

Eastern Europe, Croatia & the Balkans - EDLT

28 days: Berlin to Split

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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.

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

Itinerary Notes

Departures in April and October may run with with different transport times than noted on the itinerary due to seasonal ferry schedules.

Itinerary

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

Day 1 Berlin

Arrive at any time.

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

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

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

Optional Activities - Day 1

East Side Gallery Visit Along Berlin Wall

Berlin 1h-2h

Free

The very name Berlin conjures images of the famous Berlin Wall. Two sections of the original structure still remain on display; the East Side Gallery, where artists have decorated the remaining section of the wall, and the Berlin Wall Memorial (Gedenkstätte Berliner Mauer). View these remnants of history that once divided east from west.

Judisches Museum Visit

Berlin 2h-4h

8EUR per person

The Judisches Museum is one of the largest Jewish museums in Europe. See how architect Daniel Libeskind's design evokes three important elements of the past two centuries; the intellectual, economic and cultural contributions of Jewish citizens in Berlin, the reality of the Holocaust, and the recognition of their absence from Berlin (and beyond) following the Second World War. See evocative collections and displays.

Television Tower (Fernsehturm) Visit

Berlin 2h-3h

13-23EUR per person

For an amazing view of Berlin, visit the famous Berlin Television Tower. Bring your camera and take panoramic photos from the viewing room, then grab a drink and snack at the cafe located 203m (666 ft) above ground.

Brandenburg Gate Visit

Berlin

Free

The Brandenburg Gate is a spot of great historical significance. Witness the spot where hundreds of thousands of people were finally able to cross from the east side to the west after the fall of the wall. Walk the cobblestones of the surrounding Pariser Platz and mingle with locals who continue to gather here to see stage shows and celebrate public events.

The Berlin Wall Memorial

Berlin

Free

Learn about the history of the "Iron Curtain," the physical, political and emotional barrier that once separated Berlin under the Communist Eastern Bloc and their neighbours to the west. At Berlin Wall Memorial (Gedenkstätte Berliner Mauer), see a complete section of the wall, and look from the east side to see the remains of an electric fence in the so-called "death strip." Discover the stories of those who died trying to escape to the freedom of West Berlin.

Checkpoint Charlie Museum Visit

Berlin

17.50EUR per person

Down the street from the Berlin Wall is the Haus am Checkpoint Charlie, a museum that documents the history of the wall, and interestingly, many of the different ways people tried to escape. From hot air balloons to one-man submarines, learn about the tenacity and creativity used by those desperate to cross from the east to western side.

Accommodation

AC Hotel by Marriott Berlin Humboldthain Park (or similar)

Hotel

Day 2 Berlin

Explore this amazing city. Opt to visit the East Side Gallery, Checkpoint Charlie, world-class museums, or the Berlin Television Tower for a sweeping view of the area.

Berlin is an amazing city with tangible historical importance and a melting pot of different cultures and flavours.

Your Discover Moment

Berlin Full Day

There's plenty to see and do in Berlin, and we wanted to make sure that you had some time to take it all in. Feel free to relax or try optional activities like a visit to the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie, and Television Tower. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

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Pergamon Museum

Berlin 1h-3h

12EUR per person

Located in Berlin's Museum Island, the Pergamonmuseum holds an impressive collection of art and objects from Greek and Roman antiquity, the ancient Near East (covering Mesopotamia, Syria and Anatolia) and the Museum of Islamic Art. Please note that the Pergamon Altar, its most visited exhibit, is closed for renovations until 2023.

Schloss Charlottenburg Palace

Berlin 2h-3h

10EUR per person

Named after Sophie Charlotte, the first Queen consort of Prussia, the Schloss Charlottenburg is one of the few grand structures of Berlin which largely escaped damage during World War II. Visit the palace's rococo ballroom, the Silver Vault, the exotic Orangery and its impressive gardens, designed by the same royal gardeners who worked on the palace of Versailles.

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Hotel

Day 3 Berlin/Krakow

Travel to Krakow, Poland's cultural hub, stopping at the Pławniowice Palace grounds along the way. Take an orientation walk upon arrival and use the evening to explore this lively city.

Watch the scenery go by as you journey to Kraków. En route, stop by the Pławniowice Palace grounds, one of the best maintained in Silesia. With free time in Kraków, opt to explore the different neighbourhoods like the Jewish section and main square. Dip into a local milk bar for a real Polish meal.

