

## Vegas to Los Angeles Road Trip - NUWN

26 days: Las Vegas to Los Angeles

### What's Included

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- Your First Night Out Moment: Connect With New Friends
- Your Welcome Moment: Welcome Moment - Meet Your CEO and Group
- Your Big Night Out Moment: Cowboy Theme , Flaming Gorge Reservoir
- Your Discover Moment: Seattle
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- Entrance fees to all national parks, state parks, and national monuments with hiking and walking excursions
- Zion NP visit
- Bryce Canyon NP visit
- Arches NP visit
- Grand Teton NP visit
- Yellowstone NP visit
- Glacier NP visit
- Crater Lake NP visit
- Redwood NP visit
- Tioga Pass (seasonal)
- Yosemite NP visit
- Elephant seal rookery stop
- Pacific Coast Highway drive
- Free time in Seattle, Portland, Napa Valley, Lake Tahoe and San Francisco
- Self-inflating mattresses and dome tents while camping
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing May 10th, 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 Las Vegas

Arrive at any time.

It's time to make some memories! Join your group for a night out in Las Vegas. Head to Fremont Street where you will check out open air restaurants, shops, and nightlife. The choice is yours, just make sure you take loads of pictures because you'll definitely want to remember this special night.

#### **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.

#### **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 Las Vegas/Zion National Park**

Zoom past towering cliffs and massive canyon walls as you enter Zion National Park and ready yourself for loads of exploring! Looking for a challenge? Hike to Observation Point on the Angel's Landing trail and take in the panoramic views of the park stretching out beneath you. Hoping for even more adventure? Head deep into the Narrows and hike through slot canyons with water flowing through them. Searching for more of a relaxing day? Simply walk along any of the other trails you can find and immerse yourself in this beautiful place.

Boasting endless hiking possibilities, the region that the Virgin River has sculpted into a profound landscape masterpiece is a great setting to spend the afternoon. High plateaus, striking towers, temples, mesas, and the earth's tallest-known sheer sandstone walls surround visitors with their awe-inspiring beauty.

### **Private Vehicle**

Las Vegas – Zion National Park 2h30m-3h270km

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

### **Zion National Park Visit**

Zion National Park

Admire monumental sandstone cliffs of cream, pink, and red that tower into the sky. Experience diverse plant and animal life, and wade through water in a narrow slot canyon as the park transitions from desert to forest. Gaze at the awe-inspiring beauty of the high plateaus, striking towers, temples, mesas, and the earth's tallest-known sheer sandstone walls.

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

## **Day 3 Bryce Canyon NP/Moab**

Head out early for Bryce Canyon, where you'll have a chance to walk amongst the famous hoodoos. Check out the amphitheatre and Queen's Garden trail to take some fun pictures with your adventure buddies! In the afternoon head towards Moab along Scenic Byway 12 passing Grand Escalante National Monument and Capitol Reef National Park along the way. If you enjoy slot canyons and sandstone cliffs this may be your favourite part of the trip yet!

### **Private Vehicle**

Zion National Park – Bryce Canyon National Park 2h140km

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

### **Bryce Canyon National Park Visit**

Bryce Canyon National Park

See a sight like no other at this giant forest of stone made up of collection of massive natural amphitheaters. This park contains hundreds of thousands of eroded spires, pinnacles, and other shapes as far as the eye can see.

### **Private Vehicle**

Bryce Canyon National Park – Moab 4h30m483km

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

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

## **Day 4 Moab**

Welcome to Utah's adventure capital—Moab! Get ready for a morning of endless adventure; from rafting through rapids, to hitting the trails on a mountain bike there's so many ways to enjoy yourself in this natural playground. In the afternoon head out on a hike through some pretty surreal rock formations in Arches National Park with your group. The fun doesn't stop here, you'll end the day watching a gorgeous sunset at Dead Horse Point State Park.

