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## **Western Australia Adventure**

18 days, Perth to Exmouth

Trip code OAPW

### **What's included**

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- Your Hands-On Moment: Surfing Lesson, Margaret River

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- Cape Range National Park visit
- Vlamingh Head lighthouse visit
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing January 1st, 2015 - June 3rd, 2016

Day 1

## Perth

Arrive at any time.

There are no activities planned until an evening welcome meeting. If you arrive early, opt to visit nearby Fremantle, visit a vineyard at the Swan Valley Wineries, hit the beach at Cottesloe, take a day trip to Rottnest Island to spot the adorable Quokka, or explore the city at your own pace!

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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

## Perth/Kalgoorlie-Boulder

Depart early from Perth and head east through Western Australia to Coolgardie. Continue on to Kalgoorlie.

Drive to Kalgoorlie, the largest town in the region, founded during the gold rush in 1893.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Perth - Kalgoorlie-Boulder

8h-9h45m

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

Visit the Royal Flying Doctors and the Super Pit, an open-cut gold mine. Continue on to Esperance, known for its stunning setting combining the bush, beach and granite. Camp under the stars in a traditional swag (padded canvas bedroll).

Continue on to Esperance, taking in the blue ocean and white-sand beaches.

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## Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner

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## Today's Activities

Royal Flying Doctors Visit

Kalgoorlie-Boulder

30m-1h

Learn more about the Royal Flying Doctor Service, a vital life link providing urgent medical care to people who live in Australia's most remote areas and who otherwise don't have access to hospitals or clinics.

Super Pit Gold Mine Visit

Kalgoorlie-Boulder

1h30m-2h30m

Visit the Super Pit Gold Mine, still in operation 24/7. View the mining activities and learn more about the importance of this industry to Western Australia.

A long sleeve shirt, long pants and closed toe shoes must be worn for this activity.

Disposable overalls are available for purchase locally at a nominal fee.

Private Vehicle

Kalgoorlie-Boulder - Esperance

5h-5h30m

400km

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

Day 4

## Esperance/Cape Le Grand National Park

Travel to Cape Le Grand National Park and hike up Frenchman's Peak for spectacular views of the area. Swim in the turquoise waters of Lucky Bay and Hellfire Bay. Enjoy a free afternoon before spending the night camping in paradise.

Get out and explore this gorgeous national park. Walk from Rossiter Bay to Lucky Bay and spend time enjoying the area. Visit Hellfire Bay and Thistle Cove before spending some free time enjoying the beaches or hiking around a little more.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Esperance - Cape Le Grand National Park

1h

60km

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

Frenchman's Peak Hike

Cape Le Grand National Park

1h30m-2h

3km

Look for markers at the base of Frenchman's Peak which point to the trail up this sloping 262m (860) high granite cone. Scramble over boulders and brace against the wind. This hike can be quite difficult, especially in the heat of the summer. Bring water, and wear a hat and sunscreen. Stand at the summit, take a photo and admire the gorgeous views across the park.

Free Time

Cape Le Grand National Park

Explore more of this beautiful park.



### Optional Activities - Day 4

Hiking

Cape Le Grand National Park

Free

1h-3h

2-6km

Lace up those hiking boots and start exploring the trails of Cape Le Grand National Park. Admire the wild fauna in the area and pass by stunning beaches. Ask your CEO about the best areas to start hiking.

Swimming

Lucky Bay

Free

Jump into the clear, turquoise waters of Lucky Bay and enjoy the pristine, white sand beaches. This beach is recognized as one of the best in the world with the whitest sand in Australia.

Swimming

Hellfire Bay

Free

Spend some time splashing in the waves at Hellfire Bay. The massive waves seen from the shore lose momentum by the time they reach the bay creating a perfect place to swim.

Day 5

## Cape Le Grand National Park/Albany

Drive through the Stirling Ranges on the way to Albany. Opt to enjoy the coastal views over King George Sound by foot or by bike. Whale tours can be organized in season.

The drive to Albany is beautiful in itself. Opt to relax on the beach.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Cape Le Grand National Park - Albany

7h

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

Free Time

Albany

Spend free time exploring Albany by hiking or biking along the trails or just take a stroll around the town.

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### Optional Activities - Day 5

Biking

Albany

15-25AUD

2h-6h

Rent a bike and ride along the coast of King George Sound for a fun and scenic way to explore the area.

