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SPAIN FAMILY JOURNEY: VIBRANT CITIES AND ARTISTIC ICONS

9 days, Barcelona to Madrid

Trip code EBNF

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing August 26th, 2024 and onwards

ITINERARY



Itinerary Notes

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

Day 1

BARCELONA

Welcome to Barcelona—your arrival transfer to the hotel is included. Check in and get excited to meet your fellow travelers during a welcome meeting this evening where all families can bond before the Journey ahead.



Meals included

Dinner



ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Evenia Rossello Barcelona Center (or similar) Hotel



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Arrival Transfer

Barcelona—El Prat Airport - Barcelona

24m-24m

15km

On arrival you will be picked up and transferred to your hotel.

ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. 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.

Day 2

BARCELONA

After breakfast, set off to discover the city on a fun and interactive scavenger hunt through the Gothic Quarter. Beginning in Mercat del Born, families are tasked with solving puzzles and uncovering secrets related to Columbus and the city's incredibly rich heritage—an exciting way for kids to learn about history. In the afternoon, set out to discover the intricate details of Antoni Gaudí's masterpiece, the iconic Basilica de la Sagrada Família. Your guide will lead you through the awe-inspiring interiors as you marvel at the stained glass, casting colorful patterns across the stone floors. A site that National Geographic's documentary series *Megastructures* described as "one of Europe's most clever and inspiring structures," learn of Gaudí's unique vision and keep an eye out for symbolism embedded in every corner. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy on your own. Explore more of the city, grab some tasty local treats and have fun with your family.



Meals included

Breakfast



ACCOMMODATION

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TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY

Head out on an expedition through Barcelona's Gothic quarter on an interactive scavenger hunt. "The Explorer" route has you following Christopher Columbus and his adventures. Complete puzzles designed for the location you're visiting and learn about Columbus' life and accomplishments, while also soaking in Barcelona's unique history. Receive your first clue at the meeting point and let the games begin! Each clue leads you through the Gothic quarter, passing by the Mirador de Colom, a detailed statue boasting some of the best views of the harbour, the old town, Plaza Reial—a bustling Royal square popular for street artists, and Las Ramblas, the most famous street in Barcelona. Enjoy the hunt!

Enjoy some free time in Barcelona with your family discovering the city's vibrant energy and iconic landmarks at your own pace. Options could include a visit to the spectacular gardens and architectural marvels of Parque Güell, another masterpiece of Antoni Gaudí. Or perhaps head down to the beach to enjoy the magnificent coastal views. Later in the day, don a chef's hat and take part in a cooking class at a G Adventures-supported migrant training kitchen. Meet some of the students and learn from the resident chef how to make one of Spain's most iconic dishes—paella, aptly labelled a “Spanish culinary institution” in a National Geographic article. Afterward, get a true taste of Spain as you devour your culinary creation.

Due to the popularity of many of Barcelona's attractions, we recommend pre-booking tickets where possible if interested in visiting sites like Parque Güell and La Pedrera. Note that our cooking class today will start at around 4pm so any pre-purchased optional tickets or visits should be arranged for before this time.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



ACCOMMODATION

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TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY

Mescladis - Catalan for "Mixed Space" - is a migrant training kitchen and cafe in the heart of Barcelona featuring a unique feel that fuses old Catalan favourites and migrants' home recipes. With the help of migrant students, learn how to make paella with the resident chef, accompanied by a discussion that promotes social reflection - with the kitchen and food at the centre of it all. Then enjoy the fruits of your labour!



Optional Activities - Day 3

Picasso Museum

Barcelona

12EUR

The Picasso Museum in Barcelona is a must-visit destination for art lovers, showcasing one of the most extensive collections of works by Pablo Picasso. Located in the historic El Born neighbourhood, the museum spans five medieval palaces and houses over 4,000 pieces, including paintings, drawings, and ceramics. The collection offers a comprehensive view of Picasso's formative years and his deep connection to Barcelona.

