



Tirana to Santorini: The Albanian Riviera & Iconic Greek Islands

18 days, Tirana to Santorini

Trip code EXTI

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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing August 19th, 2025 - December 30th, 2026

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

Tirana

Arrive at any time, and welcome to Albania's capital! After a welcome briefing, in the evening head out with your CEO on a brief orientation walk to get to know Tirana a little better. Walk through Skanderbeg Square and see the Et'hem Bey Mosque, famous for the clock tower that is the symbol of the city. Enjoy an optional dinner out and take the rest of the evening to relax with new friends.



Accommodation

Hotel Idea Signature Tirana (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.

Orientation Walk Tirana

Tirana

Enjoy a brief walk with your CEO. He/she will give you some tips on finding things like supermarkets, main squares, and ATMs. For more specific or in-depth information, an official guided tour is recommended.

ACTIVITY

Connect with new friends on your first night out in a new destination. Only available on 18-to-Thirtysomethings tours.

There is no better way to get to know a country than to dive head first into their cuisine. Connect with your fellow travellers and learn about the local specialties with an immersive cooking class this morning, ending with a well-deserved and delicious lunch. Enjoy the rest of the day for yourself to explore the city or explore museums, like Bunk'Art 1 or 2 which are located in underground nuclear bunkers.

Tirana is known for its colourful Ottoman, Fascist, and Soviet era architecture. Skanderbeg Square acts as the city's focal point, surrounded by pastel buildings. On the square's north end is the modernist National History Museum, covering prehistoric times through Communist rule and the anti-Communist uprisings of the 1990s.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Hotel Idea Signature Tirana (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

Immerse yourself in the local culture by learning how to cook some local specialties. Sip regional wine and raki (an alcoholic beverage made of twice-distilled grape pomace and flavored with aniseed) while gaining a greater understanding of dishes such as byrek (with seasonal filling), stuffed peppers and eggplants, and seqerpare for dessert.

Free Time

Tirana

Enjoy some free time this afternoon to get out and explore Tirana however you'd like.

Day 3

Tirana/Berat

Head from Tirana to Berat today with a stop in Kruje along the way. Stretch your legs with a walk around town, one of the most historically significant villages in the country. Nestled in the foothills of the Albanian Alps, this little village is steeped in history and is the epicentre of Albania's independence from the Ottoman Empire. Explore the small centre, roam around one of the country's oldest bazaars, and climb to the Krujë Castle. Upon arrival in Berat, head out with your CEO on a walking tour of the city and the Berat Castle, then enjoy the rest of the evening free.

Berat is known as the "Town of a Thousand Windows", due to the large windows found on old, decorated houses overlooking the town.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Hotel Kaceli Berat (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Tirana - Berat

3h30m

165km

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

Krujë Visit

Krujë

1h30m

Krujë is more than just a small mountain village in Albania – it holds historical importance for various reasons. Back in the day, around the Roman era, the area was home to the so-called Albani. This ancient Balkan tribe turned the area into one of the more important cities of that time. Later, during the Middle Ages, it became the first capital of the Albanian state. However, the village is best known as the hometown of national hero Skanderbeg, a military commander who fought off Ottoman forces for 25 whole years before his death in 1468. Walk around the town, check the Old Bazaar, and visit the Castle of Krujë.

Berat Orientation Walk

Berat

1h30m

Take an afternoon tour of Berat, led by your CEO. Tour of the Castle of Berat with its chapels, typical houses, the ancient walls of Antipatrea and the Orthodox Cathedral with its art collection from 16th century iconography artist Onufri. Visit the traditional low neighbourhoods of Mangalem and Gorica, (which gave Berat the nickname “Town of a 1001 Windows.”)

Transfer to Himarë today with a stop at the Vjosë-Nartë Delta Protected Area. Check out the natural beauty of the wetlands and coastal lagoons and see an old Byzantine monastery before continuing the drive to the beautiful beach town of Himarë. After settling into the hotel, set off on a walk with your CEO to explore the old town before an optional dinner out with the group and free evening.

