



## **Zagreb to Athens: Monasteries & The Mediterranean**

29 days, Zagreb to Athens

Trip code ECZG

## What's included

- Your G for Good Moment: Tour of Shedia Home and a Beverage, Athens
- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Your First Night Out Moment: Connect With New Friends
- Your Big Night Out Moment: Split
- Your Foodie Moment: Sarajevo Food Tour, Sarajevo
- Your Big Night Out Moment: Sarajevo
- Your Big Night Out Moment: Budva
- Your Foodie Moment: Tirana Cooking Class, Tirana
- Your Local Living Moment: Hike to a Shepherd Outpost with Lunch, Tragjas
- Your Big Night Out Moment: Corfu
- Your Big Night Out Moment: Athens
- Orientation walk in Zagreb
- Entrance to Plitvice Lakes National Park
- Day trip to Hvar
- Guided tour of Diocletian's Palace (Split)
- Evening orientation walk in Split
- Tvrdoš Monastery Visit and Wine Tasting
- Trebinje orientation walk
- Explore the Počitelj Fortress and art colony
- Visit Kravica Waterfall
- Take a sunset jeep safari in search of wild horses
- BBQ dinner and bonfire in Livno
- See the Dervish Monastery and explore Blagaj
- Guided walking tour of Mostar
- Whitewater rafting on the Neretva River with bbq lunch
- Orientation walk of Kotor
- Hike to Kotor Fortress
- Boat tour on the Bay of Kotor
- See Nevidio Canyon
- Hike to Crno Jezero (Black Lake) in Durmitor National Park
- Visit the Lower Ostrog Monastery
- Orientation walk of Budva's old town
- Orientation walk of Tirana
- Explore Kruje on foot
- Walking tour of Berat including the castle
- Visit the coastal wetlands of the Vjosë-Nartë Delta Protected Area
- Walking tour of Himarë
- Corfu Trail hike across the island to Benitses
- Meteora Monasteries hike from Kalabaka
- Orientation walk of Athens
- Transport to/from all included activities and between all destinations

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing May 14th, 2026 and onwards

## 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

## Zagreb

Welcome to Croatia's capital – where river meets mountain and old meets new. Arrive at any time and for your first night out, after a short orientation walk head to one of Zagreb's many trendy bars or beer halls with your CEO and group for drinks and a good time.

If you'd like to explore this city, consider booking a night or two of pre-accommodation.



### Accommodation

Hostel Swanky Mint (or similar)

Hostel



### 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.

#### ACTIVITY

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

Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

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



### Optional Activities - Day 1

Cathedral of the Assumption

Zagreb

Free

The Gothic Zagreb Cathedral is a must see for those who love architecture. Someone is definitely watching out for this holy site, it's been damaged by invaders and earthquakes and somehow is still standing (using numerous repairs of course). Sitting atop a tall column is a golden statue of Mary, surrounded at the base by four angels. The exterior is covered in sculptures and reliefs while the inside has large pillars, stained glass windows, and paintings.

St Mark's Church

Zagreb

Free

Not far from St Mark's Square in Zagreb, the Church of St Mark has some unique architecture features compared to most Gothic style churches. The roof is tiled in a pattern of colours, patterns, and the coat of arms of the city. The church interior is usually closed off to visitors, but take a stroll by to take a few photos of the exterior.

Museum of Contemporary Art

Zagreb

30HRK

1h-2h

Spend an hour or two wandering through the exhibits at this large, modern museum. The exterior was designed by the contemporary architect Igor Franić who submitted the unique design for the building to a competition held by the museum. The roomy interior is the perfect place to escape crowds and take some time to reflect on the exhibits. When you're ready to head back into the city try taking the slide exit!

Museum of Broken Relationships

Zagreb

30HRK

1h-2h

Whether you've just had a nasty breakup or are blissfully in love you can't miss this unique museum. Memorabilia and stories from the ones that got away or were run away from are paired with individual's stories. From hilarious to heartfelt the vibe of the mementos in the museum are worth checking out. Bring some tissues and stop at the museum café afterwards to recover with a glass of mulled wine and traditional pepper cookies.

Croatian Museum of Naive Art

Zagreb

20HRK

Stop by this small museum to see some of the work of Croatia's Naive artists as well as pieces from foreign artists. This style of painting is known for its simplistic, almost child-like rendering of forms and originated during the 18th century. While it's believed that many artists who practice this style never trained as artists, this is rarely true. Vivid colours and interesting perspectives line the walls of this museum, a must see for art and art history buffs.

Transfer to Plitvice Lakes National Park. Explore the terraced lakes, waterfalls, and hiking trails before settling in for the night.



