

## France & Italy Adventure - EFIA

15 days: Paris to Rome

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- Pisa visit
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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing January 1st, 2018 and onwards

### Itinerary

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

#### Day 1 Paris

Arrive at any time. We recommend arriving a day or two early to fully explore this world-renowned city.

There are no planned activities until an evening welcome meeting.

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We recommend pre-purchasing advance entry tickets for popular attractions such as the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre, to avoid waiting in long queues on the day of your visit.

#### 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

**Sacre Coeur Visit**

Paris1h-2h

Free

Visit the Basilique du Sacré-Coeur, located in the Montmartre neighbourhood. This Roman Catholic church was completed in 1914 and stands on the highest point of the city. Climb up 200 stairs to reach the dome of the basilica to get an amazing view of the Paris skyline.

**Luxembourg Garden Visit**

Paris1h-2h

Free

Stroll through the Luxembourg Garden, or Jardin du Luxembourg, built in the early 1600s outside the Luxembourg Palace. The garden is known for expansive lawns, flowers and tree-lined promenade, topped off with a Medici Fountain.

**Palace of Versailles Visit**

Paris3h-5h

18EUR per person

Venture just outside the city of Paris to the sprawling yet elegant Palace of Versailles, which served as King Louis XIV's royal residence leading up to the French Revolution. Visit the Royal Apartments, Hall of Mirrors, and the celebrated Gardens of Versailles, while immersing yourself in the history, art and architecture of 17th century France. Plan to spend a few hours touring the palace; we recommend pre-purchasing your entrance ticket online.

**Monet's Giverny Gardens**

Giverny2h-3h

10.20EUR per person

In the town of Giverny, visit Claude Monet's residence and the famous gardens that made "plein air" painting a defining characteristic of the Impressionist art movement. Monet spent the last 40 years of his life in Giverny, bringing landscapes and everyday scenes to life with bright colours and balanced compositions, best depicted in paintings of water lilies and his Japanese-inspired garden through the seasons.

**Walk Along the Seine River**

Paris1h-2h

Free

Stroll like a Parisian along the Seine. There are almost 40 bridges that cross over the river within Paris alone, if something on the right bank catches your eye, just cross over to explore. Stop to relax on the banks or bring a picnic.

**Eiffel Tower Visit**

Paris2h-4h

16EUR per person

Visit the most famous landmark in France, the Eiffel Tower. Opt to climb the stairs or take an elevator to the top for a stunning view over the city. Hang out at dusk and watch the tower light up.

**Napoleon's Tomb - Les Invalides Army Museum**

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12EUR per person

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Examine the massive collection at the Louvre, home to the Mona Lisa and the Winged Venus. While it might take a lifetime to view everything in the museum, one of the largest in the world, make the most of the time you have and try to spend at least a few hours wandering around.

**Musée d'Orsay Visit**

Paris1h-2h

11EUR per person

Tour through The Musée d'Orsay, a must-see museum in Paris. Housed in a former train station, the beautiful building is the perfect setting to display some of the world's most revered Impressionist art. Wander from room to room in awe at the works on display by Monet, Renoir, Cézanne and Gauguin. Marvel at Degas' ballerinas and Van Gogh's swirling colours.

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### **Moulin Rouge Dinner & Show**

Paris

175-185EUR per person

Step into the Moulin Rouge and experience a night in Paris you'll never forget. Opened in 1889, this world-famous cabaret continues to bring some of the world's best performers to its stage, with nightly shows that feature over 60 dancers in feather- and rhinestone-studded costumes dancing to the French "can-can". We recommend reserving tickets in advance for the dinner and show.

## **Day 2 Paris**

After an orientation walk, spend the rest of the day exploring dozens of museums, patisserie shops, sidewalk cafés or grand boulevards.

### **Orientation With CEO**

30m-1h Morning

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### **Your Discover Moment**

Paris Full Day

There's plenty to see and do in Paris, 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 getting acquainted with Mona Lisa at the Louvre, marvel at the architecture of the Notre Dame Cathedral, and visiting the Arc de Triomphe. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

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#### **Champs-Élysées Visit**

Paris

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### **Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Day 3 Paris/Beaune**

Travel to Beaune and enjoy an included local wine tasting. Wander the town, shop, eat and, opt to visit the famous Hospices.

Take a short walk into the historic centre, and enjoy a winetasting as an introduction to the region's famous vintages.

In the evening, opt for a dinner with the group here in the heart of one of France's most distinguished culinary and wine-producing regions, Burgundy.

### **Local Train**

Paris - Beaune 2h30m Morning 311km

Most routes require a change in Dijon.

### **Free Time**

Beaune Afternoon

Free time to explore this charming medieval town.

### **Your Foodie Moment: Burgundy Wine Tasting**

Evening

Learn about the production of wine in Burgundy, with its strict regulations and tiered grading system -- it's one of the best wine regions in the world. Sample some of the fantastic wines available. Santé!

