

## Highlights of the US - NUAN

24 days: Los Angeles to New York

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing May 11th, 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.

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#### Day 1 Los Angeles

Arrive at any time.

Tonight head out in La La Land and party like the stars. Get to know your fellow travel tribe in a place where the buzzing nightlife is just begging to be explored. Your only goal this evening is to sit back, relax, eat some grub, down a margarita, and get to know your newest friends as the adventure begins.

There's a lot to see and do in LA, and we recommend spending extra time here if you'd like to explore Hollywood, Rodeo Drive, Santa Monica, Venice Beach and other hot spots around the city; speak to your sales agent to book extra accommodation.

Enjoy free time today in Santa Monica, where the hostel is located, and check out the famous pier or hit the beach.

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

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.

### **Your First Night Out Moment: Connect With New Friends**

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

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

#### **Santa Monica Pier Visit**

Los Angeles

Free

Check out the pier, boardwalk, and some of the city's best shopping at 3rd St Promenade in this beachfront city.

#### **Venice Beach Visit**

Los Angeles

Free

Explore this hangout for the creative and the artistic. Venice is known for its circus-like Ocean Front Walk, and pedestrian promenade highlighting street performers, fortune tellers, artists, and vendors.

#### **Universal Studios Hollywood**

Los Angeles 2h-4h

90-150USD per person

Get ready for the ultimate Hollywood experience at Universal Studios, home to thrilling theme park rides, live shows, and a real working movie studio. In the evening, check out some of Los Angeles' best shops, restaurants, and cinemas at CityWalk.

### **Day 2 Los Angeles/San Diego**

Be on celebrity-watch while passing by a few popular sites on the way out of LA, California's most glamorous city. Cruise through Orange County and along the incredible Pacific coastline to the truly remarkable San Diego. Sun, sand, food, and fun await us in this beautiful beach city.

Once we have arrived you are free to adventure as you please. Soak up the sun on Mission Beach, hike along the sandstone cliffs of Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve, spend the day at the city's cultural hub – Balboa Park, or immerse yourself in the military and maritime history of one of the happiest cities in the U.S. In the evening, head to the Gaslamp Quarter District for dinner and live music. As the sun sets, watch the area come alive with numerous pubs and nightclubs and get ready for a night of fun!

#### **Private Vehicle**

Los Angeles – San Diego 3h-4h 220km

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

#### **Mission Beach Visit**

San Diego 3h

Yearn for a classic California beach experience complete with boardwalks, beach cruisers and even a historic roller coaster? Built on a sandbar between the Pacific Ocean and Mission Bay, this beach is perfect for swimmers, surfers, paddle boarders and kayakers alike.

#### **Gaslamp Quarter District Visit**

San Diego

After the sun sets, historic Gaslamp Quarter District comes to life. Rich history mixed with modern flair, Gaslamp is booming with restaurants, bars, speakeasies, live music and dancing.

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

#### **Surf and Boogie Board Rental**

San Diego

8-20USD per person

Boardwalk, bay, beach or surf, rent whatever you need to soak up the sun. Hire a surf board, paddle board, boogie board or kayak to catch the waves your way. Don't forget your sunscreen.

#### **Old Town San Diego Visit**

San Diego 1h-2h

Free

Learn about San Diego while visiting its many historic sites. Enjoy local food and drinks in the heart of Old Town.

### **Surf Lesson**

San Diego 15m-30m

69USD per person

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

### **Coronado Island Visit**

Coronado

Free

Coronado Island's white-sand beach, mild surf and postcard worthy sunsets, is consistently rated one of the best beaches in the world. If the acclaimed beaches aren't enough, check out the charming bayside district with breathtaking views of the San Diego skyline. Walk, ride, motor in a golf cart; there are many options to get around that don't involve a car.

### **Day 3 San Diego/Lake Havasu City**

Travel to the desert landscape of Joshua Tree National Park – a place that attracts everyone from stargazers to rock climbers. Stop, stare, and enjoy the scenery of the Mojave and Colorado deserts, and of course the famous Joshua trees, with their gnarled branches. The group will take a short hike amongst the boulders of this park before zooming off to cool off in the crystal-clear waters of the Colorado River at Lake Havasu.

#### **Private Vehicle**

San Diego – Joshua Tree National Park 3h-4h 250km

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

### **Joshua Tree National Park Visit**

Joshua Tree National Park

Discover the rugged rock formations and iconic Joshua trees that gave this National Park its name. Go for a hike, keep a sharp eye out for desert wildlife, and take in the incredible scenery.

#### **Private Vehicle**

Joshua Tree National Park – Lake Havasu City 2h30m-3h 240km

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

### **Your Big Night Out Moment: Spring Break**

Release your inner “spring breaker” and let loose with your group at a spring break themed party at camp in Lake Havasu. Share some throwback stories of your younger party days, play some games, and laugh around the fire together as the milky way joins you in the night sky.

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

### **Day 4 Lake Havasu City/Grand Canyon**

Hit the road to get some kicks on Route 66. Dive into historic Americana and enjoy lunch at a famous joint and see if you can spot all the movie memorabilia. Afterwards, it's off to the Grand Canyon to explore the massive gorges, ridges, and rock formations that make even the most skeptical of travellers become awestruck. Dive into a delicious pizza dinner as you sit with your newest adventures buddies and watch the sun dip below the canyon's south rim.

