

Wonders of Brazil - SZWB

15 days: Rio de Janeiro to Rio de Janeiro

What's Included

- Carte Blanche: Ilha Grande
- Carte Blanche: Paraty
- Carte Blanche: Bonito
- Iguassu Falls visit (Brazil & Argentina)
- Pantanal wildlife excursion (2 days)
- Internal flights
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing February 1st, 2018 and onwards

Itinerary

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Day 1 Rio de Janeiro

Arrive at any time.

There are no planned activities until the evening welcome meeting.

Booking pre- or post-trip accommodation is highly recommended to allow time for activities and to fully experience this vibrant city.

Arrival Day and Welcome Meeting

1h17:00 Evening

The adventure begins tonight. Feel free to explore before your welcome meeting, but make sure you're back in time to meet the group. After introductions, your CEO will review the details of your tour. Please note that normal check-in times apply at our start hotels, but you can usually store your luggage for the day if you arrive early.

Optional Activities - Day 1

Rio Hang Gliding

Rio de Janeiro
750BRL per person

Glide like a bird on this exhilarating and inspiring air adventure. Get all the guidance you need to go airborne with your instructor, and take to the skies for an unbeatable experience and amazing views of this incredibly picturesque city. Careful - you may become addicted to the freedom of flying!

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Rio Football Game

Rio de Janeiro

150-200BRL per person

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Accommodation

Royalty Rio Hotel (or similar)

Hotel

Day 2 Rio de Janeiro/Ilha Grande

Take a bus and ferry to Ilha Grande. Free time for hikes and walks around the island to explore the beaches.

From Rio, head south along the Atlantic coast to one of the most picturesque, laid-back islands on the coast, Ilha Grande. Relax and walk the sandy beaches, or bathe in the warm waters of this island paradise.

Local bus

Rio de Janeiro - Angra dos Reis 2h30m-3h30m 151km

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

Ferry

Angra dos Reis - Ilha Grande 1h30m

Get to the next spot on your route aboard a convenient and efficient ferry boat.

Free Time

Ilha Grande

Explore this piece of paradise any way you wish.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation

Pousada Bugio (or similar)

Guesthouse

Day 3 Ilha Grande

Ilha Grande is a car-free island surrounded by beautiful nature. Opt to go for a hike, swim or sit at one of the beach bars.

Carte Blanche

Ilha Grande Full Day

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Optional Activities - Day 3

Swimming

Ilha Grande

Free

Dive in and enjoy the beautiful water of this island paradise.

Surfing Ilha Grande

Ilha Grande 1h-8h

40-80BRL per person

Slather on the sunscreen, strap on a leash, pull on a rash guard and get ready to hit the waves. Experience the surf at the beaches off Ilha Grande. Lopes Mendes is a good bet - shallow walk out and steady waves in a drop-dead gorgeous setting. Take a lesson, learn tips and techniques, then hang ten like a local.

Snorkelling Ilha Grande

Ilha Grande

Rent a mask and snorkel, pull on some fins and get set to enter the underwater world of colourful tropical fish, shells and all things seaworthy. November through May is Ilha Grande's best time to snorkel. Hotspots include the Blue Lagoon, Green Lagoon and Abraãozinho Beach. Luxuriate in the warm salt water, look down and, in some cases, see to a depth of 15m (50 ft).

Lopez Mendez Hike

Ilha Grande 2h30m-4h

Grab your bathing suit, slip on your walking shoes and take the hike from Abraão to the beautiful beach of Lopez Mendez. Follow a well-marked trail up and down, through forest and past other beaches. Eat Jack fruit picked along the way. Drink water from a natural spring. Listen to howler monkeys. After 2.5-3 hrs, arrive at the stunning Lopez Mendez beach, where the white powder sand squeaks under foot and the rolling green hills provide a stunning contrast to the turquoise water.