Stirling Range Visit

Albany - Stirling Range

Free

2h-3h

2-4km

Visit Stirling Range National Park, located approximately 100km (62 mi) from Albany the park protects the range of mountains and hills. The view of the green and brown mountains as far as the eye can see –60km (37 mi) to be precise—alone is worth stopping at the park.

Day 6

## Albany/Margaret River

Head for the Rainbow Coast. Stop to see highlights along the way like the Gap and Natural Bridge. Take a canopy treetop walk. Continue on to Margaret River, a spot famous for its wineries.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Rainbow Coast Sights

Albany

3h-2h

2km

Explore the stunning natural formations along the Rainbow Coast. Visit The Gap and Natural Bridge where thousands of years of wave action has carved away the granite to create both a gap and a bridge of stone.

Private Vehicle

Albany - Margaret River

6h30m

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

Treetop Canopy Walk

Walpole

1km

Visit the Valley of the Giants. Take a canopy treetop walk to discover the massive, 400-year-old Karri trees.

Take a surf lesson then head straight to the vineyards. Enjoy a tour and wine tasting at local wineries.

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## **Meals included**

Breakfast

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## **Today's Activities**

### ACTIVITY

Head out for a morning surf lesson in the warm waves of Australia's famous West Coast. Learn the fundamentals of catching a wave and test out your new skills in the water.

### ACTIVITY

Margaret River is one of Australia's famous wine producing regions. Visit several wineries to learn about their grapes and production of wine before sampling their wares. The area is split evenly between red and white wine production and includes big name grapes such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Merlot, as well as Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay. Cheers, mate!

Day 8

## Margaret River/Perth

Visit the Ngilgi Cave to learn some Aboriginal legends. Stop at the famous jetty in Busselton en route to Perth.

Enjoy a cultural and bush tucker tour at the Ngilgi Caves to learn more about Aboriginal culture and legends.

Stop in Busselton for lunch and check out the famous jetty. Time permitting, opt to take the train ride to the end of the 1.8km long jetty.

Continue on to Perth to spend a night in the city.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Margaret River - Perth

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

Ngilgi Cave Visit

Yallingup

1h30m

Visit the Ngilgi Caves to learn more about the Wardandi people, their culture and the legends that live within the confines of this karst cave. Listen to Dreamtime stories and the sounds of the didgeridoo.

Busselton Jetty Stop

Busselton

30m-1h

Visit the Busselton Jetty, extending 1.8km (1 mi) across Geographe Bay, a gorgeous setting in its own right. The heritage-listed structure is the longest timber-piled jetty in the Southern Hemisphere.



## Optional Activities - Day 8

Busselton Jetty Train Ride

Busselton

12AUD

Hop aboard a small train and take the 1.8km ride to the end of the longest wooden jetty in the southern hemisphere.

Day 9

## Perth

Enjoy a free day in Perth to explore the city or go further afield.

There are tons of options for the day. Visit nearby Fremantle, stop by a vineyard at the Swan Valley Wineries, hit the beach at Cottesloe, take a day trip to Rottnest Island to spot the adorable Quokka, or explore the city at your own pace!

There is an evening welcome meeting and optional dinner for any travellers joining the group for the next leg of the journey. Feel free to join.



## Today's Activities

Free Time

Perth

Get out and explore.



## Optional Activities - Day 9

Optional Welcome Meeting for Travellers on Combos

You may be a seasoned pro at group travel by now, but there will likely be some new travellers joining the group. Sit in on the welcome meeting to meet the newest members of your group and learn about the next leg of your tour.

Enjoy a full day of highlights – visit the Pinnacles and sandboard in Lancelin and Greenough Wildlife Park and animal rescue facility. Continue to Horrocks Beach on the Batavia Coast for the night.

Head out early for a day of highlights en route to Horrocks Beach.

Travel to the Batavia Coast to overnight in a "true blue" Australian holiday destination.

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## Meals included

Breakfast

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## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Perth – Horrocks

6h30m

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

The Pinnacles Visit

Nambung National Park

1h

The Pinnacles are formations jutting out of the sand in Nambung NP. Catch these stunning limestone formations in the right light and the unique landscape will stay in your memory for a long time.

Sandboarding

Lancelin

15m-1h

Visit the small fishing village of Lancelin with stunning views of the Indian Ocean. The massive dunes behind the beach are perfect for sandboarding. Get out there and try it.