The Old City of Himare and its commanding hilltop castle stand as testament to the rich historical legacy of Albania. Dating back to Illyrian times, these ancient structures are revered as vital historical landmarks. The old town surrounds the castle and the Spilea coastal area serving as both a tourist hub and an economic centre.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Hotel Panorama Himara (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Berat - Himarë

3h15m

175km

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

Visit the Vjosë-Nartë Delta Protected Area:

Vjosë

1h30m

Visit the Vjosë-Nartë Delta Protected Area: on the way to Himarë. A vast area of wetlands, sand dunes & a coastal lagoon, the area is home to sheltering migratory birds and a Byzantine monastery.

Himarë Orientation Walk

Himarë

1h

Explore Himarë with your CEO. The Old City of Himarë and its commanding hilltop castle stand as testament to the rich historical legacy of Albania. These ancient structures date back to Illyrian times and are revered as vital historical landmarks in this region. The old town is ingeniously laid out around the ancient castle and the Spilea coastal area, which serves as both a tourist hub and an economic centre for the region. Opt to visit the inside of the castle on your own. Himarë has a promenade along the seashore lined with numerous Mediterranean-style taverns, creating a perfect atmosphere for leisurely strolls and dining with a view.

Day 5

Himarë

Experience authentic Albanian culture today on a hike to a shepherd outpost in the mountains. Start walking from the community of Tragjas, heading up the mountain to meet the local shepherds who will share their time with us. Learn about their traditional life in the mountains and enjoy a delicious typical lunch before hiking back down to the bus for the trip back to Himarë. The rest of the day is free to explore more of the town or just relax on the beach.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Hotel Panorama Himara (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Himarë - Tragjas

1h30m

50km

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

ACTIVITY

5km

Go to the old Tragjas farm of Sofo and Dhurata. Hike a short trail of about 3km with an elevation of approximately 280m to get to the shepherds' outpost where one can enjoy the authentic life of the Albanians, their traditions and life in the mountains, so close to the sea. Enjoy a typical lunch at the farm before hiking back down to the bus to return to Vlorë.

Private Vehicle

Tragjas - Himarë

1h30m

50km

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

Free Time

Himarë

Enjoy free time to check out the local beaches in this beautiful coastal town.

Day 6

Himarë/Corfu

Head down the coast to the town of Sarandë to catch the ferry to Greece, and the island of Corfu. Transfer to the hostel and settle in with time to relax before heading out in the evening for an optional farewell dinner and a Big Night Out at a couple of bars with your new friends on this Greek Island paradise.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Pink Palace Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Ferry

Rrethi i Sarandës – Corfu

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

Private Vehicle

Himarë – Rrethi i Sarandës

1h30m

55km

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

ACTIVITY

Whether it's a pub crawl, drink specials or a bonfire on the beach, celebrate late into the night with your new best friends.

Day 7

Corfu

Enjoy a full free day in beautiful Corfu to do as much or as little as you please. Hit up one of the local beaches, explore some of the nearby villages or maybe rent a sea kayak. In the evening head out for an optional dinner with the group to sample some of the delicious local flavours, made from fresh and local ingredients.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Pink Palace Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Free Time

Corfu

Get out and explore this Greek island paradise



Optional Activities - Day 7

Archaeological Museum Corfu

Corfu

3EUR

See some of the amazing artifacts housed at the Archaeological Museum of Corfu, including relics excavated from the ancient city of Corfu, Cassiope, the Gorgon pediment and The Lion of Menecrates. While small, this museum is a great place to see local artifacts and get a sense of the area's history.

Achilleion Palace, Museum and Gardens

Corfu

10EUR

2h-3h

Marvel at Queen Sissi of Bavaria's tribute to Greek mythology at the Achilleion Palace, 30 minutes south of Corfu. Built in 1890, the palace grounds are filled with marble statues, delicate fountains and beautifully landscaped gardens that overlook the coastline. Used as a set for the James Bond film "For Your Eyes Only", this splendid sanctuary is worth the drive out of town.

