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Vancouver & Alaska by Ferry & Rail

15 days, Vancouver to Anchorage

Trip code NCVR

What's included

- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Vancouver Island stay

- Inside Passage cruise
- Juneau stay
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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.

VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing August 24th, 2016 and onwards

Itinerary

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

Day 1 Vancouver

Arrive at any time.

There are no activities planned until an evening welcome meeting.

Consider arriving a few days early to Vancouver to fully explore the city. There's so much to do, and this tour departs the city on the morning of Day 2.

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

Vancouver/Port Hardy

Head out to Vancouver Island and up to Nanaimo and Port Hardy.

Take by public bus and ferry to Port Hardy. It's a long day of travel, but enjoy the beautiful scenery along the way.

Today's Activities

Local Bus | Vancouver – Horseshoe Bay | 1h-1h30m

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

Ferry | Horseshoe Bay - Nanaimo | 1h30m-2h | 55km

Take in the views or enjoy the café.

Local Bus | Nanaimo – Port Hardy | 4h30m-5h30m

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

Day 3

Port Hardy/Prince Rupert

Embark on the ferry through the famous Inside Passage. The glacial fjords provide spectacular scenery along the route and a safe haven for all types of wildlife, including orcas and porpoises. This is fantastic first taste of what travelling this long coastline has in store.

The ride is long, but spectacular. With a full day to relax, enjoy the scenery, read a book, or dine at the onboard restaurants.

Reach Prince Rupert, the last stop in Canada, late in the evening.

Due to ferry schedules, there may be layovers at certain stops along the route. If this occurs, your CEO will arrange to visit nearby local towns (time permitting).

Today's Activities

Inside Passage Cruise | Port Hardy – Prince Rupert | 17h-18h | 524km

Relax aboard the ferry through the stunning Inside Passage. Spot wildlife and soak in the views on one of the most scenic stretches of coastline in the world.

Day 4

Prince Rupert

Enjoy a free day to discover Prince Rupert. With incredible hikes and abundant wildlife, Prince Rupert is a great place to get outside and explore.

Today's Activities

Free Time | Prince Rupert

Enjoy a day taking in the scenery and wildlife of Prince Rupert.

Day 5

Prince Rupert/Juneau

Rise early and board the overnight ferry to Juneau, Alaska.

During the journey, keep your eyes peeled for wildlife and relax with a book, cards, or explore the ship.

On board all ferries for the journey the cabins we use are for two people, with an upper and lower bunk, sink area, and an outside facing window. Linens are provided. Public showers and bathrooms are available. There are food options available for purchase on board.

Today's Activities

Ferry Prince Rupert – Juneau 29h-30h

The ferries we use are local ferries that are part of the Alaska Marine Highway. Not a cruise ship, these vessels are used all summer long by locals heading up and down the coast. Travelling this way gives you the opportunity to experience this gorgeous coastline and get a local experience in relative comfort.

Day 6

Juneau

Arrive in Juneau and spend time exploring the capital of Alaska. Don't miss the historic downtown.

Today's Activities

Free Time Juneau

Start exploring the city and surrounds.

Days 7–8

Juneau

With two free days, opt to check out the local hiking trails and try to spot some wildlife.

With plenty to do in the area, opt to visit the city, go kayaking, or enjoy some whale watching. If you're after a cold one, opt to visit the Alaskan Brewing Company to try some local beer.

Today's Activities

Free Time Juneau

Explore the gorgeous landscape around Juneau.

Optional Activities - Days 7–8

Kayaking Juneau

Head out for a guided kayaking tour to experience the area's serenity and beauty. Explore secluded inlets set against dramatic mountain scenery.

Whale Watching Tour Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve 125USD

Venture out to Pt Adolphus, a feeding ground for several types of whales that summer in Alaska before migrating to Hawaii for the winter. Enjoy the scenery and visit the open deck to get some gorgeous shots of the landscape and whales.

Alaskan Brewing Company Juneau 20USD

Try some award-winning local beers on tap. Learn about the brewing process then shop for some souvenirs. Try the breweries Gold-Rush Beer, Alaskan Amber, and others.

Hiking Juneau Free 1h-3h

Enjoy some time on the hiking trails around Juneau. Opt to try the Mount Roberts Trail for incredible views over the city, or the nearby Perserverence Trail.

Tracy Arm Scenic Cruise Juneau 168USD

Hop on a boat and travel to the stunning Tracy Arm fjord, part of the Sawyer Glacier. Spend the day cruising past mountains, waterfalls and wildlife, before coming face-to-face with the glacier and surrounding icebergs.

Mendenhall Glacier Visit Juneau 20-23USD

Visit the nearby Mendenhall Glacier, and see the massive 13-mile long river of ice. Opt to hike within Tongass National Park to viewpoints of Mendenhall, Nugget Falls, Steep Creek, or the East Glacier.