Private Vehicle

Berlin – Krakow 6h-6h30m 600km

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

Orientation Walk

30m-1h

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Free Time

Krakow Evening

Take the evening to explore.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation

Globtroter (or similar)

Hotel

Day 4 Krakow

Visit Auschwitz for a sobering look at the region's history. Spend the rest of the day exploring charming Krakow.

You may want to end your day embracing Polish social traditions in one of Krakow's many cellar restaurants and pubs. Dive into the thriving social scene over a few vodkas in one of these cheerful establishments, Zubrowka (Bison Grass Vodka) is a must!

Free Time

Krakow Half Day

Spend the day any way you want.

Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum Visit

Oświęcim – Krakow 7h-8h

Visit the site of one of history's most horrific crimes, Auschwitz-Birkenau. The site of this former Nazi concentration camp embodies terror, tragedy, inhumanity and the survival of will. Today the museum stands testament to the inconceivable atrocities of the Holocaust and the extermination of at least 1.1 million prisoners, most of whom were Jewish, during the Second World War.

Optional Activities - Day 4

Rynek Underground Museum

Krakow 1km

19PLN per person

Travel beneath the market square for a tour of the underground route of forgotten medieval market stalls.

Old Jewish Quarter (Kazimierz)

Krakow

For some of the history that makes Krakow so famous, visit the Jewish district of Kazimierz, just south of Old Town. Once the centre of Jewish life for more than 500 years, it was destroyed during the Second World War, only to be revitalized in the 1990s following the popularity of Steven Spielberg's film, Schindler's List. During your Jewish culture crawl, see synagogues, Gothic churches, and art galleries, then stop for a drink in one of the more than 800 pubs that populate the nooks and alleys of this historic district.

Wawel Royal Castle

Krakow

3PLN per person

Take a stroll up Wawel hill (or catch a ride on a horse and carriage) to 16th century Wawel Castle. Roam the gardens, or the museum featuring exhibitions that give you some insight into life as a royal, such as Royal Private Apartments, and Crown Treasury and Armoury.

Bar Mleczny (Milk Bar) Meal

Krakow

Originally set up as an affordable canteen for Polish workers, bar mlecznys ("Milk Bars") are now known as a must visit for authentic, Polish comfort food. Try the pierogi (traditional dumplings), placki ziemniaczane (potato pancakes), or (and?) kielbasa (sausages).

Wieliczka Salt Mines Visit

Wieliczka 3h-4h

If you can tear yourself away from the charms of Krakow, make a visit the Wieliczka Salt Mines, located only a short distance away.

Built in the 13th century, these mines produced table salt until 2007, making it one of the world's oldest salt mines. Head deep into an underground network of tunnels and chambers some 135m (443 ft) below the surface. Visit the Blessed King's Chapel, a salt cathedral carved by miners, complete with elaborate chandeliers and sculptures.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation

Globtroter (or similar)

Hotel

Day 5 Krakow

Take a free day to explore.

Opt to visit Rynek Główny - Europe's largest medieval market square; savour a traditional Polish breakfast (kielbasa, yum), or sit back with a coffee and a slice of Poland's famous cheesecake (sernik babci) at one of the many cafes in the area. Then, walk it off with a stroll uphill to marvel at the impressive Wawel Royal Castle.

Free Time

Krakow Full Day

Get out and explore this lively city.

Optional Activities - Day 5

Rynek Underground Museum

Krakow 1km

19PLN per person

Travel beneath the market square for a tour of the underground route of forgotten medieval market stalls.

Horse and Carriage Ride

Krakow

Catch a ride on a horse and carriage from the market square for a guided tour of the town.

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Hotel

Day 6 Krakow/Prague

Take a scenic day train into Czech Republic. Soak up the atmosphere of Prague, a unique community where every street, ghetto, inn and theatre tells a story.

If you're in the area and want to experience traditional Czech pubs, which are guaranteed to be loud, lively, and packed with locals on any night of the week, this is the place to find restaurants serving traditional Czech cuisine such as fried pork cutlets, goulash, and dumplings.