Temple of Artemis

Corfu

Free

The Temple of Artemis was built in 580 BC and is the first known example of a Doric temple built with stone. Though many of the temple's preserved columns have been transferred to a nearby museum, the ruins are still considered a milestone of Greek architecture.

Day 8

Corfu

Start your day by exploring Corfu's Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site steeped in history, charm, and Venetian elegance. Wander through narrow cobblestone streets lined with colorful neoclassical buildings, uncover hidden squares and lively cafes, and soak up the timeless beauty of this enchanting town. Whether you're browsing local boutiques, visiting historic landmarks, or simply enjoying the vibrant morning atmosphere, this cultural journey is the perfect start to your day.

In the evening, lace up your hiking boots for the Agios Gordios Sunset Hike. This scenic trail offers stunning views of the island bathed in golden light as the sun sets over the sea. And for those craving an extra thrill, there's a cliff jumping opportunity at sunset—an unforgettable experience for the adventurous! Get ready for a perfect blend of natural beauty, adrenaline, and epic views.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Pink Palace Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Free Time

Corfu

Use your free time here to make the most of the Old town.

Agios Gordios Sunset Hike

Corfu

2h30m

7km

Hike through scenic olive groves before the path opens up boasting incredible views of the horizons and multi-level landscapes.

Day 9

Corfu

Take advantage of a full day in paradise to bask in the glory of everything that the island of Corfu has to offer. Take an optional boat tour, rent a kayak or visit some of the older churches and historic buildings found on the island. Otherwise relaxing at the hostel or at one of the local beaches is always a great option too.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Pink Palace Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Free Time

Corfu

Free day in Corfu to personalize your trip as you wish. Choose to book a day boat tour or take advantage of activities offered through the hostel; city tours, kayaking, or quad safaris.



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Think planes, trains, and automobiles, only a private bus, a short local transfer, a ferry, and a public bus working together to take you to the town of Kalambaka, in the heart of Meteora. Upon arrival, head out on a hike to the mountaintop monasteries amidst stunning rock formations and landscapes. Return to Kalabaka for the rest of the evening and relax for the evening.

Six monasteries reside atop the impressive cliffs of Meteora and research shows evidence of early human settlements dating back 50,000 years. This natural and manmade landmark provides once in a lifetime views that will take your breath away.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Hotel Edelweiss (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Aghios Gordios - Corfu

30m

12km

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

Ferry

Corfu - Igoumenítsa

1h30m

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

Private Vehicle

Igoumenítsa - Kalampáka

2h30m

166km

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

Meteora Sunset Hike

Meteora

3h30m

5km

Experience the magic of Meteora at golden hour on this guided sunset hike through its breathtaking landscapes. Follow ancient trails once used by monks and enjoy panoramic views of the dramatic rock formations glowing in the evening light. Along the way, observe all six monasteries from the outside, perched high on towering cliffs, and soak in the serene beauty of the Meteora Valley as the sun sets.

This unforgettable journey through nature and history offers the perfect way to end your day in this UNESCO World Heritage site.

Travel south by bus to Athens today, arriving in the afternoon. After settling into the hotel, visit Shedia, a G Adventures–supported café where you will have a drink and learn about the mission of this incredible place. Later, head out on a CEO-led highlights walk of Athens and lay your eyes on some of the famous landmarks and ancient monuments and then finish off the day with a Big Night Out in the lively Plaka neighborhood.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Athens Hawks Hostel (or similar)

Hostel



Today's Activities

Local Bus

Kalampáka - Athens

4h45m

350km

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride. Please note that this route may require a bus transfer.

