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## **Trekking the Full Torres del Paine Circuit**

12 days, Santiago to Puerto Natales

Trip code SCPT

### **What's included**

- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group

- 9-day/8-night camping and hiking excursion of the full circuit through

Torres del Paine National Park

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing January 1st, 2015 - December 31st, 2016

## Itinerary

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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

## Santiago

Arrive at any time.

There is a lot to do and see in and around Santiago, so we highly recommend booking pre-nights if you want time to explore.

Santiago is Chile's capital and largest city, with internationally recognized vineyards and Andean ski resorts very close by. Explore the many museums and parks, and visit the vibrant neighbourhood of Bellavista to shop for handicrafts and visit trendy cafés.

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### 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.

Day 2

## Santiago/Puerto Natales

Fly to Punta Arenas and transfer by private van to Puerto Natales.

Fly south into Patagonia to Punta Arenas and transfer by private van to Puerto Natales, our gateway to the nearby Torres del Paine National Park. Free evening to explore the town and prepare for the trek ahead.

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### Today's Activities

Plane

Santiago - Punta Arenas

3h-4h

Fly from Santiago to Punta Arenas.

Private Vehicle

Punta Arenas - Puerto Natales

4h

250km

Transfer from the airport to Puerto Natales, the gateway to Torres del Paine National Park.

Free Time

Puerto Natales

Explore the coastal town of Puerto Natales at leisure, take in the views or wander through the streets.

## Puerto Natales/Torres del Paine

Embark on a 9-day excursion within Torres del Paine NP, hiking the 'O' circuit or the full circuit. Start the 130km (80.7 mi) route by trekking to the base of Las Torres to see the dramatic three towers and turquoise lagoon below.

Transfer by van to Torres del Paine NP. This two-hour journey through ranch country includes a stop in Cerro Castillo, the principal site of wool and meat exportation to Europe during the 1960's.

Trek to the base of the Torres themselves, a spectacular hike to view the three pink granite towers that make the park famous. Torre (Tower) Sur rises 2900m (9512 ft) above sea level, Torre Central is 2850m (9348 ft) high and Torre Norte measures 2600m (8528 ft). The Cuernos (Horns) del Paine, massive blocks of various rock layers visible from great distances, are as spectacular as the towers themselves.

Spend the next few days hiking and camping in this spectacular park, visiting the Towers, Grey Glacier and French Valley, before making your way back to Puerto Natales.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Puerto Natales - Torres del Paine

2h-2h30m

122km

Cross the pampas of Patagonia first on asphalt roads to cerro Castillo, stopping for a quick break. Then, continue by dirt road and stop to take photos of the spectacular views! Keep an eye out for wildlife— guanacos, condors, geese, and other birds. Enter the national park and continue for another 30 minutes to the start point of the trek.

Torres del Pain Trek Day 1: Welcome Center of Torres del Paine to Base of the Towers

Torres del Paine National Park

7h-9h

22km

Be prepared to lose your breath - from the hike AND the gorgeous views! Hike the Torres del Paine trail to the base of the "torres" (towers) themselves. Enjoy the view of the three pink granite towers that make this park famous.

Distance travelled: 22km (14 miles roundtrip)

Time: 7-9 hours.

Elevation gain: 750m (2,460 ft.)

Day 4

## Torres del Paine/Camp Serón

Today's hike remains relatively flat, enjoy the towering mountains to the left while following the river along the trail to Camp Séron. Enjoy the surrounding grassy plains and keep an eye out for wildlife before arriving at camp in the mid afternoon.

In the morning, meet our porters, load up the gear and head out across ancient glacial moraines around the Paine Massif toward Camp Séron. The trail takes us through Lenga forests where we often see Austral parakeets, several species of geese, and the occasional guanaco and fox. Trek four hours, eat dinner and then lodge at Camp Séron.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Torres del Paine Trek Day 2: Welcome Center of Torres del Paine to Camp Serón

Torres del Paine - Camp Serón

5h-7h

19km

Trek all day through forests of Beech trees and view the Paine Chico Mountain in the distance before reaching the Northeastern part of the National Park. The hike today will be about 5 hours round trip and a total of 19 km. In the evening the group will return to the Camp Serón.

Distance travelled: 19km

Time: 5-7 hours.

Elevation gain: 400m (1,315 ft.)

Day 5

## Camp Serón/Lake Dickson Camp

Start heading along the north side of the national park, leading closer to the mountains and continue to follow the river to Lake Dickson. In the evening relax and walk along the pebble beach, admiring the crystal clear glacier water.

Eat breakfast early, then hike to Lago Dickson, a glacial lake on the edge of the Southern Patagonia Ice Cap. Walk past bright red blooms of Notro bushes and cross a stream along the lake. Today's trek is a beautiful, leisurely six-hour hike. At the refugio, take a hot shower and buy a cold beer!