Local Train

Krakow – Prague 7h-10h 534km

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

Optional Activities - Day 6

Mucha Museum

Prague

240CZK per person

Spend some time with a master of Art Nouveau - a style famous for its flowing lines and natural forms - at the Mucha Museum. With seven themed galleries that explore the life and times of Czech artist Alphonse Mucha, view dozens of the decorative panels, posters, illustrations, paintings and photographs that made him one of the art world's most prolific and revered figures.

Old Town Visit

Prague 15m-30m

Wander the cobblestoned streets and soak in the Eastern European charm.

Prague Ghetto (Josefov/Jewish Quarter) Visit

Prague 1h-2h

10-20EUR per person

The Prague Ghetto, known as Josefov, is located between the Old Town Square and the Vltava River. This Jewish Quarter was first established in the 13th century, when Jewish people were ordered to leave their homes in other areas of the city and settle in this designated community. Birthplace to author Franz Kafka, see a monument in his honour, visit historical synagogues, a cemetery and museum with many artifacts collected during the Second World War.

Petřín Hill Hike

Prague 2h-3h 3-12km

Free-30CZK per person

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Prague Castle (Hradčany) Visit

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250-350CZK per person

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Letná Beer Garden Visit

Prague 1h-2h

Free-3EUR per person

Watch the sunset from the heights of the Letná Beer Garden in Letná Park, along the banks of the Vltava River. Sample a pint of Gambrinus 10° Czech beer, world-famous for its superb quality and low cost. Grab a grilled sausage and soak in the scenery.

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Old Town Hall and Clock Tower

Prague

110-440CZK per person

The Astronomical Clock Tower, built next to Prague's Old Town Hall, is a 600-year-old masterpiece and the oldest working clock in the world. Every hour, hundreds of visitors gather to hear it chime and watch the twelve apostles "greet" curious onlookers. At the visitor's centre, opt to book an independent tour of the clock tower to see its inner workings.

Charles Bridge Visit

Prague 15m-30m

Free

Visit the Charles Bridge, commissioned by King Charles IV in 1357. Cross the ancient cobblestone walkway which spans 16 arches, lined with 30 religious statues. Buy souvenirs and listen to street musicians. It's less crowded first thing in the morning and at night.

Museum of Communism

Prague

150CZK per person

Visit the Museum of Communism for an in-depth look into Prague's recent history. Covering the period after Nazi occupation and leading up to the Velvet Revolution - a tumultuous 40 years for many Czech people - there's much to explore over two floors. Wander through galleries filled with photos, videos, artifacts and other exhibits that provide a glimpse into everyday life during the communist era.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation

Miss Sophie's Downtown (or similar)

Hotel

Days 7-8 Prague

Enjoy an orientation walk with your CEO before exploring all Prague has to offer. Opt to visit the famous Charles Bridge, the clock tower in the main square or a traditional Czech beer hall with serious helpings of meat and potatoes.

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Malá Strana Visit

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Day 9 Prague/Český Krumlov

Travel to Český Krumlov. Spend time wandering the small city or visiting the small town's castle.

Free Time

Český Krumlov Afternoon

Don't waste a minute—get exploring.

Private Vehicle

Prague - Český Krumlov 3h

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

Optional Activities - Day 9

Jewish Synagogue Český Krumlov Visit

Český Krumlov 15m-30m

Free

Discover the mottled history of this Jewish synagogue built in 1909 by members of the small Jewish community. Facing Jerusalem, it features an eight-sided tower, blue arched ceilings and colourful windows decorated with the Star of David. Learn how it went from synagogue to meeting space for Hitler's Youth Club, to a church for US soldiers, to theatre storage space, back to a synagogue within the short span of a century.

State Castle and Chateau Český Krumlov Tour

Český Krumlov 2h-3h

360CZK per person

Tour the Český Krumlov State Castle and Chateau, complete with hidden passageways, a unique Baroque theatre, a hedge maze and beautiful gardens. The castle and surrounding complex is one of the largest in central Europe. Built between the 14th and 19th centuries, the well-preserved layout, structure, interior and architectural details earned it a spot on UNESCO's list of World Cultural Heritage Monuments.

Biking

Český Krumlov 3h-5h

5-10EUR per person

Rent a bike and set off on a cycle adventure through the region.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation

Pensione Famiglia (or similar)

Hotel

Day 10 Český Krumlov/Vienna

Take private van to Austria in time for a walking tour of Vienna's most beautiful sights, including the Hofburg and St Stephen's Cathedral. Later, check in to your accommodations, a G Adventures supported social enterprise.