#### **Private Vehicle**

Lake Havasu City – Grand Canyon 6h-7h 450km

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

### **London Bridge Visit**

Lake Havasu City 30m

From spanning the Thames to crossing the Colorado River, check out the 1800s London Bridge shipped from England and rebuilt in Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

### **Seligman (Route 66) Visit**

Seligman

Take a trip back in time to the birthplace of Route 66. Established in the early 1900s as the first transcontinental highways in the U.S, Route 66 has a lot of history on its original length of almost 2,500 miles. Starting in Chicago, Illinois and travelling through Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona, before ending at the ocean in Santa Monica California. The creation of the Interstate system bypassed the majority of Route 66, creating ghost towns along its original route, though there are a few iconic Americana towns still delivering experiences from the past. Check out the historic general store, original motels, and don't forget to get your kicks!

### **Grand Canyon South Rim Visit**

Grand Canyon National Park – Grand Canyon

Visit the south rim of the canyon for a great first impression. Marvel as the Grand Canyon unfolds before you. Don't get too close. The land drops almost straight down for more than 1,000m (3,280 ft) into the serpentine canyons below! The gorge is filled with rocky buttes, sheer limestone cliffs, and deep canyons all arrayed in a rainbow of colors. Words defy. This is truly one of the most magnificent sights on earth.

### **Grand Canyon Sunset**

Grand Canyon National Park

Head to the rim of the Grand Canyon at sunset. Point your camera in any direction and capture memorable shots as the shifting light plays off the layers of red, yellow, and brown rock. This is truly one of the great wonders. Enjoy the moment.

**Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner**

### **Day 5 Grand Canyon**

Another day, another adventure! Not feeling a hike this morning? That's cool, you have the option to splurge on an unforgettable helicopter ride over the Grand Canyon. Get ready to feel incredibly small as the world opens up at your feet. For a quieter experience rent a bike to check out the south rim or go see the IMAX Grand Canyon movie. No matter what you decide, the epic views will be there.

Opt to pre-book a bird's eye view of the canyon by helicopter on the checkout page ahead of time to include this optional on your tour.

### **Free Time**

Grand Canyon Full Day

Enjoy a full day in this Wonder of the World to explore your own way.

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

#### **Grand Canyon IMAX Movie**

Grand Canyon National Park

14USD per person

On a giant six-story movie screen, watch the most viewed IMAX film of all time, "Grand Canyon: The Hidden Secrets". Escape, fly, and discover the history and beauty of this awe-inspiring landscape.

### **Grand Canyon Hike**

Grand Canyon 1h-4h 1-10km

Free

Opt to hike along the rim or down into the canyon. Experience breathtaking scenery with spectacular views. Bring lots of water, a hat and plenty of energy. Remember -- hiking down is optional, hiking back up is mandatory!

### **Grand Canyon Helicopter Tour**

Grand Canyon

The Grand Canyon helicopter ride is a must! Enjoy a bird's-eye view for 45 to 50 minutes as you fly over the canyon, taking in the stark contrast of the blue-green Colorado River against the thousand shades of red rock found in the canyon. From above, you can fully appreciate the greatness of the gorge and see why it is one of the seven natural wonders of the world.

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

### **Day 6 Grand Canyon/Monument Valley**

Wave goodbye to this grand park as we take one last drive along the southern rim of the canyon. Then it's time to eat some grub at a local Navajo food truck supported by Planeterra.

With a full stomach and a happy attitude drive through the desert to discover one of the most majestic places on earth, Monument Valley. You have the option of getting deep into the valley with a 4x4 excursion with a local Navajo guide, or simply walk around yourself and admire this vast, colourful landscape and cool rock formations.

Opt to pre-book a jeep tour led by a Navajo guide through Monument Valley on the checkout page of this tour.

### **Private Vehicle**

Grand Canyon National Park – Monument Valley 4h-4h30m 200km

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

### **Your G for Good Moment: Native Grill Food Truck Experience**

Get off the beaten track for an authentic Navajo meal that gives back to the community at the Native Grill Food Truck. Although the Grand Canyon is one of the most popular destinations to visit in the USA, the Indigenous community living on Navajo land captures less than 7% of the \$1.5 billion that this region sees annually. Your meal stop at this family-owned enterprise benefits 50 community members directly, with ripple effects throughout Navajo Nation.

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

#### **Monument Valley 4x4 Overnight Excursion**

Monument Valley

Discover the stunning landscape and history of the Navajo people in Monument Valley. Head out in a 4x4 with a local Navajo guide to explore the desert and see the gigantic rock formations that have made this area world famous. Enjoy a typical local dinner and entertainment before sleeping in a traditional Navajo hogan. The next day, wake up for a breathtaking sunrise and delicious breakfast. An experience of a lifetime? You betcha.

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

#### **Day 7 Monument Valley/Las Vegas**

Grab your camera and break a sweat with a quick hike to iconic Horseshoe Bend. Stand overlooking this cool natural shape of the Colorado River and snap a few zen photos. Then, discover ghost towns, funky roadside attractions, and bask in the fading sun as you head into "Sin City".

Explore the Las Vegas strip in style on an optional VIP party limo ride with some fellow trip mates.

### **Private Vehicle**

Monument Valley - Las Vegas 7h-8h 650km

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

### **Vegas Strip Visit**

Las Vegas 1h

Walk along Las Vegas Boulevard and soak in the lights, energy and pulse of the Strip. With an ever-evolving architecture and multitude of hotels, casinos, restaurants, and entertainment, there's so much to see and do.