## Accommodation

Falling Lakes Hostel (or similar)

Hostel



## Today's Activities

Local Bus

Zagreb - Plitvice Lakes National Park

4h

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

Plitvice Lakes National Park Visit

Plitvice Lakes National Park

3h

Explore the forests, crystal waters, and cascading falls of Plitvice Lakes with your CEO. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Croatia's natural phenomenon of 16 interconnected lakes is a wonder to behold, explore, and provides endless photo opportunities of over 90 waterfalls



## Optional Activities - Day 2

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Day 3

## Plitvice Lakes National Park/Split

Travel to Split for an orientation walk upon arrival. Tonight, enjoy a Big Night Out with the group!

Entrance to the park is included.



### Accommodation

Design Hostel One (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Local Bus

Plitvice Lakes National Park - Split

5h

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

Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

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

#### ACTIVITY

Celebrate late into the night with your new travel tribe. Make your way to Bacvice Beach and stop by one of the local beach bars. You can even enjoy a swim, then head straight to the club!

Day 4

## Split

Enjoy a visit to Diocletian's Palace. The rest of the day is free, opt to visit the famous Zlatni Rat beach on Bol, head to Trogir or the ancient ruined city of Solin, or experience the nightlife once the sun goes down.



### Accommodation

Design Hostel One (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Diocletian's Palace

Split

Wander Diocletian's Palace, one of the most imposing Roman ruins in Europe. It took over 10 years to construct and is built of white stone imported from the island of Brač. Exploring this UNESCO World Heritage site is a perfect way to learn more about the history of Split.

Free Time

Split

Get out and explore Split and its surroundings.



### Optional Activities - Day 4

Marjan's Peak Visit

Split

30EUR

3h-4h

For spectacular views of the city, make sure to visit Marjan's Peak. The area has nice hiking and biking trails for those that want to embrace nature and escape the port town.

Bacvice Beach Visit

Split

Free

Head to this local hot spot to soak up some rays or play in the calm waters. The sandy shores are often packed with rows of lounge chairs and umbrellas, but it's still a great place to spend some time if you're looking to cool off. Visit some of the cafes along the waterfront, wade out into the shallow water, or rent a lounge chair and relax.

Mestrovic Gallery

Split

30HRK

Filled with the incredible sculptures of Croatian artist and architect Ivan Meštrović, this gallery is beautiful inside and out. The gallery is housed in a villa designed by Meštrović as a summer home which overlooks a wonderful garden where you can view more sculptures and enjoy the breeze from the sea.

Trogir Excursion

Trogir

50EUR

4h-6h

Take an excursion to the historic city of Trogir, where the Old City core is a listed UNESCO World Heritage site. Found in the centre of Dalmatia on the eastern coastline of Adriatic sea, this pretty seaside town is a great place to walk and explore.

St Duje Cathedral Visit

Split

15-40HRK

The Cathedral of St Duje is said to be the oldest cathedral in the world, built around 305 AD. Climb up the bell tower for excellent views of Split and the surrounding port area.

Day 5

## Hvar/Split

Take a morning ferry to Hvar. Upon arrival, opt to enjoy the beach, visit the Hvar Fortress, or enjoy an island-hopping boat cruise that stops at secluded coves around the Pakleni Islands. Return to Split in the evening.

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### Accommodation

Design Hostel One (or similar)

Hotel

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### Today's Activities

Ferry

Split - Hvar

1h

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

Ferry

Hvar - Split

1h

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## Optional Activities - Day 5

St. Stephen's Cathedral

Hvar

10HRK

Originally constructed over 400 years ago, St. Stephen's Cathedral still plays an important role in the lives of local residents. Located in Hvar's main square, step inside the cathedral to admire beautiful altar paintings and bas reliefs made during the Dalmatian Renaissance.

Hvar Fortress Visit

Hvar

10EUR

Explore the 16th century fortress that looks over the city of Hvar. Tour the interior and see some of the artifacts on display like the canon. Climb hundreds of stairs to reach the top for an incredible panoramic view of the city, nearby islands, and the ocean.

Pakleni Islands Boat Cruise

Hvar

800HRK

Enjoy a cruise that visits the Pakleni Islands, stopping at secluded coves along the way for swimming.

Day 6

## Split/Dubrovnik

Travel to Dubrovnik. Enjoy an optional night on the town with the group.

For great atmosphere with good music, check out the East/West Beach Club. It's one of the best nighttime party spots and attracts a good crowd during the day as well.



### Accommodation

Hi Hostel Dubrovnik (or similar)

Hostel



### Today's Activities

Local Bus

Split - Dubrovnik

4h-4h30m

Enjoy the scenery on the short ride down the coast.