La Pedrera

Barcelona

25EUR

La Pedrera, also known as Casa Milà, is an iconic modernist building designed by Antoni Gaudí, located on Barcelona's famous Passeig de Gràcia. This UNESCO World Heritage site is renowned for its undulating stone facade, unique wrought iron balconies, and innovative rooftop chimneys.

Parque Güell Visit

Barcelona

10EUR

2h-2h30m

Get away from it all with a visit to the imaginative Parque Güell. The fantastical works of Antoni Gaudí (1852-1926) are scattered throughout Barcelona, a grouping of these including Parque Güell, Casa Milà, and the Crypt of La Sagrada Família were established as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1984. Stroll the tree-lined paths and admire Gaudí's creative genius at play.

Day 4

BARCELONA

Travel to the city of Figueres, the birthplace of famed surrealist artist Salvador Dalí, and get acquainted with the important sites on a guided walking tour. Marvel at the vibrant and eclectic architecture, narrow, winding streets and traditional Catalan buildings before finishing the walk at the Dalí Theatre and Museum. Designed by Dalí himself, the building is itself a work of art and almost perfectly represents the artist's life and work. Topped with giant eggs, the museum draws you into Dalí's fantastical imagination as if you are wandering through a theatrical dream, surrounded by the massive collection of his intriguing works of art. Then enjoy some free time before returning to Barcelona for a free evening.



Meals included

Breakfast



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Hotel Evenia Rossello Barcelona Center (or similar) Hotel



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Private Vehicle Figueres - Barcelona 1h30m-2h 140km

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

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ACTIVITY 2km

Explore the town of Figueres on a guided walking tour, wandering along the narrow, winding streets lined with beautiful buildings and learning a bit about its history. Next, be immersed in the whimsical world of Salvador Dalí, one of the most famous surrealist artists, at the Dalí Theatre and Museum. Walk through Dalí's imagination amongst melting clocks, colourful paintings, and whimsical sculptures. Each room offers a fascinating glimpse into Dalí's unique vision, making it a captivating adventure through the wonders of art and creativity.



Optional Activities - Day 4

Casa Natal Salvador Dalí

Figueres

15EUR

The Casa Natal Salvador Dalí, located in Figueres, is a museum dedicated to the early life and works of Salvador Dalí. It is situated in the house where the famous surrealist artist was born.

Toy Museum of Catalonia

Figueres

8EUR

The Toy Museum of Catalonia (Museu del Joguet de Catalunya) in Figueres offers a fascinating journey through the history of toys, displaying over 4,000 items ranging from traditional toys to early computer games. The museum is housed in the former Hotel Paris and provides a nostalgic and educational experience, showcasing toys that belong to various personalities such as Salvador Dalí and Federico García Lorca.

Day 5

BARCELONA/MADRID

Hop on board a high-speed train from Barcelona to Madrid, taking in the beautiful Spanish countryside. After a tasty lunch, set off on a visit to the world class Prado Museum for an experience like no other. Discover the museum's masterpieces through scavenger hunts, games and interactive activities while learning fascinating tidbits along the way. The remainder of the day and evening are free to explore on your own. Grab a bite to eat at one of the city's many great restaurants.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



ACCOMMODATION

Gran Hotel Conde Duque (or similar) Hotel



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Train Barcelona - Madrid 2h30m-3h 505km

Climb aboard, take a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Prado Museum Guided Visit Madrid 1h30m

The Prado Museum is one of the world's most renowned art museums, housing a vast collection of European art from the 12th to the early 20th century. It is particularly famous for its extensive holdings of masterpieces by Spanish artists like Velázquez, Goya, and El Greco, as well as works by other iconic figures such as Bosch, Titian, and Rubens. Enjoy the visit in an interactive and fun way as facilitated by the local guide through scavenger hunts, games and activities.

