Complete Australia - OAMC

28 days: Melbourne to Cairns

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

VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing August 26th, 2015 - October 31st, 2016

Itinerary Notes

Please note, the December 24, 2019 departure of this tour will stay at Spot X Surf Camp in Arrawarra for 2 nights instead of the stay in Tamworth and Yamba.

Itinerary

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

Day 1 Melbourne

Arrive at any time.
There are no planned activities during the day, so check into the hotel and explore the city. If you arrive early enough, head into the city to take in the 'cultural capital of Australia'. Get lost in the city's famous laneways, go on the hunt for the perfect flat white (hint: Melbourne loves its coffee shops), catch the tram to St. Kilda, or wander around the über-cool Fitzroy neighbourhood.

Please try to arrive before 7pm for an important group welcome meeting where you can meet the Chief Experience Officer (CEO) and the other group members.

Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group

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 Melbourne/Port Campbell

Travel past world-famous surf beaches along the Great Ocean Road. Enjoy views of the 12 Apostles and walk through the rainforest in Great Otway National Park.

Depart early morning for the journey to Port Campbell. Check out the famous surf towns of Torquay, Lorne and Apollo Bay en route. Make a stop at Great Otway NP for an included rainforest walk. Explore the scenic attractions of the Great Ocean Road including the picturesque 12 Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge.

Private Vehicle

Melbourne - Port Campbell7h300km

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

12 Apostles Visit

Port Campbell National Park45m-1h

Stop at a scenic lookout point along the Great Ocean Road and capture the beautiful views over the ocean and the 12 Apostles. Now with only seven formations still standing, these iconic attractions were once limestone caves which eroded to become arches and eventually stacks up to 45m (147 ft) in height.

Loch Ard Gorge Visit

Port Campbell National Park15m-30m

Located along the Great Ocean Road, beautiful Loch Ard Gorge shows the process of erosion in action. See offshore stacks and blowholes, and watch short tailed shearwaters soar over the nearby island. This location is a perfect backdrop for a group photo. Get snapping!

Rainforest Walk

Great Otway National Park30m 1-2km

Take in the beautiful greenery of the Great Otway National Park on a leisurely walk with your CEO.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Port Campbell/Halls Gap

Travel inland to Grampians National Park, known for its sandstone mountain range and impressive rock art. Trek through the forest, lush with vegetation and wildlife.

Start the day visiting more attractions of the Great Ocean Road including The Arch and the now broken London Bridge. Visit Tower Hill State Wildlife Reserve for a chance to see animals endemic to Australia such as koalas, emus and kangaroos. Opt to visit an Indigenous Cultural Centre to learn about the significance of the area to the indigenous people. End the day with an evening walk in the Grampians NP.

Private Vehicle

Port Campbell - Grampians National Park3h260km

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

London Arch Visit

Port Campbell National Park15m-30m

Stop by the rock formation named the London Arch, formerly the London Bridge, until part of the arch collapsed in 1990. This brief stop on the Great Ocean Road showcases the art of nature -- the erosion of limestone and the beautiful rock formations it creates.

Tower Hill State Wildlife Reserve Visit

Tower Hill15m-30m
Visit Tower Hill State Wildlife Reserve west of Warrnambool for a chance to see animals endemic to Australia such as koalas, emus and kangaroos. Learn more about this large volcanic crater and wetland and the role it plays in Indigenous history. Set off on one of the self-guided walking paths, then visit the Worn Gundidj Centre to see cultural displays and crafts.

Optional Activities - Day 3

**Brambuk Indigenous Cultural Centre Visit**

Halls Gap  
3AUD per person

Dive in to ‘Dreamtime’ and experience the stories, food and art of Australia's Indigenous peoples. Attempt to blow into a didgeridoo, paint and then throw a boomerang, or go on a guided walk through gardens planted with native herbs and plants. Head to the Bushfoods cafe and sample the local delicacies -- kangaroo, emu, and crocodile. Anyone still hungry?

**Meals included: Breakfast**

**Day 4 Halls Gap/Mount Gambier**

Explore Grampians NP. Enjoy waterfalls, lakes and beautiful vistas. Stay overnight at a refurbished old English prison in the country town of Mt Gambier.

Early start to explore more of Grampians NP. Walk to the stunning Jaws of Death Balconies, visit MacKenzie's Falls, and travel onto the country town of Mount Gambier. We stay at a refurbished old English prison for the night; take a self-guided tour around this historic site.