Free Time

Dubrovnik

Get out and explore this beautiful walled city.



### Optional Activities - Day 6

Dubrovnik City Wall Walk

Dubrovnik

40EUR

1h-2h

Head out on your own to explore the city's ancient walls. A trip to Dubrovnik isn't complete without doing this 2km (1.1 mi) walk. See highlights along the way that include Fort Minceta, Fort St. John, Fort Lawrence, Fort Revelin, and St. Luke's Tower. There are three main entrances to the city walls, the principal one located by the Inner Pile Gates.

Sea Kayaking

Dubrovnik

36EUR

8km

Head offshore by sea kayak to gain a different perspective of Dubrovnik and fully appreciate this gorgeous area. Tour around the city walls and take a loop around Lokrum.

Rector's Palace

Dubrovnik

115HRK

1h-2h

Originally built in the 12th century, today's Rector's Palace is a cultural history museum with an intriguing past. A mix of Renaissance and Gothic architecture, it began as the seat of Dubrovnik's

rector, becoming a place for merchants and citizens of the republic to gather by the 16th century. In the atrium, you'll find a statue of Miho Pracat, one such merchant who bequeathed his wealth to the city. Wander the galleries and admire paintings, sculptures and furniture from Croatia's past. Today the courtyard is a venue for music and cultural performances - and is often used as a filming location for shows such as Game of Thrones.

Museum of Croatian War of Independence

Dubrovnik

5EUR

1h-2h

Hop in a cable car to the top of Mount Srd and take in a bird's eye view of the walled city of Dubrovnik. Admire the vistas surrounding this ancient fortress perched above the Adriatic Sea, then make your way to the Croatian War of Independence Museum housed in a wing of Fort Imperial. Built to commemorate the war which lasted from 1991-1995, find artifacts such as documents, photos, military equipment, maps and other everyday objects from Croatians who lived through the siege. Pause for a moment at the memorial plaque, engraved with the names of those who died defending the city.

Lopud Island Visit

Lopud

Escape the city on a ferry ride to Lopud Island, part of the Elafiti Islands and home to one of Croatia's most stunning beaches, Plaza Sunj.

War Photography Museum

Dubrovnik

10EUR

1h-2h

The War Photo Limited gallery displays exhibits from leading photojournalists who cover recent and present conflicts across the world. Curated by photographer Wade Goddard, who covered the Balkan wars in the 1990s, the gallery is spread over two floors and aims to raise public awareness on the injustices and effects of war.

Franciscan Monastery & Museum

Dubrovnik

6EUR

Take a wander through this Franciscan Monastery complex. Originally constructed as a public pharmacy in 1317, the Friars Minor pharmacy is the third oldest functioning pharmacy in the world today.

Cable Car Ride

Dubrovnik

30EUR

Get an amazing view of the rows of red roofs of Dubrovnik and the sea on a scenic cable car ride. While you slowly creep up the side of the mountain, look down on the winding streets and out to the nearby oceans. If you run out of time during the day hop on the cable car near sunset to see the tints of pink, red, and orange spread across the sky.

Day 7

## Dubrovnik/Trebinje

Say goodbye to Dubrovnik today and begin the trip across the border toward Trebinje. Visit Tvrdoš Monastery and sample some local wine before a stop at Hercegovacka Temple for great views of the city. Snap photos at the Arslanagic Bridge before arriving to the hotel. After a bit of time to settle in, explore your surroundings with a CEO-led walk in the old town and then head out for an optional dinner at one of the many cafes and restaurants in the area.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Leotar (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Tvrdoš Monastery and Wine Tasting

Trebinje

Visit this beautiful 16th century Serbian Orthodox Monastery built on the foundations of a 4th century Roman church. Taste some of the local wine before continuing on to Trebinje.

Orientation Walk Trebinje

Trebinje

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

Day 8

## Trebinje/Livno

Jump head first into some of the coolest places and experiences that Bosnia has to offer. Step back in time exploring an old Ottoman fortress turned art colony, take a dip in the refreshing waters of Kravica Waterfalls, and watch for wild horses on a sunset Jeep safari. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers better with a BBQ dinner before counting the stars around a campfire.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### Accommodation

Continental Adventure Resort (or similar)

Guesthouse



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Trebinje - Počitelj

2h

105km

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

Počitelj Fortress Visit

Počitelj

1h

Explore Pocitelj, an old Ottoman stone town and art colony boasting beautiful views of the surrounding village. Located along the Neretva river, Pocitelj is considered an open-air museum and hold significant architectural and historic value. Artists gather from around the world to be part of the largest operating art colony in southeast Europe.