Explore Arches National Park, carved and shaped by eons of weathering and erosion. It contains the world's largest concentration of natural stone arches. Explore the park's viewpoints and hike to sandstone fins, massive balanced rocks, and soaring pinnacles.

### **Free Time**

Moab Afternoon

Free time to explore Moab or have an adventure in the great outdoors.

### **Arches National Park Visit**

Arches National Park 1h-5h

Wander throughout this red rock wonderland filled with countless arches, hundreds of soaring pinnacles, massive fins, and giant balanced rocks carved and shaped by eons of weathering and erosion. Explore viewpoints and hike in this National Park that contains the world's largest concentration of natural stone arches.

#### **Dead Horse Point State Park Visit**

Dead Horse Point State Park 1h

Stop in Dead Horse Point State Park to watch the hues of the light play on the canyon walls and river. Get those cameras ready!

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

##### **Rafting**

Moab 4h30m-5h

57USD per person

Take the opportunity to hit the rapids and whitewater raft on the mighty Colorado River through red rock canyons and inspiring scenery. Get your adrenaline pumping while crashing through the waves aboard a raft with a highly trained river guide.

##### **Mountain Biking**

Moab 7-20km

103USD per person

Take a professionally guided tour in this mountain biking mecca and set your wheels in motion. Ride through stunning red rock terrain among views that go on forever.

##### **Hummer Tour**

Moab 2h-4h

88-180USD per person

Experience a rush of freedom travelling by Hummer. Climb to the top of seldom-seen enchanting overlooks and visit secluded canyons and hidden arches.

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

#### **Day 5 Moab/Glenwood Springs**

Welcome to colourful Colorado! Get ready for things to get radical as you arrive in Glenwood Springs, where you can hike at nearby Hanging Lake, rent a bike in Glenwood Canyon, or go for a swim in the world's largest hot springs pool.

##### **Private Vehicle**

Moab - Glenwood Springs 3h-4h 320km

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

##### **Free Time**

Glenwood Springs Afternoon

Enjoy a free afternoon in this outdoor paradise. Don't miss the hot springs!

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

##### **Hot Springs Visit**

Glenwood Springs

17.50-25.75USD per person

Glenwood Springs boasts one of the largest and hottest springs in all of Colorado, making it a perfect place to "take the waters" and relax during your trip. With pools as hot as 104°F to a more mild 93°F, there's plenty of ways to experience these pools that have relieved travellers for hundreds of years.

##### **Canyon Shuttle and Bike Rental**

Glenwood Springs

43USD per person

Explore the vistas of gorgeous Glenwood Canyon with the freedom of a bicycle! This activity will provide you with a shuttle to and from the canyon, along with your bike. Spend the afternoon exploring the many bike trails and experiencing all Glenwood Springs has to offer.

##### **Hanging Lake Hike**

Glenwood Springs

12USD per group

Visit one of the Rocky Mountains most revered sites, the iconic Hanging Lake. Situated up a 1.3 mile hike through an alpine river canyon, the brilliant blue waters of the lake, including the many waterfalls and wildflowers, will leave you awestruck. Make sure to properly prepare for a hike, with sturdy shoes and plenty of water.

**Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch**

### **Day 6 Glenwood Springs/Flaming Gorge Reservoir**

Next up...good ole' Wyoming! Spend the day reflecting, laughing, and relaxing as you travel to Flaming Gorge Reservoir. Get out, stretch those legs and maybe hike along the canyon rim, or explore the reservoir shoreline by kayak. Then, get ready for a show as you watch the sinking sun reflect off the red canyon walls and see how this canyon earned its name—don't forget your camera!

#### **Private Vehicle**

Glenwood Springs – Flaming Gorge Reservoir 5h-6h 375km  
Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

#### **Your Big Night Out Moment: Cowboy Theme**

Howdy-do partner! Get ready to swing those lassos and wrangle a wicked good time at your cowboy themed party tonight in Flaming Gorge. Have a grand old time wild west style and tell some stories together around the fire as the night settles around you.