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

#### **Hospices de Beaune Visit**

Beaune 1h-2h

8EUR per person

Founded in the mid 1400s, the Hospices de Beaune was originally a hospital for the poor. One of the buildings is now a museum with information about the hospital. Take in the fascinating architecture of the original building.

### **Burgundy Wine Cellars Visit**

Beaune

10-20EUR per person

Opt to take a stroll through one of Beaune's historical wine cellars to learn more about the wine culture of Burgundy.

### **Beaune Bike Rental**

Beaune 3h-7h

19EUR per person

Rent a bike and head just outside the town to explore the beautiful vineyards nearby. Pack a picnic lunch and take advantage of this picturesque setting.

### **Dijon Day Trip**

Dijon 4h-7h

16EUR per person

Travel a short distance by train to Dijon, the capital of the Burgundy region. Famous for its mustard, opt to take a tour and learn more about this delicious condiment. Check out some of the city's fantastic architecture or visit its museums.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

#### **Day 4 Beaune**

With free time opt for a trip to nearby Dijon or visit the famous Hospices de Beaune. For a little more activity, head out into the countryside by bike or on foot to visit the vineyards.

Opt to visit Dijon, famous not only for its mustard, but for world-class museums and handsome architecture. There, or in Beaune, you can take a mustard tasting tour and learn about production, regulations, and taste some samples.

For a little more activity, explore the countryside around the Cote d'Or vineyards by bike or on foot. Stay closer to town and explore the famous Hospices de Beaune or visit one of the other wineries in the town centre.

### **Free Time**

Beaune Full Day

Don't waste a minute— get out and explore by foot or bicycle.

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#### **Day 5 Beaune/Avignon**

Travel south to Avignon in the heart of the Provence region. Visit the Palais des Papes and Pont St Benezet in this enchanting city.

There's plenty of time to explore the spectacular walled medieval town of Avignon, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This charming city boasts pretty tree-lined squares bustling with cafés and restaurants. Try some mouth-watering Provençal cuisine. Bon appétit!

### **Local Train**

Beaune - Avignon 5h Morning

Climb aboard, take your seat, and get around like the locals do.

### **Palais des Papes (Popes' Palace)**

Avignon 1h-2h Afternoon

This massive fortress and palace was the seat of Catholicism in the 14th century, where popes fled to when leaving the corruption of Rome. The palace they built, 'Le Palais des Papes,' is the world's largest Gothic edifice. The walls surrounding the town were erected by the popes to keep the plague and invaders out during the turbulent middle ages, when Avignon belonged to the papacy and not the French crown. Tour the palace, learn about the history of the building, and marvel at the stunning Gothic architecture.

### **Pont d'Avignon (St Bénézet) Visit**

Avignon 1h-1h30m Afternoon

Visit this famous medieval bridge stretching out across the Rhone. Over the years, the river continued to flood and eventually the town stopped rebuilding the middle section. Today, the bridge only consists of four arches and a dead end. The bridge was made even more famous by the French children's song 'Sur le pont d'Avignon' and today you will see grown adults dancing and singing when they visit.

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

#### **Pont Saint-Bénézet**

Avignon

Free

Take a visit to this beautiful medieval bridge, constructed between 1177 and 1185.

#### **Pont du Gard Day Trip**

Pont du Gard 3h-7h

16EUR per person 180EUR per group

Hop a local bus to visit the Pont du Gard, a stunning three level Roman aqueduct and protected UNESCO World Heritage Site. Learn about the construction and the politics behind building the aqueduct and marvel at the structure.

#### **Château des Baux Medieval Castle Visit**

Les Baux-de-Provence

15EUR per person

Travel by local bus to the Château des Baux, a 10th century medieval castle. Watch a duel between knights in armor and practice your crossbow skills.

#### **Palais des Papes (Papal Palace) Visit**

Avignon

11-15EUR per person

The Pope's Palace is one of the greatest symbols of the influence of Western Christianity in the 14th century. The magnificent facade is a result of 20 years of construction, beginning in 1355. Take a wander around the 25 rooms that are open to the public.

#### **Lavender Tour**

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50EUR per person

During lavender season, take a ride through the Provençal countryside and submerge yourself in the famous lavender fields.

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60EUR per person

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#### **Orange Visit**

Orange 4h-5h

20EUR per person

Travel to the small town of Orange, famous for its remarkable Roman amphitheatre. Wander through town, collect some picnic supplies, and climb up to a lookout over the amphitheatre.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Day 6 Avignon**

Enjoy a free day to explore this Provençal town, known as one of the most beautiful in the region, or go further afield. Nearby options include the Pont du Gard, the town of Orange, or the wine region of Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

#### **Free Time**

Avignon Full Day

Get out there and start exploring.

## **Optional Activities - Day 6**

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### **Day 7 Avignon/Nice**

Travel to the charming Riviera town of Nice. Soak in the sparkling blue waters and explore the charming streets of the old town centre.

