

Epic Bangkok to Kuta: Beaches, Forests & Volcanoes - ATSE

40 days: Bangkok to Kuta

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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing August 1st, 2020 and onwards

Itinerary

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

Day 1 Bangkok

Arrive at any time and welcome to Thailand's famous capital - Bangkok!

This evening, the famous Khao San Road is on the itinerary for your first night out. Explore this buzzing traveller hub with your CEO and check out the lively bars and dance parties that line the street. Grab a Thai beer or tea and connect with your fellow travellers. Don't forget to sample local delicacies, and try a deep fried scorpion if you dare!

If you'd like, get here early to get in some sightseeing. It's best to travel around by water taxi, since the streets are so crowded. We recommend Chao Phraya River for its excellent views.

Your Welcome Moment: 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.

Your First Night Out Moment: Connect With New Friends

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

Day 2 Bangkok/Surat Thani

Get on first-name basis with Thailand's capital city by bike with an optional bike tour. Today, you can check out Wat Pho and the Grand Palace, go for a street food crawl, relax with a Thai massage, or explore the klongs (canals) by boat before boarding the overnight train.

Street Food Crawl

Evening

Bring your appetite and your wallet. The CEO will bring the group to the best spots to eat and teach everyone about the local street food. Yum!

Basic Overnight Train (beds)

Bangkok – Surat Thani 12h-13h

Experience overnight travel like a local. Sit back and get some well-earned (and likely much-needed) rest en route to your next stop.

Your Discover Moment

Bangkok Full Day

There's plenty to see and do in Bangkok, 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 the Grand Palace, hopping on a cycle tour of the city, and visiting the National Museum. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

Optional Activities - Day 2

Grand Palace Visit

Bangkok

15USD per person

Visit the King's official residence (made up of many buildings, halls, lawns, gardens, and courtyards) on the banks of the Chao Phraya River and see the Temple of the Emerald Buddha. Please note the cost of this optional activity does not include the entrance fee.

Klong Riverboat Tour

Bangkok

30USD per person

Travel by longtail boat on the busy Chao Phraya River and through the small canals of western Bangkok's Thonburi district. Observe colourful scenes of everyday life along the river banks.

Wat Po Visit

Bangkok

3.50USD per person

This temple is known for its reclining Buddha, its feet covered with mother-of-pearl engravings of Buddhist symbols. Explore the large grounds and other compounds to see other Buddha figures, murals and the chedis that contain the ashes of Buddha. This is also the birthplace of traditional Thai massage.

Royal Barge Museum

Bangkok

3.50USD per person

Located along the Chao Phraya River, the museum is home to many ceremonial barges. The barges are only used for special occasions so this is a chance to catch a rare glimpse of their ornate decorations and symbolic features.

Thai Massage

Bangkok

15-30USD per person

Lie back and soothe aching muscles with a wonderful Thai massage. Affordable and amazing—don't miss out!

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Surat Thani/Khao Sok

See southern Thai hospitality in action with breakfast at G Adventures-supported Khao Thiep Pitak Community-Owned Farm & Restaurant, where you can also meet other international visitors. Later on, enjoy free time. Opt to go to Lake Cheow Lan where you can take in the views while hiking or swimming in the national park. Spend tonight falling asleep to the sweet sounds of the jungle.

This area is known for its natural beauty. You know what that means: lots of chances for photos.

Local Bus

Surat Thani – Khao Sok 3h30m

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

Free Time

Khao Sok Half Day

Get out and explore the natural beauty of the area.

Your G for Good Moment: Kao Thep Pitak Community-Owned Farm & Meal

Indulge in traditional Southern Thai cuisine prepared by members of Kao Thep Pitak village. Your meal will be made with ingredients picked from local organic farms and a fruit orchard on the property. Over 140 families benefit from the community-owned and managed eatery through the Kao Thep Pitak Community Ecotourism Enterprise, supported by Planeterra and G Adventures.

Optional Activities - Day 3

Tubing

Khao Sok

10USD per person

Grab a tube and enjoy how the locals like to beat the heat - by floating down the river!

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Khao Sok/Koh Samui

Your next stop is just a ferry ride away. Today, explore Koh Samui Island's beauty by catching the sunset at Chaweng Beach before eating your weight in street food at the night market. For your big night out, head to a popular beach bar, enjoy a drink on us to celebrate life-changing adventures, and dance the night away.

Private Vehicle

Khao Sok – Don Sak 3h30m

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

Ferry

Don Sak – Koh Samui 1h30m

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

Free Time

Koh Samui Afternoon

Head to the beach to splash around or relax in the sand.

Your Big Night Out Moment: Koh Samui

Head to a popular pub restaurant on the beach and immerse yourself in Koh Samui's nightlife paradise. Grab a drink on our tab and cheers to all the amazing adventures you've already shared with newfound friends. Then see where the night takes you!

Optional Activities - Day 4

Kayaking

Koh Samui

3USD per person

Get into a kayak and paddle away for a new perspective on this area.

Cooking Class

Koh Samui

70USD per person

Learn about local ingredients and then use them to make some healthy traditional Thai dishes.

Koh Samui Island Tour

Koh Samui 3h-4h

15USD per person

Visit the iconic sites of the Big Buddha Temple and the intricately designed Chinese temple. Then take a trip to the south coast of the island to see the unusual and amusing Grandmother and Grandfather rock before taking in the more scenic views from the island view point, visiting majestic waterfalls along the way.

Water Skiing

Koh Samui

20USD per person

Experience the thrill of water skiing and glide on water as you are pulled along by a motorboat.

