



Sulawesi Adventure: The Culture of Tana Toraja

9 days, Ubud to Makassar

Trip code AEUP

What's included

- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing January 24th, 2025 and onwards

Itinerary



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

Day 1

Ubud

Welcome to Indonesia! Arrive at any time.



Accommodation

Champlung Sari Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

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.

Ubud is often considered the cultural heart of Bali. Today you have the opportunity to explore however you'd like. From monkey forests, local cooking classes, making spiritual offerings and Balinese village experiences, your options for today are endless.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Champlung Sari Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Optional Activities - Day 2

Medahan Village Happy Local Family Adventure

Ubud

Drive to Medahan Village and enjoy a welcome from the local villages complete with Balinese cake and tea. Take a walking tour of the village, visiting the traditional market, temples, rice paddies and spring. After working up an appetite, sit down for a delicious local lunch before returning to your hotel.

Ubud Spiritual Tour

Ubud

Visit Widya Guna Foundation, a G for Good support project to learn how to make traditional Indonesian prayer offerings. Then visit some of Bali's holiest sites like Gunung Kawi Temple, the tomb of the king. Then visit Tirta Empul spring water temple for a holy bath before returning to Widya Guna Foundation for lunch.

Laplapan Village Cooking Class

Ubud

Visit Laplapan Village in Ubud and join a local cooking class! Make delicious Balinese favorites like sate ayam (chicken satay), pepes ikan (grilled fish in banana leaf) and mie goreng (fried noodles). And don't forget yummy desserts like kolak (boiled banana in caramelized palm sugar). You'll have your own stove, following along as you cook the food you will enjoy for lunch!

Day 3

Ubud/Makassar

Our trip continues with a flight from Bali to Makassar, the largest city in Sulawesi. After we arrive to our hotel, enjoy a relaxing afternoon.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Aston Makassar Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Ubud - Denpasar

1h30m

25km

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

Plane

Denpasar - Makassar

1h30m

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

Free Time

Makassar

Spend the afternoon at leisure in Makassar.

Day 4

Makassar/Sengkang

Depart Makassar this morning after breakfast and head north to Maros, known for its absolutely stunning karst formations called tanggul. After the drive, load into a small boat to arrive to the village. Learn about the importance of the rice paddies and their unique techniques in this village, and admire the incredible natural beauty that these villagers call home. After the tour of the village, drive to Sengkang for the evening and settle into the hotel.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

BBC Hotel Sengkang (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Makassar - Maros

1h30m

45km

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

Private Vehicle

Maros - Sengkang

5h

160km

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

Maros Adventure

Maros

To arrive to the village, we take a short boat ride which demonstrates how vital these waterways have been to this area for centuries. We'll walk through the rice fields surrounded by towering limestone cliffs or "tanggul" and admire the jagged karst formations. These structures are millions of years old and were shaped by erosion. We'll pass by friendly locals who might be tending to their crops or fishing and learn how these rice fields are cultivated using traditional methods passed down through generations. You'll also learn about the cultural importance of rice in Indonesia and the spiritual connection many people have with the land. After the hike, dive into a delicious local meal of authentic South Sulawesi cuisine.

Your day begins with a boat tour of Lake Tempe, one of the largest freshwater lakes in Indonesia. Explore the floating homes of the Bugis people, meet the locals and learn about the unique life of this area. Continue on to Tana Toraja, the land of ancestral spirits and unique traditions and easily one of the most fascinating places in Indonesia. This region is famous for its indigenous culture, dramatic landscapes, and elaborate funeral ceremonies. Although we cannot guarantee we'll see one of their famous funeral processions, we have the unique opportunity to visit and connect with the local community to discover them in depth.