Ilha Grande Boat Excursion

Ilha Grande 4h-5h

40BRL per person

From the main village of Vila do Abraão, take a boat tour to some of the best beaches around the island. See tropical fish and cool off in the salt spray of the turquoise waters. Stop to swim and snorkel and pinch yourself for being lucky enough to partake in this tropical piece of paradise. Enjoy the scenery while drinking a caipirinha, Brazil's national drink.

Hike to Pico do Papagaio

Ilha Grande 6h-7h

130BRL per person

Enjoy a guided hike from Abraão to Pico do Papagaio, soaking in the scenery along the way. It will take roughly 4 hours to hike up and about 2 hr to hike back down. The 360 degree views from the top are well worth the effort.

Ilha Grande Diving

Ilha Grande

Explore one of the world's largest concentrations of underwater shipwrecks, many lost during pirate battles in the 16th-18th centuries in the waters off Ilha Grande. Dive to see the Pinguino cargo ship as well as the remains of a helicopter near Laja do Matariz. Discover massive underwater caves, swim with schools of tropical fish and admire the colours of corals and reefs, in the warm salt water where visibility varies from 6-20m (20-66 ft).

Ilha Grande Biking

Ilha Grande

Fill your water bottle, rent a bike in Abraão Village and get ready to sweat. Peddle to Preta Beach to see the ruins of the Lazareto, initially a building to quarantine immigrants arriving from Europe, then converted to a prison which operated up until 1994. Follow the Cascade Path to the old Aqueduct (Aqueduto) and imagine it's 1893 and water is running along the stone structure to supply the Lazareto.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation

Pousada Bugio (or similar)

Guesthouse

Day 4 Ilha Grande/Paraty

Travel up the coast to Paraty and wander the cobblestoned streets of this colonial beach side town.

Ferry

Ilha Grande - Angra dos Reis 1h30m

Get to the next spot on your route aboard a convenient and efficient ferry boat.

Local bus

Angra dos Reis - Paraty 2h100km

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

Free Time

Paraty

Get out and explore.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation

Refron du Mar Pousada Paraty (or similar)

Hotel

Day 5 Paraty

Enjoy a free day to explore Paraty. Optional activities include a Caipirinha boat trip, kayaking and horseback riding.

With Paraty's stone streets and colonial architecture still standing, the town has some of the best examples of Portuguese colonial architecture in the world. The town is currently on UNESCO's tentative list to gain World Heritage Centre status. To preserve the historical ambience and walkability of the historic centre, only bicycle and pedestrian traffic are allowed in the area.

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Paraty Full Day

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Optional Activities - Day 5

Cachaça Distillery Visit

Paraty

90BRL per person

Tour a cachaça distillery where sugarcane juice is used to create the most popular distilled spirit in Brazil. If it tastes familiar, that's because it's the main ingredient in a Caipirinha, the country's national cocktail. Often called "Brazilian rum," cachaça is so popular, it's produced by 40,000 micro-companies across the country. The blend from Paraty is sweet and salty; taste the sea as you sip this local liquid.

4x4 Tour

Paraty 6h-7h30m

100BRL per person

Hop in the back of a jeep and hang on for this tropical tour. Enter the Serra da Bocaina National Park, visit waterfalls (great for photos and swimming), and step back in time along the Gold Trail road, constructed by African slaves to transport gold mined inland and transported to Paraty port bound for Portugal.

Horseback Riding Paraty

Paraty 3h-6h

120-150BRL per person

Throw on some long pants, grab the reins and hop up on a well-trained horse. Trail ride through the Atlantic rainforest in the mountains around Paraty. Cross rivers and follow trails lined with tropical trees. Reach a lookout and see the village and the water below. Stop at a waterfall and jump in! Let the rushing water massage your muscles then hop back on the horses and gallop home.

Paraty Boat Tour

Paraty

100BRL per person

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Kayaking

Paraty 1h-6h

90BRL per person

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Trindade Day Trip

Trindade

5BRL per person

Located about 25km (15.5 mi) away from the town of Paraty is the small beach town of Trindade. Walk along the sandy beach, play in the water and opt to go surfing.