**Private Vehicle**

Halls Gap - Mount Gambier4h310km

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

**Grampians National Park Visit**

Grampians National Park1h-5h 3-8km

Walk past lookouts, sandstone ridges and other various rock formations. Be rewarded with sweeping views of the natural landscape.

**The Balconies (Jaws of Death) Visit**

Grampians National Park1h 2km

Set off from the Reed Lookout overlooking Victoria Valley, and enjoy a short walk with beautiful scenery to the Balconies, formerly called the Jaws of Death. Check out the gorgeous view, but be careful not to lean too far over the edge!

**MacKenzie Falls Visit**

Grampians National Park30m-1h

MacKenzie Falls is the only waterway in the region that flows year-round and it is also the most visited waterfall in the Grampians; take a short walk and check out the falls out from a viewing platform. In Spring, see wonderful wildflowers in bloom along the path.

**Meals included: Breakfast**

**Day 5 Mount Gambier/Adelaide**

Pass through Coorong National Park, known for its dune systems and lagoons en route to Adelaide.

Stop off at Blue Lake before travelling through Coorong NP. This park is stunning because of its dune systems, lagoons, coastal vegetation and variety of bird life. Continue on to Adelaide.

New travellers may join you for the rest of your adventure. You are welcome to join them at a group meeting this evening, followed by an optional dinner.

**Private Vehicle**

Mount Gambier - Adelaide4h330km

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

**Blue Lake Visit**

Mount Gambier15m

Enjoy a brief stop for a photo op at Blue Lake, a crater lake in an extinct volcano. Between December and March, its waters are a vibrant, cobalt blue colour, and it returns to a steely grey between April and November.
Coorong National Park Visit

Coorong National Park

Pass through this stunning park and its dune systems, lagoons, coastal vegetation and variety of bird life.

Optional Activities - Day 5

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.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Adelaide/Quorn

Enjoy a wine tasting in the Clare Valley, then it's on to Quorn.

Hit the road in the morning. Travel through the Clare Valley wine area, making a stop for a wine tasting to learn about the different grape varietals and the development of the vineyards in the area. Travel to the town of Quorn for the night.

Private Vehicle

Adelaide - Quorn 4h 350km

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

Your Foodie Moment: Wine Tasting

Stop by a local winery and sample some of the different grape varietals while learning a bit more about wine production and its history in the Clare Valley. Try some Riesling, the local favourite (considered the best in Australia, if not the world), along with some Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Quorn/Beltana

Head to Wilpena Pound for a walk to a natural amphitheatre sacred to the Aboriginal Adnyamathanha people. Learn about Aboriginal art and early settler history.

Take the day to explore the amazing scenery of Flinders Ranges.

Private Vehicle

Quorn - Beltana 4h 300km

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

Wilpena Pound Hike

Wilpena Pound 1h-3h 2-7km

Enjoy nature's 800 million-year-old natural amphitheater carved out of the mountains in the Ikara-Flinders Ranges NP. Visit Indigenous art sites and learn more about the history and customs of the Adnyamathanha people who have lived here for tens of thousands of years. Keep an eye out for emus, kangaroos, and if you are lucky, the threatened yellow footed rock wallaby.

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 8 Beltana/William Creek

Travel along the Old Ghan Railway route. Marvel at ruins of early settler sites and opt for a scenic flight over the great salt lake of Lake Eyre.

We follow the Oodnadatta Track, strewn with ruins of failed early settler activity, along the route of the equally unsuccessful original Ghan Railway route. Visit the dry salt lake of Lake Eyre.

Private Vehicle

Ikara-Flinders Ranges - William Creek 6h 30m-7h 450km

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

Optional Activities - Day 8

Lake Eyre Scenic Flight
William Creek
150-260AUD per person

Soar above Australia's largest inland lake on this 60-min flight in the north of South Australia. Typically, Lake Eyre is dry, so prepare to see a vast white salt plain shimmering in the sun. Following monsoon rains in the north, the lake fills and becomes a breeding site for pelicans, gulls and terns. Enjoy a bird's-eye view and enjoy the flight.

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 9 William Creek/Coober Pedy

Travel to the town of Coober Pedy, the world's opal mining capital. After a guided tour of a mine, escape the heat like the locals by spending the night underground.