Private Vehicle

Počitelj - Kravica

30m

25km

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

Kravica Waterfall

Kravica

Take a moment to enjoy the Kravica waterfalls, arguably one of the most beautiful natural sites in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Surrounded by poplars and figs, this 25 meter high waterfall is a sight to be seen.

Private Vehicle

Kravica - Livno

2h

120km

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

Jeep Safari

Livno

1h18m

Hop into a Jeep and head up to the upper plateau to enjoy a sunset safari. Keep an eye out for wild horses before heading back down the mountain.

Day 9

## Livno/Mostar

Set off from Livno this morning and drive south to the picturesque and historic village of Blagaj. Take in views of the Dervish Monastery, dramatically built on cliffs by the water at the mouth of the Buna River. Take a dip in the water if the weather is nice before continuing on to the nearby city of Mostar for a guided walking tour to better soak in the beauty and history, with plenty of time for photos at the iconic old bridge. The rest of the evening is free to grab a bite to eat somewhere or to relax by the river.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Tere (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Blagaj - Mostar

30m

20km

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

Private Vehicle

Livno - Blagaj

2h30m

130km

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

Dervish Monastery Visit

Blagaj

1h

This Ottoman-era building, built in 1520, is located at the base of an enormous cliff, next to a small waterfall from the Buna river. Take in the stunning blue water that's said to contain mystic properties.

Guided Walking Tour of Mostar

Mostar

1h30m

Join a local expert guide and set off on a walking tour of the beautiful city of Mostar and its historic buildings and landmarks. See the iconic old bridge over the Neretva River and wander the narrow alleys lined with shops and market stalls.

Day 10

## Mostar/Konjic

Hop on a morning train to the city of Konjic and transfer to our lodge. After gearing up, get the adrenaline flowing on a white water rafting excursion on the Neretva river with your group mates before a delicious bbq lunch afterwards. Take the rest of the afternoon to relax at the lodge, explore the city or to visit Tito's Bunker for a glimpse into the former Yugoslavia's communist-era past.

If you're interested in history, take a trip down memory lane and discover secret details of the communist era in former Yugoslavia, visiting the famous ruler, Tito's, bunker.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### Accommodation

Motel Vila Bijela (or similar)

Guesthouse



### Today's Activities

Rafting Neretva

Konjic

3h30m

Get the adrenaline pumping white water rafting on the Neretva river with expert guides. Refuel with a BBQ lunch with your new friends.

Local Train

Mostar - Konjic

1h15m

70km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a local train.



### Optional Activities - Day 10

Tito's Bunker

Konjic

Explore the Cold War-era nuclear bunker and military command centre built in the 1950s for Josip Broz Tito, esteemed leader of Yugoslavia. Located near Konjic, the top-secret bunker was designed to be an intricate underground complex providing safety and security.

Day 11

## Konjic/Sarajevo

Travel again by train from Konjic to Sarajevo, the vibrant capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina. There's no better way to connect with the local culture than exploring their cuisine. Head out on an immersive food tour with a local expert this morning. Step away from the tourist hot spots to experience life in Sarajevo through a local's lens. Take the rest of the day to continue exploring the city.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### Accommodation

Hotel Hecco (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Local Train

Konjic - Sarajevo

1h

60km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a local train.

#### ACTIVITY

Immerse yourself in the culture by sampling traditional Bosnian flavours. Learn about the rich history while exploring important landmarks, tiny alleys, local restaurants, and hawker markets with a local expert. Discover the city beyond the tourist attractions and fill your belly; what could be better?



### Optional Activities - Day 11

National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Sarajevo

10-30BAM

1h-2h

Founded in 1888, the National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina is one of the oldest cultural and scientific institutions in the country.

Times of Misfortune Tour & Tunnel Museum

Sarajevo

54BAM

Walk in the footsteps of Sarajevans who endured the Siege (1992-1995). Visit many historical sights including a stunning viewpoint over the city, a cemetery where the defenders of Sarajevo are buried, and Sniper Alley. Learn about the Siege and absorb interesting stories about daily life.

Gallery 11/07/95

Sarajevo

12-15BAM

1h-2h

This gallery space aims to preserve the memory on Srebrenica tragedy and 8372 persons who tragically lost their lives during the genocide through photography, video and interactive documentary.

Day 12

## Sarajevo

Get out and explore on a full free day in the beautiful city of Sarajevo. Dive into the history and tragic past with countless museums and culturally significant monuments, take a funicular up to the old Olympic bobsled track, pass the afternoon away at one of the many cafes, or take a hike in the Rakitnica Canyon. Regroup in the evening and head out on the town for a Big Night Out with the group for the final evening.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Hecco (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Free Time

Sarajevo

Take a full free day to experience the vibrant city of Sarajevo.