Please note that we will adjust the itinerary for the chance to join a Traditional Torajan Funeral Experience:

In Tana Toraja, funerals are not just solemn events; they are grand celebrations of life that reflect the deep connection between the living and the dead. If a funeral ceremony is taking place during your visit, our CEO will suggest altering the planned activities to allow you to witness this extraordinary cultural event. This decision ensures that travelers have the opportunity to experience one of the most iconic aspects of Torajan culture—a truly unforgettable moment. These funeral processions happen fairly often, however, it is not guaranteed that one will take place during your trip. We will not artificially put on a funeral for travelers but instead will prioritize joining authentic experiences whenever we can. Funerals in Tana Toraja are part of the cultural heritage of the indigenous communities. The community invites traveler to attend, observe and respect their local culture. We will not attend certain aspects of the ceremonies, like animal sacrifices that are done so that the animal can be cooked and shared with the community in celebration of life.

Why Prioritize a Torajan Funeral?

Torajan funerals are among the most elaborate and meaningful ceremonies in the world, often lasting several days and involving entire communities. These rituals are steeped in tradition, symbolizing respect for ancestors and ensuring their safe passage to the afterlife. Participating in or observing such an event provides a profound insight into the values, beliefs, and social structures of the Torajan people. We are expect to be respectful of the local customs, especially during funeral ceremonies. Your CEO will brief you on appropriate behavior and attire.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Luta Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Sengkang - Tana Toraja Regency

6h30m

210km

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

Lake Tempe Boat Tour

Sengkang

Embark on a scenic boat ride across Lake Tempe, one of the largest freshwater lakes in Indonesia. Known for its serene beauty and traditional floating villages, Lake Tempe offers a unique glimpse into the lives of the people who call it home. The Bugis people, the dominant ethnic group in this area, have adapted to living on the water, building floating houses and engaging in traditional fishing practices. As you cruise along the lake, you'll see these floating homes, often adorned with colorful decorations. Interact with villagers and learn about their way of life, including fishing techniques and sustainable living practices.

Puncak Lakawan

Buntu Lakawan

Nestled high in the mountains, Puncak Lakawan offers panoramic views of the lush green valleys and rolling hills of South Sulawesi. This picturesque spot is perfect for taking photos and enjoying a leisurely lunch amidst nature.

Drive through the countryside this morning toward Lemo Village and enjoy breathtaking views of terraced rice fields, rolling hills, and traditional villages dotted along the way. In Lemo, we have the opportunity to witness some of the iconic burial sites carved into limestone caves. Continue on to visit Suaya to learn about the famous Baby Tree, a sacred tree where the spirits of deceased infants are believed to rest, and visit the graves of the royal family in the area. Next we head to Londa, another ancient burial site that highlights the ingenuity and spiritual beliefs of the Torajan people, followed by a traditional Torajan lunch. Conclude the day's discoveries with a walk through the Kete Kesu village, and admire the architecture and artwork.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Luta Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Suaya Baby Tree & Royal Graves

Suaya

Suaya is known for its unique and poignant burial practice for infants. When a baby dies before teething, it is believed that its spirit needs a safe and nurturing place to return to nature. The body is placed inside a hollowed-out space in a large tree, known as a The Baby Tree or "Tarra' Tree." As the tree heals and grows, it is believed to absorb the baby's spirit, allowing it to become part of the natural world. Then pay a visit to the royal graves and marvel at the craftsmanship of the stone carvings.

Lemo Village & Burial Site

Lemo

Visit Lemo Village, a fascinating site renowned for its Tau Tau statues—life-sized wooden effigies representing the deceased—and hanging graves carved into limestone cliffs. Lemo offers a unique glimpse into the Torajan people's deeply spiritual approach to death and ancestor worship. Lemo is one of the most iconic burial sites in Toraja, showcasing the unique relationship between the Torajan people and death. The towering limestone cliffs are adorned with Tau Tau. These statues, often dressed in traditional clothing and adorned with personal belongings, stand guard over the graves carved into the rock face. The higher the grave, the higher the status of the deceased in life.

Traditional Cave Burial Site of Londa

Londa

Londa is known for its traditional cave burial sites. Here, coffins are placed inside natural caves or carved niches on the cliffs. Over time, the coffins decay, leaving behind skeletal remains and personal belongings. The sites are considered a sacred place where the spirits of the ancestors reside. Walk through the pathways leading to the caves and observe the various stages of preservation for the coffins. Reflect on the deep connection between life, death, and nature in Torajan philosophy.