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

#### **VIP Party Bus Experience**

Las Vegas

45USD per person

Channel your inner celebrity and set off in this party on wheels. Luxuriate in the leather seats, and feel like a star with the neon lights, flat screen TV and booming stereo system. Tour the highlights of Vegas and love the limo life.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

#### **Day 8 Las Vegas**

Take in the sites, sounds, and atmosphere of Las Vegas on a free day with your travel buds. Explore the strip, try your luck at a casino, view a glitzy show, or simply people watch in one of the liveliest cities in the U.S.

Full day to explore Las Vegas. Walk the strip and try your luck at the tables or slot machines. Or spend the day shopping, dining or poolside. In the evening opt to see one of the wildly entertaining shows Vegas is known for.

### **Your Discover Moment**

Las Vegas Full Day

There's plenty to see and do in Las Vegas, 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 watching a Vegas show, exploring the Vegas Strip, and going on a VIP party limo ride. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

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

#### **Las Vegas Show**

Las Vegas 3h-4h

60-200USD per person

Leave the world behind, give in to your senses and prepare to be amazed. Take in one of the many shows available in this entertainment mecca. Live music, burlesque, comedy, magic, Cirque Du Soleil, and more. Whatever your passion, no other city can compete with the range and scale of shows on offer 24 hours a day.

### **Gambling at Vegas Casino**

Las Vegas

Hold some cards, toss some dice, place a bet or sit at the slots. Try your luck at gambling in one of the many casinos along the Strip. (The legal age for gambling is 21 years of age.)

### **Optional Welcome Meeting for Travellers on Combos**

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### **Vegas Strip Visit**

Las Vegas

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### **Hoover Dam Visit**

Hoover Dam

65USD per person

Take a day trip to the Hoover Dam to learn more about this marvel of engineering.

## **Day 9 Las Vegas/Sierra Nevadas**

Experience a land of extremes in Death Valley National Park. Visit the driest, hottest, and the lowest places in the U.S. From Badwater Basin to Zabriskie Point and Dante's View to Furnace Creek – it is easy to fall in love with this desolate landscape. The adventure doesn't stop here! Continue past Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes as the group heads to Panamint Valley. Finish your night together around a campfire and gaze at the night sky in the Sierra Nevadas.

Summer itinerary: Travel to Bishop via Tioga Pass viewing Mono Lake and the tufa towers on the way.

Winter itinerary: Continue on to Lake Isabella, where we stay the night.

Note that on Day 3, we intend to use the Tioga Pass, a scenic route through the Sierra Nevada mountain range that connects Bishop with Yosemite NP. October through May, there's a chance the pass will be closed due to poor weather conditions or even snow. In this case, we use an alternate route, and spend the night in Lake Isabella (instead of Bishop). The status of the road is monitored daily, and our travel plans for the area will be confirmed during the trip.

### **Private Vehicle**

Las Vegas – Bishop 7h430km

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

### **Death Valley National Park Visit**

Death Valley National Park

Death Valley is one of America's most extreme locations – from sand dunes and desert, to badlands, towering peaks, and a basin that actually registers below sea-level, this is sure to be an unforgettable stop. Hottest. Driest. Lowest. There's a bit of everything here on the border of California and Nevada.

### **Your Big Night Out Moment: Americana Party**

Immerse yourselves in all things U.S.A. at an Americana themed party tonight at camp with your travel tribe. Throw on some costumes, have some laughs, and dance around the fire together. With the Sierra Mountains as your backdrop cheers to new friends and adventures as you live in the moment.

### **Meals included: Lunch | Dinner**

## **Day 10 Sierra Nevadas/Yosemite National Park**

Get ready to feel like you are on Mars as the group arrives at Mono Lake for a morning walk among the tufa towers. The strange towers are created by underground springs in the lake. Just be aware that this visit is seasonal. Then, let your mind wander as you hike past roaring waterfalls and giant sequoias. Gaze in wonder at Yosemite's magnificent peaks and granite domes before turning your attention to the tranquil nature of the valley floor. Snap photos or simply take in the splendour of one of the country's most beautiful national parks.

### **Private Vehicle**

Bishop – Yosemite National Park 7h322km

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

### **Mono Lake Visit**

Mono Lake 30m

Unusual rock towers created by underwater springs line the shore of this stunning lake. Walk along the shore and imagine what existed here nearly a million years ago. The salt waters are home to trillions of brine shrimp and alkali flies. Mono Lake also attracts nearly 100 species of migratory birds each year.

### **Tioga Pass Drive**

Tioga Pass – Yosemite National Park

Take this scenic route through the Sierra Nevada mountain range connecting Bishop with the Yosemite Valley floor. Pass by lakes, meadows, and groves, and keep your eyes peeled for wildlife along the way. (Seasonal July through mid October.)

### **Yosemite National Park Visit**

Yosemite National Park

Picturesque valleys, vast wilderness, powerful waterfalls, elusive wildlife, ancient sequoias and more than 16 types of granite make up this internationally recognized national park. Hike the trails, get up close to ancient rock formations and take panoramic photos of this gorgeous landscape. Keep an eye out for black bears, deer, and coyotes.

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

### **Day 11 Yosemite National Park**

Wake up surrounded by nature and fresh air! Breathe it in, maybe do some meditation, write in your travel journal, or talk a walk alone. This free day is a wonderful way to start things slow and really immerse yourself in Yosemite's atmosphere. Keep an eye out for rock climbers and diverse wildlife within the park and consider renting bikes with some friends to better explore Yosemite Valley.