There's plenty of time here to visit world-famous museums, the opera house or indulge in typical Austrian desserts like strudel or Sacher Torte.

Private Vehicle

Český Krumlov - Vienna 4h 210km

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

Vienna Walking Tour

Vienna 1h30m-2h30m Afternoon

Enjoy an orientation walk of the city's beautiful and elegant streets, taking in Vienna's most famous sights. The walk will focus on the Hofburg Palace, residence of the Habsburg dynasty, rulers of the Austro-Hungarian Empire for nearly 650 years, as well as St. Stephen's Cathedral, the landmark of Vienna. Hear Habsburg family secrets and other tales from Vienna's folklore, then dive in to a Sachertorte coffee house and the oldest cake shop in the city. Yum.

Your G for Good Moment: Magdas Hotel

The global refugee and migrant crisis has displaced more than 60 million people around the world, and it's estimated that well over 100,000 refugees have settled in Austria alone. Magdas Hotel is changing the lives of these newcomers and their families by employing a staff consisting almost entirely of refugees. Not only that, but the social enterprise was also decorated by renowned local architects and volunteer artists, who found ways to upcycle materials creatively while making a beautiful hotel.

Optional Activities - Day 10

Saint Stephen's Cathedral Visit

Vienna

Free

St. Stephen's Cathedral is one of Vienna's main landmarks complete with a 343-step climb up a spiral staircase to look out over the city.

Belvedere Gallery Visit

Vienna 1h-2h

19EUR per person

Learn some of the history of this beautiful palace and grounds and explore the impressive art collection. Of particular note, the museum's collection of 24 pieces by Gustav Klimt, including his famous 'Kiss'.

Vienna State Opera House Visit

Vienna

8EUR per person

Visit the famous Vienna Opera House and soak in its exceptional architecture. Opt for a guided tour to see the opera house's main features and learn about the history of the building.

View Lipizzaner Horses at Spanish Riding School of Vienna

Vienna

14EUR per person

Pay a visit to the gorgeous grey Lipizzaner horses of the renowned Spanish Riding School of Vienna. Witness the birthplace of "airs above the ground," or classical dressage, known for its highly controlled movements and jumps.

Hotel Sacher Visit and dessert

Vienna

30-50EUR per person

Visit the historic Hotel Sacher and get a taste of the world-famous Sacher Torte. It's a cultural experience as well as a delicious cake.

Vienna Boys' Choir Visit

Vienna 2h-3h

56-200EUR per person

Sit back and be transported by the sweet voices of the one of world's best known choirs. Founded in 1498, the Vienna Boys' Choir is made up of boys aged 10-14 from Austria and around the world. Attend a live concert and learn what it means to be moved by music.

*Please note that the price of the ticket will vary depending on the seating you choose.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation

Magdas Hotel Vienna (or similar)

Hotel

Day 11 Vienna

Wander the elegant streets a little more, take in some of Europe's most distinguished art galleries or just settle yourself on a café terrace, order up a slice of mouthwatering Viennese cake and watch the world go by over coffee.

Free Time

Vienna Full Day

Spend a day in this magical European city.

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Schönbrunn Palace Visit/Tour

Vienna 30m-1h

11-15EUR per person

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**Meals included: Breakfast
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Magdas Hotel Vienna (or similar)
Hotel**

Day 12 Vienna/Budapest

Travel to Hungary to explore the beautiful city of Budapest. Visit a G Adventures-supported social enterprise café for a welcome drink. Opt to visit Buda Castle, window shop in Pest or soak in the city's famous thermal baths.

With the Danube River dividing old town, Buda, from the newer area, Pest, there is plenty to see and do.

To gain deeper insight on local history, opt to pre-book the "Budapest History Walking Tour" on the checkout page ahead of time, to include this optional on your tour.

Train

Vienna – Budapest4h

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

Your G for Good Moment: Nem Adom Fel Café and Bar

Stop for a refreshment at Nem Adom Fel Café and Bar, whose proceeds help fund a non-profit by the same name, which means "Never Give Up." Most of the employees at this social enterprise café are living with a disability, and the charity advocates for rights for the disabled all over Hungary. Your meal helps this café to invest in the charity's efforts, which also includes supporting rural Roma communities through much-needed social programs.