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

##### **Red Canyon Rim Hike**

Flaming Gorge Reservoir

Take a 3.25 mile out-and-back (6.5 mile roundtrip) hike along the scenic Red Canyon Rim. This hike follows the edge of the canyon, and provides some of the most expansive views of the Green river valley below. With very little elevation change and the ability to turn back when you desire, this hike offers maximum views for minimal effort!

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

### **Day 7 Flaming Gorge Reservoir/Jackson**

"Yee-haw!" It's off to the 'ol mountain town of Jackson Hole—gateway to Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks. Marvel and pose at the town square's elk antler arches, explore the countryside or splash through the rapids of the Snake River while whitewater rafting during a free afternoon. Then, enjoy a night out in with a true wild western atmosphere and visit a cowboy bar. Step back in time, imagine the run-down saloons and outlaws of the Old West, and try your hand at a little Western line dancing with your travel family at the Million Dollar Bar.

Opt to pre-book the "Whitewater Rafting on Snake River" activity on the checkout page ahead of time to include this optional on your tour.

#### **Private Vehicle**

Flaming Gorge Reservoir – Jackson 3h-4h 310km  
Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

#### **Free Time**

Jackson Afternoon

Enjoy a free afternoon in this cowboy town. From hiking to whitewater rafting, and line dancing there's plenty to see and experience.

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

##### **Jackson Horseback Riding**

Jackson 1h-3h

35-85USD per person

Saddle up and take a scenic ride through mountain trails into an area of unspoilt natural beauty. Enjoy peaceful surroundings along the famous Snake River and see if you can spot various wildlife in their natural habitat.

#### **Whitewater Rafting on Snake River**

Grand Teton National Park

Enjoy a guided tour along the Snake River and learn about the history and geology of the area. Pass by limestone cliffs and over class II and III rapids like The Lunchcounter and the Big Kahuna. Float down the river, keep an eye out for wildlife, and take in the stunning scenery!

#### **Million Dollar Bar Visit**

Jackson 1h-1h

Free-20USD per person

Enjoy a night out in a true Western town. Opt to go to the One Million Dollar Bar, Wyoming's landmark watering hole, known for its western dancing, live entertainment, and fascinating decor, including knobbed pine architecture and genuine saddle barstools. (Bar entry and drinking age in the United States is 21.)

**Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch**

### **Day 8 Jackson/Yellowstone National Park**

It's off to Grand Teton National Park—home to some of the youngest mountains in the world. You'll spend the day taking it all in. Grab your camera and your friends before immersing yourself in one of the top 10 visited parks in the U.S. Take a hike among the towering peaks, a quick dip into Jackson Lake, or keep your eyes peeled for signs of wildlife before crossing the Continental Divide en route to Yellowstone National Park, where you will stop for the night.

Stop at Jenny Lake or Jackson Lake in Grand Teton National Park to take in the tranquil surroundings.

#### **Private Vehicle**

Jackson – Yellowstone National Park 5h-6h

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

#### **Grand Teton National Park Visit**

Grand Teton National Park

Visit Grand Teton National Park, a natural playground that offers serene landscapes, alluring wildlife, hidden waterfalls, and hundreds of hiking trails throughout the park. Towering above pristine lakes and alpine terrain, the Teton Range includes more than 8 peaks at an elevation greater than 12,000 ft (39370m).

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

### **Day 9 Yellowstone National Park**

Wow! Today you'll visit the world's first national park and discover the highlights of the Southern Loop. Expect things like, colourful geysers, powerful waterfalls, and scenic beauty around every corner. Snap a photo of the Grand Prismatic Spring—the largest hot spring in America, or queue in excitement as you wait for famous geyser, Old Faithful to erupt. Surround yourself with thick forests, towering mountains, lunar-like landscapes and get ready to embrace the bizarre in Yellowstone.

