet. You'll hear the local Gaelic language being spoken in the shops and the distant sound of the sea against the rocks. After lunch on the island, board the ferry back to the mainland to continue your journey.

Ferry **Inisheer - Doolin** 30m

Get to the next spot on your route aboard a convenient and efficient ferry boat.

Private Vehicle **Doolin - Galway City** 1h30m

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

Guided Walking Tour of Galway **Galway City** 1h30m-1h30m

Explore the vibrant streets of Galway, a city celebrated as the primary center for Irish art, music, and theater. This guided walking tour takes you through the lively Latin Quarter and Eyre Square, stopping at the historic Spanish Arch and the scenic banks of the River Corrib. It is a perfect way to experience the "City of Tribes" and its unique blend of medieval history and modern creativity.

Private Vehicle **Galway City - Westport** 1h15m-1h30m

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

Day 11

## WESTPORT

Take in the dramatic glacial corridor of the Inagh Valley, including the Twelve Bens and Maumturks mountains rising like stone sentinels over the moorlands. Today you explore Westport, a Georgian gem where stone bridges frame the Carrowbeg River, and explore the harbour's independent galleries. Board a cruise to navigate the 365 islands of Clew Bay, the holy peak of Croagh Patrick watching from a distance. Enjoy free time to enjoy Westport or the grounds of your hotel. In the evening experience a local style dinner in town.

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## TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Orientation Walk in Westport Westport 1h

This short walk takes you from your hotel into the heart of Westport, which is often called one of Ireland's most beautiful towns. You will start by walking toward the center of town along The Mall. This is a scenic, tree-lined road that runs parallel to the Carrowbeg River. As you leave the river behind, you will walk into The Octagon, the main square of Westport. In the center of the square, you'll see a large stone pedestal with a statue. This is the traditional meeting point for the town.

Clew Bay Cruise Westport 1h30m

The cruise offers a relaxing tour of Clew Bay's famous drumlin islands and local seal colonies. Enjoy unique views of the Holy Mountain: Croagh Patrick, the historic Inishgort Lighthouse and John Lennon's Island, all from a comfortable, all-weather vessel.

### ACTIVITY

Enjoy dinner in a local pub style establishment tonight. The experience is as much about the "craic" (social atmosphere) as it is about the food. It represents the very best of West Ireland hospitality.

Head toward the wild northwest, pausing in coastal Sligo before reaching Drumcliffe – where W.B. Yeats rests beneath a simple headstone in a quiet churchyard, the outline of Ben Bulbin visible on the horizon. The landscape shifts as you cross into Northern Ireland and arrive at a magnificent lakeside castle tucked deep into ancient forest. A private tour of the estate reveals the architecture and ambitions of the families who once called these halls home. As twilight settles over the water, dinner in the castle is followed by a quiet evening in the library or beside a roaring fire.



## Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



## ACCOMMODATION

Lough Eske Castle (or similar) **Hotel**

Nestled at the foot of the Blue Stack Mountains on the shores of tranquil Lough Eske, Lough Eske Castle traces its origins to the 15th century as the ancestral seat of the powerful O'Donnell clan, rulers of Donegal and key figures in Ireland's Gaelic history. Over the centuries, the estate became intertwined with the political and cultural life of the region, hosting clan leaders, nobles, and visiting dignitaries during pivotal moments in Irish history.

The surrounding landscape has long inspired writers and cultural figures connected with Donegal's heritage, and the castle has welcomed a distinguished modern clientele including public figures, artists, and international guests drawn to its romance and seclusion. Reimagined in the 19th century as a Victorian castle residence and carefully restored in recent decades, the property today balances historic grandeur with contemporary comfort.

Stone turrets, sweeping grounds, and woodland walks frame elegant interiors, while spacious rooms overlook gardens, forest, or the lough itself. Guests choose Lough Eske Castle for its dramatic setting, deep clan legacy, and proximity to Donegal's rugged coastline and Glenveagh National Park – returning each evening to fine dining, fireside lounges, and tranquil spa facilities.

Atmospheric and storied, Lough Eske Castle offers a stay shaped by Gaelic history, Highland landscape, and the enduring allure of Ireland's northwest



## TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Private Vehicle

Westport - Sligo

1h30m

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

Orientation Walk in Sligo **Sligo** 1h-1h

Walk through Sligo alongside your Expedition Leader to discover 'Yeats Country,' a land where ancient mythology meets wild Atlantic beauty. Nestled between the iconic, flat-topped silhouette of Benbulbin mountain and the rhythmic roll of the ocean, Sligo offers a blend of literary history, Neolithic wonders, and a thriving modern food scene.

Private Vehicle **Sligo - Drumcliff** 15m

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

Drumcliff Church and Yeats' Tomb Visit **Drumcliff** 1h30m

Take a walk around Drumcliff, known for its early Christian architecture like the ruins of a typical Irish round tower (bell tower), a monastery, and a high cross with intricate carvings. Visit the graveyard of Duncliff Church to see the humble grave of the famous poet WB Yeats.