ACTIVITY

Take time to relax at Shedia Home, a non-profit cafe providing purpose and employment to over 150 individuals experiencing homelessness in Athens. You'll enjoy a drink while one of Shedia's guides recounts the recent history of Greece's financial crisis which has made initiatives like Shedia even more important for those who have found themselves without work and shelter. Your stop here supports their programs - including the cafe, art program, and magazine - all dedicated to supporting the community.

Athens Orientation Walk With CEO

Athens

Head out on a CEO led highlights walk of Athens and lay your eyes on famous landmarks like, The Parthenon, the Acropolis, and the Temple of Zeus.

ACTIVITY

Celebrate late into the night with your new travel tribe. Enjoy a drink at the hostel's rooftop bar with an amazing view of the Acropolis.

Day 12

Athens

Enjoy a free day in Athens to immerse yourself deeper into this historical city; choose to visit iconic sites like the Acropolis, Parthenon, and the Ancient Agora, or check out some museums like the new Acropolis Museum, or the National Archaeological Museum. In the evening head out with the group for an optional dinner out at a local restaurant to sample the fantastic Greek cuisine.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Athens Hawks Hostel (or similar)

Hostel



Optional Activities - Day 12

Ancient Agora Visit

Athens

20EUR

Explore the ruins, located in the heart of modern Athens, which were once the site of the marketplace in ancient times. It was the political, cultural, social and economic centre of the ancient world, where the likes of Socrates, Plato and affluent Athenians used to gather to discuss philosophy, political issues, exchange gossip and trade.

Acropolis and Parthenon Visit

Athens

20EUR

Discover the most famous of Athens' eight hills: the Acropolis, the ultimate architectural and artistic expression of the ancient Athenian spirit. Visit the Parthenon, built for the Goddess Athena in 447 BC. This Greek temple, despite the gradual state of ruin and damage sustained over time, still symbolizes the key ideals of harmony and balance that defined the Classical style of Greek architecture.

Acropolis Museum Visit

Athens

1h-3h

Visit the Acropolis Museum to see some of the artifacts and artworks discovered during excavations of the Acropolis. With over 25,000 square meters (82,020 ft) the museum is architecturally as interesting as the collection. The museum is built over an archaeological dig site and there is an impressive view of the Acropolis from the third floor.

Syntagma (Constitution) Square Visit

Athens

Free

30m-1h

Most of Athens important sights and interesting neighbourhoods border this central square. The square was built in the early 19th century in front of the Old Royal Palace of King Otto of Greece. Walk around to admire the architecture, stop at a café and people watch, or watch the ceremonial changing of the guards called Evzones.

National Archaeological Museum Visit

Athens

12EUR

Take a tour of the National Archaeological Museum, home to some of the most important artifacts from ancient Greece. In the collection are various sculptures, vases, as well as metal works and is considered one of the most impressive museums in the world.

Day 13

Athens/Páros

Travel by ferry to the Paros, an island of beautiful villages surrounded by picturesque nature and views of the Mediterranean. Head out on an orientation walk starting at the port town of Paroikla with its white cube-shaped houses. Wander past churches, the Venetian Castle on the hill and the Archaeological Museum. Afterwards, take advantage of free time to visit the many restaurants, cafes, and shops along the old town's main streets.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Polos Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Ferry

Athens - Páros

4h

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

Paros Orientation Walk

Páros

The fertile and hilly island of Paros has been successfully occupied by Cretans, Minoans, Ionians, Arcadians, Macedonians, Romans, and a few others. The island's bustling capital port town of Parkikia full of ancient sites, the resort town of Naoussa, and all of these sweet, rural villages minus the crowds makes this island a must see on any Greek islands adventure. Enjoy a guided walk of the port town and use your free time to try out any cafes, restaurants, and bars that peak your curiosity along the main street.

Free Time

Páros

With plenty to see and do this island will not disappoint. Head out for a nice walk through the hills and other fishing villages. Or if feeling more adventurous try out windsurfing, kite-surfing and diving.

