

## The Scenic Route - Lima to Buenos Aires - SPLB

30 days: Lima to Buenos Aires

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- Floating islands of Uros visit
- Lake Titicaca guided tour
- 4x4 excursion to the Salar de Uyuni (3 days), tour of Valley of the Moon (San Pedro de Atacama)
- City tour of Santiago
- Driving tour through the Seven Lakes district
- Estancia visit and barbecue lunch (full-day)
- Local 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 Notes

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**We recommend bringing USD in cash for the Argentinean portion of this tour as it is easier than using a credit card or withdrawing ARS from an ATM. USD currency is accepted in travel agencies for booking optional activities.**

### Itinerary

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

#### Day 1 Lima

Arrive at any time.

There are no planned activities until an evening welcome meeting.

If you booked the Lima Cooking Class it does not include extra time in Lima and we highly recommend booking pre-trip accommodation. You will be picked up from your hotel at approx 10:00 (10:30 from Aug-Dec) and taken to a local market and restaurant to prepare and enjoy a traditional Peruvian meal. You will return back to your hotel around 13:00.

Please note that hot water shortages and power outages can be fairly common in Latin America (even in upgraded hotels and private homes). We appreciate your patience and understanding that these occurrences are outside of our control.

### **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.

### **Optional Activities - Day 1**

#### **Lima City Tour**

Lima

40USD per person

Discover Lima's cultural and culinary highlights on this half-day guided tour. Visit the San Francisco Church and its impressive catacombs, walk around Plaza de Armas, and get to know some of Lima's lovely neighbourhoods. Stop to enjoy some authentic Peruvian tapas and be introduced to pisco sours during a demonstration and tasting before heading back to your hotel.

#### **Lima Cooking Class (4hrs)**

Lima

Get a taste of Peruvian cuisine, visit local markets, sample exotic fruit, select fresh ingredients, and try your hand at preparing unique Peruvian dishes influenced by China, Italy, West Africa, and Japan.

### **Full Day Lima Experience**

Lima

150USD per person

Experience the highlights Lima along with its important eras in history such as, the Pre-Hispanic Oracle of Pachacamac. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in the bohemian district of Barranco and visit the colonial convent of San Francisco and its latest addition, the Magic Water Park.

### **Accommodation**

#### **Hotel Santa Cruz (or similar)**

Hotel

### **Day 2 Lima/Cusco**

Hop a flight to Cusco. Enjoy a free day for shopping and exploring the city. Choose to pre-book an optional Cusco Cooking Class. Opt for a city tour.

Transfer to the airport for the flight to Cusco. Spend the rest of the day relaxing and exploring this fascinating city, and getting used to the altitude.

Please note: if you pre-book the Cusco Cooking Class you will be picked up from your hotel at approx 12:30 and taken to a local market and restaurant to prepare and enjoy a traditional Peruvian meal. Return back to your hotel around 16:00.

### **Plane**

Lima - Cusco 1h-1h30m

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

### **Free Time**

Cusco

Spend the day shopping and exploring the city.

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

#### **Cusco City Tour**

Cusco

45PEN per person

Enjoy a half-day tour of Cusco's main sights. Walk around the Plaza de Armas (main square) and explore this city steeped in one of the world's most alluring and ancient cultures. Visit Qenqo, Koricancha, the Cathedral, Puca Pucara, Tambomachay, and the archaeological site of Sacsaywaman.

#### **Cusco Cooking Class**

Cusco - Cuzco

Channel your inner chef and get a taste of Peruvian cuisine. Learn all about the essential ingredients, and try your hand at preparing unique Peruvian dishes with a local expert

### **Inka Museum**

Cusco

10PEN per person

Get ready to explore the artifacts from the Inca Empire, including mummies, jewelry, skulls, and ceramics at this museum of archaeology.

### **Cusco Tourist Ticket**

Cusco

130PEN per person

This ticket allows admission at 16 sights of the city of Cusco including many popular museums and cathedrals, the ticket also provides entrance to Sacsayhuaman Archaeological Park, and sights in the South Valley of Cusco and the Sacred Valley of the Incas.

**Meals included: Breakfast**

**Accommodation**

**El Puma Hotel (or similar)**

Hotel

### **Day 3 Cusco**

Spend a full day enjoying optional activities in the area.

Opt to visit and hike the famed Rainbow Mountain, pre-book on the checkout page to include this optional activity on your tour or ask your GCO or travel agent for assistance.

### **Your Discover Moment**

Cusco Full Day

There's plenty to see and do in Cusco, 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 Museo Inka, Museo de Historia Regional, and whitewater rafting. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

### **Optional Activities - Day 3**

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### **Rainbow Mountain Hike - Full-day Trip**

Cusco 7km

Lookout over these colourful Andean mountains striped with maroon, turquoise, lavender, and gold. The sediment, elevation, and proximity to the ocean create a landscape that has to be seen to be believed. Get started early to drive around 2 hours to the starting point of this challenging, yet rewarding full-day hike. Reaching 5,029m (16,500 ft) this 14km hike is no walk in the park, but these unique mountains do not disappoint.