Travel to the unique opal mining town of Coober Pedy, where people live underground to avoid the heat. A guided mine tour gives insight to the mining process and the importance of opal to the area. Overnight like the locals by sleeping in an underground hostel, a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Private Vehicle

William Creek - Coober Pedy2h30m200km

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

Guided Mine Tour

Coober Pedy1h

Learn about opals and Coober Pedy's mining history on a tour of an old opal mine. See examples of both hand-dug and machine-dug underground homes, which are a popular way to escape the heat.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Coober Pedy/Kings Creek

Take in the vastness of the Outback on a driving day, then bed down in a swag (padded canvas bedroll) around a campfire and sleep under the Outback sky.

Private Vehicle

Coober Pedy - Kings Creek10h760km

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

Optional Activities - Day 10

Camel Ride

Kings Canyon
21.50AUD per person

Climb over the hump and settle in for a 15-minute ride to give you a taste of the Outback from a different perspective.

Quad Biking Around Cattle Station

Kings Canyon
105AUD per person

Get a birds-eye view of Kings Canyon from the large bubble windows of a 4-passenger helicopter.

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

Day 11 Kings Creek/Uluru

Enjoy a morning walk through the gorges and valleys of Kings Canyon. Drive to Uluru, where Australia's most iconic view awaits. Experience the colourful sunset at Uluru while enjoying a glass of bubbly.

Enjoy the morning taking in the scenery or by going on an optional 4km walk through the gorges and valleys of Kings Canyon of Watarrka National Park.
Kings Canyon Hike
Kings Canyon 3h-4h 5-6km
Hike through beautiful Kings Canyon in Watarrka National Park on this walk that visits the natural amphitheatre, the north and south walls, and the Garden of Eden.

Private Vehicle
Kings Creek - Uluru 4h30m 420km
Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Uluru at Sunset
Uluru 30m-1h Evening
Enjoy a glass of bubbly, and watch the setting sun transform Uluru into a glowing monolith bathed in deep reds and oranges. Capture the moment with your camera but also take a moment to soak in the serenity of the scene just with your own eyes. Magic!

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch

Day 12 Uluru
Enjoy the Mala Walk at Uluru to learn the importance of the rock to the Aboriginal Australians.

The next morning, awake before sunrise to do the Mala Walk around part of the base of Uluru (Ayers Rock) while learning its significance to the local Aboriginals. Visit the cultural centre to get a better understanding of the area.

Uluru Mala Walk
Uluru 1h-1h30m Morning 2km
Walk along the northwest side of Uluru with your CEO to learn about the history of the area, stories of the Anangu people and these awe-inspiring uplifted sandstone rock formations.

Indigenous Cultural Centre Visit
Uluru
Learn about Indigenous Australian culture in the area to get a better perspective of the history, beliefs and present-day life of the Anangu people. Discover the wild world of bush tucker (indigenous food), find out which plants are used in bush medicine, and hear creation stories.

Optional Activities - Day 12

Uluru Helicopter Flight
Uluru
150-285AUD per person
See some of the highlights of the red centre from a bird's-eye view. Take to the air and choose between a 15-minute loop around Uluru, or opt to also see Kata Tjuta on a 25-minute flight.

Outback Astronomy Tour
Uluru
52AUD per person
Enjoy a tour of the night sky, learning how Indigenous people of Australia used the stars for mythology and seasonal predictions while getting a chance to stargaze through telescopes and binoculars. The Outback is one of the best places to stargaze, with low humidity and surrounding light - take a peek and see what's out there!

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 13 Uluru/Sydney
Transfer to the airport and fly to Sydney.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 14 Sydney/Nundle
Travel to the Hunter Valley for a wine tasting. Overnight at a sheep station, which includes a shearing demonstration.

Depart in the morning and head to a small country town for lunch before continuing to Nundle Sheep Station for the night.

At the sheep station, have the unique opportunity to meet an expert sheep shearer. Experience a shearing demonstration and learn about local sheep farming. At the end of the day, enjoy dinner with the locals before sleeping in historic shearer's quarters.

The sheep station is quite remote, and there is usually no reception for mobile phones.

Private Vehicle

Sydney - Nundle

6h380km

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

Your Hands-On Moment: Wine Tour

Drive to the famous wine region of Hunter Valley for an included wine tasting. Sample some reds and whites, and find a new favourite (the area is known for its semillon and shiraz). Learn about the the history of wine-making in the oldest wine region in Australia.

Your Hands-On Moment: Sheep Shearing

Watch a local shearer demonstrate how to shear a sheep and learn all about the shearing equipment used today and in days gone by. Afterwards, get in there and give it a go!