There are plenty of hiking trails that will take you loads of cool places from rushing waterfalls to the tops of sheer granite cliffs you'll find yourself stopping often to simply admire the beauty. Just a tip: some of the best views in the park are at Glacier and Taft Points!

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### **Your Discover Moment**

Yosemite National Park Full Day

Located in California's Sierra Nevadas, Yosemite is home to a variety of habitats and wildlife, including spotted owls, mule deer, bobcats and American black bears. Valley visitors come to hike, rock climb, raft, around the spectacular granite cliffs, waterfalls, and giant sequoias.

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

#### **Yosemite National Park Hike**

Yosemite National Park 1h-6h 1-15km

Free

Panoramic vistas, gushing waterfalls, and elusive wildlife await. Bring water, wear a hat and sunscreen, and hike Yosemite NP. Keep an eye out for black bears, deer, and coyotes.

### **Yosemite Bike Rental**

Yosemite National Park

30-40USD per person

Set your wheels in motion with tandem, hand crank or mountain bikes, and opt to cycle some of the 20km (12mi) of paved trails throughout the valley floor. Bring a water bottle, stop to shoot photos, and enjoy some of the most picturesque spots in Yosemite NP.

Choose between a half-day rental or a full-day, and be aware that this activity is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note the price for a half-day bike rental is \$30 USD and the price for a full-day bike rental is \$40USD.

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

### **Day 12 Yosemite National Park/San Francisco**

Catch a glimpse of the Golden Gate Bridge on the way into one of America's most popular cities. Ride a cable car, walk down winding Lombard Street, indulge in some erotic shaped treats in the Castro District, get lost at the botanical garden, chill out at Baker's Beach and simply enjoy being in the moment.

For our nights in San Francisco, we stay close to the action in a hotel in the city centre. Opt to pre-book the "Sunset Sailing – San Francisco" activity on the checkout page ahead of time to include this optional on your tour.

**Private Vehicle**

Yosemite National Park – San Francisco 6h230km

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

**Orientation With CEO**

30m-1h

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

**Free Time**

San Francisco Afternoon

Get out and explore San Francisco.

**Optional Activities - Day 12****Fisherman's Wharf Visit**

San Francisco

Free

Visit San Francisco's famous Fishermen's Wharf, walk the piers, check out the marine life, shop and sample the fresh seafood.

**Cable Car Ride San Francisco**

San Francisco 1h-3h

7USD per person

Iconic to San Francisco, travel back in time and hop on the world's last manually operated cable car system.

**Sunset Sailing San Francisco**

San Francisco

Depart from Fisherman's Wharf and catch a glimpse of marine life as we sail around San Francisco Bay. Admire the city's remarkable skyline, get up close and personal with the infamous Alcatraz Island, and sail underneath the Golden Gate Bridge. Enjoy the sunset and make a mental note to return.

**Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch****Day 13 San Francisco**

Explore San Francisco the way you always dreamed—any way you want! After finding your bearings the day before, try completely different things today. Maybe hike up to Coit Tower via the secret steps, or try your luck at finding the most scenic swing in the city.

If Alcatraz is on your bucket-list we suggest pre-booking to make sure you get to go. For more of a relaxing day stroll along the waterfront and grab oysters along Fisherman's Wharf. From beaches to crazy hills and eclectic neighbourhoods, you're bound to come across something interesting.

**Your Discover Moment**

San Francisco Full Day

There's plenty to see and do in San Francisco, 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 cable car ride, sunset sailing around the San Francisco Bay, and a visit to Alcatraz. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

**Optional Activities - Day 13****Haight-Ashbury Visit**

San Francisco

Free

Check out this neighbourhood known as the centre of counterculture ideals, drugs, and music during the hippie movement in the 60s. Today, find locally-owned restaurants and bars, boutiques, booksellers, head shops and record stores.

**Bike Rental San Francisco**

San Francisco 1h-5h 1-15km

8-32USD per person

Rent a bike to peddle across the Golden Gate Bridge, through the scenic Marina district or perhaps to Golden Gate park.

**Golden Gate Bridge Visit**

San Francisco

Free

What trip to San Fran would be complete without seeing the Golden Gate Bridge? Depending on time, step foot on this famous red suspension bridge or find a great viewing point to take some photos.



## **Day 14 Santa Cruz/Morro Bay**

Hang out for a bit at the ultra-mellow beach town of Santa Cruz; stroll along the boardwalk or enjoy the trendy shops of downtown. Then, travel down the famous Pacific Coast Highway and marvel at the beautiful coastline and mountain ranges of Big Sur. Have your cameras handy as you will be making multiple stops along the way in places you'll want to capture forever in a photo.

Take in the crashing waves, rolling fog, and sheer rocky cliffs that make this journey down California's coast Highway 1 an unforgettable experience. Arrive in time to enjoy sunset on Morro Bay.

### **Private Vehicle**

San Francisco – Morro Bay 6h30m 390km

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

### **Santa Cruz Visit**

Santa Cruz

Known for its boardwalk, beautiful beaches, and California surf culture. Explore this charming coastal town for a great introduction to laid back west coast vibes.

### **Elephant Seal Rookery**

San Simeon 30m

Marvel at this coastline consistently overflowing with marine-life. Once hunted for their blubber to the point close to extinction, elephant seals are now back in droves. Throughout the year, more than 17,000 elephant seals show up on this stretch of beach to give birth, breed, and moult. Bring your camera and capture some memorable moments.

