

## Atlantic to the Andes Experience - SXRL

25 days: Rio de Janeiro to La Paz

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- Your G for Good Moment: Favela Experience, Rio de Janeiro
- Your G for Good Moment: Jukil Community Experience & Lodge, Santiago de Agenchá
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- Iguassu Falls visit (Brazil and Argentina)
- Pantanal wildlife excursion (2 days)
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- Internal flights
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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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 January 1st, 2020 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.

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#### Day 1 Rio de Janeiro

Arrive at any time.

There are no planned activities until the evening welcome meeting.

Booking pre- or post-trip accommodation is highly recommended to allow time for activities and to fully experience this vibrant city.

#### Your Welcome Moment: Welcome Moment - Meet Your CEO and Group

Evening

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.

#### Optional Activities - Day 1

##### Rio Football Game

Rio de Janeiro

300BRL per person

If it's a game day, catch a football match (or some call it soccer). Watch the local cheers for their team and join in the celebrations.

##### Rio de Janeiro City Tour

Rio de Janeiro 5h-6h

340BRL per person

There's so much to see and do in this vibrant city pulsing with passion, music and the waves of the sea. Take a city tour and visit some of Rio's hot spots. Visit the art deco statue of Christ the Redeemer atop Corcovado Mountain, the colourful Lapa Steps and the Rio Cathedral. Ride a cable car to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain and marvel at the magnificent views of the bay, city and beaches beyond.

## **Day 2 Rio de Janeiro**

In the morning, explore the favela with a local resident on a G Adventures-supported tour to watch a drumming demonstration, get a Capoeira lesson, and sample craft beers with a new perspective of the city. Enjoy a free afternoon to discover all that Rio has to offer.

### **Your G for Good Moment: Favela Experience**

Explore dynamic communities and support social enterprises on a tour led by residents of the Vidigal favela. Participate in a Capoeira session, visit an innovative community green space, sample artisanal beer made in the favela, and purchase unique handicrafts. With support from G Adventures, entrepreneurial organizations and members of the community are connected with people, ideas, and resources from around the world to grow their businesses.

### **Free Time**

Rio de Janeiro

Enjoy the vibrant city.

### **Optional Activities - Day 2**

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### **Meals included: Breakfast**

## **Day 3 Rio de Janeiro/Ilha Grande**

Take a bus and ferry to Ilha Grande. Enjoy free time to explore this picturesque, laid-back island, opt to go on a hike to a nearby swimming hole or explore the many beaches.

### **Local Bus**

Rio de Janeiro - Angra dos Reis 2h30m-3h30m 151km

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

### **Ferry**

Angra dos Reis - Ilha Grande 1h30m

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

### **Free Time**

Ilha Grande

Explore this piece of paradise any way you wish.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

## **Day 4 Ilha Grande**

Ilha Grande is a car-free island surrounded by beautiful nature. Opt to go for a hike, swim, or sit at one of the beach bars.

### **Your Discover Moment**

Ilha Grande Full Day

There's plenty to see and do in Ilha Grande, 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 taking a boat to Lopes Mendes Beach, taking a guided walk to Pico do Papagaio (Parrot's Peak), and snorkelling. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

### **Optional Activities - Day 4**

#### **Lopes Mendes Hike**

Ilha Grande 2h30m-4h

Grab your bathing suit, slip on your walking shoes and take the hike from Abraão to the beautiful beach of Lopes Mendes. Follow a well-marked trail up and down, through forest and past other beaches. Eat Jack fruit picked along the way. Drink water from a natural spring. Listen to howler monkeys. After 2.5-3 hrs, arrive at the stunning Lopes Mendes beach, where the white powder sand squeaks under foot and the rolling green hills provide a stunning contrast to the turquoise water.

### **Ilha Grande Boat Excursion**

Ilha Grande 4h-5h

130BRL per person

From the main village of Vila do Abraão, take a boat tour to some of the best beaches around the island. See tropical fish and cool off in the salt spray of the turquoise waters. Stop to swim and snorkel and pinch yourself for being lucky enough to partake in this tropical piece of paradise. Enjoy the scenery while drinking a caipirinha, Brazil's national drink.