Day 14

Páros

Set off on a half-day tour to see more of the island of Paros. Visit the inland village of Lefkes surrounded by hills, pine forests, and olive groves. Then, travel to the resort town of Naousa and Kolymbithres Beach with the clearest water and coolest rock formations you could use for sunbathing. The rest of the day is yours to continue exploring, walk on the beach, grab a bite to eat, and relax in this paradise that offers you a Greek island experience without the crowds.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Polos Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Paros Island Excursion

Páros

Visit the island of Paros in the heart of the Cyclades, known for its hidden beaches, quaint villages and bountiful plant life. The countryside is filled with vineyards, olive groves and fruit trees while in the spring the scenery is dotted with bursts of colour from blooming flowers. Explore or sit back at a tavernas and enjoy the view while savouring some yummy Greek food. History buffs tend to flock to the North side of Paros to Naousa to see the town's historic port and Venetian ruins.

Free Time

Páros

Relax by the water, feel the sun on your face, and swim in the clear blue waters of Paros' beaches. Grab some food at a cafe with outdoor seating and watch the locals go about their day as you enjoy this island paradise.

Day 15

Páros/Íos

Hop on a ferry to your next island destination today and enjoy a small lunch onboard. Upon arrival at Íos the group will enjoy an orientation walk with your CEO of Chora which is the main and only real village of Íos. Wander around admiring the little cube house with the flat roofs and the narrow stone paved winding labyrinth of streets. Afterwards you'll have free time to visit some of the bars and restaurants for some food and drinks, lounge on the beach, or climb to the highest point on the island for panoramic views of Íos. It's truly unforgettable, especially during a colorful sunset.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Skala Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Ferry

Páros - Íos

2h15m-2h30m

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

Chora Orientation Walk

Íos

Get the lay of the land and wander through the labyrinth of street stumbling across cafes, shops, and bars along the way. Afterwards maybe hike up to the ruins of the venetian castle on top of the hill overlooking the village. At night choose to head out and have a good time with the locals to get a taste of the nightlife on this Greek island.

Free Time

Íos

Enjoy time on the island of Íos. Hike to the highest point on the island, relax on the beach, or partake in the nightlife with the locals.

Day 16

Íos

Today is all about beaches, swimming, and living out those Greek Island bucket-lists. In the morning, the group embarks on the Best of Beaches Tour of Íos. The trip is four hours and you'll visit seven different beaches along the island. Lunch is included and you'll have opportunities to swim and try snorkelling at Neverbay. Take advantage of free time this evening to stroll through town before dancing the night away at an island nightclub and bar!



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Accommodation

Skala Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Best Beaches of Íos Tour

Íos

4h

The best of Beaches Tour in Íos is a four hour trip that will visit seven different beaches along the coast of Íos: Kolistani, Sapounochma, Klima, Pikri Nero, Pepa, Tripiti, and Manganarj beaches. Three swim stops are included and an opportunity to snorkel at "Neverbay" which is also the film location of the movie, "The Big Blue". Lunch is included on tour.

Free Time

Íos

After returning from the beaches tour you'll have free time. Opt to grab a drink with the group, find the perfect dinner spot, watch the sunset from the highest point on the island, and maybe dance the night away with the locals.

Day 17

Íos/Santorini

Spend the morning in Íos. In the afternoon jump on the ferry to the island of Santorini. Upon arrival the group will enjoy a CEO guided caldera walk. The walk is just under 11km and will take you along the rim of the caldera between Fira and Oia. Afterwards, you have the option of attending dinner with the group for your final night in Santorini.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Hotel Castro Kamari (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Caldera Hiking Excursion

Fira - Oia

3h-4h

11km

Hike along the caldera cliff from Fira to Oia with your CEO as your guide. You'll pass through the villages of Firostefani and Imerovigli between Fira and Oia. At just under 11km the hike will take between 3 and 4 hours. Part of the path is similar to a sidewalk and some parts are cobblestone and others a simple dirt path. Enjoy the exercise and some of the best views in Santorini.