**Meals included: Breakfast**

**Accommodation**

**El Puma Hotel (or similar)**

Hotel

### **Day 4 Cusco/Ollantaytambo**

Stop at the G Adventures-supported women's weaving co-op before visiting a local pottery making community. Break for lunch at the G Adventures-supported Parwa Community Restaurant in Huchuy Qosco. After lunch, opt to head out on a hike to the Ollantaytambo storehouses and look out over the ruins. Or, wander around the cobblestone streets and visit a local Chicheria (corn beer bar).

Travel through the stunning Sacred Valley of the Incas, visiting a G Adventures-supported women's weaving co-op. Meet the women and learn about traditional weaving and dyeing used in the Ccaccacollo community. Opt to pick up some handmade souvenirs and textiles directly from the women who made them.

Have lunch at the G Adventures-supported Parwa Community Restaurant. Learn about the G Adventures for Good project and eat a delicious buffet-style lunch. Proceeds of this meal go directly back to the remote community.

#### **Private Vehicle**

Cusco – Ollantaytambo 1h45m Full Day 94km

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

#### **Your G for Good Moment: Ccaccacollo Community and Women's Weaving Co-op visit**

Visit the Ccaccacollo community centre which G Adventures travellers' donations helped create in 2005, thereby enabling local women to sell traditional textiles to travellers. See local weaving and dyeing techniques used to create garments and souvenirs, and learn how the Planeterra weaving co-operative has impacted the community and those who visit it. This includes the purchase of alpacas to provide a steady supply of wool, looms, and sewing machines as well as several training courses on production, sales and small business management.

#### **Cuyo Chico Pottery Making Demonstration**

Pisac – Urubamba

In the rural village of Cuyo Chico in the Sacred Valley, a group of families joined together to create a small business based on their traditional adobe ceramic crafts. Using clay from their surroundings, they mold bowls, plates, and all manner of decorations. Learn about the ceramics process as well as the traditional adobe brick-making that forms the basis of houses throughout the valley, all while taking in a spectacular view of the Pisac Ruins. After the demonstration, peruse the items for sale directly from the artisans in their shop.

#### **Your G for Good Moment: Parwa Community Restaurant the Sacred Valley**

Contribute to sustainable tourism in Huchuy Qosqo, a small village of 65 families in the Sacred Valley, by eating at the Parwa Community Restaurant. Learn how the resident-run restaurant was kickstarted by G Adventures and the Multilateral Investment Fund, to become a successful farm-to-table program that boosts the local economy and several spin-off microenterprises.

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

##### **Ollantaytambo Storehouse Ruins and Hike**

Ollantaytambo 1h-1h30m

Get your blood flowing on a steep hike up to the Pinkuylluna Incan storehouses. Perched on the hill, these ruins provide excellent views of the Sacred Valley and the Ollantaytambo ruins below.

#### **Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch**

#### **Accommodation**

#### **Humantay Lodge (or similar)**

Hotel

#### **Day 5 Ollantaytambo/Aguas Calientes**

Catch the scenic train to Aguas Calientes. Opt to visit the local hot springs or shop in the local market.

Board a morning train that winds through the spectacular Sacred Valley to the end of the line: the village of Aguas Calientes, a frontier town nestled in the hills beneath Machu Picchu.

Take advantage of the opportunity to visit the butterfly house, botanical gardens or hot springs. Opt for a day hike to Mandor Gardens to see orchids and a waterfall, enjoying the lush, green scenery en route.

#### **Train**

Ollantaytambo – Aguas Calientes 1h30m

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

#### **Optional Activities - Day 5**

##### **1-Day Inca Trail Hike**

Inca Trail 6h-8h

Traverse cloud forests while enjoying spectacular views on this '1-day Inca Trail' trek. Start by disembarking the train at km 104. Follow the local guide as the trail rises steeply up into the mountains and winds past the archaeological sites of Wiñay Wayna and Inti Pata. Gain insight into the fascinating culture of the Incas en route to the trek's culmination at the Sun Gate. Enjoy a packed lunch along the way, and reach the Sun Gate in the late afternoon. Enjoy free time to explore a bit of Machu Picchu before the guided tour the following day. After, take one of the blue buses from Machu Picchu to Aguas Calientes to spend the night in a hotel in town. Opt to visit nearby hot springs to soak sore muscles, if time permits.