Ko Samui Boat Tour

Ko Samui 3h-4h

50USD per person

Take in the beauty of the island from the water, passing the magnificent Big Buddha Temple among other many other sights. Visit Swallows Nest Island and Green Peace island, where you can opt to snorkel or relax on the shore.

Stand Up Paddleboarding at Koh Samui

Ko Samui

50USD per person

Glide your way along Ko Samui's coastline on a stand-up paddleboard. The water in this area is generally calm and always warm, you'll be tempted to jump off for a swim.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Koh Samui

Take a scenic day trip to pristine Ang Thong National Marine Park. As a protected nature area consisting of over 40 islands, the views here are unforgettable — perfect for making friends back home jealous. Try to spot all the different kinds of marine life and explore above the water by foot or below the water by snorkel. Be forewarned: it might take you all day to take in all this beauty.

Angthong National Marine Park Visit

Koh Samui 7h-8h

Ang Thong National Marine Park is a protected nature area consisting of over 40 islands. All of the islands are uninhabited and undeveloped except for one. This full-day leisure excursion through the astonishing archipelago offers many different experiences including hiking, snorkeling, sightseeing (and kayaking at an extra cost).

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch

Day 6 Koh Samui/George Town

Gear up for a long day of travel. Ferry back to the mainland and continue by private vehicle to cross the border into Malaysia and on to George Town, Penang.

Ferry

Koh Samui – Don Sak 1h30m

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

Private Vehicle

Don Sak – George Town 8h30m Full Day

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

Border Crossing (Thailand - Malaysia)

Satun – Kangar

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

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 George Town

Get a full day in Penang. Explore the busy streets and check out the colourful famous street art. Trust us: they make for a great backdrop!

Free Time

George Town Full Day

Get in touch with nature or walk around a museum and learn more about the history of Malaysia.

Optional Activities - Day 7

Indian Street Visit

George Town

Enjoy a visit to charming Little India, which consists of three streets: Lebu Chulia, Lebu Queen, and Jalan Pasar. Purchase colourful Indian fashion, eat spicy food, and listen to beautiful Indian melodies for a taste of India in Malaysia.

Penang Hill Visit

George Town

Visit this colonial hill station for a great escape from the city's heat and beautiful views of Georgetown from one of its seven hills. The highest is Western Hill, which stands at 833m (2,723ft) above sea level. Discover tropical plants, like the carnivorous pitcher plant, and catch a glimpse of the dusky leaf monkeys or the greater racket-tailed drongo, which is a local bird.

Clan Jetties Excursion

George Town

Experience real-life history visiting the clan jetties. More than 100 years ago, the Chinese community started building stilt houses along the waterfront, clustered into clan villages that still exist today. Most of these houses are in the Chew Jetty area.

Penang Peranakan Museum Visit

George Town

Learn about the Peranakans (also known as the Babas and Nyonyas), the Chinese community that made their home in the Straits Settlements and developed unique customs that incorporated Malay and British influences in their cuisine and language. Tour the museum, a recreated home of a rich Baba, to see displays of more than 1,000 antique pieces and architectural design – of special note is the staircase, dining room, and parlour.

Kek Lok Si Temple Visit

George Town

This three-tiered hilltop Buddhist temple, the country's largest, is affectionately known as the Temple of Supreme Bliss. Its main attraction is the Ten Thousand Buddhas Pagoda, and the pavilion of the Four Heavenly Kings – each said to control a compass point. An enormous statue of the Goddess of Mercy is found on the hilltop as well as more gardens and temples.

Khoo Kongsi Visit

George Town

Visit one of the grandest clan houses in Malaysia, built by the Chinese Khoo Kongsi clan more than 100 years ago it operated much like a self-governing village. As a sign of wealth, the house was built in an ornate fashion with elaborate Chinese architecture.

Day 8 George Town/Chenderoh Lake

Learn about local culture (especially how to properly tie a sarong!) at this island homestay, nestled in the middle of a beautiful lake. Tonight, relax as you take in the scenery and connect with the family that runs this homestay.

Private Vehicle

George Town – Chenderoh Lake 3h

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

Your Local Living Moment: Chenderoh Lake Homestay

Experience all the charm of a traditional “kampung” or village at this quaint homestay. Made up of repurposed old wooden homes, this lakeside retreat offers picturesque scenery and the opportunity to interact with locals. Opt to trek, kayak, fish, or just kick back and relax in a hammock.

Meals included: Dinner

Day 9 Chenderoh Lake/Cameron Highlands

Enjoy slightly cooler temperatures in the Cameron Highlands. Here, explore the well-marked trails through the lush tropical forest, visit a tea plantation, or search for the rafflesia: the world's largest flower.

Private Vehicle

Chenderoh Lake – Cameron Highlands 3h30m

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

Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

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

Free Time

Cameron Highlands Half Day

Use free time to enjoy and explore this mountainous region.

Optional Activities - Day 9

Rainforest Expedition

Cameron Highlands

Enjoy exotic flora and fauna during the Rainforest Expedition, which includes seeing the Rafflesia, the world's largest flower (depending on season). Also, visit an aboriginal village and see a blow pipe hunting demonstration. Go on a 1-2 hr jungle trek. Enjoy a waterfall swim and visits to a tea plantation and a reptile farm.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Cameron Highlands/Kuala Lumpur

Today is yours to take on. Walk around and explore, but don't skip trying the national dish of Malaysia, nasi lemak — a traditional rice dish made with coconut milk and pandan leaf.

Once the sun sets, see another side to the city as you stop by the famous Petronas Towers (which light up at night) before checking out the local nightlife.

Local Bus

Cameron Highlands – Kuala Lumpur 3h-4h 205km
Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Free Time

Kuala Lumpur
Get out and explore bustling Kuala Lumpur.