Yellowstone is beyond special. Geysers, waterfalls, wildlife, and scenic beauty are around every corner just waiting to be explored. In fact, Yellowstone National Park is a super volcano with the world's largest active geyser field, boasting more than 10,000 geysers. The Park is also home to more wild animals than almost anywhere else in the U.S., including roaming bison, gray wolves, elk, black bears, and, of course, the famous grizzly bear. Travel through some of the most famous landmarks of Yellowstone, including Old Faithful, Grand Prismatic Spring, West Thumb, and Yellowstone Lake.

#### **Walking**

Yellowstone National Park 4h

Lace up your shoes and get to the next stop under your own power.

#### **Yellowstone South Loop Excursion**

Yellowstone National Park 2h30m-3h 2-5km

Travel through the Southern Loop of Yellowstone National Park, which features some of the most breathtaking and diverse natural scenery. Watch Old Faithful erupt, check out the colours of the Grand Prismatic Spring, and take in the geysers in West Thumb with Yellowstone Lake as the backdrop.

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

### **Day 10 Yellowstone National Park/Bozeman**

You guessed it! Today it's the North Loops turn for a little love and exploration. Spend the day taking loads of photos and experiencing highlights like, Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, scenic Grand Loop Road, and the ever-evolving geometrical terraces of Mammoth Hot Springs in Fort Yellowstone. Then it's time to hit the road again to the university town of Bozeman, Montana. Get ready for an evening of free time to make some memories.

#### **Yellowstone Northern Loop Excursion**

Yellowstone National Park 3h-4h 2-7km

Explore the Northern Loop in Yellowstone National Park, which features beautiful scenery, exciting wildlife, and spectacular hydrothermal features. Tour the ever-maturing Mammoth Hot Springs, walk the Porcelain Basin trail through Norris Geyser Basin, and discover the impressive waterfalls and natural colours of the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone!

#### **Private Vehicle**

Yellowstone National Park – Bozeman 3h-4h

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

**Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch**

### **Day 11 Bozeman/Glacier National Park**

Let's keep moving through Montana; known as Big Sky Country. Travel through stunning scenery beneath miles of open sky along the way to Glacier National Park. Smile, learn, and laugh your way through largely untouched land, with over 20 glaciers, and 200 lakes and streams. The park has 730 miles of trails for you to enjoy so it should be easy to hike until you drop.

#### **Private Vehicle**

Bozeman - Glacier National Park 4h-5h

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

#### **Glacier National Park Visit**

Glacier National Park

Visit this largely untouched land, referred to as the "Crown of the Continent Ecosystem". Explore the vast national park, encompassing pristine forests, alpine meadows, rugged mountain ranges, and spectacular lakes, and keep your eyes peeled for wildlife including mountain goats and grizzlies.

**Meals included: Lunch | Dinner**

### **Day 12 Glacier National Park**

Another day, another chance to get out there and live your best life. Grab a friend or maybe a few and in your free time continue exploring Glacier NP with its many glaciers, lakes and streams with your free time. Feel the wind in your hair as you ride along the Going-to-the-Sun road, (voted one of the most scenic drives in the world), or take a selfie once you reach the Continental Divide. Your only real job today is to have a blast!

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

##### **Glacier National Park Hikes**

Glacier National Park 1h-7h 2-15km

Free

Take optional hikes throughout the park ranging from lakeside walks to treks through rugged forests to alpine lakes, glaciers, and mountain vistas. Some trails will be closed through late spring due to snow or avalanche risks. Ask your CEO to point you in the direction of the best trails to suit your needs.

#### **Going-to-the-Sun Road Drive**

Glacier National Park

Free

From July to August, take a ride across Going-to-the-Sun Road, a National Historic Landmark completed in 1932. As you traverse this 85km (53 mi) highway, famously featured in the 1980 film The Shining, take in spectacular views of Logan's Pass and the dramatic Going-to-the-Sun Mountain.