Day 6

MADRID

Wake up in vibrant Madrid and set off with your Chief Experience Officer (CEO) to visit one of the city's bustling local markets. Meander past piles of colourful vegetables, produce stands and meat vendors, brushing shoulders with locals going about their daily routine. Stop to sample some tasty products like cured meats, cheeses, pastries and the deliciously crunchy, sugar-coated churro. The rest of the day is free to discover one of Madrid's many world-class sites such as the Reina Sofia Museum, the Royal Palace or take in a Flamenco show.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



ACCOMMODATION

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TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY

Madrid's vibrant markets showcase the city's rich cultural diversity, featuring a wide array of global flavors and culinary traditions. Join your CEO on a visit of a typical market and sample traditional Spanish dishes. You will see the international fusion cuisine, and experience the local coffee culture, reflecting the city's lively and inclusive spirit.

Free Time

Madrid

Enjoy a free afternoon to discover some of the amazing things that this vibrant city has to offer.



Optional Activities - Day 6

El Retiro Park

Madrid

2h-3h

Enjoy a visit to Madrid's beautiful El Retiro Park with a relaxing stroll through its gardens and playgrounds, and the beautiful Crystal Palace. The experience includes the chance to row your own boat on the serene lake, offering a unique and memorable way to soak in the park's beauty!

Boats can be rented at Estanque Grande, near the Monument to Alfonso XII. Each boat fit up to 4 people (45 mins)

Flamenco Show Madrid 45EUR

Experience the passion and rhythm of traditional Spanish dance.

Royal Palace of Madrid Madrid 15EUR

Explore the magnificent Royal Palace of Madrid, one of the largest palaces in Europe. Marvel at its opulent rooms, historical artifacts, and stunning architecture.

Reina Sofia Museum Madrid 12EUR 2h-3h

The Reina Sofia is Spain's national museum of 20th-century art, and currently boasts an art collection of over 21,000 works.

Day 7

MADRID

Set off on a day trip to the ancient city of Toledo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site-set on top of a hill in the plains south of Madrid. Explore the city on foot with a local guide, wandering the labyrinth of streets lined with tall stone walls. Learn about the city's history and hear captivating stories that will fascinate visitors of all ages. After the walk, enjoy some free time to continue exploring some of Toledo's iconic sites like the Alcazar fortress, the Cathedral or the El Greco Museum. Return to Madrid in the afternoon for a free evening and optional dinner out with the group.



Meals included

Breakfast



ACCOMMODATION

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TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Private Vehicle Madrid - Toledo 1h15m

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

Toledo Walking Tour with a Local Guide Toledo 2h 3km

This UNESCO World Heritage site offers a rich history, stunning architecture, and captivating stories that will fascinate visitors of all ages.

Private Vehicle Toledo - Madrid 1h15m

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Optional Activities - Day 7

Toledo Cathedral Visit Toledo 12EUR

A masterpiece of Gothic architecture, the Toledo Cathedral is one of the most impressive cathedrals in Spain. It features stunning stained glass windows, intricate altarpieces, and a vast collection of art and religious artifacts

Alcázar of Toledo

Toledo

5EUR

1h-1h30m

This historic fortress, now housing the Army Museum, offers extensive exhibits on Spain's military history. The Alcázar also provides panoramic views of the city from its towers.

El Greco Museum

Toledo

3EUR

Dedicated to the life and works of the famous painter El Greco, this museum is set in a beautiful historic house and offers a fascinating insight into his art and influence.

Day 8

MADRID

Soccer lovers unite, with an exciting visit to Real Madrid's home stadium, Santiago Bernabéu. See the massive pitch up close and imagine all your favorite players scoring the game-winning goal. Take a journey through the club's legendary past and vibrant present and get a glimpse into the deep passion of the team's fans. Feel the thrill of fútbol in this iconic place and leave chanting the fan's anthem "¡Hala Madrid!...y nada más." This afternoon, you are free to explore Spain's capital city on your own. Visit the amazing museums or stroll the city streets, lined with shops and cafés. Later, meet up with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



ACCOMMODATION

Gran Hotel Conde Duque (or similar) Hotel



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Real Madrid's Santiago Bernabéu Stadium Visit

Madrid

1h30m

Dive into the rich history and glory of Real Madrid with a guided experience at the iconic Santiago Bernabéu Stadium. Are you ready for a journey through its legendary past and vibrant present?