With free time, wander in the cobblestone streets, visit the museums and beaches, or travel further to visit the rest of the Riviera.

### **Local Train**

Avignon – Nice 3h Morning 260km

Climb aboard, take your seat, and get around like the locals do.

### **Free Time**

Nice Afternoon

Spend some free time getting to know the city.

## **Optional Activities - Day 7**

### **Matisse Museum**

Nice 1h-3h

10EUR per person

Head out of the city centre to the picturesque neighbourhood of Cimiez, where visitors can explore the life and works of French master Henri Matisse. Find paintings, sketches, and sculptures in the main building, a restored 17th-century villa in an olive grove. Stop by the park across the museum to visit the artist's final resting place at the Notre Dame de Cimiez cemetery.

### **Cathedral of Sainte Reparate**

Nice 30m-1h

Free

Take a visit to Nice's oldest, and most ornate church.

### **Vieux Nice Visit**

Nice

Free

Wander Vieux Nice, or the Old Quarter, with its cobblestone streets and narrow alleyways. This is the best area to shop, eat, and people watch. Wander the market to witness daily life on the charming Riviera.

### **Promenade des Anglais**

Nice

Free

Walk along the Promenade des Anglais and take in the view of the glistening Mediterranean Sea.

### **Museum of Modern & Contemporary Art**

Nice 1h-3h

10EUR per person

Get acquainted with modern art at Nice's Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, opened in 1990. Immerse yourself in Yves Klein's "blue" world at a permanent exhibit dedicated to this master of new realism. Wander the galleries to view an eclectic mix of pop art and sculptures, then head up to the museum's rooftop terrace for a stunning panorama of this city on the French Riviera.

### **Day trip to St Paul de Vence**

Nice

3EUR per person

Hop on a local bus (€1.50 each way) and take a day trip to St. Paul de Vence, a beautiful hilltop town with medieval walls, cobblestone streets and panoramic views of the French countryside. Stroll through the market square and discover what drew artists like Marc Chagall and James Baldwin to this quiet, peaceful refuge.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Day 8 Nice/Milan**

Transfer from Nice to Milan. Enjoy free time in Milan on arrival.

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

Please note that if "The Last Supper" is on your must-see list in Milan, we highly recommend purchasing your tickets for the Cenacolo Vinciano Museum months in advance.

### **Train**

Nice – Milan 4h-5h Morning 315km

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

### **Free Time**

Milan Half Day

Take a wander around Milan.

### **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.

### **Optional Activities - Day 8**

#### **Shop the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele**

Milan

Built in 1867, this is one of the world's oldest (and most ornate) shopping malls and home to Prada's first shop. If you are looking for luxury goods, this is your place.

#### **Teatro alla Scala Opera House**

Milan

Marvel at the neo-classical façade, and ornate interior of one of the world's most famous opera houses. If you are interested in seeing a performance, we recommend booking tickets in advance.

### **Museo della Scienza e della Tecnologia Visit**

Milan

10EUR per person



Visit Milan's Museum of Science and Technology, dedicated to Italian painter and scientist Leonardo da Vinci. The Museum exhibits an incredible collection of Da Vinci's drawings and historic models. It is recommended to purchase a ticket online before you visit.

### **Milan Cathedral**

Milan

8-25None per person

Feast your eyes on one of the largest gothic cathedral in Europe. This stunning work of architecture is dedicated to the St. Mary of Nativity, and took almost 6 centuries to complete. Climb the 150 steps to the Duomo roof to admire the pink marble spires and statues, and Alp mountain views in the distance.

### **The Last Supper (Cenacolo Vinciano Musuem) Visit**

Milan

12EUR per person

Next to the Santa Maria delle Grazie Basilica, you'll find the Cenacolo Vinciano Museum, home to Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece "The Last Supper" - a classic work of art treasured by generations. Please note that to guarantee entrance, we recommend purchasing your museum ticket a few months in advance.

## **Day 9 Milan/Venice**

After an orientation walk of Milan, set out on your own explore the fashion capital of Italy. Travel to Venice by train in the afternoon.

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### **Free Time**

Milan Morning

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Milan – Venice2h30m Afternoon270km

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## **Day 10 Venice**

Spend a full day in Venice, the "city of canals". Enjoy an orientation walk over bridges and canals and view Piazza San Marco.

After an orientation walk, set out to explore. Opt for a vaporetto (water taxi) ride to the islands of Murano and Burano, take a gondola under the Ponte Rialto (Bridge of Lovers), explore the Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs, or get lost in the twisting maze of the city.

