

Highlights of the Deep South - NUOO

12 days: New Orleans to New Orleans

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- Atlanta orientation walk
- Southern barbecue dinner (Memphis)
- Daily suggestions for regional cuisine and music at local hot spots and dives
- Free time in Savannah, Charleston, and Memphis
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing April 18th, 2017 and onwards

Itinerary

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

Day 1 New Orleans

Arrive at any time.

There are no activities planned until an evening welcome meeting.

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.

Day 2 New Orleans/Birmingham

Drive through the Deep South en route to Birmingham. Visit the country's largest civil rights museum to learn about the racial integration movement in the US.

Private Vehicle

New Orleans - Birmingham 5h-6h/550km

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

Birmingham Civil Rights Institute Visit

Birmingham

Get immersed in the racial integration movement and learn about the history of segregation in the South. Located in the Civil Rights District of Birmingham, the Institute shares stories and artifacts that depict the struggle of the civil rights movement in the 1950s and 60s. See the cell where Martin Luther King Jr was

held, tour the institute's exhibits, and see how the stories of the past can help chart a positive direction for the future.

Day 3 Birmingham/Savannah

Head to historic Savannah. Opt for a walk around the Bonaventure Cemetery and historic district of Savannah, or stroll through town admiring the architecture and oak trees covered in Spanish moss.

Private Vehicle

Birmingham – Savannah

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

Free Time

Savannah Afternoon

Take in the sights and charm of this historic town.

Optional Activities - Day 3

Bonaventure Cemetery and Historic District Tour

Savannah

Discover the history of this charming city on a tour of Savannah's well-known landmarks. View striking tombs at historic Bonaventure Cemetery, made famous by the book *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. Admire gardens, cobblestone streets, monuments, churches, and quaint parks on a walk through the city's historic district—the largest in the nation. Stop in at one of the area's lovely cafés to refuel.

Day 4 Savannah

Enjoy a free day, and opt to check out City Market for local restaurants and art, visit the maritime museum, or stroll the grounds of a historic plantation.

Your Discover Moment

Savannah Full Day

Founded in 1733, this Atlantic seaport city is the state's oldest. Savannah boasts a rich history and classic Southern charm. Explore the romantic homes and picturesque squares of the large historic district, visit centuries old graves at atmospheric Bonaventure Cemetery, or take a trip to Tybee Island. After a long day of sightseeing in the "Hostess City of the South", wind down with a mint julep.

Day 5 Savannah/Charleston

Enjoy an orientation walk of Charleston. Opt to take a historic house tour, visit the Charleston City Market, or Folly Beach.

Private Vehicle

Savannah – Charleston 2h-3h 160km

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

Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

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

Day 6 Charleston

Explore Charleston on a free day. Opt to stroll the picturesque Battery neighbourhood, visit sites that date back to the Civil War, or take a boat tour around Charleston Harbor.

Your Discover Moment

Charleston Full Day

Charleston abounds with Southern charm and hospitality. Founded in 1670, the state's oldest city has a distinctive culture that brings together English, French, and West African elements. Discover downtown Charleston's historic neighbourhoods and be sure to sample the city's famous gumbo.

Optional Activities - Day 6

Historic City Market Visit

Charleston 1h-2h

Free

Discover the eclectic wares and exciting atmosphere of the historic Charleston City Market. Learn the story of this 200 year-old landmark, browse the stalls of crafts, clothing, toys, and art, or stop in for a bite at the Great Hall. If you're looking for a souvenir, the woven Sweet Grass baskets and roses found in the market are a timeless Charleston keepsake.

Charleston Historic Homes Tour

Charleston 1h-3h

50USD per person

See Charleston's historic homes—some dating back to the mid-18th century—and learn more about a bygone era. Take in impressive structures ranging from the Georgian townhouses of Rainbow Row to the varied styles of Battery Row's waterfront mansions. Opt to visit these homes on a walking or bus tour, or explore them independently.