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Torres del Pain Trek Day 3: Serón Camp to Dickson Camp

Serrano Camp - Lake Dickson Camp

6h-7h

18km

Hike from Serón Campsite to Dickson Campsite and enjoy amazing views of Lake Dickson and Glacier Dickson. Today's portion of the trek is rated as a moderate to challenging hike.

Distance travelled: 18km

Time: 6-7 hours.

Elevation gain: 720m (2,362 ft.)

Day 6

## Lake Dickson Camp/Los Perros Camp

Continue along the north side and hike to an incredible lookout point of Lake Dickson and the surrounding valley. Follow the trail through the tall forest and reach another lookout for Perros Glacier, well worth the climb.

Pack up and head out through pristine, old growth beech forest. Look and listen for the red-headed Magellanic woodpecker. Just before we arrive to camp, trek past the Perros glacier and enjoy fantastic close-up views of the ice and the lake. Spend the night camping at the base of Paso John Garner at Los Perros.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Torres del Pain Trek Day 4: Dickson Campsite to Los Perros Campsite

Lake Dickson Camp – Los Perros Camp

5h-6h

13km

Enjoy a day hiking through beech forest to the Perros Glacier, before arriving at the campsite at Paso John Garner.

Distance travelled: 13km

Time: 5-6 hours.

Elevation gain: 600m (1,968 ft.)

Day 7

## Los Perros Camp/Grey Glacier Camp

Today is the toughest day of the 'O' trek, starting with an uphill climb for about 2-3 hours and passing over the highest point. Take in the first view of Grey Glacier and gaze into the distance as it spreads 270km<sup>2</sup> (104 mi<sup>2</sup>). Conquer the fear of heights while climbing a few vertical ladders and passing a suspension bridge en route to Grey Refuge.

This is the biggest day yet as we climb over Paso John Garner and hike down through thick forest directly above the massive Grey Glacier. Once on the pass, look out over rugged, glaciated peaks and the Southern Patagonia Ice Cap – a view not to be missed! The glacier stretches out below like a giant white highway.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Torres del Pain Trek Day 5: Los Perros Camp to Grey Glacier Camp

Los Perros Camp – Grey Glacier Camp

8h-10h

18km

Hike for a full day over Paso John Garner, above the imposing Grey Glacier and the Southern Patagonia Ice Cap.

Distance travelled: 18km

Time: 8-10 hours.

Elevation gain: 1000m (3,280 ft.)

Day 8

## Grey Glacier Camp

Enjoy the day exploring Grey Lake and Grey Glacier. The spectacular scenery is a highlight of the trek with the back drop of snow-capped mountains and floating pieces of piercing blue glacier.

After breakfast, begin the five-hour hike descending towards Grey Lake through lenga (southern beech) forest. Every so often, stop at a terrace to look out over the Grey Glacier and the Southern Patagonia Ice Cap. Relax in the afternoon and enjoy these peaceful surroundings.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Torres del Paine NP (Full Trek - Day 6)

Grey Glacier Camp

5h

11km

Hike towards Grey Lake in the morning, with the afternoon free to relax and enjoy the serenity of this ruggedly beautiful landscape.

Day 9

## Grey Glacier Camp/Lodge Paine Grande

Hike along Lake Grey and appreciate different view points of the glacier en route. Today the hike joins the famous 'W' circuit and ends at Lake Pehoé. Relax at Paine Grande Refuge and share trekking stories with the other hikers.

Cross a high plateau overlooking Grey Lake and see icebergs and views across Grey Glacier on the way to Lake Pehoé. Pehoé means "hidden lake" in the Tehuelche language. The afternoon is free to relax at Lodge Paine Grande and enjoy the area. At night, enjoy a pisco sour cocktail in the bar overlooking Paine Grande & Los Cuernos mountains.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Torres del Pain Trek Day 7: Grey Glacier Camp to Paine Grande Camp

Grey Glacier Camp - Lodge Paine Grande

5h

11km

Head for Lake Pehoé and soak in the incredible views across the glaciers and mountains that fill up this national park. Enjoy a relaxing evening under the Cuernos del Paine.

Distance travelled: 11km

Time: 5 hours.

Elevation gain: 400m (1,300 ft.)

Day 10

## Lodge Paine Grande/Cuernos Camp

Today hike to the French Valley lookout and see the mountain range spread across the national park, taking in the contrasting greens and greys of the landscape.