Free Time

Madrid

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Day 9

MADRID

Depart at any time.



Meals included

Breakfast



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Departure Day

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with travel arrangements to extend your adventure.

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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.

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What important notes should I be aware of before the trip?

All parents/guardians are required to supervise their children at all times throughout the tour and may not leave their child under the supervision of the CEO, local guides, drivers, etc. Children are not to be left unattended.

Please note that on all Family Adventures one adult can only accompany up to two minors. If you have over two minors planning on travelling then a second adult will be required to attend.

YOUR CEO

It is important to note that in Europe, all guiding is based around local guides all of whom are licensed to work only in a particular city. As such, our leaders are able to provide orientation walks which will show you the layout of each town and city as well as the location of local services, but are unable to legally share historical facts and figures in public places.

LUGGAGE

In Europe it is very rare to find elevators in train stations, hotels or other public places. The carrying of your luggage remains your responsibility at all times.

RESERVE TICKETS

Please note that if you wish to visit popular museums or sites to avoid waiting in line for a long time (especially in high season May-September when it could be a question of hours!), it is advisable to reserve tickets in advance. Tickets can be reserved online at various websites. There may be the possibility of arranging tickets on arrival on Day 1, with the help of your CEO, but availability cannot be guaranteed at such short notice.

ACCOMMODATION NOTE:

Please be aware that properties we stay in with only two stories may not have elevators installed and climbing the stairs with your luggage will be necessary.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES NOTE:

During high season in Europe (May-October) we highly recommend booking reservations for any popular optional activities/museum tickets etc. in advance to avoid encountering sold-out activities on the ground while on tour.

What is the group leader like?

All National Geographic Family Journeys with G Adventures group trips are accompanied by two of our group leaders. The aim of the group leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense; you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting- we think it's the best of both worlds.

How large will the group be?

Max 20, Avg 14.

What meals are included in this trip?

8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners

What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Train, private minivan/bus, metro, taxi, walking.

What transportation will we take on this trip?

Private Vehicles will be used throughout the tour.

Where will we stay during the trip?

Hotels (8 nts).

Will I get my own room?

Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room" option for this tour, you will receive your own single room for all night stops

What kind of accommodation can I expect on this trip?

Rooming is based on double occupancy (2 passengers / 2 beds per room); all other room configurations are on request and cannot be guaranteed. We will try to accommodate triples/quad requests whenever possible and it's important to note that rooming configuration can change from city to city and 2 single beds are the standard configuration in a room.

Please remember that hotel/lodge standards can be different from what you are used to in your home country, which is part of the appeal of adventure travel.

It is important to note that accommodations in Europe tend to be quite different to other areas of the world you may have travelled in. Buildings and rooms are generally old and may not have been renovated or maintained to the highest standard. Downtown hotels in Europe were not built to be hotels but houses of the rich, which have been changed into hotels. Therefore unusual or small room sizes are common as large rooms have been partitioned in the past, resulting in rather "thin" walls. Reception areas, rooms and bathrooms tend to be very small as they were often added into an existing room, and may have a hand nozzle rather than a conventional shower head.

On this trip you can expect to stay in hotels which will vary a little in standard and facilities: some may not have elevators, air-conditioning or English-speaking staff, but have traditional character, and are in central locations to give you maximum time for exploring the sights. You can expect to find clean, safe, simple accommodation in convenient locations. Staff can occasionally demonstrate less than perfect customer service, but a smile and a thank you can go a long way.

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 Journeys in our joining hotel. Due to customer experience and quality considerations, all services related to the tour must be continuous.

Our driver will be waiting for you with a National Geographic Journeys sign with your name on it, and they will be waiting for you outside the luggage hall. There most likely will be many signs, so please check carefully for your name.