Greenough Wildlife Park Visit

Greenough

1h

For more than 30 years, the Greenough Wildlife & Bird Park has rescued, rehabilitated and released many of Australia's most iconic creatures. Bring your camera on this visit to the park 20km (12 mi) south of Geraldton and learn more efforts to protect a menagerie of wildlife including emus, dingos, kangaroos, wallaroos, and crocodiles.

Day 11

## Horrocks/Kalbarri

Visit the Principality of Hutt River, the oldest 'micronation' in Australia. See some coastal attractions before reaching Kalbarri. Opt to horseback ride, abseil, canoe or simply relax on the beach. Camp under the stars in a traditional swag (padded canvas bedroll).



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Horrocks - Kalbarri

2h

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

Hutt River Province Visit

Hutt River

30m-1h

Hutt River seceded from Australia in 1970. This independent sovereign state consists of some 18,500 acres of rolling farmland and at last count, has a grand total population of 23 residents. Visit this quirky 'micronation', check out Mt Secession and Lake Serenity, have tea and check out the historical displays in the town of Nain.

Free Time

Kalbarri

With so much to see and do, don't waste a minute.



### Optional Activities - Day 11

Horseback Riding

Kalbarri

85AUD

1h30m-2h

Mount a horse to check out this region from a new perspective.

Day 12

## Kalbarri

Explore Kalbarri NP with a free afternoon in this Western Australian Adventure Capital.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Kalbarri - Kalbarri National Park

1h30m

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

Kalbarri National Park Visit

Kalbarri

3h

Travel 13km (8 mi) south of town to Kalbarri NP. Enjoy a hike along the path that hugs this stunning stretch of West Australian coast. Bring your camera and take great shots of cliffscapes, waves breaking, and if you're really lucky, whales breaching off shore. It can get quite hot here, especially during the summer months, so don't forget to bring lots of water!

Private Vehicle

Kalbarri National Park - Kalbarri

1h

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

Free Time

Kalbarri

Get active or get lazy– the choice is yours.



### Optional Activities - Day 12

Scenic Flight

Kalbarri

132-278AUD

30m-1h30m

Charge up your camera batteries, grab a window seat, and prepare to take flight over the gorgeous gorges of the Murchison River. See layer upon layer of ancient rock, formed over the past 400 million years. Take in stunning scenery you can't see from the road.

Stand-Up Paddleboarding

Kalbarri

20AUD

1h-4h

Rent a board, grab a paddle and head out on the water. Stand up, get your balance and plunge into a great water adventure.

Hiking

Kalbarri National Park

Free

2h-4h

2-4km

Fill up your water bottle, slather on the sunscreen, and set off on a full day of hiking in Kalbarri NP. Follow the marked trails, stop to take postcard-perfect photos, and enjoy life in the Aussie bush.

Cruise

Kalbarri National Park

46AUD

Opt to take a cruise along the Murchison River during your free time in Kalbarri NP. Look for birds and aquatic wildlife and admire the red and white stripes of ancient layered rock from the vantage point of the water.

Canoeing

Kalbarri

70AUD

1h-3h

Rent a canoe and explore more of the area at sea level.

Abseiling/Rappelling

Kalbarri

30AUD

4h-6h

Harness up and abseil back in time down into gorges that are 460 million years old. Take in the sheer beauty of this adrenalin-filled adventure in colourful Kalbarri NP.

Continue up the coast to Monkey Mia and Shark Bay. Visit the historic Hamelin Pool Telegraph Station and the famous stromatolites. Visit Shell Beach before making it to Monkey Mia for the night.



## Meals included

Breakfast



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Kalbarri - Monkey Mia

5h15m

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

Stromatolites Visit

Shark Bay

45m-1h

1km

Stromatolites are ancient living fossils found in only three locations on earth. Here in Hamelin Pool, they create a dramatic landscape and provide a fascinating lesson in the geology and history of an area that is millions of years old. Look. Learn. Love!

Shell Beach Visit

Shell Beach

1h-1h

This is a beach unlike any other. Shell Beach in Shark Bay of Western Australia is made up entirely of billions of tiny cockle shells.

Stroll along the 110km (68 mi) long beach, only one of two beaches like it in the world.