Day 9 Juneau/Seward

Fly from Juneau to Anchorage, an impressive flight over the great Alaska wilds. Continue to Seward with a scenic transfer, stopping at iconic spots along the way.

Today's Activities

Local Bus | Anchorage – Seward | 3h

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

Day 10

Seward

Enjoy a free day in Seward. Choose to hike to the Exit Glacier and visit the Sealife Center, or opt to stay closer to Seward and explore the city, take a short hike, or enjoy a boat cruise.

Today's Activities

Free Time | Seward

Explore the gorgeous landscape around Seward.

Optional Activities - Day 10

Kayaking | Resurrection Bay | 73-200USD | 2h-8h

Get out on the water and paddle through the waves by kayak while learning about the history of the area. Out along the coast, watch for curious animals that might peek their heads out to see who's passing by. The area is renowned for a variety of wildlife including sea otters, eagles, birds, and whales it's likely you'll spot at least a feather or the tip of tail.

Alaska SeaLife Center Visit | Seward | 30USD | 1h-3h

The Alaska SeaLife Center is the only public aquarium in the state and also functions as an ocean wildlife rescue center. The facility focuses on research, rehabilitation, education, and exhibits.

Hike to View Exit Glacier on the Harding Icefield Trail

Exit Glacier – Seward | 10USD | 5h-8h | 12km

Head out on an amazing hike to the Exit Glacier along the Harding Icefield trail. The 11.9km (7.4 mi) round trip of the Harding Icefield Trail is a challenging hike into the Alaska backcountry. Starting on the

valley floor, the trail winds through cottonwood and alder forests, passes though heather-filled meadows and ultimately climbs well above tree line to a breathtaking view of the icefield. The upper part of the trail is often covered in ice and snow late into the season so the current conditions and you own abilities will dictate how far you can go. Exit Glacier and the Icefield first come into view at Marmot Meadows, a fantastic turnaround point. Those wishing to continue even further face a second steep climb up to the Top of Cliffs.

Easier, shorter hikes to the base of the glacier are also options that also afford beautiful views for those not looking for a strenuous hike.

Day 11 Seward/Anchorage

Hop on the Alaska Railroad and head to the bustling city (by Alaska standards, anyway) of Anchorage.

There's plenty of sunshine, even in the late evening to take in the scenery as we chug along the tracks.

Today's Activities

Free Time Seward

Spend another day enjoying the Kenai region.

Local Train Seward – Anchorage 4h-5h

Ride the Alaska Railroad's Coastal Classic train. There are food and beverages available on board and all passengers have access to the Vista Dome car for the best views.

The train is cashless - only credit and debit cards are accepted for food and beverages available for purchase.

Day 12 Anchorage/Denali

Take the Alaska Railroad to Denali National Park, one of the true gems of the region. See Mt McKinley and enjoy being in this remote wilderness.

Today's Activities

Local Train Anchorage – Denali 7h-8h

Ride Alaska Railroad's Denali Star train.

Day 13

Denali National Park and Preserve

Journey deeper into the park to experience the grandeur. Opt for a scenic flight, hiking, or whitewater rafting.

Denali National Park is known for its diversity of wildlife and Mt McKinley. Summer is when the animals are raising their young and preparing for migration, hibernation, or survival during the winter and, with a little luck, we witness it all.

Today's Activities

Denali National Park Visit Denali National Park and Preserve – Denali

Spend the day exploring Denali National Park. The area is well-known for its diversity of wildlife and the highest peak in North America, Mount McKinley, also known as Denali. There are 39 species of mammals, 167 species of birds, 10 species of fish, and one species of amphibian known in Denali. Summer is a time for raising the young and preparing for migration, hibernation, or survival during the winter and, with a little luck, we witness it all. Discover the dynamic glaciated landscape providing large rivers, countless lakes and ponds, and unique landforms which form the foundation of the ecosystems that thrive in Denali National Park.

Optional Activities - Day 13

Dog Sledding and Kennel Tour Denali National Park and Preserve Free

Visit the dog sled kennels run by the park rangers and learn more about this ancient mode of transport. You might even get to pet a dog!

Denali Scenic Flight | Denali National Park and Preserve | 220-420USD

Take to the skies for a bird's eye view of the spectacular grandeur. Get a better view of the mountains, glaciers, and wilderness from a few thousand feet up.

Rafting on Nenana River | Denali National Park and Preserve | 95-150USD

Hit the rapids on the Nenana River. Soak in the gorgeous scenery and get a rush of adrenaline in Denali National Park.