#### **Glacier Kayak Rental**

Glacier National Park

Glide along the crystal waters of Glacier National Park, and marvel at the natural beauty of your mountainous surroundings. A kayak is the best way to maintain the dreamy peacefulness of this beautiful environment.

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

### **Day 13 Glacier National Park/Coeur d'Alene**

"The Hills are alive..." okay, we know, wrong country, but you'll be wanting to sing this loud and proud as you drive further west to beautiful Coeur d'Alene, Idaho! Surrounded by over 50 lakes, this town is an outdoor enthusiast's dream. There's plenty to do and time to do it; walk the floating boardwalk, go mountain biking, or take part in water-sports on Lake Coeur d'Alene as the day goes by.

#### **Private Vehicle**

Glacier National Park - Coeur d'Alene 4h-5h 385km

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

#### **Free Time**

Coeur d'Alene Afternoon

Enjoy free time in the afternoon for optional activities around Coeur d'Alene.

#### **Optional Activities - Day 13**

### **Coeur d'Alene Kayaking**

Coeur d'Alene

Get the best view of Coeur d'Alene and its lakeshore by renting a kayak. Explore the many bays and catch a glimpse of the setting sun.

**Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch**

### **Day 14 Coeur d'Alene/Seattle**

It's on to the beautiful, moody, and wild Pacific Northwest. Watch as mountains give way to lush old growth forests and a world of green as you pass into the evergreen state of Washington on the way to Seattle.

### **Private Vehicle**

Coeur d'Alene – Seattle 5h-6h 500km

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

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Day 15 Seattle**

The day is yours! Enjoy Seattle with your travel tribe; visit Pike Place Market, the first Starbucks location, or ride to the top of the Space Needle. Grab a selfie with the gum wall or the Fremont Troll, and make sure you grab a coffee at one of the 2,000 shops around the city.

### **Your Discover Moment**

Seattle Full Day

Surrounded by water, Seattle has striking skyline of glass skyscrapers and majestic Mount Rainier in the distance. The birthplace of grunge music, this seaport hosts numerous art festivals and sporting events. Grab a coffee and wander through Pike Place Market or the Fremont neighbourhood to see if you can find a troll of the center of the universe.

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

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

You may be a seasoned pro at group travel by now, but there will likely be some new travellers joining the group. Sit in on the welcome meeting to meet the newest members of your group and learn about the next leg of your tour.

### **Pike Place Market**

Seattle

See the world-famous Pike Place Market, an array of sights, sounds and smells. See the fishmongers playfully throwing fish, pick up some local delicacies from market vendors everywhere you turn or just stroll down the cobblestone streets taking everything in. If you're a fan, don't forget to step foot inside the original Starbucks to get a grande cup of the recognized Pike Place Roast.

### **Chihuly Garden and Glass**

Seattle

Visit the must-see Chihuly Garden and Glass that showcases Dale Chihuly's glass blowing artwork. Walk through the gardens smelling of fresh flowers and trees, and spot beautiful vibrant glass pieces throughout. Whether they're coming out of the dirt as though they were plants themselves or hanging from the ceiling mimicking plant vines, this exhibit will be sure to fill you with joy.

### **Space Needle**

Seattle

Visit the Seattle icon, the Space Needle. Built for the 1962 World's Fair, the Space Needle stands today as a major tourist attraction for those looking to get an incredible view of the city from the 518ft tall (158m) observation tower.

### **Day 16 Seattle/Portland**

Drive to the city of Portland. One of the most popular cities to visit north of California on the West Coast, Portland is artsy, funky and full of great eating and drinking options. Spend the afternoon getting to know this cool city.

### **Private Vehicle**

Seattle – Portland 2h30m-3h30m 280km

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

### **Free Time**

Portland Afternoon

Enjoy free time to discover this quirky city. Opt to eat at one of the many famous food trucks, take a food tour, stop by local breweries, visit Washington Park, or go shopping – the options are endless!