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

Day 15 Nundle/Bingara

Visit a working mine and have a go at panning for gold.

After breakfast, drive to Tamworth, the country and western music capital of Australia and home to a giant guitar. Arrive in Bingara in the early afternoon for an included visit to a historic gold mine where you can try gold panning.

Later, opt for a swim in the local watering hole.

Private Vehicle

Nundle - Bingara

3h210km

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

Your Hands-On Moment: Gold Mine Tour

Learn about a historic gold mining site and try your hand at panning for gold. You never know what you'll find!

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

Day 16 Bingara/Yamba

Travel over the Great Dividing Range to Yamba, a quaint beach town. Go for a swim at the beach, relax, and enjoy the view.

Continue north, visiting Raspberry Lookout and Boundary Falls in Gibraltar National Park en route. Once in Yamba, head to the beach for a swim.

Private Vehicle

Bingara - Yamba

5h380km

Travel distance: 380km (236 mi)

Optional Activities - Day 16

Swimming

Grab your bathing suit and go for a refreshing swim.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 17 Yamba/Byron Bay

Continue up the coast to Byron Bay, an alternative hippie paradise. Hit the beach and enjoy an included surf lesson.
After breakfast, travel the coastal road to the stunning surf and arts town of Byron Bay. Enjoy plenty of free time to experience the hippie surfing town. Options are abound -- walk to the lighthouse (located on Australia's most easterly point) for a chance to see whales swimming off shore or hang ten with the locals after an included surfing lesson.

**Private Vehicle**

Yamba - Byron Bay 2h128km

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

**Surfing Lesson**

Byron Bay 3h

Hit the beach and get ready to hang ten with a surf lesson from trained surf instructors. Spend some time in the water getting friendly with the waves, practice paddling, then pop up to balance on the wider, softer beginner boards. Too easy.

**Meals included: Breakfast**

**Day 18 Byron Bay**

Enjoy free time to hit the beach, get a massage, or try sea kayaking.

The free time is yours to explore. Walk along the long stunning beach, play in the surf, or simply hang out at the Byron Bay Brewery and people watch. Want to get your adrenaline pumping? Go skydiving, try sea kayaking, or go on a dolphin watch.

**Your Discover Moment**

Byron Bay Full Day

There's plenty to see and do in Byron Bay, and we wanted to make sure that you had some time to take it all in. Feel free to relax or try optional activities like sea kayaking, yoga, and skydiving. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

**Optional Activities - Day 18**

**Skydiving**

Byron Bay 2h-5h
310-369AUD per person

Enjoy the awe-inspiring beauty of Byron Bay from an eagle's perspective. Suit up, get briefed, and board the prop plane to soar high about the land and sea. Strap onto your instructor, take a breath, and leap into a once-in-a-lifetime free fall. This is what a natural high truly feels like!

**Sea Kayaking Tour**

Byron Bay 2h-3h
69AUD per person

Paddle along Byron Bay's coast, learn about local and Aboriginal history, surfing meccas, and Australia's most easterly point. Keep an eye out for marine life, such as dolphins, whales, turtles, and tropical fish.

**Yoga Class**

Byron Bay
18AUD per person

Zen out during a yoga class with a qualified instructor and learn various stretches, postures, and breathing exercises.

**Hinterland and Minyon Falls Tour**

Byron Bay
139AUD per person

Head inland to Nightcap National Park, a subtropical rainforest in part of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area, for a 2-hour guided walk through the rainforest to beautiful Minyon Falls. After a refreshing swim at the base of the 100m falls, visit the quaint town of Bangalow, the oldest town in the region and known for its historic storefronts. After perusing local shops and cafés, enjoy the drive back to Byron Bay, passing through historic towns and beautiful scenery. Locally sourced barbecue lunch included.

**Whale Watching**

Byron Bay 2h30m-3h
89AUD per person
Enjoy a thrilling excursion on the water in search of the magnificent Humpback whales. Between June and November, they migrate north from their feeding grounds in Antarctica to breed and birth in the tropics. See the distinctive flukes (tails), and also look for dolphins, turtles and a variety of sea birds.

Cape Byron Lighthouse Visit

Cape Byron30m-2h
Free

Cape Byron Lighthouse is 3km (1.9 mi) northeast of Byron Bay. The popular white structure emits the most powerful light of all working lighthouses in the country, and it's also located at the most easterly point of the Australian continent. Head up to the top of the tower to scan the ocean for whales (the Southern Cross University's Whale Research Centre is located here).