ACTIVITY

Savor a delicious meal featuring authentic Torajan food. Try the local cuisine like papasan, grilled meat wrapped in banana leaves, and burasa, sticky rice cooked in coconut milk.

Ke'te Kesu' Traditional Torajan Village

Tana Toraja Regency

Visit Ke'te Kesu', one of the best-preserved traditional Torajan villages. Here, you can see the iconic Tongkonan, "ancestral houses," with their distinctive boat-shaped roofs, adorned with intricate carvings. Learn about the collection of old rice barns called "Alang," important structures in Torajan society. The woodcarvings on the Tongkonan and Alang depict symbols of prosperity, fertility, and social status. The people of Ke'te Kesu' are renowned as highly skilled craftsmen. Unique ornaments of bamboo and stone are carved in abstract and geometric patterns.

Day 7

Tana Toraja Regency

Today you have the opportunity to explore the incredible Tana Toraja area however you'd like. With so many unique and interesting aspects to the local culture, opt to delve deeper into what piques your interest the most. Choose to stay active on a trek or get hands-on with a cooking class.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Luta Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Free Time

Tana Toraja Regency

Enjoy the opportunity to explore Tana Toraja how you'd like to during today's free day.



Optional Activities - Day 7

Toraja Village Trek

Kandora

Join a local guide on a full-day trek through the stunning landscapes of Toraja. Trek through Palipu Village to Suaya and Tampangallo. You'll hike through rice terraces, lush forests, and small villages while admiring the panoramic views of the valleys and hills. Along the way, visit traditional Torajan villages, where you can observe the lifestyle of the locals, and learn about their culture and rituals. Stop for a picnic lunch in a scenic spot, surrounded by nature, to recharge for the rest of the trek. Please note that the route/trekking will be adjusted by the local guide based on the fitness level of the guests.

Toraja Cooking Class

Tana Toraja Regency

Visit a traditional house in a small "kampung," village, in Tana Toraja. Along side your local host, learn to cook typical Torajan dishes, that we'll then enjoy for lunch. We'll cook famous dishes like pa'piong manuk, chicken with grated banana stem cooked in a bamboo tube. Cooked young fern and red rice are the perfect match for this delicious chicken dish.

Say goodbye to the amazing Tana Toraja area early this morning as we return to Makassar. Drive to the airport, then board a flight to arrive to Makassar by late morning. After free time for lunch, explore the historic city of Makassar alongside your CEO. Start at Fort Rotterdam, the 17th century fort, once a major trading hub in Southeast Asia. Then drive to Paotere Harbor for a walk to see the pinisi ships, followed by a visit to the Makassar's most beautiful mosque Masjid 99 Kubah. Finish today with a relaxing sunset at Losari beach, an amazing way to finish up your trip around Sulawesi.



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Hotel



Today's Activities

Plane

Palopo - Makassar

1h30m

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Fort Rotterdam Visit

Makassar

Explore Fort Rotterdam and visit the historic Dutch site, cannons and walls. Admire the scenic views of the harbor and take some time to see the museum of colonial history to learn about Fort Rotterdam's role as a major trading hub in Southeast Asia.

Paotere Harbor

Makassar

Visit Paotere Harbor to see the traditional Pinisi ships of the Bugis ethnic group, one of the three largest in Sulawesi and known for their seafaring and warring skills. Stroll along the harbor and observe these iconic wooden sailing vessels up close. You may see workers repairing, loading, or unloading the ships, offering a glimpse into their daily operations. Take stunning photos of the colorful Pinisi ships against the backdrop of the sea. These ships are not only functional but also works of art, with intricate designs and vibrant colors.

Private Vehicle

Tana Toraja Regency - Palopo

2h30m

77km

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

Masjid 99 Kubah Mosque

Makassar

Visit Masjid Kubah 99 Asmaul Husna, one of Makassar's most beautiful and unique mosques. This architectural marvel is named after the 99 names of Allah and features 99 golden domes symbolizing each name. If we can, we'll step inside to explore the spacious prayer hall, adorned with intricate decorations and calligraphy. Learn about the significance of the mosque in the local community and its role as a symbol of religious harmony in South Sulawesi.