### **Swimming**

Ilha Grande

Free

Dive in and enjoy the beautiful water of this island paradise.

### **Snorkelling Ilha Grande**

Ilha Grande

Rent a mask and snorkel, pull on some fins and get set to enter the underwater world of colourful tropical fish, shells and all things seaworthy. November through May is Ilha Grande's best time to snorkel.

Hotspots include the Blue Lagoon, Green Lagoon and Abraãozinho Beach. Luxuriate in the warm salt water, look down and, in some cases, see to a depth of 15m (50 ft).

### **Hike to Pico do Papagaio**

Ilha Grande 6h-7h

150BRL per person

Enjoy a guided hike from Abraão to Pico do Papagaio, soaking in the scenery along the way. It will take roughly 4 hours to hike up and about 2 hr to hike back down. The 360 degree views from the top are well worth the effort.

### **Ilha Grande Diving**

Ilha Grande

Explore one of the world's largest concentrations of underwater shipwrecks, many lost during pirate battles in the 16th-18th centuries in the waters off Ilha Grande. Dive to see the Pinguino cargo ship as well as the remains of a helicopter near Laja do Matariz. Discover massive underwater caves, swim with schools of tropical fish and admire the colours of corals and reefs, in the warm salt water where visibility varies from 6-20m (20-66 ft).

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Day 5 Ilha Grande/Paraty**

Travel up the coast to Paraty and wander the cobblestoned streets of this beautiful colonial town.

### **Free Time**

Paraty

Get out and explore.

### **Local Bus**

Angra dos Reis - Paraty 2h 100km

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

### **Ferry**

Ilha Grande - Angra dos Reis 1h 30m

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

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Day 6 Paraty**

Enjoy a free day to explore Paraty. Optional activities include a Caipirinha boat trip, kayaking and horseback riding.

Opt to pre-book the "Paraty Caipirinha Boat Tour" activity on the checkout page ahead of time to include this optional on your tour.

### **Your Discover Moment**

Paraty Full Day

There's plenty to see and do in Paraty, 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 going on a boat tour, watching a puppet show, and visiting a cachaça distillery. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

### **Optional Activities - Day 6**

#### **Kayaking**

Paraty 1h-6h

90BRL per person

See Paraty's from a whole other level—sea level! Check out the spectacular views of the old town and the coastal mountain range and explore otherwise inaccessible mangroves.

### **Diving Paraty**

Paraty

Brazil is a diver's paradise. Its waters include a rich variety of fish, mammals, kelp and coral. Spot brilliantly coloured fish accented against the white sand ocean floor. Keep your eyes peeled for dolphins, sea turtles and nurse sharks. Paraty boasts at least 10 locations recommended for SCUBA diving. Explore the waters off islands with exotic names – Cocos, Meros, Deserta – and add an unforgettable underwater adventure to your list of most memorable moments.

### **Paraty Boat Tour**

Paraty

150BRL per person

Home to hundreds of pristine islands and idyllic white sand beaches it doesn't get much better than the Costa Verde. Cruise up the coast with a caipirinha in one hand and your camera in the other. Stop along the way to swim in the crystal clear waters or to catch a few rays. Snorkeling equipment is provided for those wanting a peek at what is under the water's surface.

### **4x4 Tour**

Paraty 6h-7h30m

150BRL per person

Hop in the back of a jeep and hang on for this tropical tour. Enter the Serra da Bocaina National Park, visit waterfalls (great for photos and swimming), and step back in time along the Gold Trail road, constructed by African slaves to transport gold mined inland and transported to Paraty port bound for Portugal.

### **Horseback Riding Paraty**

Paraty 3h-6h

390BRL per person

Throw on some long pants, grab the reins and hop up on a well-trained horse. Trail ride through the Atlantic Rainforest in the mountains around Paraty. Cross rivers and follow trails lined with tropical trees. Reach a lookout and see the village and the water below. Stop at a waterfall and jump in! Let the rushing water massage your muscles then hop back on the horses and gallop home.