## **Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Day 17 Portland/Bend**

After enjoying the quirkiness of Portland, continue on to Bend, consistently voted one of the best places to live in the US. Arrive in time to explore a bit of the town. Opt to canoe, kayak or check out one of the region's famous breweries.

#### **Private Vehicle**

Portland – Bend 3h30m-4h30m 260km

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

#### **Free Time**

Bend Afternoon

Enjoy free time in Bend. Opt to go kayaking on the Deschutes River or visit a local brewery.

### **Optional Activities - Day 17**

#### **Canoe by Moonlight**

Bend

90USD per person

Slice through the beautiful waters of a Cascade Lake while being led by the moon and stars. Enjoy the calm of nature illuminated by the night sky, before capping off the night with dessert and a local brew on the water's edge. Bliss? Definitely.

#### **Bend Kayaking**

Bend

20USD per person

Grab a paddle and explore the stretch of the Deschutes through the Old Mill District. Paddle upstream for 1.5 miles before enjoying a leisurely float back to the dock.

#### **Bend Brewery Tour**

Bend

80USD per person

Home to 16 craft breweries, Bend is a beer lovers paradise! Hop on the 'Bend Brew Bus' and visit four local breweries for a behind-the-scenes look at the brewing process and enjoy samples at each, of course. (Bar entry and drinking age in the United States is 21.)

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

### **Day 18 Bend/Redwood National Park**

Leave early to take in the sights at gorgeous Crater Lake National Park. Stare in awe at the crystal blue waters of one of the most pristine lakes on earth before continuing on to Redwood National Park, home to the tallest trees on Earth. Spend the evening amongst the gigantic coastal redwoods, and keep a keen eye for wildlife throughout the park.

#### **Private Vehicle**

Bend – Crater Lake National Park 1h30m-2h

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

#### **Crater Lake National Park Visit**

Crater Lake National Park

Considered by scientists to be the cleanest and clearest large body of water in the world, and the deepest lake in the U.S. at 1943 ft, Crater Lake is sure to impress. The lake rests in a dormant volcano – explore this National Park and its many viewpoints. Get sweaty on a steep hike before opting to jump into the crystal clear lake for a quick swim or stay on the rim and gaze at the sapphire waters below.

#### **Private Vehicle**

Crater Lake National Park – Redwood National Park 4h-5h 330km

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

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

### **Day 19 Redwood National Park/Sonoma County**

Wake with the sun for a morning hike through mystic old growth forests. Travel down the coast before driving inland through California wine country. Opt for an afternoon wine tasting or relax amongst the vineyards en route before camping for the night outside of beautiful Napa Valley.

#### **Redwood National Park Visit**

Redwood National Park

Prepare to be awed by the tallest trees in the world. The coastal redwoods of this National Park have been standing here for thousands of years, with the tallest standing over 107m (350 ft) tall! Enjoy time to explore and take in these ancient giants.



**Private Vehicle**

Redwood National Park – Sonoma County 6h-6h30m 450km

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

**Free Time**

Sonoma County 1h-3h

Enjoy free time to discover stunning California Wine Country. Visit a winery for a tasting or relax amongst the vineyards.

**Optional Activities - Day 19****Sonoma County Wine Tasting**

Sonoma County 1h-3h

10-40 None per person

Three times the size of Napa County, discover some of Sonoma County's hundreds of wineries, and spend the afternoon tasting at a couple. The area's known for its smooth unoaked Chardonnay, Pinot Noirs, Zinfandels and red blends; swirl and sip a flight of wines on an outdoor patio or in a historic wine cellar. (Drinking age in the United States is 21.)

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

**Day 20 Sonoma County/Lake Tahoe**

Continue on to idyllic Lake Tahoe, a jewel of the Sierra Nevadas. Known for its crystal clear waters and sweeping mountain views, it is truly a nature-lover's paradise. Enjoy a free afternoon for hiking, lake activities or relaxing.