Mt Healy Overlook Trail Hike | Denali National Park and Preserve | Free | 3h-4h | 7km

Mt Healy Overlook Trail is an easy to moderate hike after the first third of it. It's about 4km (2.5 mi) one way with an elevation gain of about 518.2m (1,700 ft). Enjoy gorgeous view of the Alaska Range on a clear day.

Scenic Shuttle to East Fork Bridge (Mile 43) | Denali National Park and Preserve | 45USD

Depart early to explore Denali National Park. Take the shuttle bus to the East Fork Bridge at (Mile 43) and back, getting deeper into the heart of the park. The journey takes approximately 6 hours and shows off the stunning wilderness of Denali.

Day 14 Denali/Anchorage

Head back to Anchorage by train for a final night in the city.

Today's Activities

Local Train | Denali – Anchorage | 7h-8h

Travel back to Anchorage on the Denali Star.

Day 15 Anchorage

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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?

1.TRAVEL DAYS
In order to cover the vast distance of this region, we will have long (but extremely scenic!) travel days.

2. WALKS AND HIKES - OPTIONAL
All walks and hikes proposed by our CEO will be easy to moderate level. You may choose to participate or not, but exploring our national parks on foot is part of our way of travelling. It's a healthy way to discover North America's beauty and landscape.

3. LEGAL DRINKING AGE
Please note that the legal drinking age in the United States is 21 and in Canada, 19. Many bars and clubs will ask for ID at the door, therefore listening to live music in certain bars is not possible when you are under the legal age, even if you don't plan on consuming alcohol. Drinking laws in both countries are strictly enforced and our CEOs are unable to help those under age obtain alcohol of any kind.

While this should not stop those under legal drinking age from booking a tour, it is important to note that if a traveller is under-age there are certain optional nighttime activities that they may not legally be able to participate in.

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

This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our group leaders, otherwise known as a Chief Experience Officer (CEO). The CEO will be the group manager and leader.

As the group coordinator and manager, the aim of the CEO is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. While not being a guide in the traditional sense, you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the regions visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. They will also offer suggestions for things to do and to see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends.

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.

What is the maximum and typical number of participants on this tour?

Max 16, avg 12

What meals are included in this trip?

No meals included

What are the meals like on this trip?

Travelling with G Adventures you experience the vast array of wonderful food that is available out in the world. 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. Your CEO will be able to suggest favourite restaurants during your trip. For all trips, please refer to the meals included and budget information.

What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Train, private vehicle, ferry, public bus, plane, walking

How will we travel between destinations?

This trip utilizes a combination of private vans, public buses, ferries and trains. Once in Alaska, transport between destinations will be by the trains of the Alaska Railroad.

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 (13 nts), ferry (1 nt)

What should I expect from the accommodations on this trip?

On this trip we're using a combination of 2-3 star hotels and overnight ferries. The ferries are part of the Alaska Marine Highway and cabins consist of an upper and lower bunk with an outside facing window. Cabins have sink areas with linens provided. There are public restrooms with showers for use.

Solo travellers will be paired with another solo traveller of the same sex if there is one.

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?

Please head to the Arrivals/Baggage Claim Level at both International and Domestic Terminals.
From here you have two transport options; Public Taxi or Public Transit. All transportation is located on the Arrivals/ Baggage Claim Level at both International and Domestic Terminals.

Taxi
The airport is located 14 kilometers from downtown Vancouver. On the Arrivals/Baggage Claim Level continue to the designed taxi zones located right outside the Arrivals Hall on level 2. An attendant will be there to help. The approximate fare to downtown Vancouver is between 28$ CAD and 32$ CAD (depending on traffic) plus gratuity.

Public Transit – Canada Line
The Canada Line is Vancouver's new rapid transit rail link connecting YVR to downtown Vancouver in 26 minutes. It's a fast and easy way to get to the city centres. You can conveniently access trains from both the International and Domestic Terminals. The Canada Line is accessible by elevator from both the arrivals and departures level. For assistance in locating the Canada Line, please ask one of our friendly Green Coat Volunteers located throughout the terminals. If there is no attendant please call 604-953-3333 between 6:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m, 7 days a week.
From: AIRPORT - YVR, GRANT MCCONACHIE WAY, RICHMOND
To: 1221 GRANVILLE ST, VANCOUVER
Cash Fare: $8.75 for an adult
Include 1 transfer
1. SKYTRAIN - platform sign CANADA LINE TO WATERFRONT (approx 25 minutes)
Leaving from YVR-AIRPORT STATION EASTBOUND
Arriving at VANCOUVER CITY CTR STN NORTHBOUND

2. Transfer to 6 DAVIE
Leaving from SB GRANVILLE ST NS ROBSON ST
Arriving at WB DAVIE ST FS GRANVILLE ST
The train station is 0.28km from the hotel. As you get out of the station turn left heading south east on Davie Street to reach Granville Street (next corner). Turn left, your hotel is located at 1221 Granville Street.