Folly Beach Visit

Folly Beach 1h-2h

Free

Relax on the sand or take a dip in the water at this laidback beach on historic Folly Island. Walk along the pier, explore the charming beach town, and savour some great seafood.

Boone Hall Plantation Tour

Boone Hall Plantation

24USD per person

Explore one of South Carolina's most iconic plantations, Boone Hall. Tour the grounds of this historic landmark and learn about "Gullah" culture, with live theatre presentations focusing on the unique culture adapted by African slaves.

The site also features a critically acclaimed Black History In America Exhibit, with self-guided tours of the living quarters, shedding light on a dark past and the historic progression to modern times.

Day 7 Charleston/Atlanta

Drive to Atlanta, the capital of Georgia and home of Coca-Cola. Options include a tour of the factory or visiting some of the Martin Luther King Jr sites. Choose from excellent options for local food here, like one of the many true America diners from the early 1900s.

Opt to see an Atlanta Braves baseball game (when the team is in town).

Private Vehicle

Charleston - Atlanta

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Free Time

Atlanta Afternoon

Explore this cosmopolitan city.

Optional Activities - Day 7

Atlanta Braves Baseball Game

Atlanta

15-25USD per person

When the Braves are in town, grab a ticket and head out to the ball game. Really get into the spirit of things as you stand for the national anthem, partake in the 7th inning stretch, and gorge on hot dogs, peanuts and a few cold beers.

Martin Luther King Jr National Historic Site Visit

Atlanta

Free

Visit the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site and learn more about the charismatic leader and the American civil rights movement. Gain a deeper understanding of this American icon as you explore his boyhood home, the church where he and his father pastored, and the place he was laid to rest. Pay tribute to other brave defenders of equality with a walk along the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame.

World of Coca-Cola Tour

Atlanta

18USD per person

Discover the history of one of the world's most iconic beverages at the World of Coca-Cola. Explore colourful memorabilia and exhibits chronicling the impressive lifespan of the famous soda, or pop—whatever you want to call it! Cap off the experience in the tasting area where you can sample dozens of variations of Coke from around the world.

Day 8 Atlanta/Nashville

On the way to Nashville, Tennessee, stop in Lynchburg and opt for a tour of the Jack Daniel's Distillery. Later, head out for live music and cowboy nightlife in this country music capital.

Private Vehicle

Atlanta – Lynchburg4h

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

Free Time

Lynchburg

Stretch your legs, grab a bite to eat, or opt to check out the Jack Daniel's distillery.

Private Vehicle

Lynchburg – Nashville1h30m-2h

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

Optional Activities - Day 8**Jack Daniel's Distillery Tour**

Lynchburg

14USD per person

Take a tour of the Jack Daniel's Distillery for more insight into the brand's history, the story of Mr. Jack, and the whiskey production process. Opt for a taste test at the end!

Please be aware that this tour is for people aged 21+ only. You will need to show a valid ID when entering the distillery.

Cowboy Bar Visit

Nashville1h-3h

Free-20USD per person

Hit the town and live it up in the country music capital of the world. This "Music City" will get you up and dancing and keep your toes tapping late into the night.

Country Music Hall of Fame

Nashville

25USD per person

Spend some time exploring the largest collection of country music memorabilia on the planet. The Country Music Hall of Fame is the epicenter of country music research and history, and a must visit for fans around the world.

Johnny Cash Museum

Nashville

18USD per person

Country music's favourite bad boy, Johnny Cash. Visit this museum dedicated to the famous musician, and learn more about the life of the Man in Black.

Day 9 Nashville/Memphis

Travel west to Memphis, Tennessee. Enjoy an included Southern barbecue dinner, then opt to catch some live music on Beale Street, where the blues was born.