**\*\*Please note this must be pre-booked as it requires an Inca Trail permit, which is on request and subject to availability. Please speak to your GCO or travel agent for more information.**

### **Hot Springs Visit**

Aguas Calientes

6USD per person

Soak your sore muscles in the local hot springs for which the town, Aguas Calientes, was originally named.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Accommodation**

**Hotel Andino Humantay (or similar)**

Hotel

### **Day 6 Aguas Calientes/Cusco**

Enjoy a guided tour of Machu Picchu before returning to Cusco in the evening.

Rise early to catch the first bus up to Machu Picchu with your guide. Enjoy a guided visit of the ruins then take a train back to Cusco.

### **Local Bus**

Aguas Calientes – Machu Picchu 15m

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

### **Machu Picchu Guided Tour**

Machu Picchu

Set off with the local guide to explore Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas. Learn about the history and gain insights into this massive mountaintop citadel while wandering through ancient dwellings, stone temples and along sculpted terraces. Feel the energy of this 15th-century site, now both a UNESCO World Heritage site and voted one of the new Seven Wonders of the World in a worldwide internet poll.

### **Train**

Aguas Calientes – Ollantaytambo 1h30m-1h45m 31km

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

### **Private Vehicle**

Ollantaytambo – Cusco 1h30m-1h45m 60km

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### **Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Accommodation**

**El Puma Hotel (or similar)**

Hotel

### **Day 7 Cusco**

Use a free day to explore more of Cusco or relax.

### **Your Discover Moment**

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### **Optional Activities - Day 7**

#### **Inka Museum**

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**El Puma Hotel (or similar)**  
Hotel

### **Day 8 Cusco/Puno**

Travel day by bus from Cusco to Puno. Spend some time on arrival wandering the small city.

Travel through the high Altiplano region from Cusco to Puno, on the shores of Lake Titicaca. Titicaca is also the largest lake in the world above 3800m, and the views from both Amantaní and Taquile Islands are stunning. The trip takes the better part of the day, with stark, beautiful scenery en route.

#### **Local Bus**

Cusco – Puno 7h30m 389km  
Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

**Meals included: Breakfast**  
**Accommodation**  
**Pukara House (or similar)**  
Hotel

### **Day 9 Puno**

Enjoy a guided tour of Lake Titicaca including a visit to Uros and Taquile islands.

Head out by boat across Lake Titicaca. Visit the community on the Taquile Islands and enjoy a local lunch with spectacular views. Visit the floating islands of Uros before returning to Puno. Opt to visit to Sillustani burial site.

#### **Day Trip to Lake Titicaca**

Lake Titicaca

Head out for a day on beautiful Lake Titicaca. Travel to Taquile Island to visit the community and check out the spectacular views. Do some shopping at the local weaving cooperatives and learn about the Taquileños, known for their fine handwoven textiles and clothing.

Continue on to the floating islands of Uros. Learn about the totora reeds that grow in the shallows of Lake Titicaca used to make everything from the islands themselves to the boats the islanders use for transportation (if constructed well, they last up to six months). Find out from locals how the islands are constructed; as the layers closest to the water start to rot, they are replaced with fresh reeds on top.

#### **Optional Activities - Day 9** **Sillustani Burial Towers Entrance**

Puno  
59PEN per person  
Take a guided tour of the Sillustani burial towers known as "chullpas." Be awed by these fantastic ruins located outside Puno – their remarkable towers stretch up to 12m (39 ft) in height.

**Meals included: Breakfast**  
**Accommodation**  
**Pukara House (or similar)**  
Hotel

### **Day 10 Puno/La Paz**

Travel by bus and cross the border into Bolivia, arriving in La Paz.

Enjoy the full-day drive around the lake and through the altiplano to La Paz. Bolivia is filled with spectacular views of the countryside. La Paz is at nearly 4000m (13,120ft) above sea level, so be prepared for cool evenings and mornings.

#### **Local Bus**

Puno – Yunguyo 2h30m  
Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

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

Yunguyo – Copacabana 30m-1h

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

#### **Local Bus**

Copacabana – La Paz 3h  
Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

**Meals included: Breakfast**  
**Accommodation**  
**Hotel Las Brisas (or similar)**  
Hotel

### **Day 11 La Paz**

Enjoy a free day in La Paz. Opt to visit the Witches' Market, the city's museums or the Valley of the Moon.

Explore the city's many fine museums or its historic structures, like the Iglesia de San Francisco. The city is also renowned for its many markets, including the Mercado de Hechicería (Witches' Market).

With streets lined with market stalls and vendors, the pace on the street and the vibrant atmosphere is an incredible experience.

To the south of the city is the Valley of the Moon, with crater-like formations made of sand.

Thrill seekers can pre book a Death Road mountain biking adventure.

### **Free Time**

La Paz Full Day

The day is yours— make the most of it.

### **Optional Activities - Day 11**

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

**Meals included: Breakfast**  
**Accommodation**  
**Hotel Las Brisas (or similar)**  
Hotel

### **Day 12 La Paz/Sucre**

Fly to Sucre and explore this beautiful colonial city.