Day 19 Byron Bay/Brisbane

Venture north with your group to the capital of Queensland; Brisbane. Pass by national parks, mountains, surfy enclaves, and endless stretches of sand bordering brilliant blue water. Feeling hungry? Grab a delicious pastry creation from the famous Yatala Pie shop, serving hungry patrons for 130 years. Word of advice... make sure those cameras are charged and ready. Experience a night out with the group in Queensland's capital.

Stop along the way to Brisbane for a quick break at one of the many surf spots such as the Gold Coast.

Private Vehicle

Byron Bay - Brisbane4h288km
Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Optional Activities - Day 19

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.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 20 Brisbane/Fraser Island

Travel by private bus, private 4x4 and ferry to reach Fraser Island, the world's largest sand island. Explore the island by 4x4.

Once on the island, enjoy a 4x4 tour of Fraser Island, driving along over 100km of beach. Go for a swim in Lake McKenzie, and enjoy a rainforest walk along the way.

While on Fraser Island and the Noosa Everglades, main luggage will be stored in a secure storage facility. Each person will need to pack a bag for two nights with max weight of 5kg. This is due to luggage capacity restrictions in 4x4 vehicles and canoes. Your CEO will explain further details on arrival into Rainbow Beach.

Depending on the day of the week, some groups may swap the order of the Fraser Island and Noosa Everglades days. Some groups will first travel to the Noosa Everglades for a night before travelling on to Fraser Island. All inclusions will still be offered but just in a different order.

Private Vehicle

Brisbane - Rainbow Beach3h30m250km
Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Ferry

Rainbow Beach - Fraser Island
Get to the next spot on your route aboard a convenient and efficient ferry boat.

Optional Activities - Day 20

Fraser Island Flight

Fraser Island
75AUD per person

The world's largest sand island is home to some of the most stunning landscapes. Keep your eyes peeled for Lake Mckenzie, Eli Creek, and maybe even a breaching whale (in season) as you soar above the island. On top of it all, take off and landing is directly on 75 Mile Beach - epic!

Meals included: Breakfast
Day 21 Fraser Island/Noosa Everglades

Enjoy a morning of exploring by 4x4 to hit the remainder of Fraser Island’s highlights, then set off to the Noosa Everglades for an evening surrounded by stunning wilderness.

4x4 Excursion

Fraser Island

Embark on a private excursion taking in the highlights of this amazing island including Lake McKenzie and Pile Valley.

Ferry

Fraser Island - Rainbow Beach

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

22-Seat 4x4 Truck

Rainbow Beach - Noosa Everglades

Roads? Where this rough-and-ready vehicle's going, we don't need roads.

Noosa Everglades Overnight Excursion

Noosa Everglades

Stay at the edge of the stunning Noosa Everglades, one of only two everglade systems in the world. Take it easy and relax around the lake, or hike one of the nearby trails.

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 22 Noosa Everglades/Rockhampton

Hop on board a northbound train. Visit rural Queensland and learn about cattle station history. Bed down in a swag (canvas bedroll) under the Outback sky.

Catch a train up the 'Capricorn Coast' which is well-known as 'Cattle Country'. Arrive at a remote farm and stay the night.

Train

Rainbow Beach - Rockhampton6h-8h

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

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

Day 23 Rockhampton/Whitsunday Islands

Embark on a 3-day maxi yacht sailing adventure. Enjoy beach visits, island bush walks, and time to snorkel the reefs. Anchor off of secluded tropical islands at night.

After a traditional Outback-style breakfast, transfer to the town of Airlie Beach and embark on a maxi yacht which will be our home for the next three days. Set sail to a secluded cove in the Whitsunday Islands where you will drop anchor for the night.

Whitsunday Islands Sailing Trip, Day 1

Whitsunday Islands Afternoon

Board a maxi-yacht formerly used to circumnavigate the globe, and get used to being on the water. Lend a hand hoisting the sails or just sit back and enjoy the breeze.

Maxi Yacht

Airlie Beach - Whitsunday Islands

Climb aboard a speedy racing yacht (and hang on to your hat).

Private Vehicle

Rockhampton - Airlie Beach6h30m-7h539km

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

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner
Day 24 Whitsunday Islands

Hike to an island lookout over Whitehaven Beach, known for its stunning white sand, then enjoy free time on the famous beach. Anchor off of a secluded tropical island at night.

The sailing route today allows us to follow part of Captain Cook’s route up through the Whitsunday Islands. Again we drop anchor in a secluded bay for the night.