Private Vehicle

Nashville – Memphis4h380km

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Memphis Night Out

Memphis

Hailed "Home of the Blues", Beale Street is filled with talent and tunes to get you moving. Find the Memphis Music Hall of Fame, the Sidewalk of Stars, and an Elvis statue as you make your way to the Beale Street Entertainment District. Hear the music from B.B. King's Blues Club filter out to the street along with several of the other cafes, dives and clubs that line the street and make it hard not to dance.

Your Foodie Moment: Southern Barbecue Dinner

No trip to the South is complete without some good ol' BBQ. Try some of the local specialties and indulge! Mouth watering yet?

Optional Activities - Day 9**Sun Studio Visit**

Memphis

14USD per person

Visit the reputed birthplace of rock and roll and see where it all began. First opened in January of 1950, this historic recording studio will deepen your understanding of the origins of rock music in Memphis.

Graceland Visit

Memphis2h-4h

41-61USD per person

Pay a visit to the ample Graceland estate and see how this rock and roll legend lived. Tour Graceland Mansion and see Elvis' living room, music room, kitchen and famous Jungle Room. Wrap up your visit with a stop at Meditation Garden where "the king" has been laid to rest.

National Civil Rights Museum

Memphis 1h-3h

15USD per person

Visit the National Civil Rights Museum, located at the Lorraine Motel, the assassination site of Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Tour exhibits and collections to learn about key episodes of the American civil rights movement and its legacy in inspiring global civil and human rights efforts.

Meals included: Dinner

Day 10 Memphis

Take advantage of a free day in Memphis. Opt to tour Elvis' home, Graceland; check out the birthplace of rock 'n' roll, Sun Studios; or tour the National Civil Rights Museum.

Your Discover Moment

Memphis Full Day

Enjoy a free day to explore Memphis. Soak in the culture, head to the National Civil Rights Museum, or listen to some famous blues music at a local hub.

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Rock & Soul Museum Visit

Memphis 1h-3h

12USD per person

Learn all about the birth of rock and soul music at the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum. Discover the stories of this genre's musical pioneers, who blazed a path and created a cultural revolution.

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Day 11 Memphis/New Orleans

Cross the border into Louisiana and drive straight to the Bayou. Opt to explore the French Quarter and try some authentic Cajun food for dinner.

Private Vehicle

Memphis - New Orleans 6h-7h

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

Free Time

New Orleans Evening

Don't waste a minute— start exploring.

Optional Activities - Day 11

Mississippi River Steam Boat Ride

New Orleans

31-42USD per person

Climb aboard an iconic steamboat and gain a new perspective on the Mississippi River.

French Quarter and Bourbon St Visit

New Orleans

Free

Discover the charm of New Orleans' oldest neighbourhood. Admire the Spanish colonial architecture of this historic district—many of the buildings date back to the late 18th century. Visit Jackson Square, Bourbon St (known for its many bars), Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop and Pat O'Brien's (known for inventing the hurricane cocktail) as you explore this lively area, a National Historic Landmark.

Creole Cooking Class

New Orleans 2h-3h

25USD per person

Learn to cook authentic Creole food and savour the fruits of your labour.

Historical Tours

New Orleans 1h-4h

25-30USD per person

Learn more about this fascinating city by discovering its past. New Orleans has all kinds of tour options for all kinds of tastes. Opt for a voodoo tour, ghost tour, cemetery tour or vampire tour — you name it, there's probably a tour for it. All the tours bring a different historical side of New Orleans to life, with a little bit of creepy thrown in.

Café du Monde Visit

New Orleans

10USD per person

Grab a coffee and try a delicious beignet at Café du Monde – a New Orleans institution. The original stand was established in 1862 and is just as popular today.

Ghost Tour

New Orleans

25USD per person

After the sun goes down, embark on a tour of mysterious and (possibly!) haunted spots around New Orleans. From century-old cemeteries to historical voodoo sites, see if you'll experience any paranormal activity.

Day 12 New Orleans

Depart at any time.