### **Meals included: Dinner**

## **Day 15 Morro Bay/New Orleans**

Travel along the stunning Pacific coast to the City of Angels. Be on the lookout for celebrities while passing a few popular sites on the way into California's most glamorous city. Upon arrival, hop on a flight to the Big Easy, and get ready to explore the highlights of the East.

Please note that there may be additional baggage fees for the internal flight if you are checking your bag.

### **Plane**

Los Angeles – New Orleans

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

### **Private Vehicle**

Morro Bay – Los Angeles 5h30m–6h 350km

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

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

## **Day 16 New Orleans**

Enjoy a free day to explore New Orleans.

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

### **Your Discover Moment**

New Orleans Full Day

There's plenty to see and do in New Orleans, 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 swamp and bayou tour, historical tours, and a creole cooking class. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

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

#### **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.

#### **Creole Cooking Class**

New Orleans 2h–3h

25USD per person

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

### **Optional Welcome Meeting for Travellers on Combos**

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### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

#### **Day 17 New Orleans/Panama City Beach**

Cross the state line into Florida and travel to Panama City Beach. This coastal town is surrounded by 27 miles of white sand beaches on the Gulf of Mexico. Enjoy an afternoon on the beach and opt to hit the town this evening.

### **Private Vehicle**

New Orleans – Panama City Beach 5h-6h 500km

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

### **Free Time**

Panama City Beach Afternoon

Soak up the sun during an afternoon on the white sand of Panama City Beach. Tonight, opt for a night out with the group.

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

#### **Day 18 Panama City Beach/Orlando**

Travel to the home of 'The Most Magical Place on Earth', Orlando. With great shopping, nightlife, and famous amusement parks like Disney World and Universal Studios, let your inner kid run wild!

### **Private Vehicle**

Panama City Beach – Orlando 6h-7h 600km

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

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

#### **Day 19 Orlando**

Enjoy a full free day in Orlando. Opt to meet Mickey Mouse at Disney World or discover the magical world of Harry Potter at Universal Studios.

### **Free Time**

Orlando Full Day

With some of the world's most famous amusement parks, make the most of the day and get to the parks! Choose from options like Magic Kingdom, Epcot, or the Wizarding World of Harry Potter at Universal Studios.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

#### **Day 20 St. Augustine/Savannah**

Head to historic Savannah, stopping en route in the oldest city in America, St. Augustine. Opt for a walk around the historic riverfront of Savannah, stroll through town admiring the architecture and oak trees covered in Spanish moss, or head out to Bonaventure Cemetery.

#### **Private Vehicle**

Orlando – Saint Augustine 2h-3h 175km

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

#### **Private Vehicle**

Saint Augustine – Savannah 3h-4h 280km

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

#### **Free Time**

Savannah Afternoon

From its stunning historic district to the downtown creative core, get out and explore this Southern Belle. Opt to check out City Market for local restaurants and art, visit the maritime museum, or stroll the grounds of a historic plantation.

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

##### **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.

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

#### **Day 21 Charleston/Holden Beach**

Travel to the city of Charleston, known for its historic, romantic charm. Explore the cobblestone streets and pre-civil war houses, and look across the water to Fort Sumter, the location of the first shots of the Civil War. Opt to visit the Charleston City Market before heading up the coast to camp for the night.

#### **Private Vehicle**

Savannah – Charleston 2h-3h 160km

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

#### **Free Time**

Charleston

Enjoy free time to explore beautiful Charleston this afternoon before continuing north up the Carolina coastline.

#### **Private Vehicle**

Charleston – Wilmington 4h 250km

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

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

#### **Day 22 Holden Beach/Washington D.C.**

Travel to the US capital and tour the monuments by moonlight with your CEO.

#### **Private Vehicle**

Holden Beach – Washington D.C. 7h-8h 600km

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

#### **Monuments by Moonlight**

Washington D.C. 1h30m 2km

See a different side of the city by moonlight. Take a tour after the sun sets to see some of Washington DC's most popular monuments and memorials all lit up.

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

#### **Day 23 Washington D.C.**

Enjoy free time to explore.

There is so much to see and do in Washington DC that you can't see it all in one day. Take your time and spend a full day exploring this fascinating city.

### **Your Discover Moment**

Washington D.C. Full Day

There's plenty to see and do in Washington DC, and we wanted to make sure that you had some time to take it all in. Feel free to relax or try optional activities like going to the White House, the Washington Monument, and checking out one of the museums in town. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

### **Optional Activities - Day 23**

#### **White House Visit (Outside)**

Washington D.C.

Free

Visit 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue and learn more about where the president of the US lives and works.

#### **Reflecting Pool and National Mall Visit**

Reflecting Pool

Free

Visit the National Mall to see the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool, a stunning 2,029 ft (618m) long pool lined with trees and walking paths, which reflects the Lincoln Memorial and/or the Washington Monument, depending on your vantage point.

#### **Lincoln Memorial Visit**

Lincoln Memorial

Visit the monument dedicated to the 16th US president, Abraham Lincoln, who was instrumental in the abolition of slavery.

#### **Washington Monument Visit**

Washington Monument 2h-6h 2-10km

Free

Visit the massive obelisk built to honour George Washington, the United States' first president. The Washington Monument is the world's tallest structure made entirely of stone and the world's tallest obelisk. Reopened after suffering damage from an earthquake and hurricane, visitors can opt to travel to the top for a gorgeous view of the city.