Losari Beach

Makassar

Relax and enjoy the sunset at Losari Beach. Take a leisurely walk along the promenade and admire the beautiful views of the sun dipping below the horizon. Watch locals gather to celebrate the end of the day with music and dance. Opt to sample street food from vendors selling grilled seafood, satay, or fresh fruit juices as you breathe in the sea air.

Day 9

Makassar

Depart at any time.

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Is there a travel disclaimer for my itinerary I should review before booking this trip?

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

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

What is the group leader like?

This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our group leaders, otherwise known as a Chief Experience Officer (CEO). 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 16, avg 12.

What meals are included in this trip?

8 breakfasts, 2 lunches

What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Private vehicle, plane, walking, boat.

Where will we stay during the trip?

Hotels (8nts)

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?

Hotels (8 nts)

What are the joining instructions?

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

If you would like to book an airport Arrival transfer for your tour, please contact our Sales Team or your Travel Agent in advance of travel.

If you have paid in advance for an arrival transfer, a G Adventures representative will be at the airport to meet you.

I Gusti Ngurah Rai (Denpasar) International Airport (DPS): Go to the Paging Area in front of the elevator at International Terminal's arrival hall.

Please note there is a common scam at the airport for non-G Adventures' drivers to pretend they are working for the company. It is very important to confirm your name and booking number with your airport transfer representative.

If for any reason you are not met at the airport, please call our local support line. If you are unable to make contact for whatever reason, please make your way to the joining point hotel via taxi.

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.

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 Bangkok, Thailand

24/7 emergency number:

From outside Thailand: +66 92 338 9222

From within Thailand: 092 338 9222

G Adventures Local Representative (Indonesia)

Mr. Azhar : +62 813 376 18480

Mr. Edy: +62 811 380 3820

Ms. Periana: +62 811 380 3821

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: 1 300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

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

What information should I be aware of as the itinerary draws to a close?

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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.)

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](#)

Indonesia:

If you are eligible to apply a tourist e-visa for Indonesia, please follow the below links for further information and application:

[C1 Visa Description and Requirements](#)

[eVisa Application Website](#)

The All-Indonesia Arrival Card is mandatory for all international travelers on arrival at Soekarno–Hatta International Airport (CGK), I Gusti Ngurah Rai International Airport (DPS) and Juanda International Airport (SUB) must be completed online within 72 hours before arrival. Submitting the form in advance generates a QR code required at immigration and customs.

Note: The Arrival Card will be mandatory for all international travelers on arrival at all international airports, all international ports by land and by sea from 1 October 2025. For more information and to complete the application, visit the [Indonesia Immigration website](#).

Bali:

Effective February 14, 2024, Bali will implement the “Bali Tourist Levy” for all foreign tourists traveling to the island. This fee is 150,000 IDR (or \$10 USD). Travellers can opt to pay this fee online or in person upon arrival to Bali. We strongly suggest every traveler pay before arrival to ease your entry and avoid queueing to pay upon arrival. The Balinese Government also highly recommends travellers to pay this fee before arrival to Bali.

Payments made before your arrival into Bali will take place through the “Love Bali System.” After successful payment, the system will provide you with a digital paid notification as proof. Make sure to hold on to that proof as it will be scanned by Bali Officials upon arrival to the island. Pay Tourist Levy [here](#)

If you do not pay the fee before arrival, a cashless payment must be made at your entry point. You will receive a printout proving your payment. This document must be kept safe as entry officials will scan the printout upon entering Bali.

For more information, please click [here](#)

Information is accurate as of April 1st, 2024.

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!

What activities are optional on this trip?

Ubud

- Medahan Village Happy Local Family Adventure
- Ubud Spiritual Tour
- Laplapan Village Cooking Class

Kandora

- Toraja Village Trek

Tana Toraja Regency

- Toraja Cooking Class

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.

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 should I dress to respect local customs during the tour?

On Sulawesi you may encounter local funeral processions taking place. It would be important to dress modestly during this part of the tour, covering shoulders and knees.

How old must I be to join this trip?

Minimum age of 15 years for this trip.

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.