Continue the trek to the French Valley. Surrounded by hanging glaciers and an amphitheater of granite walls and spires, this is the most beautiful valley in the park and one of the most unique in the world. After, trek out of the valley to the extraordinary turquoise Lake Nordenskjold. After six to eight hours, end the day at Refugio Cuernos for dinner and sleep.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Torres del Pain Trek Day 8: Paine Grande Camp to Cuernos Camp

Paine Grande Camp - Cuernos Camp

8h-9h

17km

Trek through the French Valley, surrounded by glaciers, before continuing to beautiful Lake Nordenskjold and Refugio Cuernos.

Distance travelled: 17km

Time: 8-9 hours.

Elevation gain: 500m (1,640 ft.)

The concluding day of the 'O' circuit continues along Lake Nordenskjöld. Take in the final views of Torres del Paine, reflect on the last nine days and relish in the sense of accomplishment before heading back to Puerto Natales.

Trek along Lake Nordenskjöld and below the hanging glaciers of Mount Almirante Nieto, to reach Hosteria Las Torres, where our van awaits us. Transfer to Puerto Natales.



## Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



## Today's Activities

Torres del Paine Trek Day 9: Cuernos Camp to Hotel Las Torres

Cuernos Camp - Torres del Paine

5h

13km

Follow the trail past Lake Nordenskjöld and Mount Almirante Nieto before ending the trek at Hosteria Las Torres.

Distance travelled: 12km

Time: 5 hours.

Elevation gain: 300m (900 ft.)

Private Vehicle

Puerto - Puerto Natales

2h30m

104km

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

Depart Puerto Natales at any time. Please see the 'finishing point instructions' if booking international flight connections.

The airport in Puerto Natales is small with limited flight connections. Most onward flight connections will be through Punta Arenas in Chile or El Calafate in Argentina which would involve taking a public bus or transfer. We would recommend booking a flight after 4pm.

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### **Meals included**

Breakfast

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### **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.

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

This tour hikes the full circuit of Torres del Paine, staying at different campsites each night. As such, all travellers will need to carry backpacks with personal items with them for the duration of the hike. You will have porters to carry camping equipment and food. You will also have extra porters to carry a total of 5 kg of personal items per passenger, included within this 5kg is your sleeping bag which weighs 2.5 kg. The porters will give you a bag to store these items.

You will need to carry your daypack everyday which will be approximately 5 -10kg. Items you will need to carry in your day pack include: water, lunch for the day, an extra layer of clothing and any other personal items over the 2.5 kg carried by the porters. Porters can be hired to assist with the carrying of belongings. Porters can carry a maximum of 15kg and the cost is \$850 USD for the duration of the trek. Please advise us at the time of booking if you would like to arrange extra porters for your hike.

## **What is the role of the group leader during this trip?**

All G Adventures group trips are accompanied by one of our group leaders, a G Adventures representative, or an expedition team. 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 6

## **What meals are included in this trip?**

10 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 8 dinners

## **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?**

Plane, van, boat, hiking.

## **Are local flights included in the cost of the trip?**

All local flights are included in the cost of your tour unless otherwise noted. It is important that we have your correct passport information in order to process these tickets. Internal flight tickets are issued locally and will be given to you prior to the flight departure.

## **Is there an extra cost for travelling solo?**

We believe single 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 single travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

## **Where will we stay during the trip?**

Hotels (3 nts), camping (8 nts).

## **What is the joining hotel?**

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

## **What are the joining instructions?**

Santiago's International Airport is Arturo Merino Benitez, located 26 km from the city, about a 45 minute drive. The approximate cost of a taxi is \$50 USD (25,000 CLP). There is a counter within the airport where you can take an official taxi.

If you have paid in advance for an arrival transfer, a G Adventures representative will meet you at the airport. If you cannot locate the G Adventures Representative for your pre-booked airport transfer within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the starting point hotel. Please keep your receipt and your CEO or G Adventures Representative will refund the cost of the taxi. If your taxi driver does not speak English and you do not speak Spanish, simply show driver the hotel address to simplify communications.

Note: It is very common for taxis to try and deceive passengers that are not used to the exchange rate so please be very careful.

## **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 not on a group tour please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier). If you are unable to get in touch with your leader, please refer to our emergency contact details. If you have pre-booked an airport transfer and 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 within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, we will do our best to rearrange your arrival transfer however we cannot guarantee this. 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 Lima, Peru.

During office hours (Weekdays, 9-6pm Local Time): +51 1 241 1650

After hours Emergency number: +51 99 758 2712 (WhatsApp Available)

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?

Although the tour finishes in Puerto Natales, you might find more convenient international flight options from Punta Arenas or El Calafate.

If you are flying out of Punta Arenas at the end of your trip, your CEO can help you with booking transport from Puerto Natales back to Punta Arenas. A taxi should cost approximately 80,000 CLP / 171 USD (3 hours travel time). There are also public transport options. Bus Sur and Pacheco Buses each have 4 buses per day running this route and travel time is 3.5 hours. Bus tickets cost about 4500 CLP/ 10 USD per person.