#### ACTIVITY

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



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Day 13

## Sarajevo/Kotor

Set off after breakfast for the drive from Sarajevo across the border into Montenegro to the city of Kotor. After checking into the hotel and a bit of time to relax, meet new travellers who might be joining the trip and set off with the CEO on an orientation walk of Kotor's old town on the way to an optional dinner out with the group.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Old Town Kotor Hostel (or similar)

Hostel



### Today's Activities

Local Bus

Sarajevo - Kotor

8h15m

263km

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

Orientation Walk Kotor

Kotor

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

Day 14

## Kotor

Set off to explore Kotor today by land and by sea. Immerse yourself in the beautiful landscape with a hike to the Kotor Fortress; there's no better way to connect with the region. Snap photos of the beautiful vistas before heading down for free time for lunch. Later in the afternoon, work on your sea legs with a sunset boat tour of the Bay of Kotor, passing several small islands and historical sites and visit the old town of Perast before returning to Kotor for the night.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Old Town Kotor Hostel (or similar)

Hostel



### Today's Activities

Kotor Fortress Walk

Kotor

2h

Hike up to the Kotor Fortress for panoramic views of the Bay of Kotor and the old town. The trail is steep but offers stunning scenery and historic sites along the way.

Kotor Sunset Boat Tour

Kotor

3h

All aboard! Enjoy a serene cruise on the Bay of Kotor, witnessing stunning views as the sun sets over the mountains and historic sites.

Day 15

## Kotor/Žabljak

Drive north out of Kotor into the country's interior with a stop to stretch your legs at Nevidio canyon, said to have the most stunning landscapes in all of Montenegro. Continue to the small town of Žabljak, located in the mountains near the picturesque Durmitor National Park, full of crystal clear lakes and thick pine forests along the Tara river. Enjoy a free afternoon to relax or to head into the park on an optional mountain biking excursion before meeting up again in the evening for dinner.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### Accommodation

Hostel Highlander (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Kotor - Žabljak

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

Free Time

Žabljak

Get acquainted with the area with free time this afternoon. Choose to mountain bike through Durmitor National Park to get your blood pumping, or go for a walk to enjoy the stunning natural landscapes.



### Optional Activities - Day 15

Mountain Biking Durmitor

Nacionalni Park Durmitor

50EUR

3h-4h

Get your blood pumping on this mountain bike tour through the beautiful, Durmitor National Park. Think mountain villages, sheep, glacial lakes, and rugged hills - everything you could want while mountain biking.

Day 16

## Žabljak/Budva

Set out on foot today with a hike through the beautiful mountain landscapes of Durmitor National Park. After lunch, drive to Budva, stopping at the Ostrog Monastery along the way. Carved in the side of a cliff in the 17th century, this monastery is one of the most important religious sites in Montenegro and is sure to impress with its brilliant white exterior against contrasting rugged stone. Once in Budva, set off with your CEO on a short walking exploration of the old town before an optional dinner out with the group and free evening.

Budva's old town feels worlds away from the beach bars and dance clubs that sit just outside the fortified walls. This medieval town dates back more than 2000 years and walking through the labyrinth of alleys, squares, and corridors, is like taking a step back in time.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hostel Budva (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Hike to Crno Jezero

Žabljak

2h

Head out to Crno Jezero (Black Lake) in Durmitor National Park. Enjoy the fresh air and snap some photos while following a road through the woods before reaching the viewpoint on the lake's south shore.

Private Vehicle

Žabljak - Budva

4h

210km

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

Budva Old Town Walk

Budva

1h-1h30m

Join your CEO for a walk in the old town of Budva: Stone walls built by the Venetians surround the narrow streets of the medieval old town (Stari Grad). This historic district is home to a seaside citadel and religious sites such as the Church of Santa Maria in Punta, established in the 9th century.

## Ostrog Monastery Visit

Bogetići

30m

The 17th century Ostrog Monastery and pilgrimage site that was rebuilt in the 1920s and dedicated to Saint Basil of Ostrog. Strikingly located high up against the cliff face, you'll visit the Lower Ostrog Monastery, and admire the views of Montenegrin countryside, the mountains and the cliff Monastery.

Day 17

## Budva

Take advantage of a free day in Budva to fill your time however you like. Beach bums are welcome to spend time on the local beaches, rent a SUP or kayak, or choose to take a catamaran cruise to hit up various swimming spots and to explore the Blue Cave. In the evening, have a Big Night Out on the town to check out the lively nightlife that Budva is known for.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hostel Budva (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Free Time

Budva

Relax on the beach or check out the party life that makes this city so popular in the Balkans.