Diving Paraty

Paraty

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Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation

Refron du Mar Pousada Paraty (or similar)

Hotel

Day 6 Paraty

Continue to enjoy the slow pace of Paraty, a colonial town with fantastic architecture, or opt to take a day trip to Trindade to surf and relax on the beach.

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Hotel

Day 7 Paraty/Foz do Iguaçu

Take a flight to the famous Iguassu Falls. Visit the Brazilian side of the falls to get the best panoramic view. Opt to visit the bird park filled with beautifully coloured local wildlife or enjoy an optional helicopter ride for a birds-eye view of the falls.

Skip the 19 hour journey by land and hop a flight to Iguassu from São Paulo, maximizing your time to enjoy the falls.

Private Vehicle

Paraty - São Paulo 5h-6h

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

Plane

São Paulo - Foz do Iguaçu 1h30m 1000km

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

Iguassu Falls (Brazil Side) Guided Tour

Foz do Iguaçu 3h-4h

Visit the Brazil side of the falls to get a panoramic view of Iguassu, one of the world's largest and most impressive waterfalls. In total, there are over 275 individual falls spread out over 3km (2 mi). Find the best spot to take jaw-dropping photos of this UNESCO World Heritage site.

Optional Activities - Day 7

Iguassu Falls Bird Park Visit

Foz do Iguaçu

60BRL per person

Grab a camera and get up and close and personal with macaws, parrots, parakeets, and 150 other species of birds. Located on the Brazilian side of Iguassu Falls, the bird park is on 12 acres of native subtropical forest. Enter a huge aviary to see the birds free from cages and nets. Check out other exhibits to view butterflies, alligators, and snakes (boas and anacondas).

Iguassu Helicopter Ride

Foz do Iguaçu

460BRL per person

Fly above the roaring cascades of Iguassu falls on a memorable helicopter ride to get a unique view and mind-blowing photo opportunities. Sit back in the comfortable seats, enjoy the ride and let the experienced pilot guide you over the immense falls.

Accommodation

Hotel Del Rey (or similar)

Hotel

Day 8 Foz do Iguaçu

Experience Iguassu in Argentina by exploring trails and catwalks. Opt to take a boat tour to view the falls from below.

Explore trails that will bring you directly over the falls of the Devil's Throat--the highest and deepest of the falls. Other trails allow access to the stretch of falls across the forest on the Argentine side. Opt to take an inflatable boat to the base of the thundering falls.

If you have booked the Iguassu Falls Boat Ride Extra, you will do it on Day 6 when visiting the Argentine side of the falls. Please be aware, reciprocity fees may apply for Americans, Canadians and Australians when crossing the border into Argentina.

Border Crossing (Brazil - Argentina)

Foz do Iguaçu - Puerto Iguazú

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

Iguassu Falls Visit

Puerto Iguazú Full Day

Spend the whole day on the Argentina side of Iguassu, exploring the paths over the falls or experience the UNESCO World Heritage site from a boat tour. Tours utilize trails and catwalks adapted to the landscape of the area, and walking is easy for all ages; guided tours of the complex are available several times a day.

Border Crossing (Argentina - Brazil)

Puerto Iguazú - Foz do Iguazu 1h30m-3h

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Optional Activities - Day 8

Iguassu Falls Boat Tour

Puerto Iguazú 1h-2h

70USD per person

Enter the jungle from the "Sendero Yacaratía" and enjoy the panoramic view. Board motorboats that pass through the Lower Canyon of the Iguassu River, and continue onto the falls. After enjoying the view from San Martin Island, sail to "Tres Mosqueteros" to the "Devil's Throat." Sail along the shore before and enjoy the splendour of the San Martin waterfall, a wonderful and unforgettable experience.

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Accommodation

Hotel Del Rey (or similar)

Hotel

Day 9 Foz do Iguazu/Bonito

Leave early for a full travel day to Bonito.

Local bus

Foz do Iguazu - Bonito 14h Full Day 768km

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

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation

Muito Bonito (or similar)

Guesthouse

Day 10 Bonito

Spend time in Bonito with optional activities available like snorkelling in the rivers or exploring the nearby caves and waterfalls.