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 CEO. 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 CEO 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 CEO 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 either the G Adventures Local Representative (if one is listed below) or 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. If you are advised of a flight schedule change or flight cancellation within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, please call the emergency contact number to advise of your new arrival flight information. If you do not, we will not be able to rearrange your arrival transfer and you will need to make your own way to the starting hotel at your own expense. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Office London, United Kingdom

During Office hours (Weekdays, 9am-5:30pm Local Time)

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For absolute emergencies after office hours please contact: +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: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from Australia: 1300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

Are there any additional packing suggestions I should consider?

You will be on the move a lot, so our advice is to pack as lightly as possible. Your baggage should be clearly labelled and restricted to one soft compact suitcase, sports bag, or backpack. A daypack is also essential for carrying everyday items. Space is limited on transportation, so there is a limit of one main piece of luggage per person. Porters are not often available, so be prepared to carry your own bags.

What should be on my packing list?

Conservative Dress:

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)
- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

Documents:

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

When can I do my laundry on this trip?

Laundry facilities are offered by some of our hotels for a charge or ask your CEO where the closest laundromat is. There will be times when you may want to or have to do your own laundry, so we suggest you bring non-polluting/biodegradable soap.

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 but you must remember to bring your PIN number (be aware that many ATM machines only accept 4-digit PINs). Both Cirrus and Plus system cards are the most widely accepted debit cards. Visa cards are the most widely accepted credit cards. While ATMs are commonly available, there are no guarantees that your credit or debit cards will actually work - check with your bank. 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.

How much emergency money should I bring on this trip?

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

Should I be tipping on my trip?

Local tipping is included on this Family trip which covers local guides, drivers and gratuity for included meals. At the end of your trip if you felt your two Chief Experience Officers did an outstanding job, tipping is expected and appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline; per CEO €30-40 per person, per week can be used.

For non-included meals in restaurant, a guideline is 5-10% of cost of bill.

What activities are optional on this trip?

Barcelona

- Picasso Museum (12EUR per person)
- La Pedrera (25EUR per person)
- Parque Güell Visit (10EUR per person)

Figueres

- Casa Natal Salvador Dalí (15EUR per person)
- Toy Museum of Catalonia (8EUR per person)

Madrid

- El Retiro Park
- Flamenco Show (45EUR per person)
- Royal Palace of Madrid (15EUR per person)
- Reina Sofia Museum (12EUR per person)

Toledo

- Toledo Cathedral Visit (12EUR per person)
- Alcázar of Toledo (5EUR per person)
- El Greco Museum (3EUR per person)

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!

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Does G Adventures have an email newsletter I can subscribe to?

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Stay current on how our company invests in our global community through our foundation – Planeterra. Sign up for [Planeterra's monthly news](#) to learn more about how to give back and support the people and places we love to visit.

Are international flights included in this trip?

No, international flights are generally not included in the price of your tour.

However, on some combo tours travelling between two different countries, international flights are included as part of the itinerary and price of the tour. Please speak to your GCO or booking agent for further details.

In addition, check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.

What should LGBTQ+ travellers know about safety and travel considerations on this trip?

The safety and well-being of all of our travelers is a priority at G Adventures and that includes our travelers who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. We recognize that there are specific concerns and questions you may have about your adventure in terms of safety and security. We encourage you to visit our [LGBTQ+ page](#) for useful resources to ensure you feel safe and comfortable throughout the duration of your trip. The Equaldex tool linked on this page can be of particular help when deciding where you may want to visit next.

Dossier Disclaimer

The information in this trip details document has been compiled with care and is provided in good faith. However it is subject to change, and does not form part of the contract between the client and the operator. The itinerary featured is correct at time of printing. It may differ slightly to the one in the brochure. Occasionally our itineraries change as we make improvements that stem from past travellers, comments and our own research. Sometimes it can be a small change like adding an extra meal along the itinerary. Sometimes the change may result in us altering the tour for the coming year. Ultimately, our goal is to provide you with the most rewarding experience. Please note that our brochure is usually released in November each year. If you have booked from the previous brochure you may find there have been some changes to the itinerary.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please ensure that you print a final copy of your Trip Details to review a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

Itinerary Disclaimer

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.