Maxi Yacht

Whitsunday Islands

Climb aboard a speedy racing yacht (and hang on to your hat).

Whitsunday Islands Sailing Trip, Day 2

Whitsunday Islands

Set off towards Whitehaven Beach, and hike to a lookout over the beautiful white-sand beach and shallow turquoise waters off its coast. Take advantage of the included snorkel gear, throw on a mask and see what lives in the Great Barrier Reef.

Optional Activities - Day 24

Whitsunday Islands Snorkelling

Whitsunday Islands 30m-1h
Free

Take advantage of the included snorkel gear, throw on a mask and see what lives in the Great Barrier Reef. (Note that fins are not provided in order to adhere with local coral conservation efforts.)

Scuba Diving

Whitsunday Islands
75AUD per person

Get the chance to scuba dive the beautiful coral reefs of the Whitsunday Islands.

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 25 Whitsunday Islands/Airlie Beach

Continue sailing through the gorgeous backdrop of the Whitsunday Islands. Sail to the resort town of Airlie Beach for a night on the town.

After three days at sea, we sail to the resort town of Airlie Beach for a night on land in a local beach hostel resort. Feel free to relax by the pool at the end of the day.

Maxi Yacht

Whitsunday Islands

Climb aboard a speedy racing yacht (and hang on to your hat).

Whitsunday Islands Sailing Trip, Day 3

Whitsunday Islands

It’s the final half-day at sea! Enjoy sailing through the gorgeous Whitsunday Islands in the morning, passing by secluded coves and tiny islands. After some free time, sail in style back into Airlie Beach.

Optional Activities - Day 25

Whitsunday Islands Snorkelling

Whitsunday Islands 30m-1h
Free

Take advantage of the included snorkel gear, throw on a mask and see what lives in the Great Barrier Reef. (Note that fins are not provided in order to adhere with local coral conservation efforts.)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 26 Airlie Beach/Cairns
Admire the scenery on the train north to Tully. Upon arrival, enjoy lunch and a tour of the G Adventures-supported Ingan Cultural Museum. Participate in either a weaving or painting activity with traditional Jirrbal Aboriginal artists before continuing on to Cairns.

Get ready for an early morning wake-up today for the journey to Cairns. Make sure to stock up on snacks and bring personal entertainment - it may be one of the longer travel days on this trip, but it's worth it to reach The Gateway to the Great Barrier Reef!

Train
Proserpine - Cairns 10h-11h
Climb aboard, take a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Your G for Good Moment: Cafe Chloe
Enjoy a tour of the G Adventures-supported Ingan Cultural Centre and have an opportunity to participate in a painting activity with traditional Jirrbal Aboriginal artists - an excellent opportunity to see the diversity of an Aboriginal people from a local perspective!

Private Vehicle
Tully - Cairns 2h 140km
Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Meals included: Lunch
Day 27 Cairns
Enjoy a free day to visit the Great Barrier Reef or get the adrenaline pumping by skydiving, whitewater rafting or bungee jumping.

Please be aware that if you decide to book the optional scuba diving activity in the Great Barrier Reef and are taking any prescription medications, you will need a doctor's release giving you permission to dive.

Your Discover Moment
Cairns Full Day
There's plenty to see and do in Cairns, and we wanted to make sure that you had some time to take it all in. Feel free to relax or try optional activities like snorkelling the Great Barrier Reef, whitewater rafting, and skydiving. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

Optional Activities - Day 27
Skydiving
Cairns 2h-6h
310-400AUD per person
Enjoy the awe-inspiring beauty of Cairns from an eagle's perspective. Suit up, get briefed and board the prop plane to soar high above the land and sea. Strap onto your instructor, take a breath and leap into a once-in-a-lifetime free fall. This is what a natural high truly feels like!

Whitewater Rafting
Cairns 12h-12h30m
138-210AUD per person
Put on a helmet, grab a paddle and raft the Class 3 & 4 rapids of the mighty Tully River, considered the best rafting river in all Australia & New Zealand.

Great Barrier Reef Snorkelling from Cairns
Great Barrier Reef 8h-9h
174AUD per person
Don a mask and snorkel the largest coral reef in the world, the Great Barrier Reef. Say g'day to Nemo, the clown fish, and some of the 1,500 other species of tropical fish that thrive in the warm waters off Australia's east coast.