### **Your Discover Moment**

Venice Full Day

There's plenty to see and do in Venice, 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 exploring the waterways on a gondola ride, watch a Venetian glass blowing demonstration, and sitting down for a catch of the day meal at a canal-side restaurant. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

### **Optional Activities - Day 10**

#### **Murano and Burano Islands Visit**

Murano – Burano

20EUR per person

Take a quick trip across the lagoon and experience Venice's artisanal roots. Explore the island of Murano, famous for its skilled glassblowers, and walk along the colourful streets of Burano, known for a centuries-old tradition of lacemaking.

#### **Campanile San Marco Lookout**

Venice

8EUR per person

Climb to the top of the Campanile - Venice's tallest building - to take in a great bird's eye view of the cityscape and lagoon.

#### **Gondola Ride**

Venice 30m-45m

80EUR per group

Sit back and enjoy a different point of view as you glide through the historic canals of Venice on a gondola.

#### **Doge's Palace (Palazzo Ducale) Visit**

Venice

17EUR per person

Visit this former palace, rebuilt and restored numerous times, and admire the Gothic Venetian architecture. Once the seat of the government, the Palazzo Ducale is now a grand museum. Enjoy the stellar artwork, ornate chambers, and courtyards.

#### **Saint Mark's Square and Basilica Visit**

Piazza San Marco 1h-3h

Free

Enter the picture-perfect Piazza San Marco from one of the many winding alleyways and stare in awe at the grandeur. With the massive, ornate basilica standing tall at one end, pigeons gathering and flying around, and violinists playing a Vivaldi tune at a café table — this is Venice. Wander the square and people watch or duck inside the glittering basilica for more Venetian inspiration.

#### **Scuola Grande di San Rocco**

Venice

10EUR per person

Noted for its collection of more than 60 paintings by Italian master Tintoretto, Scuola Grande di San Rocco is the last remaining "scuole" or confraternity dedicated to charitable works. The Upper Hall, which contains Tintoretto's ceiling masterpiece, allows visitors a peek into opulent Venetian court life.

#### **Guggenheim Museum Visit**

Venice 1h-2h

15EUR per person

While walking down the Grand Canal, stop into this museum to see its extensive modern art collection.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Day 11 Venice/Florence**

After enjoying the morning in Venice, travel to the capital of Tuscany, Florence. Opt to visit the stunning Duomo, or the famous Ponte Vecchio. Enjoy an evening walk to Piazzale Michelangelo for a fantastic panoramic view of the city.

#### **Train**

Venice – Florence 2h30m Afternoon 255km

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

#### **Free Time**

Florence Half Day

Don't waste a minute— get out and explore charming Firenze.

### **Piazzale Michelangelo Walk**

Florence

Cross through the centre of the city and over the Arno. Climb to the top of the hill and check out the vista over the river from Piazzale Michelangelo. It's worth every step!

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

#### **Il Duomo di Firenze Visit**

Florence

Free

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#### **Mercato Centrale (Mercato di San Lorenzo) Visit**

Florence

Pick up a purse (or several!), leatherbound journals, Florentine paper, and any off-colour David statue souvenirs you wish.

#### **David (Galleria dell'Accademia) Visit**

Florence

22.50-26.50EUR per person

Visit Michelangelo's most famous statue, 'David'. Marvel at the artistry on display in the intricately carved piece of marble. Please note that pre-booking your admission online will be 26.50EUR and booking on site will be 22.50EUR.

#### **Uffizi Gallery Visit**

Florence

20.75EUR per person

Head to the Uffizi Gallery to see spectacular Botticelli and Leonardo da Vinci paintings in person.

#### **Ponte Vecchio Visit**

Florence

Walk across this medieval bridge and look over the Arno River to feel the romance of this city. Jewelers, art dealers and souvenir shops run the length of the bridge, featured in many master paintings.

#### **National Museum of Bargello**

Florence

15.75EUR per person

Explore this museum, housed in one of the earliest buildings in Florence (dating to 1255). Stroll through the corridors to learn about the history of this site and its many uses, and see the fantastic works from master artists such as Donatello and Michelangelo.

#### **Pitti Palace - Palatine Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art**

Florence 1h-2h

17.75EUR per person

Visit the Pitti Palace and learn about history alongside modern art.

#### **Medici Chapels Visit**

Florence

10EUR per person

Admire the opulence of the two Medici Chapels. The Sagrestia Nuova was designed by Michelangelo and built as a mausoleum for the powerful Medici family.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

#### **Day 12 Florence**

Spend the day exploring Florence. Opt to see the statue of David, wander the Uffizi, or swing by some shopping stalls.

Today is yours to explore. Opt to visit the Uffizi Gallery or the Medici Chapels. Take a break at Piazza della Signoria with a gelato or an espresso (or both - did someone say affogato?) before hitting lively Piazza San Lorenzo to bargain for discounted woolen and leather goods. Or, catch a local bus or train to nearby Siena to see more of what this province has to offer.

For a truly local experience, indulge your inner gastronome on a culinary tour of the city. Opt to pre-book the "Florence Food Tour" on the checkout page ahead of time, to include this optional on your tour.