Optional Activities - Day 10

Islamic Arts Museum

Kuala Lumpur

15MYR per person

Tour this museum to see thousands of artifacts and art objects ranging from jewellery and armour to ceramics and ancient Islamic glassware. The museum is home to a number of galleries: Quran and Manuscripts Gallery, Islamic Architecture Gallery, India Gallery, Chinese Gallery, Ancient Malay World Gallery as well as the Ottoman Syrian Room.

Batu Caves Visit

Gombak

This series of 400-million year old limestone caves and cave temples are the most popular Hindu shrines outside India and the focal point of the Thaipusam festival in Malaysia.

Petronas Towers Visit

Kuala Lumpur

85MYR per person

Take in breathtaking views of Kuala Lumpur on this visit to the Petronas Towers. Called Malaysia's jewel, the 88-storey twin structure has the world's highest two-storey bridge offering a stunning view of the city from 170m (558ft) high.

Orang Asli Museum Visit

Kuala Lumpur

A heritage museum showing the history and customs of the country's indigenous peoples, the Orang Asli, through photo displays, maps, clothing, hunting tools, musical instruments and story telling.

Day 11 Kuala Lumpur

You've got the whole day for exploring. Head out of town to visit the famous Batu Caves or the Orang Asli Museum. Later tonight, head to some rooftop bars for drinks and dancing, or stop by the night market and find some flavours you never knew existed.

Built in 1928 as a fresh market for locals, and revamped in the 1980s as an outlet for all Malaysian handicrafts, the night market is a local institution. Make sure you don't miss it.

Free Time

Kuala Lumpur Full Day

Free time to explore the city or landmarks nearby like the Batu Caves.

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Menara KL Tower

Kuala Lumpur

12USD per person

Standing at 421 metres high, the Menara Tower is a prominent structure in Kuala Lumpur's skyline and the Islamic heritage of the city is reflected in its architecture. Visit this iconic Malaysian landmark for panoramic views of the city.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Kuala Lumpur/Melaka

Today if your day to take on the canals by boat, and see a different side of this old port town. Maybe stop for some famous chicken rice at Kedai Kopi Chung Wah in Chinatown. Locals love it here; they often line up for hours to get a taste.

The streets of Chinatown (also known as Jonker Walk) are also lined with Peranakan (Straits Chinese) shophouses offering their traditional cuisine, Nyonya. Explore the many temples, churches, mosques, museums, and forts.

Visit the old port town of Melaka, wander the narrow streets and absorb the atmosphere of this historically important town. The streets of Chinatown are lined with Peranakan (Straits Chinese) shophouses offering their traditional cuisine, Nyonya. There are temples, churches and mosques, museums and forts to explore.

Local Bus

Kuala Lumpur – Melaka 3h

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

Free Time

Melaka Afternoon

After arriving in Melaka, spend free time exploring on foot or by boat.

Optional Activities - Day 12

Melaka Boat Tour

Melaka

12USD per person

Sit back, relax, and enjoy the rejuvenated riverfront with new muralled buildings and significant historical landmarks and bridges. Float by a traditional Malay village, the Ghost Bridge of Melaka, Kampung Jawa, and the Clock Tower.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 13 Melaka/Singapore

Head to Singapore today, where you can use your free time to see that famous skyline by boat or eat so much street food, you can barely walk. For a peek into the city-state's past life, wander the old streets of Little India and Chinatown.

Local Bus

Melaka – Singapore 4h-5h

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

Border Crossing (Malaysia - Singapore)

Johor Bahru – Singapore

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

Free Time

Singapore Full Day

Free time to see wildlife on a safari or get a taste of Singapore at some of the many hawker stands.

Optional Activities - Day 13

Boat Quay Harbour Tour

Singapore

Tour Quay Harbour, once a busy trade port, many of the historic two and three-storey shops and godowns along the riverbank were restored in the 1990s and transformed into bars, retail stores and restaurants.

Day 14 Singapore/Medan

Fly to Medan, the capital of North Sumatra. Stroll around the city and try to spot the Dutch influence in some of its old buildings.

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

Plane

Singapore – Medan 4h

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

Optional Activities - Day 14

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.

Day 15 Medan/Tangkahan

Wake up with a morning tour of Medan. After, drive through the jungle to the small community of Tangkahan. Here, you can go hiking, dip into the nearby river or hot spring, or try the local delicacy dubbed "jungle food."

Please note that on today's drive, road conditions can be poor and the route can be winding. Make sure to bring motion sickness medication if you are prone to motion sickness.

Medan City Tour

Medan

Take in the dynamic city of Medan on a guided tour. Visit a number of highlights, including the elegant Maimoon Palace, a 30-room palace built by the sultan of Deli in 1888. Be wowed by the building's interior design and its Malayan, Mughal, and Italian influences.

Minibus

Medan – Tangkahan 5h 100km

It's bigger than a van, smaller than a bus, and just the right size for adventure.

Optional Activities - Day 15

River Cruise

Tangkahan

20USD per person

Observe local life along the river banks and take in the luscious green scenery on this relaxing river cruise.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 16 Tangkahan/Bukit Lawang

Hold on tight — today's ride might be a little bumpy. Once you arrive in Bukit Lawang, located close to Gunung Leuser National Park, visit the local spice garden or relax with some fresh coconut.

Please note that on today's drive, road conditions can be poor and the route can be winding. Make sure to bring motion sickness medication if you are prone to motion sickness.

Minibus

Tangkahan – Bukit Lawang 6h

It's bigger than a van, smaller than a bus, and just the right size for adventure.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 17 Bukit Lawang

Spend the day freely exploring this unique rural region. Venture into the jungle, if you'd like the chance to spot wildlife (like the elusive orangutan!) on a trek. Gunung Leuser National Park is also home to a handful of hanging bridges — great spots for some lush-looking photos.