Optional activities include mountain biking, hiking, and searching for dinosaur footprints.

### **Plane**

La Paz – Sucre 1h

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

### **Free Time**

Sucre Afternoon

Don't waste a minute, head out and explore.

### **Optional Activities - Day 12**

### **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.

### **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'.

### **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**

### **Accommodation**

### **Hotel Independencia (or similar)**

Hotel

### **Day 13 Sucre**

Free time to explore the city, the former capital of Bolivia. For more active options opt to go hiking in the surrounding area or mountain biking.

### **Your Discover Moment**

Sucre Full Day

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### **Accommodation**

### **Hotel Independencia (or similar)**

Hotel

### **Day 14 Sucre/Potosí**

Travel by bus to Potosí and get a view of the mountain Cerro Rico looming over the city.

### **Local Bus**

Sucre - Potosí 2h30m

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



**Free Time**

Potosí Afternoon

Spend free time learning about local mining production or wandering the city and soaking in the cultural atmosphere.

**Optional Activities - Day 14****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****Accommodation****Hotel Gran Libertador (or similar)**

Hotel

**Day 15 Potosí/Uyuni**

Travel through the Bolivian landscape to the town of Uyuni, the jumping off point for the three day 4x4 excursion to the Salar de Uyuni.

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

**Local Bus**

Potosí – Uyuni 7h230km

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

**Meals included: Breakfast****Accommodation****Hotel Samay Wasi (or similar)**

Hotel

**Day 16 Uyuni/Salt Flats and Desert Crossing**

Enjoy a three-day 4x4 excursion to the Salar de Uyuni and surrounding desert altiplano with spectacular scenery. Today you will be heading into the Salar de Uyuni. Our groups like to get creative with photography, as the endless white of the salt flats creates some great depth illusions that are fun to play with in photos. Last stop for the evening is a G Adventures-supported community lodge in a traditional agricultural village in the heart of a desert oasis.

**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****Accommodation**

## **Jukil Lodge (or similar)**

Hotel

### **Day 17 Salt Flats and Desert Crossing**

Explore the desert altiplano on a 4x4 excursion. Admire the spectacular scenery while passing red and blue lagoons and interesting rock formations along the route. Spot wild llamas, alpacas and even flamingos deep within the desert.

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

**Accommodation**

**Quetena (ZC) ET (or similar)**

Hotel

### **Day 18 Salt Flats and Desert Crossing/San Pedro de Atacama**

Rise early to cover more ground of the unique landscape of the Salar de Uyuni. Continue to see incredible scenery, including volcanoes, salt lakes and geysers. Travel to the border and descend by bus to San Pedro de Atacama, Chile. It's a long but scenic drive.

From the high Bolivian altiplano descend almost 2000m to the edge of the Atacama Desert, arriving at the small desert oasis of San Pedro de Atacama, just across the Chilean border. Said to be one of the driest places on the planet, this little town is an oasis in an otherwise barren, dry landscape.

#### **4x4**

Salt Flats – Estación Avaroa1h

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

#### **Local Bus**

Hito Cajon – San Pedro de Atacama1h

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

Hito Cajon

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**Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch**

**Accommodation**

**Hostal Puritama (or similar)**

Hotel

### **Day 19 San Pedro de Atacama**

Enjoy an Included excursion to the Valley of the Moon. In San Pedro, opt to go sandboarding or mountain biking.

Enjoy an included excursion to the Valley of the Moon to learn about and appreciate the beautiful uniqueness of the landscape.

There are plenty of optional excursions in San Pedro de Atacama, including biking, exploring nearby ruins, and horseback riding. Despite its size, San Pedro offers some great restaurants as well as numerous handicrafts and artisan stores for those looking for souvenirs.

#### **Valley of the Moon Visit**

San Pedro de Atacama4h

The sunset brings out a variety of colours over this majestic valley that experts say is the area on Earth that most closely resembles moon's surface. Explore the incredible formations created by wind and rain over millennia in this unique location between the Andes mountains and one of the world's driest deserts.

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

##### **Sandboarding**

San Pedro de Atacama

45000CLP per person

Hit the dunes and experience the rush of surfing down.

### **Mountain Biking**

San Pedro de Atacama 1h-8h

1500-5000CLP per person

Work up a sweat while exploring this scenic destination on the seat of a mountain bike.

### **Observatory Tour**

San Pedro de Atacama

25000CLP per person

Gaze at the impressive desert stars from one of the best places to see them in the world and be guided on a planetary journey with an expert astronomer.

### **San Pedro de Atacama Hot Springs**

San Pedro de Atacama

45000CLP per person

Relax in large geothermal pools surrounded by stunning desert landscapes and scenery.

### **Accommodation**

**Hostal Puritama (or similar)**

Hotel

### **Day 20 San Pedro de Atacama/Santiago**

Drive to Calama and fly to Santiago, a vibrant capital city.