### **Trindade Day Trip**

Trindade

20BRL per person

Located about 25km (15.5 mi) away from the town of Paraty is the small beach town of Trindade, which can be reached by public transport. Walk along the sandy beach, play in the water and opt to go surfing.

### **Cachaça Distillery Visit**

Paraty

160BRL per person

Tour a cachaça distillery where sugarcane juice is used to create the most popular distilled spirit in Brazil. If it tastes familiar, that's because it's the main ingredient in a Caipirinha, the country's national cocktail. Often called "Brazilian rum," cachaça is so popular, it's produced by 40,000 micro-companies across the country. The blend from Paraty is sweet and salty; taste the sea as you sip this local liquid.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Day 7 Paraty**

Continue to enjoy the slow pace of Paraty, a colonial town with fantastic architecture, or opt to take a day trip to Trindade to surf and relax on the beach.

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## **Day 8 Paraty/Iguaçu Falls**

Take a flight to the famous Iguassu Falls. Skip the 19 hour journey by land and hop a flight to Iguassu from São Paulo.

Visit the Brazilian side of the falls to get the best panoramic view.

### **Iguassu Falls (Brazil Side) Guided Tour**

Foz do Iguaçu 2h30m-3h30m

Visit the Brazil side of the falls to get a panoramic view of Iguaçu, one of the world's largest and most impressive waterfalls. In total, there are over 275 individual falls spread out over 3km (2 mi). Find the best spot to take jaw-dropping photos of this UNESCO World Heritage site.

### **Plane**

São Paulo – Iguaçu Falls 1h30m 1000km

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

### **Shared Van**

Paraty – São Paulo 5h-6h

Climb aboard and make friends with your seatmate en route to the next stop.

## **Day 9 Iguaçu Falls**

Experience Iguassu in Argentina by exploring trails and catwalks. Opt to take a boat tour to view the falls from below.

Explore trails that will bring you directly over the falls of the Devil's Throat—the highest and deepest of the falls. Other trails allow access to the stretch of falls across the forest on the Argentine side. Opt to take an inflatable boat to the base of the thundering falls.

### **Border Crossing (Brazil - Argentina)**

Foz do Iguaçu – Puerto Iguazú

Ready for a little more ink in your passport? Grab your bags and get ready to check another country off your bucket list.

### **Iguassu Falls Visit**

Puerto Iguazú Full Day

Spend the whole day on the Argentine side of Iguassu, exploring the paths over the falls or experience the UNESCO World Heritage site from a boat tour. Tours utilize trails and catwalks adapted to the landscape of the area, and walking is easy for all ages; guided tours of the complex are available several times a day.

### **Border Crossing (Argentina - Brazil)**

Puerto Iguazú – Foz do Iguaçu 1h30m-3h

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## **Optional Activities - Day 9**

### **Iguassu Falls Bird Park Visit**

Iguaçu Falls

120BRL per person

Grab a camera and get up and close and personal with macaws, parrots, parakeets, and 150 other species of birds. Located on the Brazilian side of Iguassu Falls, the bird park is on 12 acres of native subtropical forest. Enter a huge aviary to see the birds free from cages and nets. Check out other exhibits to view butterflies, alligators, and snakes (boas and anacondas).

### **Iguassu Falls Visit**

Puerto Iguazú 1h-2h

70USD per person

Enter the jungle from the "Sendero Yacaratía" and enjoy the panoramic view. Board motorboats that pass through the Lower Canyon of the Iguassu River, and continue onto the falls. After enjoying the view from San Martin Island, sail to "Tres Mosqueteros" to the "Devil's Throat." Sail along the shore before and enjoy the splendour of the San Martin waterfall, a wonderful and unforgettable experience.

### **Iguassu Helicopter Ride**

Iguaçu Falls

130USD per person

Fly above the roaring cascades of Iguassu falls on a memorable helicopter ride to get a unique view and mind-blowing photo opportunities. Sit back in the comfortable seats, enjoy the ride and let the experienced pilot guide you over the immense falls.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

## **Day 10 Iguaçu Falls/Bonito**

Embark on the long travel journey to Bonito.