Free Time

Bukit Lawang Full Day

With easy access to nature and a national park, this is the perfect jumping off point for some trekking. Get out there and see it all.

Optional Activities - Day 17

Bat Cave Trek

Bukit Lawang

15USD per person

Marvel at the geological formations and thousands of bats that suspend from the roof of the cave as you make your way through the darkness with a flashlight. Please note, appropriate footwear is advised as the ground can be uneven and slippery.

Jungle Trekking in Gunung Leuser National Park

Bukit Lawang

35USD per person

Wander through the jungle of this large national park home to endangered tigers, rhinoceroses, elephants, and orangutans. While your chances of spotting one of these elusive animals may be slim, there are plenty of other primates and birds hanging around. So keep your eyes peeled!

Tubing

Bukit Lawang

20USD per person

Grab a tube and enjoy how the locals like to beat the heat - by floating down the river!

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 18 Bukit Lawang/Berastagi

Settle in and enjoy the scenic ride to Berastagi, a picturesque mountain and market town next to a looming volcano. Get to know the place on an orientation walk. Later, spend the afternoon as you wish with time to stop by the market or relax at the local hot spring.

Minibus

Bukit Lawang - Berastagi 7h-8h 160km

It's bigger than a van, smaller than a bus, and just the right size for adventure.

Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

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

Free Time

Berastagi Afternoon

Get out and explore, taking advantage of the cooler weather of the highlands.

Optional Activities - Day 18

Hot Springs

Berastagi

5USD per person

Relax in the local hot springs near Berastagi. Soak sore muscles and let all your cares melt away.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 19 Berastagi

Today is yours to discover all Berastagi has to offer. Hike the volcano Mt Sibayak, take in the golden Buddhist temple Taman Alam Lumbini, or stay put and keep getting to know the town.

Free Time

Berastagi Full Day

Take advantage of the cooler highland climate and explore the beautiful surroundings.

Optional Activities - Day 19

Sibayak Volcano Hike

Gunung Sibayak

35USD per person

Rise before the sun to hike Sibayak and catch a remarkable sunrise, taking in the stunning views of the valley and countryside. Sibayak is one of Indonesia's more accessible volcanoes (2094m or 6870ft), but be sure to watch your footing.

Hot Springs

Berastagi

5USD per person

Relax in the local hot springs near Berastagi. Soak sore muscles and let all your cares melt away.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 20 Berastagi/Samosir Island

Head to Samosir Island where the world's largest crater lake, Lake Toba, awaits. Chill out and swim in the warm waters or get a taste of local life by visiting the nearby Batak villages.

Minibus

Berastagi – Samosir Island 8h190km

It's bigger than a van, smaller than a bus, and just the right size for adventure.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 21 Samosir Island

Samosir Island is your oyster today, so get out and explore. Spend the day at Sipiso Piso Waterfall (one of the tallest falls in Indonesia) or Bukit Indah Simarjarunjung, a spot famous for swings, selfies, and stellar views.

Free Time

Samosir Island Full Day

Get out and explore all Samosir Island has to offer. Free time is yours to use any way you wish.

Optional Activities - Day 21

Swimming

Grab your bathing suit and go for a refreshing swim.

Bike Rental

Samosir Island

5USD per person

Take a bike out for a few hours to explore Samosir and the amazing landscape.

Tombs in Tomok Visit

Tomok Bolon

25-50USD per person

Take a trip back in time and visit the tomb of King Sidabutar in Tomok, a village 5km (3 mi) from Tuk Tuk. Learn about Batak history and the legend of the king. See the monument's ornate carvings, and visit others close by, including another royal tomb said to be used as a fertility shrine.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 22 Samosir Island/Padangsidempuan

Wind through beautiful scenery on this travel day, stopping at the bustling city of Padang Sidempuan for the night. Immerse yourself in the nightlife or relax at Sipoholon Sulphur Hot Springs.

Please note that on today's drive, parts of the route can be winding. Make sure to bring motion sickness medication if you are prone to motion sickness.

Minibus

Samosir Island – Padangsidempuan 9h

It's bigger than a van, smaller than a bus, and just the right size for adventure.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 23 Padangsidempuan/Bukittinggi

It's another travel day, dotted with stops for lunch, local spice gardens, and perhaps some pictures at Aek Sijonih Waterfalls. Get acquainted with Bukittinggi on a brief orientation walk on arrival.

Minibus

Padangsidempuan – Bukittinggi 10h

It's bigger than a van, smaller than a bus, and just the right size for adventure.

Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

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

Meals included: Breakfast**Day 24 Bukittinggi**

Today's a free day. Go see Sianok Canyon, the Japanese Caves built during World War II, or Pagaruyung Palace, one of the biggest and most beautiful in west Sumatra.

Free Time

Bukittinggi Full Day

Bukittinggi is a great jumping off point for nearby activities; get out there and explore.

Optional Activities - Day 24**Sianok Canyon Visit**

Bukittinggi

40USD per person

Visit this long and steep canyon. Enjoy viewing this beautiful spot from above at a 2-storey observation tower in Panorama Park, or walk down to the canyon floor through the Great Wall of Koto Gadang.

Japanese Caves Visit

Bukittinggi

Check out an underground network of bunkers and tunnels built by the Japanese during World War II. Enter through Panorama Park.

Meals included: Breakfast**Day 25 Bukittinggi/Padang**

Head to Padang and settle in at your beachside hotel before trying some of the cuisine this city is most famous for. Beef rendang (a tender dry beef curry) is found all over Sumatra, but it's at its best in its home city.