Please note that if you wish to visit popular sites and want to avoid waiting in line, it is advisable to reserve tickets in advance. We recommend pre-arranging your visit to the Galleria dell'Accademia to see Michaelangelo's 'David' statue.

### **Your Discover Moment**

Florence Full Day

There's plenty to see and do in Florence, 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 a visit to the Uffizi Gallery to see the works of the Renaissance masters, marvel at the Duomo and take in the panoramic view of Florence from Piazzale Michelangelo. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

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

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#### **Siena Visit**

Siena 75km

Head to nearby Siena and wander this medieval walled city. Options abound! Visit the gorgeous Duomo and the Piazza del Campo, where the famous Palio horse race is held each summer. Climb the Torre del Mangia for fantastic views of the Tuscan landscape.

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#### **Florence Food Tour**

Florence

Uncover the treasures of Florence, savoured by locals for generations, on this 3-hour walking tour through Oltrarno. Experience the unique flavours and foods that make the cuisine of this region so distinct from the rest of Italy. Famous for being the birthplace of the Renaissance and home to Michelangelo's famous statue of David, Florence is a city rich with culture, history and of course, some of the tastiest Tuscan food in the region. Wander the streets and soak up the bohemian vibe as you stop to sample wine and salami. There is even the chance to get hands on as you learn how to make Italian cantucci (cookies).

## **Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Day 13 Florence/Rome**

Head to Pisa by local train and spend time at the famous leaning tower. Continue on to Rome by train taking in the coastal views.

#### **Local Train**

Florence – Pisa 1h Morning 83km

Climb aboard, take your seat, and get around like the locals do.

#### **Pisa Visit**

Pisa

Take the train to Pisa and check out its famous leaning tower. Wander the area and take photos to your heart's content. Opt to enter the Pisa Cathedral, or enjoy lunch at a nearby restaurant.

#### **Local Train**

Pisa – Rome 2h30m Evening 355km

Climb aboard, take your seat, and get around like the locals do.

## **Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Day 14 Rome**

Take an orientation walk of the Eternal City before enjoying a free day to explore a myriad of options. In the evening, enjoy a true taste of Italy with a traditional Roman meal. Buon appetito!

Opt to tour Vatican City, cross the river to charming Trastevere, eat some gelato in Piazza Navona, or swing by the Colosseum and Forum.

While you're here, why not rent a Vespa for the day or take to the streets during a street food tour? Opt to pre-book the "Rome Vintage Vespa Tour" or "Rome Street Food Tour" on the checkout page ahead of time to include these optionals on your tour.

Please note that if Vatican City is on your must-see list, we highly recommend purchasing your tickets online several weeks prior to your trip. Same-day entrance to St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums (including the Sistine Chapel) cannot be guaranteed without advance tickets.

We also recommend pre-booking your ticket to the Colosseum to guarantee entrance and avoid long queues.

#### **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**

Rome Half Day

There is so much to see and do in this historic city - don't waste a minute.

### **Optional Activities - Day 14**

#### **Pantheon Visit**

Rome

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#### **Roman Forum Visit**

Rome 1h-2h

24EUR per person

Even with the bustle of modern day Rome whizzing past on Vespas, you can still lose yourself in the fragmented columns and ancient ruins of this plaza, conjuring images of the rich Romans sauntering by in togas. Please note, this must be booked in combination with the Colosseum Visit and will include a visit to Palatine Hill.

#### **Sistine Chapel**

Vatican City 1h-2h

10EUR per person

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Adam. "The Last Judgment" on the west wall depicts a scene from the Book of Revelations. Art aficionados, get ready to cross one of your list!

### **St Peter's Basilica Visit**

Rome

Free

### **Borghese Gallery**

Rome1h-2h

25EUR per person

Take a visit to the beautiful Borghese Gallery villa to indulge in a rich collection of ancient sculptures, relics, mosaics, and paintings. Pieces from Renaissance masters such as Bellini, Raphael, Bernini can be found here.

### **Christian Catacombs**

Rome30m-1h

8EUR per person

Follow a guide through this ancient underground cemetery.

### **Colosseum Visit**

Rome

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Enjoy a visit to this famous spot, the scene of many bloody gladiator fights for the entertainment of ancient Rome's aristocracy. Take a tour of the old venue—a UNESCO World Heritage site—and feel free to walk around on your own. No battles, please! Please note that this must be booked in combination with the Roman Forum Visit and will include a visit to Palatine Hill.

### **Rome Vintage Vespa Tour**

Rome3h-4h

When in Rome... live "la dolce vita" and hop onto a Vespa! Make your way around the city (like the locals do) on a vintage Vespa scooter. Visit Rome's must-see landmarks with a local guide, who will also be your Vespa driver, on this 3-4 hour afternoon excursion.