#### ACTIVITY

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



### Optional Activities - Day 17

Catamaran Cruise with the Blue Cave

Budva

3h-4h

Spend a half-day on the water on a catamaran cruise, exploring the natural beauty and blue water of the Bay of Kotor. See the man-made island of Our Lady of the Rocks and enjoy a swim in the stunning Blue Cave with lunch at Porto Montenegro with time to swim.

Budva Riviera Visit

Budva

With a 35km (22 mi) coast, the Budva Riviera is among the most beautiful coasts in the world. Take some time to unwind and explore the many rocky and sandy beaches, including Mogren beach nestled beneath the cliffs of Spa Hills.

Day 18

## Budva/Tirana

Pack up and hit the road this morning on a public bus from Budva to Tirana, the capital of Albania. Settle into your hotel and have a bit of time to relax before meeting up with your CEO in the evening and any, new travellers who are joining the trip, then head out on a walking tour. See some of the main sites like Skanderbeg Square and the Et'hem Bey Mosque then enjoy an optional dinner at a local restaurant.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Idea Signature Tirana (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Local Bus

Budva - Tirana

5h30m

175km

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

Orientation Walk Tirana

Tirana

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

Day 19

## Tirana

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

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



### Meals included

Lunch



### Accommodation

Hotel Idea Signature Tirana (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

#### ACTIVITY

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

Free Time

Tirana

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

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

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



## Meals included

Lunch



## Accommodation

Hotel Kaceli Berat (or similar)

Hotel



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Tirana - Berat

3h30m

165km

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

Krujë Visit

Krujë

1h30m

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

Berat Orientation Walk

Berat

1h30m

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

Transfer to Himarë today with a stop at the Vjosë-Nartë Delta Protected Area. Check out the natural beauty of the wetlands and coastal lagoons and see an old Byzantine monastery before experiencing authentic Albanian culture on a hike to a shepherd outpost in the mountains. Start walking from the community of Tragjas, heading up the mountain to meet the local shepherds who will share their time with us. Learn about their traditional life in the surrounding landscape and enjoy a delicious typical lunch before hiking back down to the bus for the trip back to the beautiful beach town of Himarë. After settling into the hotel, set off on a walk with your CEO to explore the old town before an optional dinner out with the group and free evening.



## Accommodation

Hotel Panorama Himara (or similar)

Hotel



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Berat - Tragjas

2h

130km

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

Visit the Vjosë-Nartë Delta Protected Area:

Vjosë

1h30m

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

ACTIVITY

5km

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

Private Vehicle

Tragjas - Himarë

1h30m

50km

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

Himarë Orientation Walk

Himarë

1h

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

Day 22

## Himarë

Enjoy a free day to explore more of the town or just relax on the beach.

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### Meals included

Lunch



### Accommodation

Hotel Panorama Himara (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Free Time

Himarë

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

Day 23

## Himarë/Corfu

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



### Accommodation

Pink Palace Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Ferry

Rrethi i Sarandës - Corfu

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

Private Vehicle

Himarë - Rrethi i Sarandës

1h30m

55km

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

### ACTIVITY

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

Day 24

## Corfu

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



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Pink Palace Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Free Time

Corfu

Get out and explore this Greek island paradise



### Optional Activities - Day 24

Archaeological Museum Corfu

Corfu

3EUR

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

Achilleion Palace, Museum and Gardens

Corfu

10EUR

2h-3h

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

Temple of Artemis

Corfu

Free

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

Day 25

## Corfu

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

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



## Accommodation

Pink Palace Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



## Today's Activities

Free Time

Corfu

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

Agios Gordios Sunset Hike

Corfu

2h30m

7km

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

Day 26

## Corfu

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



### Accommodation

Pink Palace Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Free Time

Corfu

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



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

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



## Accommodation

Hotel Edelweiss (or similar)

Hotel



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Aghios Gordios - Corfu

30m

12km

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

Ferry

Corfu - Igoumenítsa

1h30m

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

Private Vehicle

Igoumenítsa - Kalampáka

2h30m

166km

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

Meteora Sunset Hike

Meteora

3h30m

5km

Experience the magic of Meteora at golden hour on this guided sunset hike through its breathtaking landscapes. Follow ancient trails once used by monks and enjoy panoramic views of the dramatic rock formations glowing in the evening light. Along the way, observe all six monasteries from the outside, perched high on towering cliffs, and soak in the serene beauty of the Meteora Valley as the sun sets. This unforgettable journey through nature and history offers the perfect way to end your day in this UNESCO World Heritage site.