Great Barrier Reef Diving from Cairns
Great Barrier Reef 8h-9h
245-289AUD per person
Experience the largest coral reef in the world from beneath the ocean's surface on a scuba diving day trip. Packages vary and include 1, 2, or 3 dives in a day. The Great Barrier Reef teems with 1500 species of tropical fish, as well as whales, dolphins and porpoises. Bring an underwater camera and go crazy!
Please be aware that if you decide to book the optional scuba diving activity in the Great Barrier Reef and are taking any prescription medications, you will need a doctor’s release giving you permission to dive.

**Bungee Jumping**

Cairns
179AUD per person

Leave your fears at home and prepare to have your breath taken away as you jump from 164ft. Now’s the time to release your inner daredevil - what are you waiting for?

**Minjin Swing**

Cairns
129AUD per person

Soar through the rainforest on the fastest jungle swing in the world. Suit up and be pulled to 150ft above the ground before flying over the canopy at a heart-racing, adrenaline-pumping 120km/hr. We can already hear your screams!

**Skyrail & Kuranda Scenic Railway**

Cairns
116-171AUD per person

Settle into a comfortable 6 seat gondola for a ride with a spectacular view along the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway. Pass over the canopy one of Australia's tropical rainforests, so close to the tree tops it's as if you could reach out and touch the leaves. After, ride the Kuranda Scenic Railway through a lush tropical paradise framed by rugged mountains, waterfalls and ravines back to Cairns. Travel on authentic timber carriages via hand-hewn tunnels and across towering bridges, through the awe-inspiring Barron Gorge. Experience the exotic beauty of North Queensland’s tropical rainforests, marvelling at the incredible array of plants and animals encountered all along the way.

**Day 28 Cairns**

Depart at any time.

**Departure Day**

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

**What's Included**

Your G for Good Moment: Cafe Chloe, Tully
Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
Your Foodie Moment: Wine Tasting, Clare Valley
Your Hands-On Moment: Wine Tour, Hunter Valley
Your Hands-On Moment: Sheep Shearing, Nundle
Your Hands-On Moment: Gold Mine Tour, Bingara
Your Discover Moment: Byron Bay

**Highlights**

Marvel at the 12 Apostles along the Great Ocean Road, bed down at a traditional Outback station, catch the magnificent colours of Uluru at sunset, sail through the gorgeous Whitsunday Islands, explore Fraser Island.

**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.

**Itinerary Notes**

Please note, the December 24, 2019 departure of this tour will stay at Spot X Surf Camp in Arrawarra for 2 nights instead of the stay in Tamworth and Yamba.

**Important Notes**

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. Over public holidays in Australia and New Zealand (such as Christmas, New Years Day, Easter, and Anzac Day) there may be some limitations of services and disruptions to schedules. In general our tours still operate effectively over public holidays, but there may be closures of optional activities and restaurants, and slight itinerary adjustments in order to provide all tour inclusions.

4. Scuba Diving Optional Activity

Please be aware that if you decide to book the optional scuba diving activity in the Great Barrier Reef and are taking any prescription medications, you will need a doctor's release giving you permission to dive.

**Group Leader Description**

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.

**Group Size Notes**

Max 20, avg 16

**Meals Included**

23 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 10 dinners

**Meals**

Eating is a big part of traveling. 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.

Please note that most included breakfasts will consist of cereal, milk, bread and spreads, juice, tea and instant coffee. Having a simple breakfast together most days allows us the flexibility to get on the road early and get from point A to B all that much faster.

**Transport**

Private bus, train, maxi yacht, 4x4 vehicle, ferry, walking.
About our Transportation

We use mini-coaches on our tours in Australia but also throw in a few other transport types to keep it interesting and mix it up. Occasionally with smaller group sizes we will use smaller, equally comfortable 13-seater vehicles. All mini-coaches tow a trailer for luggage and camping equipment (when needed). All groups have one CEO/Director.

The vehicles are factory built with comfortable seats and air-conditioning. It is mandatory to wear a seatbelt while riding in our vehicles.

On the rail based sections of the tour, we use the standard seats, not sleeping compartments. The trains have have a dining carriage available.

Local Flights

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

The max luggage allowance on domestic flights within Australia is 1 checked bag (20 kgs) and 1 carry on (7 kgs) per person.

Solo Travellers

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.

Accommodation

Hostels (17 nts), swag camping (5 nts), maxi-yacht (2 nts), underground hostel (1 nt), tent (1 nt), cabin (1 nt). All nights multi-share.