Ferry

Íos - Santorini

1h15m-1h30m

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

Depart at any time.



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Breakfast

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

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

1. 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 such as post offices and laundromats, but are unable to legally share historical facts and figures in public places.

2. In Europe it is very rare to find elevators in train stations, hotels or other public places. We use public transport on this trip, which means you will need to carry your luggage from platform to platform, in and out of trains and buses etc. and also possibly up several flights of stairs. You will also need to be able to stow your luggage safely on trains and buses. It is therefore essential that you pack light and bring luggage which is compact and lightweight, and which you can easily transport. The carrying of your luggage remains your responsibility at all times.

3. This trip has a fast-paced itinerary with some long transport days - please check the itinerary carefully before deciding if this trip suits your needs.

4. Please note that this tour combines with other G Adventures tours. As such, the staff and some travel companions on your tour may have previously been traveling together with G Adventures, prior to Day 1 of your tour. Likewise, some staff and travel companions may be continuing together on another G Adventures tour, after your trip concludes.

5. 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?

This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our CEOs (Chief Experience Officer). The aim of the CEO 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.

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 such as post offices and laundromats, but are unable to legally share historical facts and figures in public places. If you wish to take a guided city tour in any location our CEO will do their best to help you arrange this and pay locally.

How large will the group be?

Max 16, avg 10.

What meals are included in this trip?

17 breakfasts, 4 lunches

What are the meals like on this trip?

Eating is a big part of traveling. G Adventures understands the importance of breakfast to start your day, we strive to include a basic breakfast wherever possible. A typical breakfast may include toast, coffee and tea, however this may vary depending on the city. Should breakfast not be included, your CEO can suggest some local options.

Travelling with G Adventures you experience the vast array of wonderful food that is available out in the world. Generally meals are not included in the trip price when there is a choice of eating options, to give you the maximum flexibility in deciding where, what and with whom to eat. It also gives you more budgeting flexibility, though generally food is cheap. Our groups tend to eat together to enable you to taste a larger variety of dishes and enjoy each other's company. There is no obligation to do this though. Your CEO will be able to suggest favourite restaurants during your trip. While trekking in remote regions etc. food is included, plentiful and made of fresh local ingredients.

For all trips please refer to the meals included and budget information for included meals and meal budgets.

What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Private bus, public bus, ferry, walking

Is there an extra cost for travelling solo?

We believe solo travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Single travellers joining group trips are paired in twin or multi-share accommodation with someone of the same sex for the duration of the trip. Some of our Independent trips are designed differently and solo travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

Where will we stay during the trip?

Hotels (7 nts, twin share), hostel (10 nt. multi share with 4-5 people)

What kind of accommodation can I expect on this trip?

The variety and local flavour of our accommodation is a favourite part of our European 18-to-Thirtysomethings trips. Although the properties we use are simply furnished and with few facilities, we base our choices on location, character and cleanliness. We will stay in a mixture of hotels, some hostels, and private rooms in local households.

All accommodation on this tour will be multi-share. This may involve 4-6 group members sharing and even (on rare occasions) dormitory-style rooms for the whole group. The majority of accommodation will have shared bathroom facilities.

Where we use multi-share hostels, rooming requests of any kind cannot be taken.

Note that most accommodation in Europe does not have air conditioning units in rooms. Air conditioning is not routinely installed in European homes and workplaces. However, nearly all hotels will provide a standing or desk fan for your room on hot nights. If you do not already have one in your room, please ask your CEO to organize one for you with reception. For private accommodation please see tours in our Classic Travel Style.

Please note that pre & post additional accommodations cannot guarantee same gender rooming thus mixed gender rooming may occur.

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.

From Tirana airport (TIA), you can reach the city centre in a few ways. You can take the airport shuttle bus from outside of the Arrivals terminal to Skanderbeg Square, which is the central square of Tirana.