From the nearby city of Calama, fly to Santiago, the capital of Chile. The city is surrounded by mountains, and there are both internationally recognized vineyards and Andean ski resorts within a couple of hours from the city centre.

Explore the city's many museums and parks and visit the vibrant neighbourhood of Bellavista with its handicrafts, trendy cafés, and San Cristobal Hill with its views of the city and the surrounding area.

### **Local Van**

San Pedro de Atacama – Calama 3h

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

### **Plane**

Calama – Santiago 5h

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

### **Optional Activities - Day 20**

#### **Day Trip to Isla Negra**

Isla Negra

Take a day trip to Isla Negra, Pablo Neruda's seaside home. This house was one of the poet and politician's three homes, while not technically an island the house is near the water and it's believed that watching the storms on the ocean inspired Neruda to write his famous poem Oda a la Tormenta. The author and his third-wife Matilde Urrutia are both buried on the grounds and the house is now a museum.

#### **Bellavista Neighbourhood Visit**

Barrio Bellavista

Free

Head to Barrio Bellavista as the locals call this bohemian neighbourhood to enjoy a delicious meal, check out some art galleries, or have a drink at one of the many bars in the area.

### **Accommodation**

**Ibis Budget Santiago (or similar)**

Hotel

### **Day 21 Santiago**

With a free day in Santiago, opt to visit nearby wineries.

### **Free Time**

Santiago Full Day

Explore the city or head further afield.

### **Optional Activities - Day 21**

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### **Pisco Distillery Santiago**

Santiago

32700CLP per person

Sample the national spirit of Chile and learn more about how it is produced and why it's a source of pride for the country.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Accommodation**

### **Ibis Budget Santiago (or similar)**

Hotel

### **Day 22 Santiago/Valparaíso**

Explore some of Santiago's neighbourhoods on a city tour, visit the Museum of Memory and try some local specialties. After, take a public bus to the seaside town of Valparaíso where brightly coloured houses perch on the hills.

### **Santiago City Tour**

Santiago

Spend the day visiting different neighbourhoods of Santiago, stop at the Museo de la Memoria and learn about the history of Chile. Visit the Central Market and enjoy a traditional Chilean snack before heading to a local bar to try Terremoto (Earthquake) a local drink made with pineapple ice cream, white wine and pisco.

### **Local Bus**

Santiago – Valparaíso 2h30m 128km

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

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Accommodation**

### **Hotel Reina Victoria (or similar)**

Hotel

### **Day 23 Valparaíso/Santiago**

Enjoy a free morning in Valparaíso to soak it all in. Later, head to the Casablanca Valley, stop at a winery to indulge in a wine tasting. After, head back to Santiago with free time before boarding an overnight bus to Pucón.

### **Free Time**

Valparaíso

Wander the colourful streets of Valparaíso.

### **Private Vehicle**

Valparaíso – Santiago 1h30m-2h

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

### **Your Foodie Moment: Santiago Region Winery Tour**

Visit nearby wineries in the area of Santiago. There are plenty of famous wineries or smaller family-run places to stop by. Learn about the process, tour the vineyards and of course, take a sample or two.

### **Overnight Bus**

Santiago – Pucón 8h

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

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Accommodation**

### **Hostal Mahuida (or similar)**

Hostel

### **Day 24 Pucón**

Enjoy free time in Pucón, try whitewater rafting or explore the area by foot.

### **Your Discover Moment**

Pucón Full Day

There's plenty to see and do in Pucon, 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 Villarica Volcano, whitewater rafting, and relaxing in thermal baths. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

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

#### **Soak in Natural Thermal Pools**

Huife Alto

40000CLP per person

Rest your muscles in the natural thermal pools outside of Pucón. There are multiple pools varying in temperature and depth, find the one that suits you best, take a deep breath and enjoy the pools and the forest that surrounds them.

#### **Whitewater Rafting Pucon**

Pucón

35000-28000CLP per person

Grab a paddle, strap on your helmet, and head down the rapids. Take a rest from paddling and take in the beautiful scenery of Chile's Lake District.

#### **Guided Huerquehue Park Visit**

Pucón

55000CLP per person

Explore the lagoons and lush forests of Chile's Lake District in Huerquehue National Park with a guide.

#### **Meals included: Breakfast**

#### **Accommodation**

#### **Hostal Mahuida (or similar)**

Hostel

### **Day 25 Pucón**

Enjoy another free day to take part in the many activities on offer in Pucón. Opt to hike Villarica volcano (it's active!) or soak in the nearby natural thermal pools.

#### **Free Time**

Pucón

Enjoy free time to explore this adventure hub!

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

#### **Soak in Natural Thermal Pools**

Huife Alto

40000CLP per person

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#### **Volcan Villarica Hike**

Pucón

100000CLP per person

If summiting an active volcano is on your bucket list, this activity is for you. Weather permitting, set out early to make it to the top and appreciate the views before sliding part of the way back down.