Departure Day

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

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Highlights

View historic houses in Charleston, explore the dark and mysterious side of Savannah, get into the country groove in Nashville, learn about the blues in Memphis, eat Cajun-style food and party on Bourbon Street

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Itinerary Disclaimer

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

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

Important Notes

1. TRAVEL DAYS

In order to cover the vast distance in North America to be able to visit several different parks and cities along our trip, we will have a couple of long driving days.

2. WALKS AND HIKES - OPTIONAL

All walks and hikes proposed by our CEO will be easy to moderate level. You may choose to participate or not, but exploring our national parks on foot is part of our way of travelling. It's a healthy way to discover North America's beauty and landscape.

3. LEGAL DRINKING AGE

Please note that the legal drinking age in the United States is 21. Many bars and clubs will ask for ID at the door, therefore listening to live music in certain bars or spending a night out in Las Vegas or New Orleans is not possible when you are under the legal age, even if you don't plan on consuming alcohol. Drinking laws in both countries are strictly enforced and our CEOs are unable to help those under age obtain alcohol of any kind.

While this should not stop those under legal drinking age from booking a tour, it is important to note that if a traveller is under-age there are certain optional nighttime activities that they may not legally be able to participate in. When trying to book the right trip, we recommend that travellers under legal drinking age take this into consideration when booking a tour that visits several big cities.

Group Leader Description

This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our group leaders, otherwise known as a Chief Experience Officer (CEO). The CEO will be the group manager, leader and driver - this person is experienced in the routes travelled and will organize and lead the meal preparations and has experience in cooking a variety of local and international dishes for large groups.

As the group coordinator and manager, the aim of the CEO is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. While not being guides in the traditional sense, you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. They will also offer suggestions for things to do and to see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends.

We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting - we think it's the best of both worlds.

Group Size Notes

Max 14, avg 10

Meals Included

1 dinner

Meals

Eating is a big part of travelling. 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. Your CEO will be able to suggest favourite restaurants during your trip aiming to where the locals eat.

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

Transport

Air-conditioned private vehicle, walking.

About our Transportation

For this trip we use 15-passenger vans for up to 14 people plus the CEO/Driver. These vans are durable vehicles that allow us to drive on most types of roads in North America.

Each van has a front passenger seat and 4 benches that will accommodate 3 people each with mandatory seat belts to keep us secure and safe. No standing is permitted in these vehicles.

This is not a physically demanding journey. There is air conditioning to cool things down on warm days to keep everyone more comfortable. Travelling can be difficult, with long drives and limited space in the van. Please take note of the travel times and distances in the above itinerary. Despite some of the long days, most travellers feel that the diversity of the North American landscape, culture and wildlife are all well worth the experience!

Solo Travellers

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

Accommodation

Hotels (11 nts).

My Own Room

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

Joining Hotel

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

Joining Instructions

The Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport is located 15miles (24km) from the Joining Hotel. When arriving at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport you have two transportation possibilities: public taxi or a door-to-door shuttle service. All transportation is located on the lower level outside the baggage claim area.

Taxi

It takes approximately 30 min depending on traffic yet enough time to get a taste of New Orleans. It will cost you about \$35 and a couple of dollars ("bucks") more for tip to reach your hotel.

New Orleans Airport Shuttle

Once you have retrieved your luggage make your way over to the Airport Shuttle ticket counter located across the baggage area 3, 6 and 12. The ticket will cost you \$24 one way. Proceed outside to wait for your shuttle. They run approximately every 30 min.

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

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

Emergency Contact

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call the G Adventures Local Representative. 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 Local Representative (Las Vegas)
From outside the USA: 1-412-423-8143
From within the USA: 412-423-8143

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

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

What to Take

You will be on the move a lot, so our advice is to pack as lightly as possible.

For days in the outdoors, we recommend the use of lightweight, breathable, moisture-wicking fabrics made of wool or synthetic fibers. Cotton is not recommended for days to spend hiking as it does not allow for heat or moisture to enter or escape, and it will not dry easily once wet.