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



## Accommodation

Athens Hawks Hostel (or similar)

Hostel



## Today's Activities

Local Bus

Kalampáka - Athens

4h45m

350km

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

### ACTIVITY

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

Athens Orientation Walk With CEO

Athens

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

### ACTIVITY

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

Depart at any time. Take final photos and say your goodbyes before heading on your way.

We recommend an extra night if you book the Athens Bike Tour.



## Today's Activities

Departure Day

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



## Optional Activities - Day 29

Athens Bike Tour

Athens

35EUR

Cycle through both ancient and modern Athens, visiting the city's top landmarks. The route passes through the Plaka neighbourhood and includes a stop near the National Observatory for views of the Acropolis. Continue past the Kerameikos cemetery, Thissio, and both the Ancient Greek and Roman Agoras.

## What's included

- Your G for Good Moment: Tour of Shedia Home and a Beverage, Athens
- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Your First Night Out Moment: Connect With New Friends
- Your Big Night Out Moment: Split
- Your Foodie Moment: Sarajevo Food Tour, Sarajevo
- Your Big Night Out Moment: Sarajevo
- Your Big Night Out Moment: Budva
- Your Foodie Moment: Tirana Cooking Class, Tirana

- Your Local Living Moment: Hike to a Shepherd Outpost with Lunch, Tragjas
- Your Big Night Out Moment: Corfu
- Your Big Night Out Moment: Athens
- Orientation walk in Zagreb
- Entrance to Plitvice Lakes National Park
- Day trip to Hvar
- Guided tour of Diocletian's Palace (Split)
- Evening orientation walk in Split
- Tvrdoš Monastery Visit and Wine Tasting
- Trebinje orientation walk
- Explore the Počitelj Fortress and art colony
- Visit Kravica Waterfall
- Take a sunset jeep safari in search of wild horses
- BBQ dinner and bonfire in Livno
- See the Dervish Monastery and explore Blagaj
- Guided walking tour of Mostar
- Whitewater rafting on the Neretva River with bbq lunch
- Orientation walk of Kotor
- Hike to Kotor Fortress
- Boat tour on the Bay of Kotor
- See Nevidio Canyon
- Hike to Crno Jezero (Black Lake) in Durmitor National Park
- Visit the Lower Ostrog Monastery
- Orientation walk of Budva's old town
- Orientation walk of Tirana
- Explore Kruje on foot
- Walking tour of Berat including the castle
- Visit the coastal wetlands of the Vjosë-Nartë Delta Protected Area
- Walking tour of Himarë
- Corfu Trail hike across the island to Benitses
- Meteora Monasteries hike from Kalabaka
- Orientation walk of Athens
- Transport to/from all included activities and between all destinations

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## **Is there a disclaimer I should read before booking this trip?**

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 view a final copy of your Trip Details a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

## **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. It is important to note that in Europe, all guiding is based around local guides all of whom are licensed to work only in a particular city. As such, our leaders are able to provide orientation walks which will show you the layout of each town and city as well as the location of local services such as post offices and laundromats, but are unable to legally share historical facts and figures in public places.

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

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

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

### 5. OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES NOTE:

During high season in Europe (May-October) we highly recommend booking reservations for any popular optional activities/museum tickets etc. in advance to avoid encountering sold-out activities on the ground while on tour.

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

This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our CEOs (Chief Experience Officer). The aim of the CEO is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects.

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## How large will the group be?

Max 16, avg 10.

## What meals are included in this trip?

15 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 2 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?**

Private bus, public bus, ferry, walking

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

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

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

Hotels and guesthouses (16 its, twin share), hostels (12 nts, some multi-share with 3-8 people)

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

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

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

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

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

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

## What are the joining instructions?

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

From Zagreb airport (ZAG), you can reach the city centre in a few ways. To get to Zagreb Autobusni Kolodvor (the central bus station), take the Pleso Prijevoz bus operated by Croatia Airlines from outside the main International Arrivals terminal.

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

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

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

Please note that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned on this day.

Upon arrival to your Joining Hotel (note that check-in time will be in the afternoon), look for a note or bulletin board in the reception with a note from your CEO. This note will give the details of your Welcome Meeting on day 1 (usually between 5pm and 7pm), where you will get a chance to meet your CEO and other travellers, as well as learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

If you are arriving later and will miss the Welcome Meeting, your CEO will leave a note at reception for you with any information you may need, and with morning instructions for the next day.

## What happens if I experience problems when arriving?

We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, as soon as possible please contact your starting point hotel, requesting that you speak to or leave a message for your CEO. If you are unable to get in touch with your CEO, please refer to our emergency contact details.