#### **Meals included: Breakfast**

#### **Accommodation**

#### **Hostal Mahuida (or similar)**

Hostel

### **Day 26 Pucón/San Carlos de Bariloche**

Cross the Andes to Argentina. Travel by local bus to San Martin and take a private van the rest of the way to Bariloche in the Lake District with a local guide.

**Local Bus**

Pucón – San Martín de los Andes 6h

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

**Border Crossing (Chile - Argentina)**

Peulla – Puerto Frías

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

**Private Vehicle**

San Martín de los Andes – San Carlos de Bariloche 4h

Transfer to Bariloche, enjoy the scenery and a couple of photo ops in the Seven Lakes District.

**Meals included: Breakfast****Accommodation****Soft Hotel (or similar)**

Hotel

**Day 27 San Carlos de Bariloche**

Transfer to a Gaucho Ranch just outside of Bariloche. Enjoy a barbecue for lunch and take to the saddle with a Gaucho by your side.

**Bariloche Gaucho Experience**

San Carlos de Bariloche

Be an Argentinian Gaucho for the day and immerse yourself in the culture of these traditional Patagonia cowboys. Head out on an easy horseback ride through the beautiful scenery of Bariloche and learn about the area's history from a real live Gaucho. Stop along the way to try Mate, the national beverage of Argentina and some alfajores, a delicious dulce de leche cookie sandwich. Finish it all off with a traditional Patagonian barbeque.

**Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch****Accommodation****Soft Hotel (or similar)**

Hotel

**Day 28 San Carlos de Bariloche**

Enjoy a free day to explore the beautiful area in and around Bariloche. Take a hike in the countryside or wander the town, known for its shops and in particular, artisan chocolate.

**Free Time**

San Carlos de Bariloche Full Day

Take advantage of all the things Bariloche has to offer.

**Optional Activities - Day 28****Puerto Blest and Cantaros Waterfall Navigation**

Puerto Blest

90USD per person

Spend a full day navigating the Blest arm of Lake Nahuel Huapi, spotting amazing highlights such as Centinela Island, Frías River, Valdivian Rainforest, and Tronador Mountain, landing at Cantaros Port. Opt to trek through the forest and enjoy views of Lake Los Cantaros and the adjacent waterfalls.

**Hiking**

San Carlos de Bariloche

Hit some trails to get up close to the area's natural beauty. Enjoy amazing views amid mountains and lakes while exploring the Lake District on foot.

**Circuito Chico Tour**

San Carlos de Bariloche

40USD per person

Enjoy an introduction to the highlights of San Carlos de Bariloche on a circuito chico tour. Stop at Bahía López (López Bay) and Panoramic Point and take in the beautiful landscape. Continue on to Cerro Campanario (Bell Mountain), opt to get an even better view by riding the chairlift.

**Meals included: Breakfast****Accommodation****Soft Hotel (or similar)**

Hotel

**Day 29 San Carlos de Bariloche/Buenos Aires**

Fly to Buenos Aires. Opt to enjoy a Tango show and dinner.

Fly north to the buzzing metropolis that is Buenos Aires, it is a vibrant city full of life.

Opt to pre-book the "Buenos Aires Tango Experience" activity on the checkout page ahead of time to include this optional on your tour.

### **Plane**

San Carlos de Bariloche – Buenos Aires 1h30m 1640km

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

### **Optional Activities - Day 29**

#### **Tango Dinner Show**

Buenos Aires

Discover the passion of tango. Watch the pros step and slide around the dance floor while you dine on a traditional Argentine dinner. Get lost in the music, savour the sensuality, and see why this traditional dance continues to ignite the senses of locals and visitors alike.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Accommodation**

### **Carsson Hotel (or similar)**

Hotel

### **Day 30 Buenos Aires**

Depart at any time.

Book extra accommodation in Buenos Aires to have more time to explore the city.

### **Optional Activities - Day 30**

#### **Teatro Colón Tour**

Buenos Aires

25USD per person

Explore this stunning opera house on a guided tour and find out why it is voted one of the best acoustic venues in the world.

### **La Boca Neighbourhood Visit**

Buenos Aires

10USD per person

Visit La Boca to soak in the vibrancy of the barrio's brightly coloured buildings and El Caminito (a cobblestone street lined with artist studios that's often used as an impromptu setting for tango performances). Or, if lucky, catch a match at fabled La Bombonera, the home stadium of the Boca Juniors' fútbol club (the crowd's excitement is electric!).

### **San Telmo Visit**

San Telmo

Free

Take a step back in time visiting charming San Telmo, one of Buenos Aires' oldest barrios (neighbourhoods). Stroll along cobblestone streets and discover colonial architecture, museums, churches, and one-of-a-kind finds in the local antique shops. The barrio's weekend market and street artists' displays are must-sees and highlights for many visiting the capital.