### **Local Bus**

Iguaçu Falls – Bonito 14h Full Day 768km

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

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

## **Day 11 Bonito**

Spend time in Bonito with optional activities available like snorkelling in the rivers or exploring the nearby caves and waterfalls.

### **Your Discover Moment**

Bonito Full Day

There's plenty to see and do in Bonito, 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 visiting underwater caves, swimming in natural pools, and rappelling. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

## **Optional Activities - Day 11**

### **Waterfall Tour**

Bonito

210BRL per person

Enjoy a guided hike through lush forest to multiple of Bonito's waterfalls, cool off with a refreshing dip along the way.

### **Bonito Snorkelling**

Bonito 4h-6h

236-280BRL per person

Bonito is famous for the spectacular snorkelling in the beautiful clear water. Marvel at colourful fish.

### **Gruta Azul**

Bonito

100BRL per person

Check out the unbelievably blue water of this cave that shimmers in the sunlight. While not visible from the cave, the site was recently discovered to have prehistoric mammal bones from over 12,000 years ago at the bottom of the grotto, saber tooth tigers, giant sloths, and armadillos, oh my!

### **Canopy Tour Bonito**

Bonito

160BRL per person

Make your way through a fun tree-top canopy course suspended above the forest. Buckle up your harness, don your helmet, and prepare to launch. Glide along cables suspended high above the forest greenery as you glide past.

### **Balneario Municipal**

Bonito

60BRL per person

Enjoy the turquoise waters at this swimming hole, go for a swim, lounge on the banks, or enjoy a game of beach volleyball at the nearby facilities.

### **Cave Rappelling & Snorkelling**

Bonito

700BRL per person

Harness up and abseil down 70 meters down into a large cave. Once inside, jump in the water (with a wetsuit of course) to get another view of these impressive geological formations from below the surface with a mask and snorkel.

### **Day 12 Bonito/Pantanal**

Journey into the Pantanal, a perfect place to experience the wildlife of Brazil. Enjoy a 2-day excursion into the wetlands with a local guide.

Experience the Pantanal, an immense wetland area famed for its profuse wildlife. A 2-day excursion allows visitors to fully appreciate the natural beauty of the area.

Please note, while on the rustic excursion in Pantanal the nights will be spent in hammocks.

### **Shared Van**

Bonito – Pantanal 5h Morning

Climb aboard and make friends with your seatmate en route to the next stop.

### **Pantanal Wildlife Excursion**

Pantanal

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**Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner**

### **Day 13 Pantanal**

Full day of exploring the Pantanal. Try piranha fishing or horseback riding. Opportunities to spot wildlife such as monkeys, macaws, giant otters and caiman.

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### **Day 14 Pantanal/Santa Cruz de la Sierra**

Leave the Pantanal and head for the border. Board an overnight bus to Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

From the frontier town of Corumbá, Brazil, cross into Bolivia. From here, an overnight bus heads to Santa Cruz.

### **Border Crossing (Brazil - Bolivia)**

Corumbá – Puerto Suárez 1h-6h

Ready for a little more ink in your passport? Grab your bags and get ready to check another country off your bucket list.

### **Overnight Bus**

Puerto Suárez – Santa Cruz de la Sierra 14h

Curl up and catch a snooze en route to the next stop.

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Day 15 Santa Cruz de la Sierra/Sucre**

Hop on a flight to Bolivia's colonial gem, Sucre. Enjoy a few days in the city to recover from the journey from Brazil, opt to go hiking or take it easy.

### **Free Time**

Sucre

Do as much or as little as you'd like!

### **Plane**

Santa Cruz de la Sierra – Sucre1h

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

### **Day 16 Sucre**

Spend a few days exploring all that Sucre has to offer.