**Private Vehicle**

Sonoma County – Lake Tahoe 4h300km

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

**Optional Activities - Day 20****Emerald Bay Hiking**

Emerald Bay State Park

Take in the beauty of Emerald Bay State park from one of the many hiking trails that ring this tranquil bay of Lake Tahoe. With many moderate to easy rated trails, expect vistas of the lake and the surrounding mountains, along with towering Redwoods and rushing waterfalls. Make sure to pack plenty of water and sturdy shoes, you won't want to leave this natural paradise!

**Lake Tahoe Paddleboard Excursion**

Lake Tahoe

25-105 USD per person

Lake Tahoe has become a standup paddle board Mecca in the past few years, and for good reason. Take to the lake's stunningly clear waters and tour the scenic coastline on your own, or opt for a guided tour as you discover all the lake has to offer.

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

**Day 21 Lake Tahoe/Yosemite National Park**

Marvel at the spectacular views of Yosemite National Park's magnificent peaks and granite domes while enjoying one of most scenic drives in California: Tioga Pass!

With a keen eye and a little luck, spot black bears, deer or coyotes.

**Private Vehicle**

Lake Tahoe – Yosemite National Park 8h385km

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

**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 22 Yosemite National Park**

Enjoy free time in Yosemite National Park.

Full day to explore Yosemite National Park. Hike the many trails Yosemite has to offer and be inspired by this beautiful and amazing landscape. Option to rent bikes in Yosemite Valley.

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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.

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

### **Day 23 Yosemite National Park/San Francisco**

Catch a glimpse of the Golden Gate Bridge on the way into one of America's most popular cities. Take an optional cable car ride over the steep hills or explore the city by bicycle.

Arrive at one of the most iconic cities in the world: San Francisco. The CEO will point out some popular sites on the drive into town.

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.

#### **Free Time**

San Francisco Afternoon

Get out and explore San Francisco.

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

##### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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 24 San Francisco**

Enjoy a free day to explore San Francisco.

#### **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 24**

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

## **Day 25 San Francisco/Morro Bay**

Visit Santa Cruz and go for a stroll along the boardwalk. Marvel at the beautiful coastline and mountain ranges of Big Sur along the Pacific coast. Arrive in time for sunset on Morro Bay.

Crashing waves, rolling fog, and sheer rocky cliffs will make this journey down California's coast Highway 1 an unforgettable experience.

### **Private Vehicle**

San Francisco – Morro Bay 6h30m 390km

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

### **California's Pacific Coast Highway**

The PCH, California's Highway 1, travels more than 650 miles along California's coastline. See seaside towns, dramatic vistas and waves crash into where the cliffs meet the shore. Marvel at Big Sur, past famous bridges and lighthouses. Get out and stretch, take some photos, and even opt to feel the sand between your toes. Check out the sounds and smells of the elephant seals at Piedras Blancas Elephant Seal Rookery. Enjoy the day soaking in part of the most beautiful coastline this National Scenic Byway has to offer.

### **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 26 Morro Bay/Los Angeles**

Travel along the stunning Pacific coast to the City of Angels. Trip ends upon arrival to Los Angeles.

Pass by Santa Barbara as we make our way to Los Angeles. Your CEO will point out a few famous neighbourhoods and landmarks on the drive into the City of Angels.

Please note this trip ends on arrival to Los Angeles. 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 and other hot spots around the city; speak to your sales agent to book extra accommodation.