Private Vehicle **Drumcliff - Lough Eske Castle** 1h

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

Private Tour of Lough Eske Castle **Lough Eske Castle** 30m-1h

A tour of Lough Eske Castle offers a blend of tragic history and triumphant restoration. From the 19th-century sandstone exterior to the world-class photography collection inside, it provides a luxurious but grounded look at Donegal's aristocratic past and its vibrant, five-star present.

The Slieve League Cliffs tower nearly 2,000 feet above the crashing Atlantic and are among the most dramatic seascapes in all of Europe. Walk the clifftop trails before traveling to a working hand-weaving mill for a glimpse into Irish heritage as you wander past century-old wooden looms and watch master weavers rhythmically "throw the shuttle" to transform vibrant local wool into world-class tweed. Afterwards, continue to Donegal Town, where the imposing Donegal Castle sits at the banks of the River Eske – a striking blend of Gaelic and English stonework that has weathered centuries of history. Browse the local shops before returning to your lakeside retreat for a rare-access whiskey cellar tasting led by a specialist, exploring the nuanced flavours of local spirits. Dinner follows, celebrating the culinary traditions of the rugged northwest.



## Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



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Stone turrets, sweeping grounds, and woodland walks frame elegant interiors, while spacious rooms overlook gardens, forest, or the lough itself. Guests choose Lough Eske Castle for its dramatic setting, deep clan legacy, and proximity to Donegal's rugged coastline and Glenveagh National Park – returning each evening to fine dining, fireside lounges, and tranquil spa facilities.

Atmospheric and storied, Lough Eske Castle offers a stay shaped by Gaelic history, Highland landscape, and the enduring allure of Ireland's northwest



## TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Private Vehicle **Lough Eske Castle - Slieve League** 1h-1h15m

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

Visit to Slieve League **Slieve League** 1h-1h

Standing on the viewing platform at Slieve League (Sliabh Liag) is a humbling encounter with the raw edge of Europe. Nearly three times taller than the Cliffs of Moher, a visit to here offers one of the most dramatic coastal vistas in the world. One of the most striking things about the platform is the sound. Because you are so high up, the roar of the massive Atlantic waves hitting the base of the cliff reaches you as a soft, rhythmic hiss.

Private Vehicle **Slieve League - Donegal** 1h-1h15m

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

Visit to Genuine Working Mill **Donegal** 45m

Explore behind the scenes of the genuine working mill, where all the cloths are hand woven, and all the garments are artisan made. View each step of the process involved in creating our throws, garments and accessories. The traditional craft of hand weaving is an integral part of the intangible cultural heritage of the area. See the passionate people behind preserving the skill of hand weaving, the only method used in producing all these local tweeds.

Visit to Donegal Town **Donegal** 2h

Enjoy an Expedition Leader led orientation walk of Donegal Town starting at The Diamond, the heart of the town and ending with a view of the historic Donegal Castle. A stroll along the Bank Walk offers a peaceful riverside with lovely views of the Old Abbey ruins across the water and the local fishing boats bobbing in the tide. Enjoy free time to settle into a traditional pub or a cozy cafe for a hearty lunch before returning to the hotel.

Private Vehicle **Donegal - Lough Eske Castle** 15m

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

Free Time to Enjoy Lough Eske **Lough Eske Castle** 3h

A stay at Lough Eske Castle is defined by "unapologetic relaxation." From exploring the Father Browne photo galleries and walking the lakeside trails to unwinding in the infinity pool, the estate provides a perfect balance of historic discovery and five-star wellness in the heart of Donegal. Perhaps join your Expedition Leader for a short walk to the restaurant at Harvey's Point, it's a local tradition to "castle hop" for a drink on their pier-side terrace.

ACTIVITY

Hosted in the atmospheric Father Browne Bar, the experience features curated flights of premium Irish spirits, including the legendary local Silkie Whiskey, paired with expert storytelling by the castle's passionate bartenders.

Day 14

## DONEGAL/BELFAST

A day of powerful contrasts begins in Derry at the Museum of Free Derry, where a member of the Derry Trust shares a deeply personal account of the city's most defining events – a story told with a candour and humanity that no guidebook can replicate. Walk the 17th-century walls before the landscape opens dramatically at the UNESCO-listed Giant's Causeway. Stand among 40,000 interlocking basalt columns that rise like a geometric installation from the sea, as your National Geographic Expedition Expert weaves local folklore into the geology beneath your feet. As evening approaches, Belfast emerges on the horizon – a revitalised maritime city that wears its complex history with remarkable openness.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### ACCOMMODATION

The Fitzwilliam Hotel Belfast (or similar) Hotel



### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Private Vehicle Lough Eske Castle - Derry

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

#### ACTIVITY

A poignant morning begins with pre-opening visit for a solemn and academic deep dive into the story of Free Derry. Guided by a specialist from the Bloody Sunday Trust, you will receive a private lecture that weaves together historical facts with powerful personal narratives, all within the silent, sacred space of the Free Derry museum before it opens to the world.