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

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

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Office - London, United Kingdom

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

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If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

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

Calls from within UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from within Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from within Australia: 1 300 796 618

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

For absolute emergencies after office hours please contact: +441858378000

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

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

We recommend using a backpack for your convenience, or a medium-sized suitcase if you prefer. A daypack is also essential for carrying everyday items. Space is limited on transportation, so there is a limit of one main piece of luggage per person. You will be responsible for carrying your own luggage. You must be prepared to carry your luggage up and down stairs, on and off transportation, and to hotels (max 15-20 mins.)

# What should be on my packing list?

## Conservative Dress:

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)
- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

## Documents:

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

## Essentials:

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, bandaids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Headphones (Noise-cancelling recommended)
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

**Health & Safety:**

- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Hand sanitizer
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)

**Warm Weather:**

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear

**When can I do my laundry on this trip?**

Laundry facilities are offered by some of our hotels for a charge. There will be times when you may want to or have to do your own laundry so we suggest you bring non-polluting/biodegradable soap. Your CEO can also show you where the you can get your laundry done.

## What are the visas and entry requirements for my trip?

All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

For other nationalities, travelling in Europe has been simplified with the introduction of the Schengen visa. As a visitor to the Schengen area (Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Greece, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Portugal, Finland, Italy, Spain, France, Luxembourg, Sweden, Czech Republic, Hungary, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Switzerland) you will enjoy the many advantages of this unified visa system. Generally speaking with a Schengen visa, you may enter one Schengen country and travel freely throughout the Schengen region during the validity of your visa. There are limited border controls at Schengen borders, if any at all.

Please note that the UK and Ireland are NOT part of the Schengen agreement.

A Schengen visa is applied for at the Embassy or Consulate of the Schengen country in which you will be spending the most nights on your trip to the Schengen space. If you are only visiting one country on your trip then you apply for your visa at the Consulate of this Schengen country.

As of 2025, various European countries are introducing ETIAS travel authorisation as an entry requirement for visa-exempt nationals.

We highly recommend you checking in advance how your nationality and country/s you are visiting may be affected. Further details can be found [here](#)

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## 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?**

Credit cards and debit cards are very useful for cash advances but you must remember to bring your PIN number (be aware that many ATM machines only accept 4-digit PINs). Both Cirrus and Plus system cards are the most widely accepted debit cards. Visa cards are the most widely accepted credit cards. While ATMs are commonly available, there are no guarantees that your credit or debit cards will actually work - check with your bank. You should be aware when purchasing products or services on a credit card, that a fee usually applies.

Do not rely on credit or debit cards as your only source of money. A combination of Euros and cards is best.

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

## **How much emergency money should I bring on this trip?**

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

## **Should I be tipping on my trip?**

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

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

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

# What activities are optional on this trip?

## Zagreb

- Cathedral of the Assumption (Free)
- St Mark's Church (Free)
- Museum of Contemporary Art (30HRK per person)
- Museum of Broken Relationships (30HRK per person)
- Croatian Museum of Naive Art (20HRK per person)

## Split

- Marjan's Peak Visit (30EUR per person)
- Bacvice Beach Visit (Free)
- Mestrovic Gallery (30HRK per person)
- St Duje Cathedral Visit (15-40HRK per person)

## Trogir

- Trogir Excursion (50EUR per person)

## Hvar

- St. Stephen's Cathedral (10HRK per person)
- Hvar Fortress Visit (10EUR per person)
- Pakleni Islands Boat Cruise (800HRK per person)

## Dubrovnik

- Dubrovnik City Wall Walk (40EUR per person)
- Sea Kayaking (36EUR per person)
- Rector's Palace (115HRK per person)
- Museum of Croatian War of Independence (5EUR per person)
- War Photography Museum (10EUR per person)
- Franciscan Monastery & Museum (6EUR per person)
- Cable Car Ride (30EUR per person)

## Lopud

- Lopud Island Visit

## Konjic

- Tito's Bunker

## Sarajevo

- National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina (10-30BAM per person)
- Times of Misfortune Tour & Tunnel Museum (54BAM per person)
- Gallery 11/07/95 (12-15BAM per person)

## Nacionalni Park Durmitor

- Mountain Biking Durmitor (50EUR per person)

## Budva

- Catamaran Cruise with the Blue Cave
- Budva Riviera Visit

## Corfu

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

## Athens

- Athens Bike Tour (35EUR per person)

## Are there any health considerations I should know before travelling?

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

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

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

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

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

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

## What rules should I know before joining this trip?

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

## Is travel insurance required for my trip?

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

## What is Planeterra?

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

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

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

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

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

## How can I share feedback about my trip experience?

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

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

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

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

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

Minimum age of 18 years for this trip.

## **Are international flights included in this trip?**

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

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

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

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

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

## Dossier Disclaimer

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

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

## Itinerary Disclaimer

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

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