Minibus

Bukittinggi – Padang 2h30km

It's bigger than a van, smaller than a bus, and just the right size for adventure.

Free Time

Padang Afternoon

Get out and enjoy some free time on the beach.

Meals included: Breakfast**Day 26 Padang**

Make the most of your final full day in Padang paradise. Check out the nearby islands for unspoiled beaches and turquoise blue waters. For your big night out, venture to a unique upcycled beer garden, enjoy a drink on us, and celebrate all the life-changing adventures you've just shared with new friends.

Free Time

Padang Full Day

Spend the day exploring the capital of West Sumatra or opt for a trip to nearby islands.

Your Big Night Out Moment: Padang Nightlife

Head to a local riverside bar and immerse yourself in the Padang nightlife. Grab a drink on our tab and cheers to all the amazing, life-changing adventures you've just shared with new friends. Then dance the night away!

Optional Activities - Day 26**Pagang and Pasumpahan Islands Tour**

Padang

80USD per person

Travel from Padang to the idyllic islands of Pagang and Pasumpahan on a full day tour. These lush islands boast turquoise waters and beaches dotted with palm trees. Choose to kick back and relax, snorkel, or hike to a viewpoint. The tour includes a simple lunch and transfer from your hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast**Day 27 Padang/Jakarta**

Board a plane and soar to Jakarta, Indonesia's massive capital, and your starting point for exploring the island of Java.

Some travellers may be leaving the tour in Padang, so say your farewells. Others may be joining in Jakarta (yay! more friends). You are welcome to join them at a group meeting this evening, followed by an optional dinner.

Plane

Padang – Jakarta

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

Optional Activities - Day 27**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 28 Jakarta/Bandung**

Ride to Bandung and let the scenery guide you to some serenity. Floating villages, tea plantations, rice paddies, and hot springs —this side of paradise is looking mighty fine.

Private Vehicle

Jakarta – Bandung

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

Bandung Orientation Walk

Bandung

Take an orientation walk led by your CEO to get your bearings of Bandung.

Meals included: Breakfast**Day 29 Bandung**

Spend the day with your group Ciater Tea Plantation. Try different teas and enjoy lunch looking out on the rice paddies. Hike to a waterfall and relax in the hot springs.

Ciater Tea Plantation, Hot Spring and Waterfall

Bandung

Located on the hills of Mount Tangkuban Perahu is the scenic Ciater Tea Plantation. Spend the day here touring the tea plantation, hiking to a waterfall and relaxing in hot springs.

Meals included: Breakfast**Day 30 Bandung/Yogyakarta**

Watch the world go by on a scenic train ride to Yogyakarta. Once you arrive, and if you're not feeling too beat, check out Sosrowijayan and Prawirotaman Streets for unwinding with drinks and local eats.

Train

Bandung – Yogyakarta 7h402km

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

Meals included: Breakfast**Days 31-32 Yogyakarta**

There's more to discover in Yogyakarta today! See some Javanese temples, the volcanic Mt Merapi, try street food like gudeg (curry made from unripe jackfruit), or soak in the last rays of the sun at the stunning Buddhist Borobudur temple complex — and make sure you don't forget your camera.

Free Time

Yogyakarta

Get out and explore Yogyakarta and its surrounding attractions.

Optional Activities - Days 31-32**Borobudur Temple Complex Excursion**

Borobudur

70USD per person

Take in the stunning artistic and architectural marvel that is the Buddhist Temple complex of Borobudur, a not-to-be-missed World Heritage Site. Learn about its interesting history and restoration; the site lay undiscovered under layers of volcanic ash until 1815, when Sir Stamford Raffles, then Governor of Java, ordered the area to be cleared.

Kraton Palace Visit

Yogyakarta

Take in the royal splendour of this impressive 18th century palace, built by the Sultans of Yogya. Kraton is one of the finest examples of Javanese palace architecture and is essentially a walled city -- it has its own market, schools, and even mosques.

Taman Sari Water Castle Visit

Yogyakarta

Enjoy a visit to this castle built in the 18th century as a pleasure park for the Sultan. Check out the intricately carved gates and the bathing complex and tower, from where the Sultan would watch his concubines frolicking in the water.

Wayang Kulit Shadow Puppet Show

Yogyakarta

Get a taste of Indonesian theatre with a twist and enjoy a traditional shadow puppet show. These puppets are made with leather and chiselled with precision.

Kota Gede Visit

Yogyakarta

Shop (or window shop) for a stunning hand-beaten bowl. If silver is more your thing, you can find fine silver filigree within this historical district known for its impressive silver work.

Prambanan Hindu Temple Complex Excursion

Yogyakarta

30USD per person

Tour Prambanan, the largest Hindu temple complex in Java, and learn about the history of the temples. Built between the eighth and tenth centuries, these temples now stand as one of the most outstanding works of Hindu art. View their intricate design, particularly on the Shiva temple.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 33 Yogyakarta/Ngadas

Take the scenic route to Ngadas via private vehicle. Here, you'll spend the evening at a local G Adventures-supported community homestay.

Get a taste of local culture with a home-cooked dinner and time with a community leader to learn about the region's unique customs and history.

Your G for Good Moment: Ngadas Homestay

Nestled amongst the green hills of the Mt Bromo region, the village of Ngadas is home to a Tengger farming community. Overnight with a local family participating in the community's homestay program, a G Adventures-supported initiative. Learn about the local culture, customs, and traditions from your hosts.