Carte Blanche

Bonito Full Day

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Optional Activities - Day 10

Bonito Snorkelling

Bonito 4h-6h
236-280BRL per person

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Gruta Azul

Bonito
100BRL per person

Check out the unbelievably blue water of this cave that shimmers in the sunlight. While not visible from the cave, the site was recently discovered to have prehistoric mammal bones from over 12,000 years ago at the bottom of the grotto, saber tooth tigers, giant sloths, and armadillos, oh my!

Canopy Tour Bonito

Bonito
160BRL per person

Make your way through a fun tree-top canopy course suspended above the forest. Buckle up your harness, don your helmet, and prepare to launch. Glide along cables suspended high above the forest greenery as you glide past.

Balneario Municipal

Bonito
60BRL per person

Enjoy the turquoise waters at this swimming hole, go for a swim, lounge on the banks, or enjoy a game of beach volleyball at the nearby facilities.

Cave Rappelling & Snorkelling

Bonito
700BRL per person

Harness up and abseil down 70 meters down into a large cave. Once inside, jump in the water (with a wetsuit of course) to get another view of these impressive geological formations from below the surface with a mask and snorkel.

Waterfall Tour

Bonito
210BRL per person

Enjoy a guided hike through lush forest to multiple of Bonito's waterfalls, cool off with a refreshing dip along the way.

Accommodation

Muito Bonito (or similar)

Guesthouse

Day 11 Bonito

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Day 12 Bonito/Pantanal

Journey into the Pantanal, a perfect place to experience the wildlife of Brazil. Enjoy a 2-day excursion into the wetlands with a local guide.

Experience the Pantanal, an immense wetland area famed for its profuse wildlife. A 2-day excursion allows visitors to fully appreciate the natural beauty of the area.

Please note, while on the rustic excursion in Pantanal the nights will be spent in hammocks.

Shared van

Bonito - Pantanal5h Morning

Climb aboard and make friends with your seatmate en route to the next stop.

Pantanal Wildlife Excursion

Pantanal

The Pantanal, a largely flat, wetland area about half the size of France, is still one of the best places on the continent for observing wildlife. The area is rich in bird life, including beautiful and colourful macaws and Jabiru storks. With luck and appropriate weather you may spot capivara (capybara), howler monkeys, caiman, giant river otters, anacondas, and anteaters.

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Accommodation

Hammocks - Pousada Sao Joao (or similar)

Farmhouse

Day 13 Pantanal

Full day of exploring the Pantanal. Try piranha fishing or horseback riding. Opportunities to spot wildlife such as monkeys, macaws, giant otters and caiman.

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Accommodation

Hammocks - Pousada Sao Joao (or similar)

Farmhouse

Day 14 Pantanal/Rio de Janeiro

Transfer to Campo Grande and fly back to Rio before arriving to the centrally located hotel in Copacabana.

Local bus

Pantanal - Campo Grande 5h-6h Morning

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

Plane

Campo Grande - Rio de Janeiro 1h30m-3h

Please note you will be arriving back to Rio airport at approximately 7pm because there are no direct flights from Campo Grande to Rio. Depending on the schedule there may be a stopover in Sao Paulo.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation

Royalty Rio Hotel (or similar)

Hotel

Day 15 Rio de Janeiro

Depart at any time.

Departure Day

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Highlights

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Itinerary Disclaimer

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

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

Important Notes

EXTRAS

Looking to add to your experience? Check out our Extras! Specially designed for travellers with unique interests, theme packs are optional add-ons to your G adventures trip that make your adventure more you-centric. Extras must be booked prior to departure, please see details in our optional activities field and ask you sales CEO.

Group Leader Description

All G Adventures group trips are accompanied by one of our group leaders, a G Adventures representative, or an expedition team. The aim of the group leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting- we think it's the best of both worlds.