### **Free Time**

Sucre

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### **Optional Activities - Day 16**

#### **Sucre Dinosaur Tracks Excursion**

Sucre

Get ready to get up close and personal with the prehistoric times: Sucre is home to one of the world's largest collections of dinosaur footprints made some 68 million years ago. Discover more than 5,000 footprints perfectly preserved footprints in the Cal Orck'o cliff just outside the city centre. See the world's longest trail -- 347m (1138 ft) -- left by a baby Tyrannosaurus Rex now affectionately known as 'Johnny Walker'.

### **Hiking**

Sucre

Head out of town, take in some fresh air, and explore this scenic area by foot.

### **Mountain Biking**

Sucre

Take a guided mountain biking trip on the outskirts of Sucre and explore more of this beautiful region.

### **Sunday Tarabuco Market**

Sucre

130BOB per person

On a Sunday morning, the Tarabuco market offers a glimpse into daily Bolivian life and the diversity of its people. Where indigenous groups from the surrounding area gather on Sundays to sell their goods.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Days 17-18 Sucre**

Enjoy free time to explore all that Sucre has to offer.

### **Your Discover Moment**

Sucre Full Day

There's plenty to see and do in Sucre, 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 hiking, mountain biking, and visiting the Textile Cooperative. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

### **Optional Activities - Days 17-18**

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#### **Day 19 Sucre/Potosí**

Journey from Sucre to Potosí. Spend the afternoon exploring the city.

#### **Free Time**

Potosí Afternoon

Explore the markets and the city, or opt to visit a silver mine.

#### **Private Vehicle**

Sucre – Potosí 3h

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

### **Optional Activities - Day 19**

#### **Silver Mine Tour**

Potosí

150BOB per person

Take the opportunity to visit a working silver mine and learn more about the process of extraction and working conditions faced by as much as half of the people who live and mine in Potosí. Bring a bandana and wear protective gear (boots, helmet and headlamp) as you head deep into the bowels of Cerro Rico (Rich Hill).

#### **Casa de la Moneda**

Potosí

40BOB per person

Learn about the first global currency at this renowned National Mint museum.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

#### **Day 20 Potosí/Uyuni**

Head south to Uyuni, the starting point for the salt flats excursion.

#### **Private Vehicle**

Potosí – Uyuni 4h

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

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

#### **Day 21 Uyuni/Salt Flats**

Enjoy a 3-day 4x4 excursion to the Salar de Uyuni and surrounding desert altiplano, with spectacular scenery.

Travel through the Bolivian landscape to the town of Uyuni. Despite its isolation and challenging climate (cold and blustery most of the year), the town of Uyuni has earned the nickname of Hija Predilecta de Bolivia (Bolivia's Favourite Daughter).

It is also the starting point for our 2-night excursion through the spectacular Salar de Uyuni (Uyuni Salt Flats) in 4x4 vehicles.

Settle in to your G Adventures-supported community salt-brick bungalow, complete with salt floors and furniture, after a guided walking tour up to the sacred Jukil mountaintop for sweeping valley views and a dinner of local ingredients prepared by ladies from the community.

During the rainy season the locations visited may change due to some routes being covered by water.

#### **4x4**

Uyuni – Salt Flats

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

### **Salt Flats and Desert Crossing Excursion**

Salt Flats

Spend three days in the stunning landscape between the Salar de Uyuni and the Atacama Desert in Chile. Enter a world unlike anything else as we drive across the salt flats; the piercing blue sky contrasts against the blinding white of the flat salt beds. Take memorable photos of the unusual landscape complete with mountains and active volcanoes. Visit the coloured lagoon of Laguna Colorada and enjoy the uniqueness of this region.

### **Your G for Good Moment: Jukil Community Experience & Lodge**

Visit the Santiago de Agencha community, located two hours across the salt flats from Uyuni, a rural village surrounded by towering cacti and part of a small desert oasis. The community-owned salt lodge was renovated and expanded through a major project in 2016 funded by G Adventures' foundation,

Planeterra. With many of the village's younger residences fleeing for economic opportunities, this lodge is seen by the community as a way to rescue their indigenous culture and provide opportunities for the future. Learn about their traditional agricultural practices, including their specialization in quinoa production, and take a guided walk with a community member to the sacred Jukil mountaintop for a beautiful view of the village below and the salt flats beyond. Meals of local ingredients grown in the village are prepared by ladies who were provided culinary training through the project. Leave Jukil Community Lodge knowing your visit is creating opportunities for a whole new generation of people in this community to improve their lives, and the lives of their children and grandchildren.

**Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner**

### **Day 22 Salt Flats**

Continue to discover the Salar de Uyuni on a 4x4 excursion. Last stop for the evening is a G Adventures-supported community lodge in a traditional agricultural village in the heart of a desert oasis.

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### **Day 23 Salt Flats/Uyuni**

Enjoy a final day of exploring the Salar de Uyuni before boarding an overnight bus back to La Paz .

#### **Salt Flats and Desert Crossing Excursion**

##### **Salt Flats**

Spend three days in the stunning landscape between the Salar de Uyuni and the Atacama Desert in Chile. Enter a world unlike anything else as we drive across the salt flats; the piercing blue sky contrasts against the blinding white of the flat salt beds. Take memorable photos of the unusual landscape complete with mountains and active volcanoes. Visit the coloured lagoon of Laguna Colorada and enjoy the uniqueness of this region.

#### **Local Bus**

Uyuni – La Paz8h

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

**Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch**

### **Day 24 La Paz**

Enjoy a free day in the capital, walk along the winding streets, shop in the markets and enjoy the nightlife. For the thrill seekers opt to bike the famous "death road".

Spend the day exploring and shopping in the many markets of the city -- it is an especially good place to buy textiles and leatherwork. Visit the Witches' Market or take one of the several optional excursions available.

#### **Free Time**

La Paz Afternoon

Get out and explore the markets and ruins of this fantastic city.

#### **Optional Activities - Day 24**

##### **La Paz City Tour**

La Paz

25-45USD per person

Explore the city on a guided tour. Check out stunning cathedrals, impressive museums, and lively markets, learning more about the history of this fascinating city. Look for majestic Mt Illimani in the background.

### **Death Road Biking Adventure**

La Paz

Get your adrenaline pumping as you soar down the 'world's most dangerous road.' Start high up in the Andes at 4,700m (15,420 ft) and wind your way down this steep, narrow road on the mountainside into the depths of the Bolivian jungle. This is not one for the faint of heart, adrenaline junkies only!

Please note that the entrance fee of 53 Bolivianos (not included in this activity) must be paid directly to the National Park prior to biking, only local currency is accepted. We are unable to pre-pay this fee in advance, due to the park policy.

### **Witches' Market Visit**

La Paz

Learn more about the pre-Columbian Aymara beliefs at the Witches' Market. You can witness locals buying products such as dried frogs, potions, and talismans for use in rituals and offerings.

### **Chacaltaya Visit**

Chacaltaya

Chacaltaya (Aymara for 'cold road') is a mountain in the Cordillera Real, part of the beautiful Bolivian Andes.

### **Valley of the Moon Tour**

La Paz

15USD per person

Tour the lunar landscape of the Valley of the Moon, observe the clay formations carved into the landscape by years of erosion.

### **Day 25 La Paz**

Depart at any time.

### **Optional Activities - Day 25**

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### **Meals included: Breakfast**

## **What's Included**

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Your G for Good Moment: Favela Experience, Rio de Janeiro

Your G for Good Moment: Jukil Community Experience & Lodge, Santiago de Ajencha

Your Welcome Moment: Welcome Moment - Meet Your CEO and Group

Your Discover Moment: Ilha Grande

Your Discover Moment: Paraty

Your Discover Moment: Bonito

Your Discover Moment: Sucre. Iguassu Falls visit (Brazil and Argentina). Pantanal wildlife excursion (2 days). 4x4 excursion to Salar de Uyuni (Uyuni Salt Flats) (3 days). Internal flights. All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

## **Highlights**

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Explore the favela with a local resident, Stand in awe of Iguassu Falls, search for wildlife in the Brazilian Pantanal, encounter colonial cities and historic cultures in Bolivia, explore the Salar de Uyuni by 4x4

## Dossier Disclaimer

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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

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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.