Private Vehicle

Yogyakarta – Malang 8h400km

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

Private Vehicle

Malang – Desa Ngadas 1h

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

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

Day 34 Desa Ngadas/Bromo

Today's for reaching new heights. Start the day with a trek along the Ancestor Trail to Mt Bromo, led by a local guide trained through the G Adventures-supported capacity building program. Then get a chance to hike to the volcano's crater (and take some pictures!) before going on to the hotel.

Your G for Good Moment: Ancestor Trail Trek

10km

Follow the historic route the villagers of Ngadas once used to make pilgrimage to Mt Bromo and pay their respects to the gods. Trek about 10km through farmland, forest, and grasslands to reach the volcano, stopping for lunch near a cave en route.

Mount Bromo Crater Walk

Gunung Bromo 2km

Walk to the famed crater of Mount Bromo, part of the Tengger Calder, the largest volcanic range in the area. A distinct site, the volcano blew its top off completely and is constantly smouldering with white smoke.

Your G for Good Moment: Village Walk

Learn more about daily life in Ngadas with a village walk. Take in views of the scenic hills as you walk along, passing farming areas and stopping to visit the local temple, vihara, and mosque.

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch

Day 35 Bromo/Red Island

Skip sleeping in today for a pre-dawn hike across the Sea of Sand to Mt Bromo, where you can catch a final glimpse of the moon before the sunrise. Stop to breathe it all in before you head to a beachside surf camp.

On your way to Mt Bromo, catch a breath and see the local Buddhist Tenggerese giving offerings to the Supreme God Hyang Widi Wasa.

Sunrise Walk to Mount Bromo Viewpoint

Gunung Bromo 30m

Head out before dawn to visit the viewpoint for magnificent Mt Bromo (2,392m), one of the most spectacular sights in Indonesia. Walk along the "sea of sand" and enjoy stunning views as the sun rises over the edge of the crater and be amazed by the volcano's strange beauty, seemingly from another world.

Private Vehicle

Bromo – Red Island 8h

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

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 36 Red Island

Wake up and catch a wave on a morning surf lesson, then take the rest of the day to explore the nearby fishing village, surf some more, or rest easy in a beachside hammock.

Your Hands-On Moment: Surfing Lesson

Grab your swimsuit and get ready to hang ten! Learn how to find and ride the waves with surfing lessons from local experts. Enjoy the fresh sea air, and try to spot local marine life while enjoying the waters.

Free Time

Red Island Half Day

Spend more time on the beach or explore the local village—the choice is yours.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 37 Red Island/Pemuteran

Head back to Bali for a chill day of relaxing on the beach. Sit back, grab a drink, and soak up some sunshine. This is the place for it.

Private Vehicle

Kalibaru – Ketapang 1h30m-2h

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

Ferry

Ketapang – Gilimanuk 1h30m

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

Private Vehicle

Gilimanuk – Pemuteran 45m

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

Free Time

Pemuteran Afternoon

Get out and explore the beautiful beaches of Bali.

Optional Activities - Day 37

Snorkelling

Pemuteran

Grab a snorkel and dive into the water. The waters are calm, visibility is clear, and the sea life and coral are colourful and aplenty.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 38 Pemuteran

No need to say goodbye to the beach just yet — it's another day of chilling out in Bali. If you'd like, break up the beachside naps with a snorkelling trip.

Free Time

Pemuteran

Get out and explore coastal Bali, or enjoy a day lounging at the beach. The choice is yours!

Optional Activities - Day 38

Snorkelling

Pemuteran

Grab a snorkel and dive into the water. The waters are calm, visibility is clear, and the sea life and coral are colourful and aplenty.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 39 Pemuteran/Kuta

Take it easy this morning before we cross rich tropical jungle and idyllic rice fields on the ride to Kuta. Catch up on sleep on the drive over — you're going to need it for your big night out tonight. Spend the evening getting to know Legian Street, the legendary party street. Grab a drink on us and dance the night away!

Private Vehicle

Pemuteran – Kuta 5h-5h30m

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

Free Time

Kuta Evening

Enjoy some free time to explore Kuta.

Your Big Night Out Moment: Kuta Dance Party

Kuta is the perfect place to celebrate all the new exciting and humbling adventures you've just experienced with newfound friends. Grab a drink on our tab, cheers to keeping life interesting, and dance the night away!

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 40 Kuta

Today, it's time to say goodbye to your group of newfound friends as this tour comes to an end. Be sure to sneak in some last-minute photos and exchange social medias before you head on your way.

Departure Day

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

Meals included: Breakfast

What's Included

Your G for Good Moment: Kao Thép Pitak Community-Owned Farm & Meal, Ban Ta Khun

Your G for Good Moment: Ngadas Homestay, Desa Ngadas

Your G for Good Moment: Ancestor Trail Trek, Desa Ngadas

Your G for Good Moment: Village Walk, Desa Ngadas

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

Your First Night Out Moment: Connect With New Friends

Your Discover Moment: Bangkok

Your Big Night Out Moment: Koh Samui, Koh Samui

Your Local Living Moment: Chenderoh Lake Homestay, Chenderoh Lake

Your Big Night Out Moment: Padang Nightlife, Padang

Your Hands-On Moment: Surfing Lesson, Red Island

Your Big Night Out Moment: Kuta Dance Party, Kuta. Ang Thong Marine Park island hopping tour. City tour of Medan. Orientation of the Cameron Highlands. Orientation walks of Bandung, Berastagi, and Bukittinggi. Entrance to Bromo Tengger Semeru NP. Mt Bromo crater walk. Sunrise hike to Mt Bromo viewpoint. Street food crawls. Internal flights. All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

Highlights

Watch the sunrise over Mt Bromo, hike around a volcano crater, sample java from its namesake island, chill out on stunning beaches, hang ten with a surf lesson in Java, enjoy the nightlife of Ko Samui, spend a night in a traditional kampong, Eat your way through Bangkok on a street food crawl, Get free time to explore Thailand's capital

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.