We recommend using a backpack for your convenience, or a medium-sized suitcase if you prefer. Heavy luggage is not recommended for the health of the CEO, who will take a lead in loading the storage trailer. Due to space in the trailer, we will not be able to accommodate more than one piece of main luggage per person. A good size day-pack (20-35L) is also essential to carry your personal gear for the day, as access to luggage between destinations will be limited. This daypack will be used to carry your personal gear for the day, your lunch and a water bottle.

It is important to pack clothes for warm days and cool evenings, as well as a light jacket. A set of smart casual clothes is also advisable.

Packing List

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

Warm Weather:

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

Laundry

Laundry can be done at least once a week while on tour. Some private campgrounds and most cities have laundromats where you can buy soap and wash your laundry in coin-operated machines. Your CEO will advise you along the trip where you will be able to do your laundry.

Visas and Entry Requirements

All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

Spending Money

Every traveller is different and therefore spending money requirements will vary. Some travellers may drink more than others while other travellers like to purchase more souvenirs than most. Please consider your own spending habits when it comes to allowing for drinks, shopping and tipping. Please also remember the following specific recommendations when planning your trip.

Money Exchange

The United States currency is the US Dollar (USD).

Credit cards are accepted almost everywhere in the US and can be used to purchase small and large items. When purchasing products or services with a foreign credit card in the USA, you may be charged additional fees by your credit card company for foreign purchases.

Credit cards and debit cards are very useful for cash advances but you must remember to bring your PIN number (be aware that many ATM machines only accept 4-digit PINs). Both Cirrus and Plus system cards are the most widely accepted debit cards. Both Visa and Master Cards are the most widely accepted credit cards. While ATMs are commonly available, there are no guarantees that your credit or debit cards will actually work check with your bank before you travel. A visit to an ATM can be arranged on Day 1 and other days of the trip.

Do not rely on credit or debit cards as your only source of money. A combination of US Dollars as cash (preferably smaller bills, 5's, 10's and 20's), traveller's cheques and credit cards is best. Currency exchange is best obtained prior to travel or at the airport, currency exchange is very difficult to find in the USA and most banks do not accommodate.

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

As currency exchange rates can fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for daily exchange rates: www.xe.com

Emergency Fund

Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

Tipping

It is customary in North America to tip service providers such as waiters, bartenders and taxi drivers, at approximately 18-20%, 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 times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip any local guides used. Recommendations for tipping local guides would range from \$2-8 USD per activity depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture.

Also at the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures Chief Experience Officer did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference; however as a guideline \$5-10 USD per person, per day can be used as a guide. If your CEO(s) exceeded your expectations, feel free to tip more.

Optional Activities

Savannah

- Bonaventure Cemetery and Historic District Tour

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- Historic City Market Visit (Free)
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New Orleans

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- Creole Cooking Class (25USD per person)
- Historical Tours (25-30USD per person)
- Café du Monde Visit (10USD per person)
- Ghost Tour (25USD per person)

Safety and Security

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

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

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

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

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

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

www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/

A Couple of Rules

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

Travel Insurance

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

Planeterra Foundation - the non-profit partner of G Adventures

Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.

G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

G Adventures Dollar-a-day Program - Make Every Day Count - Turn your travel into impact with [Planeterra Foundation](http://PlaneterraFoundation.org).

Did you know? Most communities around the world do not benefit from tourism. Give back to the places you visit on your travels by creating opportunities for local people to earn an income, and protect the environment.

Make every day count by donating \$1/day for the length of your trip, and join us in empowering the communities you will visit when you travel. 100% of your donation goes directly to Planeterra projects.

Feedback

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

Newsletter

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

Stay current on how our company invests in our global community through our foundation – Planeterra. Sign up for [Planeterra's monthly news](#) to learn more about how to give back and support the people and places we love to visit.

Minimum Age

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

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.