Eagle Bluff Visit

Eagle Bluff

30m

Visit Eagle Bluff and walk along the boardwalk. The area is named for the osprey that nest on the rock island just offshore.



## Optional Activities - Day 13

Hamelin Pools Telegraph Station Visit

Hamelin Pool Marine Nature Reserve

5.50AUD

30m-1h

1-2km

The Hamelin Pools Telegraph Station holds an important place in the history of telecommunication in the Shark Bay area. Visit the station and learn more about its significance.

Day 14

## Monkey Mia

Get up close and personal with bottlenose dolphins at Shark Bay World Heritage Area. A major research site, these mammals come right up to the shore on a regular basis. Later, enjoy an Aboriginal kayak tour.



## Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



## Today's Activities

Shark Bay World Heritage Area Visit

Shark Bay

8h

Visit the Shark Bay World Heritage Area to see the natural highlights and interact with the famous mammals who visit daily. Wade into the water where bottlenose dolphins come right up to shore.

Aboriginal Kayak Tour

Monkey Mia

7h

Explore the area by canoe with a local Aboriginal guide. Learn about the history of the indigenous people of the area and discover stories behind their culture and legends.

Day 15

## Monkey Mia/Coral Bay

Travel on to Coral Bay for an evening barbecue. This is a great place to spot whale sharks when they're in season.

Travel through Carnarvon on the way to Coral Bay, known for its tropical fruits and seafood, and home to One Mile Jetty, Carnarvon Tramway and the OTC dish.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Monkey Mia – Coral Bay

7h45m

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

Day 16

## Coral Bay/Exmouth

Enjoy a free day in Coral Bay. Opt to take a marine eco tour, go snorkelling, or take a glass bottom boat tour to check out the Ningaloo Reef. In the late afternoon, continue on to Exmouth.

There are plenty of options here to enjoy the reef and surrounding area.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Free Time

Coral Bay

Spend the better part of the day exploring Coral Bay.

Private Vehicle

Coral Bay - Exmouth

1h30m

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

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### Optional Activities - Day 16

Eco Tour

Coral Bay

75AUD

Visit the reef and learn more about the marine life that thrives in this diverse aquatic underworld. Depending on where the tour stops, there may be time to do some snorkelling.

Glass Bottom Boat Tour

Coral Bay

41-57AUD

Check out all the fish and coral without getting wet. Too easy.

Swimming

Coral Bay

Free

Take a dip in the warm blue waters of Coral Bay. Don't forget to wear sunscreen and keep hydrated while out on the water.

Day 17

## Exmouth

Spend the day exploring Cape Range National Park including Yardie Creek and Turquoise Bay. Opt to scuba dive in Navy Pier or snorkel the blue waters. Venture to the Vlamingh Head lighthouse. Enjoy a final dinner in Exmouth together.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Exmouth - Cape Range National Park

1h30m

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

Cape Range National Park Visit

Cape Range National Park

6h-8h

Visit Cape Range National Park. Walk to Yardie Creek, opt to snorkel at the oyster stacks and enjoy Turquoise Bay.

Vlamingh Head Lighthouse Visit

Exmouth

30m

Soak in the views from the Vlamingh Head lookout. Built in 1912 this Lighthouse looks out over the bay and is one of the only points in Australia that has a view of the sunrise and sunset. Visitors are not allowed in the actual lighthouse but the view from the surrounding area is just as amazing.

Private Vehicle

Cape Range National Park - Exmouth

1h30m

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



### Optional Activities - Day 17

Scuba Diving

Exmouth

200-400km

Hook up with an outfitter and head out to sea to experience more of the marine life in the area.

Snorkelling

Exmouth

15-110AUD

2h-4h

Grab a mask and snorkel and discover the coral gardens off the coast. Be aware of the strong currents; this area is enjoyed most by strong swimmers.

Day 18

## Exmouth

Depart at any time.

Ask your sales GCO or agent about the 'Perth Express'. Add an extra two days to your trip as you travel back down the coast with your CEO, spending the night sleeping in a swag under the stars in the Aussie bush before ending your trip when you arrive back in Perth.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Departure Day

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

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## Is there an 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.

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

Please be aware that wifi and internet access is not as readily available in Australia as in other parts of the world. There are often additional charges to connect to the internet, and speeds may be slower than what you are used to.