Guided Tour of Derry Derry 1h

A walking tour of Derry starts on the 17th-century walls for a panoramic view of the city's colonial history before descending into the Bogside. In the Bogside, you move through the "People's Gallery" of political murals and visit Free Derry Corner, ending with a message of modern reconciliation at the Peace Bridge.

Private Vehicle Derry - Giants Causeway 1h-1h15m

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

Visit to Giant's Causeway

Giants Causeway

2h15m

A visit to the Giant's Causeway is a surreal encounter with 60 million years of history. Whether you're there for the volcanic geology or the tales of Irish giants, the sight of thousands of geometric pillars marching into the ocean is a bucket-list experience that feels truly otherworldly.

Private Vehicle

Giants Causeway - Belfast

1h30m

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

Day 15

## BELFAST

Belfast reveals its layered identity this morning on a classic Black Cab tour with a local. — traversing the Falls and Shankill roads where vivid murals and Peace Walls tell a story of division, resilience, and hard-won progress. For lunch, Clifton House offers a catered meal at a heritage centre—your visit directly supports community care and philanthropy across the city. The afternoon immerses you in maritime history at the Titanic Museum, where the story of the world's most famous vessel unfolds in the very shipyard where it was born. This evening enjoy a celebratory farewell dinner, toasting the landscapes, stories, and connections forged across the emerald coasts.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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## TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Black Cab Tour of Belfast Belfast 1h30m

A Black Cab tour is an immersive masterclass in conflict and reconciliation. It takes you beyond the tourist trail into the Falls and Shankill roads to see the iconic political murals and the Peace Wall. With a local driver as your storyteller, you'll gain a balanced, personal perspective on the city's complex history and its remarkable journey toward the vibrant Belfast of today.

Clifton House Visit and Lunch Belfast 2h

A visit to the Heritage Centre at Clifton House, a historic community enterprise, combines an insightful meeting on local impact with a curated tour of the former Poor House. By pairing this exploration with a meal provided by a local social enterprise, you experience the full circle of social value. Your morning visit supports vital elderly care and heritage preservation at Clifton House, while your lunch directly funds employment training for the neurodiverse community in Belfast.

Titanic Belfast Belfast 1h-2h

Witness the spot where the iconic Titanic was built and launched. Within the ship liner shaped building, you can find a museum dedicated to the ship's construction, replicas of the passengers accommodation, rare footage documenting the ship's existence, and the history of Belfast.

Your expedition to Northern Ireland concludes this morning. Enjoy a final breakfast before a private transfer takes you to the airport. As you depart, carry with you the echoes of castle fires, the salt-spray of the Atlantic, and the enduring spirit of the people who call this storied corner of the world home.



## Meals included

Breakfast



## TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Departure Transfer

Belfast

30m

You will be met at your hotel and transferred to Belfast International Airport at the end of your adventure.

## 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
- Your Foodie Moment: Lunch at a Medieval Inn, Kilkenny
- Signature Moment: Tour of Ballyvourney with a Local Archeologist, County Cork
- Your Foodie Moment: Visit and Lunch at Burren Farm, County Clare
- Your Foodie Moment: Traditional Pub Dinner, Westport
- Your Foodie Moment: Private Whiskey Cellar Tasting, Lough Eske Castle
- Signature Moment: Specialist Discussion at the Museum of Free Derry, Derry
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Visit to Trinity College (Book of Kells), Dublin
- Community Tourism Walking Tour, Dublin
- Sweny's Pharmacy Visit, Dublin

- EPIC Museum Visit with local guide, Dublin
- Guided Tour of Kilkenny Including Kilkenny Castle, Kilkenny
- Visit St
- Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny
- Rock of Cashel Visit
- Dingle Town Orientation Walk
- Dingle Peninsula Scenic Drive
- Stop in Adare Village
- Irish Dance Experience in Ennis
- Cliffs of Moher
- Visit Poulnabrone Dolmen Ancient Tombs
- Guided Tour of Inisheer
- Guided Walking Tour of Galway
- Orientation Walk in Westport
- Clew Bay Cruise, Westport
- Visit of Leenane Village
- Orientation Walk in Sligo
- Drumcliff Church and Yeats' Tomb Visit
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- Guided Tour of Derry, Derry
- Visit to Giant's Causeway, Giants Causeway
- Black Cab Tour of Belfast
- Clifton House Visit and Lunch
- Titanic Museum Belfast
- 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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## 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

## What meals are included in this trip?

15 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 10 dinners

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

Private Vehicle, Ferry, Walking

## Where will we stay during the trip?

Hotel (15 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

G Adventures Berlin office: +441858378000

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 instructions should I follow at the finishing point?

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.)

**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?

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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## How much spending money do I need for my trip?

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](http://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.

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## 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.

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