### **Private Vehicle**

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

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 26**

### **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.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

## **What's Included**

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Your First Night Out Moment: Connect With New Friends

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

Your Big Night Out Moment: Cowboy Theme , Flaming Gorge Reservoir

Your Discover Moment: Seattle

Your Discover Moment: Yosemite National Park

Your Discover Moment: San Francisco. Entrance fees to all national parks, state parks, and national monuments with hiking and walking excursions. Zion NP visit. Bryce Canyon NP visit. Arches NP visit. Grand Teton NP visit. Yellowstone NP visit. Glacier NP visit. Crater Lake NP visit. Redwood NP visit. Tioga Pass (seasonal). Yosemite NP visit. Elephant seal rookery stop. Pacific Coast Highway drive. Free time in Seattle, Portland, Napa Valley, Lake Tahoe and San Francisco. Self-inflating mattresses and dome tents while camping. All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

## **Highlights**

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Soak in the glitz and glamour of Las Vegas, Savour a sunset scene at Flaming Gorge Reservoir, See the majestic peaks of Grand Teton National Park, Explore the vibrant city of Seattle, Stroll along the Santa Cruz boardwalk, Hike past towering cliffs in Zion National Park, Marvel in the beauty of Crater Lake National Park, Relax in the idyllic landscapes of Lake Tahoe, See Bryce Canyon's famous hoodoo rock formations, Soak in the cowboy culture of Jackson Hole with line dancing and live music

## **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 \$60-\$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.

## 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 16.

## **Meals Included**

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20 breakfasts, 18 lunches, 13 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 (6 nts, some multi-share), participation camping (19 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 14, 15, 16, 23, 24

## 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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### Taxi

Taxis are available at Terminal 1 (Level 1) at the door exits 1-4 on the east side of the baggage claim (follow signs). Uniformed coordinators are there to help you if you have any questions. The fare will be approximately \$30-\$40. Most taxis accept credit cards as well but make sure you ask before you want to use it otherwise it's easier with cash. Be in awe as you see Las Vegas, the city of lights for the first time close up!

### Shuttle Service

All shuttle transportation is located at Terminal 1 (Level 1) on the west side of the baggage claim between door exits 7-13 (follow signs). It really doesn't matter which one you choose, they all cost about \$18-\$20 (excluding tip) to your Joining Hotel.

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.

\*\* Please note that if your tour starts at Golden Nugget Hotel, you should head to the Gold Tower front desk, Keys/Mail window and mention that you are with the G Adventures group and ask for the Hotel Manager or Assistant Manager for group check in.

## 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

## 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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Moab

- Rafting (57USD per person)
- Mountain Biking (103USD per person)
- Hummer Tour (88-180USD per person)

Glenwood Springs

- Hot Springs Visit (17.50-25.75USD per person)
- Canyon Shuttle and Bike Rental (43USD per person)
- Hanging Lake Hike (12USD per group)

Flaming Gorge Reservoir

- Red Canyon Rim Hike

Jackson

- Jackson Horseback Riding (35-85USD per person)
- Million Dollar Bar Visit (Free-20USD per person)

Grand Teton National Park  
- Whitewater Rafting on Snake River

Glacier National Park  
- Glacier National Park Hikes (Free)  
- Going-to-the-Sun Road Drive (Free)  
- Glacier Kayak Rental

Coeur d'Alene  
- Coeur d'Alene Kayaking

Seattle  
- Optional Welcome Meeting for Travellers on Combos  
- Pike Place Market  
- Chihuly Garden and Glass  
- Space Needle

Bend  
- Canoe by Moonlight (90USD per person)  
- Bend Kayaking (20USD per person)  
- Bend Brewery Tour (80USD per person)

Sonoma County  
- Sonoma County Wine Tasting (10-40 per person)

Emerald Bay State Park  
- Emerald Bay Hiking

Lake Tahoe  
- Lake Tahoe Paddleboard Excursion (25-105USD per person)

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

Los Angeles  
- Santa Monica Pier Visit (Free)  
- Venice Beach Visit (Free)

## **Safety and Security**

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Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your 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/)

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## A Couple of Rules

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

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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](mailto:customersolutions@gadventures.com) and we will send it on to you.

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## 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/](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](http://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.