### **Rome Food Tour**

Rome

65EUR per person

Known to locals as the "Heart of Rome", Testaccio is the city's original foodie neighbourhood and where cucina Romana (Roman cuisine) was born. Our 4-hour walking food tour lets you experience Rome like a local, in an authentic neighbourhood where people still live, eat and shop.

Escape the crowds and get a real glimpse of daily life while tasting the best of what the city has to offer. You'll visit our local market and meet the vendors who have been there for generations, taste the most delicious pasta in the neighbourhood, and sample everything from a traditional antipasto to a typical Roman street food snack.

Along the way your local guide will give you a fascinating insight into Rome's culture and history. You'll also discover some of the city's most fascinating landmarks, like the ancient Pyramid of Cestius and John Keats' mysterious tomb.

### **Trevi Fountain**

Rome

Free

Built above an ancient water source, Trevi Fountain takes its name from the three streets (tre vie) that intersect at this world-famous fountain. Sculpted from travertine stone, the fountain as we know it today was completed in the 18th century. Work your way through the crowds to toss a coin in (with your right hand, over your left shoulder) for good luck - it's also your best chance to see the fountain's marvelous detail.

### **Spanish Steps**

Rome

Free

Built to connect the hilltop Trinità dei Monti church with the Piazza di Spagna (or Spanish Square) below, the Spanish Steps are a colourful example of Baroque architecture from 18th century Rome. Opt to climb its 136 steps, or simply watch the crowds weave through this popular tourist attraction.

### **Trastevere Visit**

Rome2h-4h

Cross the Tiber river to reach the quaint medieval neighbourhood of Trastevere. This is a great opportunity to escape the crowds and get a glimpse into local life.

## **Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner**

### **Day 15 Rome**

Depart at any time.

We recommend booking post-tour accommodation to fully experience all that this magnificent city has to offer.

If you wish to extend your stay in Rome, consider booking post-tour accommodation with us. Please speak to a G Adventures representative about booking accommodations in Rome after your tour ends.

### **Optional Activities - Day 15**

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## **What's Included**

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

Your Discover Moment: Paris

Your Foodie Moment: Burgundy Wine Tasting, Beaune

Your Discover Moment: Venice

Your Discover Moment: Florence. Orientation walk in Paris. Free time to explore Paris. Local Burgundy wine tasting in Beaune. Free time to explore Burgundy. Visit to Pope's Palace and Pont Saint-Bénézet. Free time to explore the French Riviera. Orientation walk in Milan, Venice, and Rome. Piazzale Michelangelo Walk. Pisa visit. Traditional Roman meal. All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

## **Highlights**

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Wander through charming medieval cities and glorious countrysides, taste French fine wines and local delicacies, soak up the classic European culture, explore modern day and ancient Rome

## **Dossier Disclaimer**

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

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

## **Itinerary Disclaimer**

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

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

## **Important Notes**

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### **1. LOCAL GUIDES**

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

### **2. LUGGAGE**

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



### 3. ITINERARY CHANGES

Please note, on some departures the trip will visit Avignon and include the Palais des Papes and the Pont St Benezet as scheduled, but will actually stay overnight in the nearby historic cities of Nimes or Arles.

### 4. RESERVE TICKETS IN ADVANCE

Please note that if you wish to visit popular museums such as the Vatican Museums (Sistine Chapel) and Villa Borghese in Rome, and the Uffizi or Accademia Galleries in Florence, to avoid waiting in line for a long time (especially in high season May-September when it could be a question of hours!), it is advisable to reserve tickets in advance. Tickets can be reserved online at various websites including [www.florenceart.it](http://www.florenceart.it) or [www.virtualuffizi.com](http://www.virtualuffizi.com) for Florence and [www.tickitaly.com](http://www.tickitaly.com) for all. Please make your Florence reservations for Day 11 of your tour, when you will have a free day to enjoy Florence. Most Museums are closed on Mondays. There may be the possibility of arranging tickets on arrival, with the help of your CEO, but availability cannot be guaranteed at such short notice.

### 5. CINQUE TERRE

The Cinque Terre villages are very keen to encourage people to visit the area and support the local economy and the environment (which we do with every Cinque Terre National Park pass we buy for this tour).

Two of the Cinque Terre towns (Vernazza and Monterosso) suffered extensive damage during the floods of early November 2011. Three towns - Riomaggiore, Manarola and Corniglia were unaffected. While some effects of the flood will remain and some path diversions may be in place, the area remains beautiful, welcoming and rewarding to visit; and we strongly wish to support the local community and environment, now more than ever.

### HIKES

In terms of the hiking routes, the coastal path between the towns is not all open at the moment. During the storms some damage was done to the paths and work to restore them is ongoing, so while Riomaggiore-Manarola, Monterosso-Levanto, the higher level path Manarola-Corniglia via Volastra and Riomaggiore-Portovenere are all open, the sections Corniglia-Vernazza-Monterosso are not at time of writing. However, restoration work is under way and the National Park is committed to opening the routes as quickly as it can safely be done. Regardless of whether the entire coastal path will be open, there are many alternative paths available and there will be plenty of hiking opportunities.