#### **National Mall Visit**

Washington D.C. 2h-8h 1-15km

Visit the National Mall, a park in downtown Washington DC, that occupies the area between the Lincoln Memorial and the United States Capitol. Wear comfy shoes – there's lots to explore in this spectacular green space. The National Mall includes the Washington Monument, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Constitution Gardens, World War II Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the District of Columbia War Memorial, National Air and Space Museum, National Museum of American History, National Museum of Natural History, the Smithsonian, and much more.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Day 24 Washington D.C./New York**

Travel to New York, stopping in Philadelphia en route. Trip ends on arrival to New York. Opt to visit Times Square, stroll Central Park, check out Greenwich Village, or experience the famous nightlife of New York.

From the Statue of Liberty to Ground Zero to Chinatown, New York City is full of things to do and see. We recommend spending extra time here; please speak to your sales agent to book extra accommodation.

Please note this trip ends on arrival to New York. If you wish to spend the night in the city, speak to your sales agent about booking post-accommodation.

#### **Private Vehicle**

Washington D.C. – New York 6h 375km

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

#### **Departure Day**

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with any onward travel arrangements you require.

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

#### **Top of the Rock**

New York

26-32USD per person

The Rockefeller Center is a complex of commercial buildings, home to Radio City and Rockefeller plaza. Head up to the 70th floor of this New York City landmark for unobstructed views of this magical city.

#### **Times Square Visit**

New York

Free

Come experience the hub of the city that never sleeps. Head to Midtown Manhattan at Broadway and Seventh Avenue – the heart of all the action. Covered in illuminated billboards and advertisements, Times Square is one of the world's busiest pedestrian intersections and a major centre of the world's entertainment industry.

### **Central Park Visit**

New York 1h-3h

Free

Discover Central Park, an 843-acre masterpiece of landscape architecture. Much of the park appears natural, but it is almost entirely landscaped. Designed in the 19th century, it is one of America's greatest works of art and the nation's first public park. Explore its walkways and gardens, and, like many other visitors, fall in love with this spectacular green space. Central Park has become the most famous and beloved urban park in the world, featuring extensive walking tracks, bridle paths, an ice-skating rink, a swimming pool, the Central Park Zoo, the Central Park Conservatory Garden, a wildlife sanctuary, a large area of natural woods, and an outdoor amphitheater.

### **9/11 Memorial Visit and One World Trade Center Observation Deck**

New York

24-58USD per person

Remember 9/11 on a visit to Ground Zero. A Memorial and Museum have been created to commemorate those lost on 9/11.

### **Chinatown Visit**

New York

Free

Lively and diverse, New York City's Chinatown has so much to see and do for urban adventurers. This growing community is considered to have the largest Asian population in a city outside of Asia.

### **Statue of Liberty Visit**

New York

18USD per person

Pay a visit to “Lady Liberty”, dedicated in 1886 and a gift from the people France. Cruise through New York Harbor and stop off at Liberty Island to get a closer look at this iconic woman meant to welcome new immigrants to the United States. Opt to ride to the top and take in stunning views of the city.

### **Brooklyn Bridge Visit**

New York

Free

One of the most iconic structures in New York City, cross the East River from Manhattan to Brooklyn as you stroll along the Brooklyn Bridge. Make sure to bring your camera to snap shots of the iconic New York skyline and the bridge itself.

### **Empire State Building Visit**

New York 1h-3h

32USD per person

Soak in stunning views of New York and beyond from the top of one of the most famous landmarks in the world. The Empire State Building's Observatory is a main attraction of New York's skyline, stretching 1,250 ft (381m) high.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

## **What's Included**

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Your G for Good Moment: Native Grill Food Truck Experience

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

Your First Night Out Moment: Connect With New Friends

Your Big Night Out Moment: Spring Break , Lake Havasu

Your Discover Moment: Las Vegas

Your Big Night Out Moment: Americana Party , Bishop

Your Discover Moment: Yosemite National Park

Your Discover Moment: San Francisco

Your Discover Moment: New Orleans

Your Discover Moment: Washington D.C. Entrance fees to all national and state parks with hiking and walking excursions. Orientation to Las Vegas. Sunset at the rim of the Grand Canyon. Death Valley visit. Mono Lake visit and walk amongst tufas. Drive along California's scenic Highway 1 including Santa Cruz and Big Sur. St Augustine visit. Charleston visit. Monuments by Moonlight (Washington DC). Philadelphia stop. Free time in Las Vegas, San Francisco, Panama City Beach, Orlando, and Washington DC. Self-inflating mattresses and dome tents. Internal flight. Transportation between destinations and included activities.