Please note that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned, though a brief departure meeting will be held in the hotel on the evening of day 1. When you arrive at our joining hotel you will find the time and place of the meeting on a welcome note hung in the hotel lobby. If you are unable to find the note, please just ask the front desk staff.

At the meeting you will meet other tour participants and receive information about general and specific aspects of the trip. If you arrive late and miss the meeting, your CEO will leave you a message detailing what time and where you should meet the next morning.

What should I do if I can't find my airport transfer or experience arrival issues?

We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier and contact us as soon as possible. If you have a pre-booked transfer, and you have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

Who do I contact for arrival issues or in the event of an emergency?

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call the G Adventures Local Representative. 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 Local Representative (Las Vegas)
From outside the USA: 1-412-423-8143
From within the USA: 412-423-8143

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local representative, 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 are the packing guidelines and luggage restrictions?

You will be on the move a lot, so our advice is to pack as lightly as possible.

For days in the outdoors, we recommend the use of lightweight, breathable, moisture-wicking fabrics made of wool or synthetic fibers. Cotton is not recommended for days spent hiking as it does not allow for heat or moisture to enter or escape, and it will not dry easily once wet.

We recommend using a backpack for your convenience, or a medium-sized suitcase if you prefer. Heavy luggage is not recommended for the health of the CEO, who will take a lead in loading the storage trailer. Due to space in the trailer, we will not be able to accommodate more than one piece of main luggage per person. A good size day-pack (20-35L) is also essential to carry your personal gear for the day, as access to luggage between destinations will be limited. This daypack will be used to carry your personal gear for the day, your lunch and a water bottle.

It is important to pack clothes for warm days and cool evenings, as well as a light jacket. A set of smart casual clothes is also advisable.

NOTE: Alaska can have unpredictable weather with snow and heavy rain even in summer. Spring time could be snowy (until end of June) and autumn could start as soon as mid-August. Make sure you have equipment and clothing for all conditions.

What should I pack for this trip?

Cold Weather:

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

Documents:

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

Essentials:

- Footwear (required) (Closed toe suggested)
- 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
- 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
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/ skirts are recommended)
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear

Where can I do my laundry on this trip?

Your CEO will advise you along the trip where you will be able to do your laundry.

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 the United States is the US Dollar (USD) and in Canada, it's the Canadian Dollar (CAD).

Credit cards are accepted almost everywhere in North America and can be used to purchase small and large items. When purchasing products or services with a foreign credit card, you may be charged additional fees by your credit card company for foreign purchases.

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. Both Visa and Master 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 before you travel. A visit to an ATM can be arranged on Day 1 and other days of the trip.

Do not rely on credit or debit cards as your only source of money. A combination of US Dollars as cash (preferably smaller bills, 5's, 10's and 20's) and credit cards is best. Currency exchange is best obtained prior to travel or at the airport, currency exchange is very difficult to find in the USA and most banks do not accommodate.

Always take more rather than less, as you don't want to spoil the trip by constantly feeling short of funds.

As currency exchange rates can fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for daily exchange rates: www.xe.com

What emergency funds do I need access to on this trip?

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

What are the tipping guidelines for this trip?

It is customary in North America to tip service providers such as waiters, bartenders and taxi drivers, at approximately 18-20%, 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. There are times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip any local guides used. Recommendations for tipping local guides would range from $2-8 USD per activity depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture.

Also at the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures Chief Experience Officer 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 as a guide. If your CEO(s) exceeded your expectations, feel free to tip more.

What activities are optional on this trip?

Juneau

- Kayaking
- Alaskan Brewing Company (20USD per person)
- Hiking (Free)
- Tracy Arm Scenic Cruise (168USD per person)
- Mendenhall Glacier Visit (20-23USD per person)

Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve

- Whale Watching Tour (125USD per person)

Resurrection Bay

- Kayaking (73-200USD per person)

Seward

- Alaska SeaLife Center Visit (30USD per person)

Exit Glacier

- Hike to View Exit Glacier on the Harding Icefield Trail (10USD per person)

Denali National Park and Preserve

- Dog Sledding and Kennel Tour (Free)
- Denali Scenic Flight (220-420USD per person)
- Rafting on Nenana River (95-150USD per person)
- Mt Healy Overlook Trail Hike (Free)
- Scenic Shuttle to East Fork Bridge (Mile 43) (45USD per person)

What general safety tips and free-time guidelines should I follow?

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 jewelery 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 are the mandatory group rules regarding laws and behaviour?

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

What are the mandatory travel insurance requirements for this trip?

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

What is Planeterra?

Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.
G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

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

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

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

How can I share feedback about my trip experience?

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

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

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

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

What are the age restrictions for 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 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.