### **Buenos Aires Bike Tour**

Buenos Aires

Experience this vibrant city cruising around on a bicycle with a local Argentine. Bike, helmet, knowledgeable tour guide, they've got it all taken care of, just come along for the ride and take in the many historical sights on offer. Discover Plaza de Mayo, San Telmo, colourful Caminito, and the working class neighbourhoods where Tango was born.

Meeting place: Carlos Pellegrini 1233

Please note the bike tour begins at 10 AM. We advise booking a pre-night in order to arrive on time for this pre-sold optional activity. If you choose to arrive the day of the bike tour, please ensure your flight lands no later than 8 AM to ensure enough time to make it to the arrival point.

### **Buenos Aires Guided City Tour**

Buenos Aires

Enjoy a guided tour exploring beautiful, vibrant Buenos Aires. Be introduced to historic sites and districts, including Plaza de Mayo where Eva Peron's famed balcony presides over the square. See La Boca and San Telmo's colourful street life, painted houses, and the famed Recoleta Cemetery.

## Meals included: Breakfast

## What's Included

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Your G for Good Moment: Ccaccaccollo Community and Women's Weaving Co-op visit, Ccaccaccollo  
Your G for Good Moment: Parwa Community Restaurant the Sacred Valley, Lamay  
Your G for Good Moment: Jukil Community Experience & Lodge, Santiago de Agencha  
Your Welcome Moment: Welcome Moment - Meet Your CEO and Group  
Your Discover Moment: Cusco  
Your Discover Moment: Sucre  
Your Foodie Moment: Santiago Region Winery Tour, Santiago  
Your Discover Moment: Pucón. Sacred Valley guided tour. Pottery making demonstration. Train to Machu Picchu. Machu Picchu guided tour. Floating islands of Uros visit. Lake Titicaca guided tour. 4x4 excursion to the Salar de Uyuni (3 days), tour of Valley of the Moon (San Pedro de Atacama). City tour of Santiago. Driving tour through the Seven Lakes district. Estancia visit and barbecue lunch (full-day). Local flights. All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

## Highlights

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Experience the wonder of Machu Picchu, explore the markets in Bolivia, cross the Salar de Uyuni and mountain wilderness by 4x4, hit the coast and explore Valparaíso, act like a gaucho in the countryside of Argentina, eat and drink in Buenos Aires

## 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.

## Itinerary Notes

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We recommend bringing USD in cash for the Argentinean portion of this tour as it is easier than using a credit card or withdrawing ARS from an ATM. USD currency is accepted in travel agencies for booking optional activities.

## Important Notes

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### 1. MACHU PICCHU REGULATIONS

Current and correct passport details are required at time of confirmation. For more details please see the following [page](#). Please also note that regulations have been implemented for all visitors to Machu Picchu which require that different circuits be followed within the site as a way to relieve crowding. The new circuit-based entrance tickets are available on a first come first serve basis. We will do all that is possible to get everyone traveling in a group on the same route, but be aware that it is possible that members of the same group might be visiting Machu Picchu on a different circuit and not be together during this visit. Rest assured that regardless of the circuit you will enjoy the beauty and grandeur of the site.

### 2. 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.

### 3. LUGGAGE

Please Note: Aerolíneas Argentinas allows 1 piece of luggage that weighs up to 15kg on internal flights. If luggage is overweight, the airline charges ARS \$15,000 at check-in (approx. 20-25 USD) up to a max of 23 kgs per piece. Luggage over 23 kgs is not allowed for internal flights.

### 4. 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.

### 5. ACCOMMODATION NOTE:

Please be aware that properties we stay in with only two stories may not have elevators installed and climbing the stairs with your luggage will be necessary.



## 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 12

## Meals Included

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27 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 2 dinners

## Transport

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Plane, train, boat, public bus, 4x4 vehicles

## 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.

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## Solo Travellers

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

## Accommodation

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Hotels/guesthouses (26 nts), overnight bus (1 nt), G Adventures-supported lodge/basic hotels on Salar de Uyuni excursion (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: Nights 16-17: Salar de Uyuni, Night 23: Overnight bus, Nights 24-25: Pucón.

## About Accommodation

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Please note that hot water shortages and power outages can be fairly common in Latin America (even in upgraded hotels and private homes). We appreciate your patience and understanding that these occurrences are outside of our control.

## Joining Instructions

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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.

Jorge Chavez International Airport in Callao Lima, is approximately a 45-minute drive from the Miraflores district, where our joining hotel is located. The easiest way to get there is via taxi. Immediately after the customs and immigration area, as you head to the exits, you will find an official taxi stand. You can pay for the car at set rates (approximately \$27 USD) and won't need to worry about sorting out a ride outside the airport facilities, where the situation tends to get more chaotic. There are exchange facilities in the Arrivals area 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 on this day.