To arrange an arrival or departure transfer, we recommend you book through our preferred transfer provider - [Welcome Pickups](#)

We advise that you book both your arrival and departure transfers in advance. Please make sure you have the following details before booking:

- Flight number
- Flight Arrival Time and Date
- Flight Departure Time and Date
- Passenger's Name
- Number of Passengers
- Email
- Valid Mobile Telephone Number
- Drop off and/or Pick Up Address

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, as soon as possible please contact your starting point hotel, requesting that you speak to or leave a message for your CEO. If you are unable to get in touch with your CEO, please refer to our emergency contact details.

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.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Office - London, United Kingdom

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

+44 20 7243 9870

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, from calls within North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from within UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from within Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from within Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from within New Zealand: 0800 333 307

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

For absolute emergencies after office hours please contact: +44 1858378000

If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Are there any additional packing suggestions I should consider?

We recommend using a backpack for your convenience, or a medium-sized suitcase if you prefer. 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. You will be responsible for carrying your own luggage. You must be prepared to carry your luggage up and down stairs, on and off transportation, and to hotels (max 15-20 mins.)

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

When can I do my laundry on this trip?

Laundry facilities are offered by some of our hotels for a charge. 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. Your CEO can also show you where the you can get your laundry done.

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 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?

While conventions can vary from country to country, tipping is customary in Europe. A general rule is 10% of the bill for wait staff, and a smaller amount (€1 or €2) for other service providers.

Tipping is an expected - though not compulsory - component of your tour program, and an expression of satisfaction with the persons who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides. You may do this individually, or your CEO will offer to collect the money and tip as a group. Recommendations for tipping local guides would range from €6-8 per day, depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture.

At the end of each trip, if you felt your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is expected and appreciated. The precise amount is a personal preference, however €42-€56 per person, per week can be used as a guideline.

What activities are optional on this trip?

Corfu

- Archaeological Museum Corfu (3EUR per person)
- Achilleion Palace, Museum and Gardens (10EUR per person)
- Temple of Artemis (Free)

Athens

- Ancient Agora Visit (20EUR per person)
- Acropolis Museum Visit
- National Archaeological Museum Visit (12EUR per person)
- Acropolis and Parthenon Visit (20EUR per person)
- Syntagma (Constitution) Square Visit (Free)

Are there any health considerations I should know before travelling?

Please note inoculations may be required for the country visited. It is your responsibility to consult with your travel doctor for up to date medical travel information well before departure.

You should consult your doctor for up-to-date medical travel information well before departure. We recommend that you carry a First Aid kit and hand sanitizers / antibacterial wipes as well as any personal medical requirements. Please be aware that quite often we are in remote areas and away from medical facilities, and for legal reasons our leaders are prohibited from administering any type of drug including headache tablets, antibiotics, etc. When selecting your trip please carefully read the brochure and itinerary and assess your ability to cope with our style of travel. Please refer to the Physical and Culture Shock ratings in this dossier for trip specific information. For travellers over 70 years a completed Medical Form is required. G Adventures reserves the right to exclude any traveller from all or part of a trip without refund if in the reasonable opinion of our CEO they are unable to complete the itinerary without undue risk to themselves and/or the rest of the group.

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

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

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

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

What rules should I know before joining this trip?

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

Is travel insurance required for my trip?

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

What is Planeterra?

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

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

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

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

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

How can I share feedback about my trip experience?

Earn 5% off your next G Adventures Tour (up to \$100 USD)*

After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us and to thank you for your time, we are pleased to offer a 5% discount (up to a maximum of \$100 USD) off your next G Adventures holiday. All you need to do is submit the form within 4 weeks of the completion of your tour, and you'll be able to join the thousands of travellers who have taken 2, 3, 4 or even 10 or more tours with us!

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

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

Our adventure travel e-newsletter is full of travel news, trip information, interesting stories and contests. To avoid missing out on special offers and updates from G Adventures, subscribe at www.gadventures.com/newsletters/

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

How old must I be to join this trip?

Minimum age of 18 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.