Important Notes

RAMADAN

According to the lunar cycle, Ramadan will fall between May 5th and June 4th, 2019. Please note that Ramadan is a month of fasting observed by Muslims throughout the world, during which time the followers of Islam should not eat or drink between sunrise and sunset. There may be some limitations to services and disruptions to schedules during Ramadan, but generally our tours still operate effectively during this period and food is available to non-Muslims throughout the day. It is very important to display increased cultural sensitivity during Ramadan. Please wear loose fitting clothes, that cover knees and shoulders, and try to avoid eating, drinking or smoking in public out of respect for those who can't at that time.

COMBO TRIP

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.

Group Leader Description

All G Adventures group trips are accompanied by one of our Chief Experience Officers (CEO). The aim of the CEO is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. 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 18, avg 10.

Meals Included

34 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 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. Included breakfasts will usually be asian style consisting of noodles or congee (rice porridge) or bread and eggs. Vegetarians will be able to find a range of different foods, although in some areas the choice maybe limited. While trekking in remote regions 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

Train, local bus, minibus, ferry, songthaew, taxi, walking, flight.

About our Transportation

As the popularity of train travel in Thailand continues to grow domestically, some of the routes used on this tour do not have sufficient space during local public holidays, including New Year's, Songkran, etc. During these times of the year, alternative transport may be arranged for one or more of the train journeys within Thailand on this tour.

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.

Solo Travellers

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

Simple hotels (twin-share) (31 nts), modern multi-share rooms (2 nts), basic bungalows (1 nts), surf camp dorms (2 nts, multi-share), sleeper train (1 nt), homestay (2 nts, multi-share)

About Accommodation

A variety of styles of hotels/guest houses are used on this trip. In many instances they might not be like what you are accustomed to as service and efficiency can vary. In some areas we stay in simple local guest houses in stunning locations. That said, rooms are generally small and simple yet clean. There may only be shared toilet facilities and showers. In some major cities in Malaysia and Singapore, hotel rooms do not have windows.

We will be travelling through a region where cold water showers are the accepted norm. In keeping with our authentic tours, many of our hotels will not have hot water showers.

During the Cianjur homestay, the group shares a big house. Up to five travellers will be sharing each room, and there are three bathroom facilities to be shared by the group.

During the Ngadas homestay, the group will be divided amongst several registered houses in the community. Each family will host 2-3 passengers. Travellers will stay in small rooms with beds and bedding provided. Showers are separate and warm water should be available. Please note that towels and toiletries are not provided at the homestay, be sure to bring your own.

At the surf camp in Red Island, travellers will be in dorm-style rooms with en suite bathroom facilities with up to 6 people per same-sex room.

Multi-share Accommodation: Multi-share same-sex accommodation is used on this tour, as such, if you are travelling with someone of a different gender you will not be in the same room. For private accommodation please see tours in our Classic Travel Style.

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

When arriving at Suvarnabhumi Airport (pronounced 'su wan na poom') in Bangkok proceed to the Arrivals Hall where you can change money into Thai Baht. (You may be approached by nicely dressed, official looking touts offering an expensive limousine service to your hotel; ignore these offers.)

You have three transport options; public bus, the Airport Train & MRT or public taxi. All transportation is located on the 'ground' floor.

Taxi

The airport is located 30km's away from downtown Bangkok. Approach the taxi counters, advise them where you are going and they will write this information down for you along with the taxis registration details. Taxis should always use the meter and you are required to pay a 50 Baht airport surcharge on top of the metered fee plus any tollway fees (approx 70 Baht depending on the route taken). Total journey will cost between 350 THB – 500 THB, depending on traffic and toll fees. The expressway is substantially faster, so tell the taxi driver to use the expressway, you can say either ""kuen ton-way"" (from 'tollway') or ""kuen taang duan"" in Thai (but most understand Tollway/express way in English).

Airport Train

If you are staying at the Centra Central Station Hotel you can take the Airport Train. Board the express airport train at a cost of 150 THB to the City Air Terminal; Makkasan. Here you will need to disembark and change to the MRT (subway) Blue line, boarding at Phetchaburi Station. From Phetchaburi Station travel to the last stop, Hua Lamphong, and follow the signs at the exit for the Centra Central Station Hotel.

Arrival Transfers

If you have paid in advance for an arrival transfer, a G Adventures representative will be at the airport to meet you (go to gate 10). 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.

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

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 please meet your driver at gate number 10 of the airport, in the arrival hall. Look for a driver holding a G Adventures sign with your name.

If you have still 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 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.

If your call is specifically concerning Bangkok Airport Transfer complications please call our local G Adventures Transfer provider directly at: +66 86 321 0729 (086 321 0729 from within Thailand) or +66 82 450 2777 (082 450 2777 from within Thailand)

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Office Bangkok, Thailand
During Office hours (Weekdays, 9am-5pm Local Time)
From outside Thailand: +66 2 508 8630
From within Thailand: 02 508 8630

After hours emergency number
From outside Thailand: +66 87 049 6074
From within Thailand: 087 049 6074

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

You will be on the move a good deal, so pack as lightly as possible (try to stay under 10 kg /22lb). It is in your own interest as you are expected to carry your own luggage, though distances are never great. Most travellers carry their luggage in a pack, although an overnight bag with a shoulder strap would suffice. As we frequently get on and off sometimes crowded local transport please note backpacks are much more suitable than suitcases for this style of trip.

Travellers will need an additional day pack to carry water, camera and sunscreen for day walks and day trips.