## Highlights

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Take in the iconic trees of Joshua Tree National Park, Capture sunset at the Grand Canyon, Stroll along the boardwalk of Santa Cruz, Explore New York City's Central Park, Discover Washington DC's monuments by moonlight

## 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. An essential part of your trip is participation - from putting up your tent (while camping) or packing it away in the morning, to helping with meal preparation and cleaning up - it is all part of your adventure and when everyone puts in a little effort the trip will run smoothly. Your CEO will do all the meal planning, but we do ask the clients to help with the preparation and washing up. Team spirit is part of the fun! All camping equipment (with the exception of your sleeping bag and pillow) is supplied. We supply dome tents and assembly/disassembly takes only 5 minutes. All tents have built-in insect nets. Comfortable, self-inflating mattresses are also provided, which are approximately 4cm thick.
2. Proper sleeping bags are necessary for this tour. Evening temperatures can reach -9°C - 0°C. Please ensure that your sleeping bag is rated to (-17°C for spring and fall trips and 0°C for trips June - Sept). If you prefer you can purchase a proper sleeping bag on the first day of the trip. Prices range from \$50-\$150USD.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Tioga Pass is a route through the Sierra Nevada mountain range of California on the eastern edge of Yosemite National Park, and we travel through the pass en route. In the spring and autumn seasons, there's a chance that the pass will be closed due to poor weather conditions or even snow. In such a case, we use an alternate route. The status of the road is monitored daily, and our travel plan for the area will be confirmed during the trip.
6. Please note that some trips could be a combination of multiple G Adventure tours. You should expect some group members to join or leave the tour between tour segments.
7. The American west is generally known for warm weather, but temperatures do vary significantly in the mountain and desert areas especially. The day time temperature could exceed 30 C, while the night time temperatures do regularly decrease to single digits, or even possible below freezing. Please be prepared for such extreme conditions.
8. Regarding our wi-fi equipped vehicles: we have limited bandwidth, and in the interests of allowing all travellers to access the wi-fi, travellers should limit their access to reasonable levels. Please note that wi-

fi is not always available due to areas with limited or no cell phone service (e.g. in parts of national parks).

9. Please note that the legal drinking age in the United States is 21 and in Canada, 19 (with Alberta and Quebec at 18). 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.

10. Please note that luggage fees are NOT included on domestic flights in the USA. Fees can range from \$25 - \$50 USD for standard checked-bag fees. Additional fees may be required for bags weighing more than 23 kg/ 50 lbs. In some cases, a fee may be charged for carry on bags as well.

## **Group Leader Description**

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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 sometimes the driver - this person is knowledgeable 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.

If a group exceeds 16 travellers, there will be a second CEO/CEO Driver co-leading the group to allow for a better overall experience.

While our CEOs are trained and have resources to assist them along the way, the United States is the fourth largest country on the planet, and it is impossible for them to know everything about this massive country. We recommend 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.

Please note that specific tour guide licenses are required to guide in certain cities and regions, and as such, our CEOs will oftentimes provide brief orientation walks or drives to point out useful places like supermarkets, main squares and ATMs but for more specific or in depth destination information, an official guided tour is recommended.

## **Group Size Notes**

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Max 22, avg 18.

## **Meals Included**

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18 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 10 dinners

## **Meals**

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All included meals will be prepared from goods bought en route from supermarkets, local shops and markets. Breakfasts will generally consist of breads and cereals, if time allows a warm breakfast may be prepared. Many lunches will be provided en-route and will be light meals such as sandwiches and/or salads. All evening meals will be freshly-prepared hot meals, and will consist of a variety of continental and local dishes.

## **Transport**

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Air-conditioned private vehicle, walking.

## **About our Transportation**

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We use 25-passenger vehicles perfect for cross-country road trips on our 18-to-Thirtysomethings tours in the United States. Our new fleet of more cushy vehicles give travellers all the comfort of a big coach bus, but with a small-group experience. They put rider wellbeing first and foremost, with high-backed bucket seats and built-in headrests for all seats on board, huge 92cm-tall (36 in) windows that make every seat a window seat, an aisle way with enough headroom for most of stand upright, sliding seats that free up more shoulder room while on the road, A/C, charging stations, wi-fi, and loads of other features. We use a

trailer to carry luggage and camping equipment. These are durable vehicles that allow us to drive on most types of roads in North America.

This is not a physically demanding journey. However, please take note of the travel times and distances in the itinerary. Despite some of the long days, most clients feel that the diversity of the North American landscape, culture and wildlife are all well worth the experience! A typical day of driving will include about six hours driving by one of the CEOs and two to five hours of stops along the way. Keep in mind that North America is a really big place – New York to New Orleans alone is the equivalent of driving across most of Europe, and we cover that much ground in a single week. Driving time is the perfect opportunity to catch up on sleep, relax, and swap stories with your fellow travellers.

While we try to travel into and out of cities during non-rush hour times, heavy traffic is a reality of some of the places we visit. As a result, some drives may be a bit longer than listed in the day-to-day itineraries. Bring your patience and a smile, and we'll make the most of it!

## **Solo Travellers**

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

## **Accommodation**

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Hotels/hostels (7 nts, some multi-share), participation camping (16 nts).

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

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Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room" option for this tour, you will receive your own single accommodation for all night stops, with the following exceptions: Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room/Tent" option for this tour, you will receive your own single room/tent for all nights, except for days 1,12,13

## **About Accommodation**

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Accommodation will be varied throughout your adventure. We use a combination of hotels and hostels, but most of the nights on tour are spent camping in tents in public and private campgrounds.

Multi-share accommodation, on a single-sex basis (typically 4-6 people per room), is common in the U.S. and is the way you will be spending your hostel nights. We have specifically chosen unique accommodations to give local flavor to your trip.

Couples: Please note that due to the types of accommodation used in the U.S., couples will likely be split into separate rooms where we use multi-share hostels. Pending availability, couples may be able to pay extra while on tour to have their own room in some destinations.

All camping equipment (with the exception of your sleeping bag and pillow) is supplied, including comfortable camp mattresses. We supply dome tents that take only 5 minutes to assemble/disassemble. They are good quality, durable, industry-standard, oversized 2-person tents, each with 2 separate and convenient zip-up doors, so that each person has his/her own entrance.