## Important Notes

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### 1. COMBO TRIP

Please note that this tour is a combination of several G Adventures tours. As such, your group CEO, fellow passengers, or vehicle may change between the individual tour sections. You may also expect some group members to join or leave the tour, between tour segments.

### 2. YELLOW FEVER

It may be required to show a Yellow Fever certificate upon entering the country visited. Please check in with your local health expert for advice on Yellow Fever and other inoculations required for this area.

### 3. EXTRAS

Looking to add to your experience? Check out our Extras! Specially designed for travellers with unique interests, Extras are optional add-ons to your G adventures trip that make your adventure more you-centric. Extras must be booked prior to departure, please see details in our optional activities field and ask your sales GCO or travel agent about booking.

## Group Leader Description

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All G Adventures group trips are accompanied by one of our group leaders, a G Adventures representative, or an expedition team. The aim of the group leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting- we think it's the best of both worlds.

## Group Size Notes

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Max 16, Avg 10

## Meals Included

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19 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners

## Meals

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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.

## **Transport**

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Public bus, plane, 4x4 vehicle, walking.

## **Local Flights**

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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.

## **Solo Travellers**

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

## **Accommodation**

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Hotels (17 nts), overnight bus (3 nts), basic hotels on Salar de Uyuni (2 nts, multi-share), tented room with hammocks in the Pantanal (2 nts multi-share).

## **Rooming and "My Own Room" Exceptions**

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Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room" option for this tour, you will receive your own single accommodation for all night stops, with the following exceptions: Night 9: overnight bus, Nights 12-13: Pantanal, Night 15: overnight train, Nights 22-23: Salar de Uyuni, Night 24: overnight train.

## **Joining Hotel**

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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**

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Galeao International Airport is a 30 to 45 minute drive from our joining hotel. There are many private taxi companies with booths inside the building where you can pay a set rate for a taxi to Copacabana (approximately \$50 USD), thus avoiding the confusion outside the airport. There is also an airport bus, called 'Real' (approximately \$9 USD) which will drop you off at the place of your choice along the route. The closest point to the Santa Clara is at the corner of Barata Ribeiro and the street Figueiredo Magalhaes. From here to the hotel is quite close. You can flag down one of the many official yellow taxis in the street to get the rest of the way to the hotel (approximately \$5 USD). There is a money exchange in the Banco do Brazil on the 3rd floor of the international Arrivals area, which is open 24 hours.

If you have paid in advance for an arrival transfer, a G Adventures representative will be at the airport to meet you. If for any reason you are not met at the airport, please call our local support line. If you are unable to make contact for whatever reason, please make your way to the joining point hotel via taxi.

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

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

## **Arrival Complications**

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We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, as soon as possible please contact your starting point hotel, requesting that you

Speak to or leave a message for your CEO (if you are not on a group tour please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier). If you are unable to get in touch with your leader, please refer to our emergency contact details. If you have pre-booked an airport transfer and have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

## Emergency Contact

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

### AIRPORT TRANSFER

If you have purchased an arrival through G Adventures or if an arrival transfer is included in the cost of your tour, please note that:

Your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. If you are advised of a flight schedule change within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, we will do our best to rearrange your arrival transfer however we cannot guarantee this. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Office Lima, Peru.

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

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

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

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

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

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

## What to Take

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Most airlines allow two checked bags and one carry-on per person. To avoid any problems on check-in and with possible excess baggage charges, please consult the airline for specific restrictions. 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.

Most people automatically assume that the weather is hot in South America, but because of the higher altitude in the Andes, the temperature can feel quite cold, especially at night. It can be very cold in the Andean highlands, temperatures of -10C and lower are frequent around Uyuni and the Altiplano (high plateau). It is best to layer clothes rather than wearing a heavy parka. This allows you to accommodate clothing to varying degrees of temperatures and wet/dry/windy weather conditions.