### 6. 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

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This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our group leaders. 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.

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## Group Size Notes

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Max 16, avg 12.

## Meals Included

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13 breakfasts, 1 dinner

## Meals

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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. The above information applies to G Adventures group trips. For Independent trips please check the itinerary

for details of meals included. For all trips please refer to the meals included and budget information for included meals and meal budgets.

## Transport

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Public bus, train, walking.

## About our Transportation

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Intercity transport on this trip will be by local bus and train. The bus and train systems in France and Italy are generally very good, often with seat reservations and toilet facilities. Inevitably travelling by public transport can involve delays and frustrations, though, and we ask you to keep this in mind. Unfold your map, pack in your phrase-book and mp3 player and get ready to enjoy the landscape and practice your French and Italian with the locals.

Between public transport and hotels you may be required to carry your luggage short distances (up to 20mins walk), in larger cities you may travel by metro or city bus, and occasionally the group will take taxis to and from hotels.

## Local Flights

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

## Solo Travellers

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We believe 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 (14 nts).

## My Own Room

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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 room for all night stops.

Please be aware that single room accommodations in European hotels are often smaller, and may not be to the same service level as double-occupancy rooms.

## About Accommodation

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It is important to note that accommodation in Europe tends to be quite different to other areas of the world you may have travelled in. Buildings and rooms are generally old and may not have been renovated or maintained to the highest standard. Downtown hotels in Europe were not built to be hotels but rich owners' houses, which have been changed into hotels. Therefore unusual room sizes are common as large rooms have been partitioned in the past, resulting in rather "thin" walls. Reception areas, rooms and bathrooms tend to be very small as they were often added into an existing room, and may have a hand nozzle rather than a conventional shower head.

On this trip you can expect to stay in small family-run hotels or pensions (with the exception of the start and finish hotels, which are often larger city hotels), which will vary a little in standard and facilities: some may not have elevators, air-conditioning or English-speaking staff, but most importantly all are locally-run, with some traditional character, and in excellent central locations to give you maximum time for exploring the sights. You can expect to find clean, safe, simple accommodation in convenient locations.

Staff can occasionally demonstrate less than perfect customer service. As accommodation is in short supply, especially during the summer months, hotels can charge a premium and there is sometimes little motivation to improve facilities.

## Joining Hotel

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

## Joining Instructions

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From Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport:

Follow signs inside the terminal "Paris by train", and take the RER B line direct to Gare du Nord. Journey time is approximately 30mins and it costs €10 per person.

From here, The Originals Paris Montmartre Apolonia Hotel is a 25mins walk, or a 15min bus ride. Take number 31 bus from La Fayette - Magenta - Gare Du Nord to Duquesne - Le Ruisseau. From this bus stop, it is only a 2min walk to the hotel. There will also be taxis available to get from Gare Du Nord to the hotel.

From Paris Orly Airport:

Take the ORLYVAL shuttle train to Antony (8mins) where you will take the RER B line direct to Gare du Nord (45mins). Cost is €7.40 (ORLYVAL) + €6.10 (RER). Follow the same instructions as above from Gare du Nord to the hotel.

A taxi from either of the airports to the hotel will cost around €50.

Please note that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned on this day. Upon arrival to the city on day 1 (or earlier if you have booked pre-accommodation with us), please make your way to the joining hotel (note that check-in time will be in the afternoon). Once you arrive at the hotel, 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.

To arrange an arrival or departure transfer, we recommend you book through our preferred transfer provider - HolidayTaxis - by copying the link below into your web browser:  
<https://partner.holidaytaxis.com/?ref=GADVE>

Choose from a range of transport options including both private and shared transfers at a discounted rate.

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

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

## 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.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Office London, United Kingdom  
During Office hours (Weekdays, 9am-5:30pm Local Time)  
+44 20 7243 9870

For absolute emergencies after office hours please contact: +44 7817 262 559

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: 1300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

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

## Finishing Point Instructions

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**TRAINS TO AIRPORT:** The Leonardo Express is the name of the train that'll shuttle you from central Rome's Termini station to Fiumicino airport. A Leonardo Express train leaves every half hour in each direction.

The train covers 35 km in around 30 minutes. Cost: 14 Euros

Tickets for Leonardo Express are available at:

- rail ticket office (railway station atrium)
- newspaper seller-tobacconist's (railway station atrium)
- self-service tellers (railway station atrium)

NOTE:

You must always stamp tickets in the machines on the platform before starting your journey.

**TAXI :** fixed rate to/from airports

The rate for designated Fiumicino taxi drivers is 60EUR, inclusive of luggage, for a maximum of four passengers.