Group Size Notes

Max 16, avg 10

Meals Included

11 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners

Meals

Eating is a big part of traveling. G Adventures understands the importance of breakfast to start your day, we strive to include a basic breakfast wherever possible. A typical breakfast may include toast, coffee and tea, however this may vary depending on the city. Should breakfast not be included, your CEO can suggest some local options.

Travelling with G Adventures you experience the vast array of wonderful food that is available out in the world. Generally meals are not included in the trip price when there is a choice of eating options, to give you the maximum flexibility in deciding where, what and with whom to eat. It also gives you more budgeting flexibility, though generally food is cheap. Our groups tend to eat together to enable you to taste a larger variety of dishes and enjoy each other's company. There is no obligation to do this though. Your CEO will be able to suggest favourite restaurants during your trip. The above information applies to G Adventures group trips. For Independent trips please check the itinerary for details of meals included.

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

Transport

Public bus, van, plane.

Local Flights

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

Solo Travellers

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

Accommodation

Hotels (12 nts), tented room with hammocks in the Pantanal (2 nts, multi-share).

My Own Room Exceptions

Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room" option for this tour, you will receive your own single accommodation for all night stops, with the following exceptions: Nights 10-11: Pantanal.

Joining Hotel

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

Joining Instructions

Galeao International Airport is a 30 to 45 minute drive from our joining hotel. There are many private taxi companies with booths inside the building where you can pay a set rate for a taxi to Copacabana (approximately \$50 USD), thus avoiding the confusion outside the airport. There is a money exchange in the Banco do Brazil on the 3rd floor of the international Arrivals area, which is open 24 hours.

There is also an airport shuttle service, known as 'Real' (approximate fare \$9USD) which will drop you off at the place of your choice along the route (choose the one that goes to Copacabana beach). The closest point to our start hotel is at the corner of Ave. Atlantica and Rua Santa Clara, which is just steps away from the section of the beach known as Posto 4. Once there, you can flag down one of the many official yellow taxis in the street to get the rest of the way to the hotel (approximately \$5 USD).

If you have paid in advance for an arrival transfer, a G Adventures representative will be at the airport to meet you. If for any reason you are not met at the airport, please call our local support line. If you are unable to make contact for whatever reason, please make your way to the joining point hotel via taxi.

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

A G Adventures Representative 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.

Arrival Complications

We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, as soon as possible please contact your starting point hotel, requesting that you speak to or leave a message for your CEO (if you are not on a group tour please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier). If you are unable to get in touch with your leader, please refer to our emergency contact details. If you have pre-booked an airport transfer and have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

Emergency Contact

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Should you need to contact G Adventures during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call our local contact in Buenos Aires. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so we may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

G Adventures Buenos Aires, Argentina
Day time phone from Monday to Friday 9am - 6pm
Tel: Int. Dialing Code: + 54 11 2150 2581
From within Argentina: (011) 2150 2581

After hours Emergency number
From outside Argentina: +54 9 11 3425 0380
From within Argentina, but outside of Buenos Aires: 011 15 3425 0380

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local contact in Buenos Aires, we have a toll-free line for North America, which will connect you directly with our Toronto office. In the event that you cannot get through, you can reach a member of our Operations department at the mobile number below:

Toll-free, North America only: 1 800 465 5600.
Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000
Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618
Outside North America, Australia and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

What to Take

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

Checklist

Documents:

- * Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- * Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- * Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- * Required visas or vaccination certificates (required) (With photocopies)
- * Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)

Essentials:

- * 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

- * Toiletries (Preferably biodegradable)
- * Watch and alarm clock
- * Waterproof backpack cover
- * Windproof rain jacket

Warm Weather:

- * Sandals/flip-flops
- * Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- * Sun hat/bandana
- * Swimwear

Laundry

Laundry facilities are offered by some of our hotels for a charge. There will be times when you may want to or have to do your own laundry so we suggest you bring non-polluting/biodegradable soap.

Visas and Entry Requirements

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'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE THE CORRECT TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION.

BRAZIL VISA

Some nationalities need a tourist visa in order to enter Brazil. Please contact your local Brazilian Embassy to find out if you need to apply for one and for further details. If you are required to have a visa you will need to get one before entering Brazil, otherwise you will be refused entry.