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

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

Please make sure to keep the stamped immigrations receipt you receive when you arrive into Chile. This receipt is required when leaving Chile.

## **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, please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier and contact us as soon as possible. If you have a pre-booked transfer, and you have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

## **Emergency Contact**

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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 or flight cancellation within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, please call the emergency contact number to advise of your new arrival flight information. If you do not, we will not be able to rearrange your arrival transfer and you will need to make your own way to the starting hotel at your own expense. 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 people automatically assume that the weather is hot in South America, however this is not always the case, and you may need warm clothes depending on the time of year you travel.

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.

## 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, bandaids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- 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

#### Trekking:

- Gloves
- Hat
- Hiking boots/sturdy walking shoes
- Hiking pants (Convertible/Zip-off and quick dry recommended)
- Snacks (Protein bars, chocolate, dried fruits, candies, energy sweets.)
- Socks (Trekking socks (woollen or synthetic, not cotton).)
- Thermal base layer (Woollen or synthetic, not cotton.)
- Walking poles (Highly recommended.)

#### 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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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 recommend bringing USD in cash for the Argentinean portion of this tour as it is easier than using a credit card or withdrawing ARS from an ATM. USD currency is accepted in travel agencies for booking optional activities.

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.

As currency exchange rates can fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for approximate 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!

## 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.

If at the end of your trek you felt your trekking guide and support team did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline, we suggest each hiker contributes the following to a collective pool.

Inca Trail:

Head guide: 10-25 USD

Assistant guide: 5-12 USD

Your trekking crew: 40 USD

Lares Trek:

Head guide: 10-25 USD

Assistant guide: 4-10 USD

Your trekking crew: 35 USD

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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Lima

- Lima City Tour (40USD per person)
- Bike Miraflores and Barranco (35USD per person)
- Lima Cooking Class (4hrs)
- Full Day Lima Experience (150USD per person)

Cusco

- Cusco City Tour (45PEN per person)
- Cusco Cooking Class
- Inka Museum (10PEN per person)
- Cusco Tourist Ticket (130PEN per person)
- Rainbow Mountain Hike - Full-day Trip

Ollantaytambo

- Ollantaytambo Storehouse Ruins and Hike

Inca Trail

- 1-Day Inca Trail Hike

Aguas Calientes

- Hot Springs Visit (6USD per person)

Puno

- Sillustani Burial Towers Entrance (59PEN per person)

La Paz

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

Sucre

- Hiking
- Mountain Biking

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

#### Potosí

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

#### San Pedro de Atacama

- Sandboarding (45000CLP per person)
- Mountain Biking (1500-5000CLP per person)
- Observatory Tour (25000CLP per person)
- San Pedro de Atacama Hot Springs (45000CLP per person)

#### Isla Negra

- Day Trip to Isla Negra

#### Barrio Bellavista

- Bellavista Neighbourhood Visit (Free)

#### Santiago

- Pisco Distillery Santiago (32700CLP per person)

#### Huife Alto

- Soak in Natural Thermal Pools (40000CLP per person)

#### Pucón

- Whitewater Rafting Pucon (35000-28000CLP per person)
- Guided Huerquehue Park Visit (55000CLP per person)
- Volcan Villarica Hike (100000CLP per person)

#### Puerto Blest

- Puerto Blest and Cantaros Waterfall Navigation (90USD per person)

#### San Carlos de Bariloche

- Hiking
- Circuito Chico Tour (40USD per person)

#### Buenos Aires

- Tango Dinner Show
- Teatro Colón Tour (25USD per person)
- La Boca Neighbourhood Visit (10USD per person)
- Buenos Aires Bike Tour
- Buenos Aires Guided City Tour

#### San Telmo

- San Telmo Visit (Free)

## 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 group leader has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it deemed necessary, due to safety concerns. Your Chief Experience Officer (CEO) will accompany you on all included activities. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy and explore at your leisure. While your CEO will assist you with options available in a given location, please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgement when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to stay in small groups and to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions.

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

CEOs to make arrangements on your behalf for water based activities that are not accompanied by guide(s).

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

## **Trip Specific Safety**

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Please note: You should be especially careful when wandering about Buenos Aires on your own, particularly at night. Tourists are easy prey for individual pickpockets or groups of two or more people working as a team on the streets. Pay particular attention to anyone who 'accidentally' spills anything on your clothes or belongings (mustard, etc.) and then apologizes and offers to help clean up. They will clean you out instead! Be safe and leave your passport, credit cards, travellers cheques and cash funds you won't be using immediately in the hotel's safety deposit box. Most locals are honest and genuinely helpful and friendly, but be safe and enjoy the city!

## **A Couple of Rules**

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

## **Travel Insurance**

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

## **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.