We use 2 types of campgrounds in North America:

1. Private campgrounds: These are privately run sites, usually with all services such as fire pits, picnic tables, drinking water, toilets & shower buildings. Some have small outdoor swimming pools and laundry facilities. These campgrounds are typically located near national park entrances or towns.

2. Public campgrounds: These are park-run sites, usually with basic facilities such as fire pits, picnic tables, and drinking water. In some cases, this type of campground doesn't have showers, only pit toilets and a lake! In other locations, toilet and shower facilities may be located outside the campground, or at times in another location a drive away. Some may have shower fees for onsite facilities (\$2-6/shower).

## **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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When arriving at the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) proceed to the Arrivals Hall. From LAX, you have a few transportation options to get to the Joining Hotel, which is 25 miles away: public taxi, door-to-door shuttle also known as "Shared-ride Vans", or a ride sharing app such as Uber or Lyft.



The taxis are located outside of each terminal on the Lower/Arrival Level islands marked with a yellow sign. The cost is approximately \$50 plus gratuity but can vary greatly depending on arrival times.

Door-to-Door Shuttle also known as "Shared-Ride Vans"

This is probably the most cost effective way to get to your hotel and definitely cheaper than a taxi ride from the Airport. You will see quite a few shuttle companies, but you can save money and receive detailed joining locations by pre-booking at [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com). The fare to your hotel is around \$15-20 plus gratuity.

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

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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

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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 spent 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.

The American west is generally known for warm weather, but temperatures do vary significantly in the mountain and desert areas especially. The day time temperature could exceed 30 C, while the night time temperatures do regularly decrease to single digits, or even possible below freezing. It is therefore important to pack clothes for warm days and cool evenings - a light jacket is necessary.

Seasonal temperature ranges:

March - May ; September to December: -7 C to +30 C

June - August: 0 C to + 35 C

Additionally, a set of smart casual clothes is also advisable.

## Packing List

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### Camping:

- Bug net/ bug spray
- Day Pack (with water bladder or refillable bottle)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Hiking boots/sturdy walking shoes
- Sleeping bag and liner, 4 season
- Small travel towel
- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Thermal base layer
- Toiletries (Preferably biodegradable)
- Travel pillow
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof daypack cover
- Windproof rain gear (Rain and Windproof rain gear - pants and jacket)
- Your own inflatable sleeping pad (or you can use the one provided)

### 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

Note: For evenings out in some cities there will be a dress code. If you wish to participate, please bring a nicer outfit for these occasions. We recommend a nicer pair of shoes and a collared shirt or blouse.

## Laundry

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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

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

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

## Spending Money

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

## Money Exchange

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The 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](http://www.xe.com)

## Emergency Fund

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

## **Tipping**

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It is customary in 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**

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### Los Angeles

- Santa Monica Pier Visit (Free)
- Venice Beach Visit (Free)
- Universal Studios Hollywood (90-150USD per person)

### San Diego

- Surf and Boogie Board Rental (8-20USD per person)
- Old Town San Diego Visit (Free)
- Surf Lesson (69USD per person)

### Coronado

- Coronado Island Visit (Free)

### Grand Canyon National Park

- Grand Canyon IMAX Movie (14USD per person)

### Grand Canyon

- Grand Canyon Hike (Free)
- Grand Canyon Helicopter Tour

### Monument Valley

- Monument Valley 4x4 Overnight Excursion

### Las Vegas

- VIP Party Bus Experience (45USD per person)
- Las Vegas Show (60-200USD per person)
- Gambling at Vegas Casino
- Vegas Strip Visit (Free)
- Optional Welcome Meeting for Travellers on Combos

### Hoover Dam

- Hoover Dam Visit (65USD per person)

### Yosemite National Park

- Yosemite National Park Hike (Free)
- Yosemite Bike Rental (30-40USD per person)

### San Francisco

- Fisherman's Wharf Visit (Free)
- Cable Car Ride San Francisco (7USD per person)
- Sunset Sailing San Francisco
- Haight-Ashbury Visit (Free)
- Bike Rental San Francisco (8-32USD per person)
- Golden Gate Bridge Visit (Free)

### New Orleans

- Mississippi River Steam Boat Ride (31-42USD per person)
- Creole Cooking Class (25USD per person)
- Historical Tours (25-30USD per person)
- French Quarter and Bourbon St Visit (Free)
- Café du Monde Visit (10USD per person)
- Ghost Tour (25USD per person)

#### Savannah

- Bonaventure Cemetery and Historic District Tour

#### Washington D.C.

- White House Visit (Outside) (Free)
- National Mall Visit

#### Reflecting Pool

- Reflecting Pool and National Mall Visit (Free)

#### Lincoln Memorial

- Lincoln Memorial Visit

#### Washington Monument

- Washington Monument Visit (Free)

#### New York

- Top of the Rock (26-32USD per person)
- Times Square Visit (Free)
- Central Park Visit (Free)
- Brooklyn Bridge Visit (Free)
- Empire State Building Visit (32USD per person)

#### New York

- 9/11 Memorial Visit and One World Trade Center Observation Deck (24-58USD per person)
- Chinatown Visit (Free)
- Statue of Liberty Visit (18USD per person)

## Safety and Security

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Travel Insurance

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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

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

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

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

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

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

## Feedback

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

## Newsletter

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

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

## Minimum Age

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Minimum age of 18 years for this trip.

## 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.