Processing fees and time frames depend on each country, but can take 2 weeks or longer, so we advise you to apply for it as early as possible.

E-Visas are now available for the following passports: Canada, US, Australia and Japan.

You can apply for Brazil's e-visa here: <http://www.vfsglobal.com/Brazil-eVisa/>

Spending Money

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

Money Exchange

The currency in Brazil is the Brazilian Real (BRL).

Credit cards and debit cards are very useful for cash advances. Visa cards are the most widely accepted cards. While ATMs are widely available, there are no guarantees that your credit or debit cards will actually work in Latin America. Check with your bank.

You should be aware that to purchase products or services on a credit card a fee of 5%-10% usually applies.

Do not rely on credit or debit cards as your only source of money, a combination of US dollar cash and cards is best. Please bear in mind that cost of living in the southern cone countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile) is much higher than the rest of South America, and in the case of Argentina, more comparable with Europe. Always take more rather than less, as you don't want to spoil the trip by constantly feeling short of funds.

We do not recommend bringing travellers cheques as they are very difficult to change in country.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE TIP: Please be advised that slightly torn notes, notes that have been heavily marked or are faded may be difficult to exchange. It is best to bring notes in fairly good condition, in denominations lower than 100USD (or equivalent).

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

Emergency Fund

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

Departure Tax

USD \$38

Tipping

It is customary in Latin America to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service. Tipping is an expected - though not compulsory - component of your tour program and an expression of satisfaction with the persons who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides or drivers we use. Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from \$5-10 USD per day depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture.

Also at the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline \$20-25 USD per person, per week can be used.

Optional Activities

Please see the itinerary for information on optional activities and estimated pricing.

Health

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

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

Safety and Security

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/

Trip Specific Safety

You should be especially careful walking around Rio de Janeiro on your own, particularly at night. It is very important to use common sense when in Rio as tourists can be easy targets. Do not walk down dark streets or go on the beach in the early hours of the morning. Be safe and leave your passport, credit cards, traveller's cheques and cash you won't be using immediately within the hotel's safety deposit box. Keep your camera safe and valuable objects attached to you as there are many 'grab and run' thieves lurking about.

Medical Form

Our small group adventures bring together people of all ages. It is very important you are aware that, as a minimum, an average level of fitness and mobility' is required to undertake our easiest programs. Travellers must be able to walk without the aid of another person, climb 3-4 flights of stairs, step on and off small boats, and carry their own luggage at a minimum. Travellers with a pre-existing medical condition are required to complete a short medical questionnaire, which must be signed by their physician. This is to ensure that travellers have the necessary fitness and mobility to comfortably complete their chosen trip. While our CEOs work hard to ensure that all our travellers are catered for equally, it is not their responsibility to help individuals who cannot complete the day's activities

unaided. Please refer to the physical ratings in this Trip Details document for more information.

The medical questionnaire can be found online at:

www.gadventures.com/medical-form.

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.

Travel Insurance

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

Planeterra-The G Adventures Foundation

The Planeterra Foundation planeterra.org is a Canadian non-profit organization that helps empower local people to develop their communities, conserve their cultures, and create humane and supportive systems for their endeavours. Planeterra provides capacity building and catalyst grants to get community social enterprises off the ground. These businesses address local challenges by providing benefits for indigenous people, empowering marginalized women, and granting disadvantaged youth access to education, employment, and brighter futures. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating programs 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.

Dollar-a-Day Program

G Adventures' Dollar-a-Day Program provides travellers with the opportunity to give back to the people and places visited on our tours by donating one dollar for every day you are on trip. 100% of these donations go directly to support community development projects worldwide that are implemented by Planeterra.

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 customerservice@gadventures.com and we will send it on to you.

Newsletter

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

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

Minimum Age

You must be 18 to travel unaccompanied on a G Adventures tour. For minors travelling with a guardian over 21 years old, the minimum age is 12.

International Flights

Check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.