## **What is the group leader like?**

This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our group leaders, otherwise known as a Chief Experience Officer (CEO). The CEO will be the group manager, leader and driver - this person is experienced in the routes travelled and will organize and lead the meal preparations and has experience in cooking a variety of local and international dishes for large groups.

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 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. 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.

## **How large will the group be?**

Max 16, Avg 12.

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

16 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 5 dinners

## **What are the meals like on this trip?**

Eating is a big part of traveling. 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. Our groups tend to eat together for most meals but there is no obligation to so. Your CEO will be able to suggest favourite restaurants during your trip.

## **What are the modes of transportation on my trip?**

Private van, walking.

## **What transportation will we take on this trip?**

We use a private van for the duration of this tour.

## **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?

Standard motels (12 nts), basic motel (1 nt), camping (3 nts), basic swag camping (1 nt).

## Do any exceptions apply to Rooming or “My Own Room” on my tour?

Day 2

Days 3-4: Camping/swag

Day 10: Cabin/cottage

Days 11-12: Camping/swag

Days 13-14: Private room with shared facilities

## What kind of accommodation can I expect on this trip?

There are a variety of accommodation on this trip to bring out the unique character of the region you're travelling through. We use 2-3 star hotels, simple hotels and swags (Australian outback sleeping bags for sleeping under the stars). Some nights will be multi-share and/or use shared facilities.

## 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?

Perth has two separate terminals for Domestic and International flights. Perth Centre is approximately 11kms from the Domestic Airport and 18km from the International Airport.

Located just 11km from the Domestic Airport (15 minute's drive) and 18km from the International Airport (22 minute's drive).

By Taxi: \$30-\$40, depending on which terminal you arrive into.

By Shuttle Bus: \$15 per person, for the CONNECT shuttle. The shuttle operates from Domestic Terminal 3 (T3) only. Please take the free terminal transfer bus which operates seven days a week to T3 if you arrive into either the International (T1) or Domestic(T2). This journey takes approximately 15 minutes and drops off at the Ambassador Hotel, across the street from Good Earth Perth.

Please note that Day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned for that day other than your welcome meeting in the evening, so you can arrive at any time.

A G Adventures Representative will organize a short meeting soon after arrival, during which you will meet other tour participants and receive information about general and specific aspects of the trip. A welcome note will be left for you in the hotel so you have all the necessary information regarding the meeting time. If you arrive late, s/he will leave you a message detailing what time and where you should meet the next morning.

## What happens if I experience problems when arriving?

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

## Who should I contact in case of an emergency?

Should you need to contact G Adventures during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call our local office in Melbourne. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so we may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Local Office and after office hours emergency number

From outside Australia: +61 432 705 621

From within Australia: 0432 705 621

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local operations manager, 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 Australia: 1 300 796 618

## What should I take on my trip?

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

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.

# What should be on my packing list?

## 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:

- 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

## Sleep Sheet and Pillow:

- Sleeping bag liner/sleep sheet
- Travel pillow

### **Warm Weather:**

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear Note: During the winter months (June - Sept), it can get quite cool at night in the Outback. If you are travelling to the Red Centre during the winter, it is recommended to bring some warm layers.

## **When 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 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](#)

## **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?

The Australian currency is the Australian Dollar (AUD).

Credit cards are accepted almost everywhere in Australia 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 local currency (preferably smaller bills, 5's, 10's and 20's), traveller's cheques and credit cards is best. Currency exchange is best obtained prior to travel or at the airport, currency exchange is easy to find in Australia in the gateway cities and most banks do 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](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 not customary in Australia to tip service providers, but if you do experience outstanding service it is good to do so. Such service would only usually be in places like quality restaurants and it would be very rare that you would tip more than 10%. Unless specifically asked to do so at the time (by your CEO) - do not tip your local guides. Also at the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures Chief Experience Officer did an outstanding job, you may consider a small tip - but it certainly isn't expected.

## What activities are optional on this trip?

- Please see the full itinerary for information on optional activities, descriptions and estimated pricing.

## 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?

After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us that we'll give you 5% off the price of your next G Adventures trip if your feedback is completed on-line within 30 days of finishing your trip. Your tour evaluation will be e-mailed to you 24 hours after the conclusion of your trip. If you do not receive the tour evaluation link in the days after your tour has finished, please drop us a line at [customersolutions@gadventures.com](mailto:customersolutions@gadventures.com) and we will send it on to you.

## 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.