You could also consider flying from El Calafate in Argentina. If flying from El Calafate, please bear in mind that there are normally only public buses leaving early in the morning from Puerto Natales. The journey takes about 6 hours and involves a border crossing, so we would recommend booking a flight after 4pm.

## **Are there any additional packing suggestions I should consider?**

Most people automatically assume that the weather is hot in South America, but in Patagonia the temperature can feel quite cold, especially at night.

All camping equipment for the Paine trek is provided and included in the cost of your trip, apart from hiking poles, waterproof overpants and gaiters. You can bring these items with you or rent them in Puerto Natales. You may leave the bulk of your gear and anything not needed while on the trek in storage in Puerto Natales. A good size daypack is essential.

A sleeping bag and mat are provided.

# What should be on my packing list?

## Available for Rent:

- Walking poles (6000 CLP per day)
- Windproof rain jacket (4000 CLP per day)
- Windproof rain pants (5000 CLP per day)

## Cold Weather:

- Long-sleeved shirts or sweater
- Warm gloves
- Warm layers
- Scarf
- Warm hat
- Warm waterproof jacket

## 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

### **Hiking/Trekking:**

- Gloves
- Hat
- Hiking boots/sturdy walking shoes
- Hiking pants (Convertible/Zip-off and quick dry recommended)
- Snacks (Protein bars, chocolate, dried fruits, candies, energy sweets)
- Socks (Trekking socks – woollen or synthetic, not cotton)
- Thermal base layer (Woollen or synthetic, not cotton)
- Walking poles (Highly recommended)

### **Patagonia Trekking:**

- Day pack (30 litres is a good size)
- Pack liners to waterproof bags
- Sleeping bag liner/sleep sheet (sleeping bag and sleeping mat are provided on the trip)
- Windproof rain gear

### **Warm Weather:**

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear Note: All other camping equipment for the Paine trek is provided and included in the cost of your trip. Porters will carry 3kg of your personal gear for you while on the hike. You will be required to carry only what you need for the day in your day pack. Any luggage not required for the hike will be left at the hotel in Puerto Natales. Note: The best clothing for trekking is either wool or synthetic materials in layers, as this is quick-drying and can keep heat in better. We suggest a base-layer, then a mid-layer such as a light fleece jacket or similar, then a windproof and waterproof layer.

## **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.

## 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](#)

## 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?

The currency in Chile is the Chilean Peso (CLP).

Credit cards and debit cards are very useful for cash advances. Visa cards are the most widely accepted cards. While ATMs are widely available, there are no guarantees that your credit or debit cards will actually work in Latin America. Check with your bank.

You should be aware that to purchase products or services on a credit card a fee of 5%-10% usually applies.

Do not rely on credit or debit cards as your only source of money, a combination of US dollar cash and cards is best. Please bear in mind that cost of living in the southern cone countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile) is much higher than the rest of South America, and more comparable with Europe. Always take more rather than less, as you don't want to spoil the trip by constantly feeling short of funds.

We do not recommend bringing travellers cheques as they are very difficult to change in country.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE TIP: Please be advised that slightly torn notes, notes that have been heavily marked or are faded may be difficult to exchange. It is best to bring notes in fairly good condition, in denominations lower than 100USD (or equivalent).

As currency exchange rates can fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for daily exchange rates: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)

## 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?

It is customary in Latin America to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service. 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.

Also at the end of each trip if you felt your local mountain guide did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline \$5-\$10 USD per person, per day can be used.

## What activities are optional on this trip?

- No optional activities

## 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 ratings for trip specific information. G Adventures reserves the right to exclude any traveler 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 CEO has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it is deemed necessary due to safety concerns. Your 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 or 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 judgment 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.

Protests and Demonstrations- Protests and demonstrations, even those that are well intended, have the potential to turn violent with no warning. Counter protests can also turn violent. Action by security forces to disperse demonstrators and protesters may occur at any time. If you are in an area where demonstrators or protesters are gathering, avoid the temptation of staying for a good photo opportunity and leave the area immediately.

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.

We take all prudent measures in relation to your safety. For ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling, please visit:

[www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/](http://www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/)

## 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 prostitutes 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 use prostitutes.

## Is travel insurance required for my trip?

Travel Insurance: 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 CEO, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy please bear in mind that all clients must have medical coverage and that we require a minimum coverage of USD 200,000 for repatriation and emergency rescue. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. 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/](http://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?

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

## Are international flights included in this trip?

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

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

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

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

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

## Dossier Disclaimer

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

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

## Itinerary Disclaimer

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

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