About Accommodation

Accommodation will be varied throughout your adventure. When camping on this tour, you will be provided with an Aussie ‘swag’--a canvas bedroll with built-in padding and perfect for a night under the stars. Towels and soap are not always provided at overnight stops, so it’s best to bring your own for bathing. Bathroom and showering facilities are shared and are very rarely en-suite.

Multi-share accommodation, on a single-sex basis (typically 4-6 people per room), is very common in Australia and is the way you will be spending most of your nights. We have specifically chosen unique accommodations to give local flavour to your trip.

COUPLES: Please note that due to the types of accommodation used in Australia, couples will likely be split into separate rooms where we use multi-share hostels. Pending availability, couples may be able to pay extra while on tour to have their own room in some destinations.

PRE/POST ACCOMMODATION: If booking additional nights before or after your tour, accommodation will be multi-share on a mixed gender basis.

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.

Joining Instructions

1. By Taxi: Approximately $70, and it is 35km to the joining hotel.

2. SKYBUS, $19 per person: A 24-hour service from the airport to the Southern Cross train station in the city centre. From here, check in at the Skybus Hotel Transfer Service booth and a SkyBus mini-bus will drop you at the hostel.

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

Your CEO 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.

Arrival Complications

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.

Emergency Contact
 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 24 hour Sales team, who will happily assist you.

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100
Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000
Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000
Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618
Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307
Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

What to Take

The max luggage allowance on domestic flights within Australia is 1 checked bag (20 kgs) and 1 carry on (7 kgs) per person.

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.

You will need a smaller bag for the Whitsunday Islands overnight excursion, as we will leave big bags on the mainland due to space constraints.

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)
* Required visas or vaccination certificates (required) (With photocopies)
* Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)

Essentials:
* 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, band-aids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Iodum 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
* 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
* Toiletries (Preferably biodegradable)
* Watch and alarm clock
* Waterproof backpack cover
* Windproof rain jacket
Fraser Island and Noosa Everglades Overnight Excursion:
* Overnight bag (For the Fraser Island and Noosa Everglades excursion)

Sleep Sheet and Pillow:
* Sleeping bag liner/sleep sheet
* Travel pillow

Warm Weather:
* Sandals/flip-flops
* Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
* Sun hat/bandana
* Swimwear

Note:
1) 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.

2) A sleeping bag will be provided for all camping nights. We recommend bringing a sleeping bag liner/sleep sheet and pillow.

Visas and Entry Requirements

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.

A valid passport and visa is required. For some nationalities, the visa can be issued by your Travel Agency or the Australian Embassy via Electronic Travel Authority (ETA).

To apply for an ETA online, travellers must hold a passport from one of the following countries:
- Brunei - Darussalam
- Canada
- Hong Kong
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Singapore
- South Korea
- United States

More information about the ETA and how to apply can be found here: https://www.eta.immi.gov.au/ETA/etas.jsp

If you do not hold a passport from any of the above countries, you cannot apply for an ETA online. You may be eligible to apply for an ETA through a travel agent, airline or an Australian visa office. Alternatively, you may be eligible to apply for other types of electronic visitor visas. See: www.immi.gov.au

Spending Money

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.

Money Exchange

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

Emergency Fund

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!

Tipping

It is not customary in New Zealand and 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.

Optional Activities

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

Safety and Security

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 jewelry 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.

Trip Specific Safety

Between November and March, there is extreme heat with temperatures averaging between 43-46°C in the middle of Australia, especially around Uluru and Kings Canyon. This can lead to heat exhaustion and potentially become very dangerous. Be sure to drink plenty of water and replenish electrolytes by drinking sports drinks, coconut water or water mixed with electrolyte powder packets. Our CEOs have been trained in first aid and are well-versed in the risks associated with this heat.

As a result of this heat some included walks may be closed in the interests of travellers health. Certain walks around central Australia including Uluru, Kata Tjuta and Kings Canyon are closed when weather is forecast to exceed 36°C. During these hot months, we will endeavour to offer all walks early in the day to avoid the heat. Our CEOs will monitor the weather conditions to gauge the safety of any included walks and may need to call off a given day's walk due to extreme heat.

A Couple of Rules

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 engage in any form of paid sex work.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your 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. G Adventures can provide you with the appropriate coverage. 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. 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!
Planeterra Foundation - the non-profit partner of G Adventures

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.

Feedback

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 customerservice@gadventures.com and we will send it on to you.

Newsletter

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

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

Minimum Age

Minimum age of 18 years for this trip.

International Flights

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.