## What to Take

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

## Packing List

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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

## Laundry

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Laundry facilities are offered by some of our hotels for a charge or ask your CEO where the closest laundromat is. 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](#)

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

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

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

## 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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France and Italy are in the Eurozone and the unit of the currency is the Euro.

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

Do not rely on credit or debit cards as your only source of money. A combination of Euros, traveller's cheques and cards is best. Avoid relying on traveller's cheques alone as these are less and less readily cashed as clients use them very little.

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

As currency exchange rates can fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for daily exchange rates: [www.xe.com](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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While conventions can vary from country to country, tipping is customary in Europe. A general rule is 10% of the bill for wait staff, and a smaller amount (€1 or €2) for other service providers.

Tipping is an expected - though not compulsory - component of your tour program, and an expression of satisfaction with the persons who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides. You may do this individually, or your CEO will offer to collect the money and tip as a group. Recommendations for tipping local guides would range from €3-5 per day, depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture.

At the end of each trip, if you felt your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is expected and appreciated. The precise amount is a personal preference, however €30-€40 per person, per week can be used as a guideline.

## Optional Activities

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Paris

- Sacre Coeur Visit (Free)
- Luxembourg Garden Visit (Free)
- Palace of Versailles Visit (18EUR per person)
- Walk Along the Seine River (Free)
- Eiffel Tower Visit (16EUR per person)
- Napoleon's Tomb - Les Invalides Army Museum (12EUR per person)
- The Louvre Visit (12-16EUR per person)
- Musée d'Orsay Visit (11EUR per person)
- Musée Rodin Visit (12EUR per person)
- Moulin Rouge Dinner & Show (175-185EUR per person)
- Champs-Élysées Visit (Free)

#### Giverny

- Monet's Giverny Gardens (10.20EUR per person)

#### Beaune

- Hospices de Beaune Visit (8EUR per person)
- Beaune Bike Rental (19EUR per person)

#### Beaune

- Burgundy Wine Cellars Visit (10-20EUR per person)

#### Dijon

- Dijon Day Trip (16EUR per person)

#### Avignon

- Pont Saint-Bénézet (Free)
- Palais des Papes (Papal Palace) Visit (11-15EUR per person)
- Lavender Tour (50EUR per person)

#### Pont du Gard

- Pont du Gard Day Trip (16EUR per person, 180EUR per group)

#### Les Baux-de-Provence

- Château des Baux Medieval Castle Visit (15EUR per person)

#### Châteauneuf-du-Pape

- Châteauneuf-du-Pape Visit (60EUR per person)

#### Orange

- Orange Visit (20EUR per person)

#### Nice

- Matisse Museum (10EUR per person)
- Cathedral of Sainte Reparate (Free)
- Vieux Nice Visit (Free)
- Promenade des Anglais (Free)
- Museum of Modern & Contemporary Art (10EUR per person)
- Day trip to St Paul de Vence (3EUR per person)

#### Milan

- The Last Supper (Cenacolo Vinciano Musuem) Visit (12EUR per person)
- Museo della Scienza e della Tecnologia Visit (10EUR per person)
- Milan Cathedral (8-25 per person)
- Teatro alla Scala Opera House
- Shop the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele

#### Murano

- Murano and Burano Islands Visit (20EUR per person)

#### Venice

- Campanile San Marco Lookout (8EUR per person)
- Gondola Ride (80EUR per group)
- Doge's Palace (Palazzo Ducale) Visit (17EUR per person)
- Scuola Grande di San Rocco (10EUR per person)
- Guggenheim Museum Visit (15EUR per person)

#### Piazza San Marco

- Saint Mark's Square and Basilica Visit (Free)

#### Florence

- Il Duomo di Firenze Visit (Free)
- Mercato Centrale (Mercato di San Lorenzo) Visit
- David (Galleria dell'Accademia) Visit (22.50-26.50EUR per person)
- Uffizi Gallery Visit (20.75EUR per person)
- Ponte Vecchio Visit
- National Museum of Bargello (15.75EUR per person)
- Pitti Palace - Palatine Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art (17.75EUR per person)
- Medici Chapels Visit (10EUR per person)
- Florence Food Tour

#### Siena

- Siena Visit

## Rome

- Pantheon Visit
- Roman Forum Visit (24EUR per person)
- St Peter's Basilica Visit (Free)
- Borghese Gallery (25EUR per person)
- Christian Catacombs (8EUR per person)
- Colosseum Visit (24EUR per person)
- Rome Vintage Vespa Tour
- Rome Food Tour (65EUR per person)
- Trevi Fountain (Free)
- Spanish Steps (Free)
- Trastevere Visit

## Vatican City

- Sistine Chapel (10EUR per person)

## Health

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

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

## 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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Always keep an eye on your belongings especially in major cities, bus and train terminals.

## 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.

## Local Dress

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In Italy, shoulders and knees should be covered while visiting churches and cathedrals. Beachwear is only considered suitable for the beach. Ask your CEO for more specific advice.

## 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.