## Packing List

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Available for Rent:

- Sleeping bag (35 BOB per day)

Cold Weather:

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

Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)

- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

#### Essentials:

- 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, band-aids/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
- 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:

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

#### Salt Flats:

- Sleeping bag and liner, 4 season (Also available for rent)
- Warm waterproof jacket

#### Warm Weather:

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

## Laundry

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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.

## Visas and Entry Requirements

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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](#)

## Spending Money

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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

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The currency in Brazil is the Brazilian Real (BRL) and in Bolivia the Boliviano (BOB).

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Emergency Fund

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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!

## Departure Tax

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USD \$25

## Tipping

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It is customary in Latin America to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service. Tipping is an expected - though not compulsory - component of your tour program and an expression of satisfaction with the persons who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides or drivers we use. Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from \$5-10 USD per day depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture.

Also at the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline \$20-25 USD per person, per week can be used.

## Optional Activities

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Rio de Janeiro

- Rio Football Game (300BRL per person)
- Rio de Janeiro City Tour (340BRL per person)

Ilha Grande

- Lopes Mendes Hike
- Ilha Grande Boat Excursion (130BRL per person)
- Swimming (Free)
- Snorkelling Ilha Grande
- Hike to Pico do Papagaio (150BRL per person)
- Ilha Grande Diving



#### Paraty

- Kayaking (90BRL per person)
- Diving Paraty
- Paraty Boat Tour (150BRL per person)
- 4x4 Tour (150BRL per person)
- Horseback Riding Paraty (390BRL per person)
- Cachaça Distillery Visit (160BRL per person)

#### Trindade

- Trindade Day Trip (20BRL per person)

#### Iguaçu Falls

- Iguassu Falls Bird Park Visit (120BRL per person)
- Iguassu Helicopter Ride (130USD per person)

#### Puerto Iguazú

- Iguassu Falls Visit (70USD per person)

#### Bonito

- Waterfall Tour (210BRL per person)
- Bonito Snorkelling (236-280BRL per person)
- Gruta Azul (100BRL per person)
- Canopy Tour Bonito (160BRL per person)
- Balneario Municipal (60BRL per person)
- Cave Rappelling & Snorkelling (700BRL per person)

#### Sucre

- Sucre Dinosaur Tracks Excursion
- Hiking
- Mountain Biking
- Sunday Tarabuco Market (130BOB per person)

#### Potosí

- Silver Mine Tour (150BOB per person)
- Casa de la Moneda (40BOB per person)

#### La Paz

- La Paz City Tour (25-45USD per person)
- Death Road Biking Adventure
- Witches' Market Visit
- Valley of the Moon Tour (15USD per person)

#### Chacaltaya

- Chacaltaya Visit

## Health

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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 for trip specific information. 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.

Please note your Adventure travels to high altitude. This is medically defined as anything over 8,000 feet (2,440 meters). Most people can travel to 8,000 feet with minimal effects. However, everyone reacts to altitude differently and altitude sickness can on set with some people irrespective of fitness and age. For details on how to best prepare and what to do in the unlikely event you are effected on your Adventure, please consult your physician.

## Safety and Security

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Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while

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

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

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

Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk.

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

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

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## 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 prostitutes is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our CEOs have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they use prostitutes.

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## Travel Insurance

**Travel Insurance:** Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your CEO, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy please bear in mind that all clients must have medical coverage and that we require a minimum coverage of USD 200,000 for repatriation and emergency rescue. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

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## Trip Specific Responsible Travel

### Silver Mines in Potosí

Working conditions for miners were appalling, and a large portion of the indigenous population was decimated. African slaves were brought in to replace the native workers, and it is estimated that as many as eight million indigenous and African people died in the mines during the first three centuries of Spanish colonial rule. Unfortunately little has changed throughout time and working conditions have remained the same. Although this is not an excursion for everyone, we do recommend a visit as it is an eye-opening experience that gives you a chance to glimpse the realities of life in the Andes in general and more specifically in these mines however we do not condone the working conditions of the mine.

## Planeterra Foundation - the non-profit partner of G Adventures

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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

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

## Newsletter

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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.

## Minimum Age

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

## International Flights

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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.