Packing List

Conservative Dress:

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

Documents:

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

Light Hiking:

- Hiking boots/sturdy walking shoes
- Hiking pants (Convertible/Zip-off and quick dry recommended)
- Sleeping bag liner/sleep sheet

Sleep Sheet and Pillow:

- Sleeping bag liner/sleep sheet
- Travel pillow

Warm Weather:

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

Note: Please pack clothing for the season in which you will be travelling. From Nov-Feb weather can be cold, so please pack warm clothing. From May-Oct it is the wet season, so please bring waterproof clothing.

Laundry

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

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](#)

THAILAND - Most nationalities do not need a visa for Thailand for stays of 30 days or less but if you do they are available on arrival at Bangkok Airport. If staying in Thailand for more than 30 days, you will be required to obtain a tourist visa in advance. Only 15 day tourist visas are issued when entering Thailand overland.

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

During this tour the local currency you will use is the Thai Baht, Malaysian Ringgit, Singaporean Dollar and Indonesian Rupiah. As currency exchange rates in South East Asia do fluctuate, we ask that you refer to the following website for the most up to date daily exchange rates: www.xe.com for each of the above mentioned currencies. The best way to carry your money is in debit cards, withdrawing cash in local currencies from ATM machines. ATMs are found throughout South East Asia and will generally accept cards on the Visa and Mastercard networks. It is a great idea to travel with both a Visa and Mastercard if at all possible in case of loss or problems with one card, you will have a back up. Please note, your bank will charge a fee for overseas withdrawals. USD Cash is recommended for times when ATMs are not accessible. You should bring some cash with you for emergency situations (please refer to our trip dossier) but carrying only cash is a high safety risk. ATM card/s and some cash is the ideal mix. Travellers cheques can be tricky, timely and expensive to exchange. While we do not recommend that you bring them as your primary source of funds, it is great to have one or two cheques in case of emergency. Thomas Cook or American Express travellers' cheques in US currency are the easiest to exchange. Cash advances can also be made with some banks but are time consuming and tend to have high fees attached. Credit cards can be used at some upmarket restaurants, and at some larger stores if shopping for big items. If you are bringing US Dollars, please make sure that the notes are new and in good condition. Notes older than 2003, or with any tears or blemishes may not be accepted. Be fussy with your bank when buying cash!

Emergency Fund

Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$250 (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 customary in Asia to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service. Tipping is expected - though not compulsory - and shows an expression of satisfaction with the people 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. You may do this individually, or your CEO will offer to collect the money and tip as a group. Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from \$1.5-\$3.5 USD per person 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

Bangkok

- Wat Po Visit (3.50USD per person)
- Grand Palace Visit (15USD per person)
- Klong Riverboat Tour (30USD per person)
- Royal Barge Museum (3.50USD per person)
- Thai Massage (15-30USD per person)

Khao Sok

- Tubing (10USD per person)

Ko Samui

- Cooking Class (70USD per person)
- Kayaking (3USD per person)
- Ko Samui Boat Tour (50USD per person)
- Water Skiing (20USD per person)
- Stand Up Paddleboarding at Koh Samui (50USD per person)

Koh Samui

- Koh Samui Island Tour (15USD per person)

George Town

- Indian Street Visit
- Penang Hill Visit
- Clan Jetties Excursion
- Penang Peranakan Museum Visit
- Kek Lok Si Temple Visit
- Khoo Kongsi Visit

Cameron Highlands
- Rainforest Expedition

Kuala Lumpur
- Islamic Arts Museum (15MYR per person)
- Petronas Towers Visit (85MYR per person)
- Orang Asli Museum Visit
- Menara KL Tower (12USD per person)

Gombak
- Batu Caves Visit

Melaka
- Melaka Boat Tour (12USD per person)

Singapore
- Boat Quay Harbour Tour
- Optional Welcome Meeting for Travellers on Combos

Tangkahan
- River Cruise (20USD per person)

Bukit Lawang
- Bat Cave Trek (15USD per person)
- Jungle Trekking in Gunung Leuser National Park (35USD per person)
- Tubing (20USD per person)

Berastagi
- Hot Springs (5USD per person)

Gunung Sibayak
- Sibayak Volcano Hike (35USD per person)

Samosir Island
- Swimming
- Bike Rental (5USD per person)

Tomok Bolon
- Tombs in Tomok Visit (25-50USD per person)

Bukittinggi
- Sianok Canyon Visit (40USD per person)
- Japanese Caves Visit

Padang
- Pagang and Pasumpahan Islands Tour (80USD per person)

Borobudur
- Borobudur Temple Complex Excursion (70USD per person)

Yogyakarta
- Taman Sari Water Castle Visit
- Wayang Kulit Shadow Puppet Show
- Kota Gede Visit
- Kraton Palace Visit
- Prambanan Hindu Temple Complex Excursion (30USD per person)

Pemuteran
- Snorkelling

Health

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 sometimes 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. In Asia pharmacies tend to stock the same western drugs as you get at home but they are usually produced locally so please bring the full drug name with you when trying to purchase a prescription drug. 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.

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 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/

Trip Specific 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.

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.

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.

Local Dress

When packing be aware that dress standards are conservative throughout Asia. Loose, lightweight, long clothing is both respectful and cool in the predominantly hot Asian climate (suitable clothing can be purchased cheaply in Bangkok). Shorts should be knee-length. Singlets and tank tops (vest tops) are not suitable in many areas. Most of the areas visited on this trip are predominantly Muslim and therefore modest dress is suitable. Topless and nude bathing or sunbathing is not appropriate and is in fact illegal. In some places you should use a sarong or shorts and T-shirt for swimming rather than a swimsuit.

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 customersolutions@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.