Optional Activities - Day 12

Buda Castle Visit

Budapest3h-4h

1500HUF per person

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Thermal Baths Visit

Budapest1h-3h

4200-5000HUF per person

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28EUR per person

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Budapest1h-2h

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Hungarian State Opera House

Budapest30m-1h

2900HUF per person

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Great Market Hall Visit

Budapest

Free

Take a stroll though the oldest indoor market in Hungary.

Chain Bridge

Budapest

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Budapest History Walking Tour

Budapest

Unravel the secrets of Budapest on a 3-hour walking tour of the city's medieval and Jewish districts. Your guide will meet you and then take you to visit Great Market Hall, the city's largest food market, before making your way through winding streets to see remnants of Budapest's 15th-century fortress walls. Immerse yourself in the pre-Ottoman worlds of Buda and Pest, separated by the Danube River, and learn about events of historical significance along the way. Stop for a coffee break, then continue onto the city's Jewish district and visit the Dohany Street Synagogue to learn about the history of Hungarian Jews. Today, this area is known for its "ruin bars" and is a lively center of nightlife.

Parliament Building Visit

Budapest

5200HUF per person

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Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation

City Hotel Budapest by Dormero (or similar)

Hotel

Day 13 Budapest

Spend a free day exploring this charming and historic city. Opt to take a boat trip down the Danube, or travel further afield to the Etyek wine country.

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Hotel

Day 14 Budapest

Spend a free day exploring this charming city.

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

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.

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Meals included: Breakfast**Accommodation**

City Hotel Budapest by Dormero (or similar)

Hotel

Day 15 Budapest/Novi Sad

Today we will be traveling by local bus to Novi Sad. Enjoy the first opportunity to try some Serbian cuisine.

Cross into Serbia and enjoy time in the second largest city. Spend an evening wandering this cultural hub.

Local Bus

Budapest – Novi Sad 5h

Cross into Serbia. Border crossings in the Balkans are typically pretty easy but there can be some delays. Ensure you have any necessary visas to speed up the process.

Free Time

Novi Sad Evening

Head out and explore.

Meals included: Breakfast**Accommodation**

Hotel Zenit Novi Sad (or similar)

Hotel

Day 16 Novi Sad/Belgrade

Spend the morning exploring Novi Sad. Visit the famous Petrovaradin Fortress and, with time, check out the charming old town, or Stari Grad. In the afternoon, enjoy a short bus ride to Belgrade.

Petrovaradin Fortress Visit

Novi Sad

Construction on this fortress began in the late 1600s and today it remains an important landmark for the city. Visit the famous "reversed clock" and learn more about the varied history of this sight.

Private Vehicle

Novi Sad – Belgrade 1h30m

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

Free Time

Belgrade Afternoon

Opt to walk down the pedestrian street of Skadarlija or visit Republic Square.

Optional Activities - Day 16**Stari Grad Visit**

Novi Sad 30m-1h

Free

Visit the historic Old Town, or Stari Grad. Opt to visit many of the neighbourhood's monuments or museums. Stop into café or shop along the way.

Meals included: Breakfast**Accommodation**

Hotel Royal Inn Belgrade (or similar)

Hotel

Day 17 Belgrade

Visit the Kalemegdan Fortress then spend a free day floating down the Danube or shopping in one of the many bustling markets.

Opt to visit the National Theater or National Museum. The city offers a wealth of churches and cathedrals as well as an interesting Ethnographic Museum. Learn more about Serbian culture, traditions, costumes, and tools used throughout history.

Kalemegdan Fortress Visit

Belgrade 1h-2h

Kalemegdan Fortress, or Belgrade Fortress, consists of the old citadel and Kalemegdan Park. Located in the Old Town of Belgrade, the sight makes for one of the best lookouts in the city, staring down at the confluence of two rivers.

Free Time

Belgrade Full Day

Spend the day exploring this capital city.

Meals included: Breakfast**Accommodation****Hotel Royal Inn Belgrade (or similar)**

Hotel

Day 18 Belgrade/Sarajevo

Travel to Sarajevo, one of the most beautiful and diverse cities in the region. Walk around the cobblestone streets, visit the famous Latin Bridge, and soak in the bustling atmosphere of this resilient place.

Walk around the cobblestone streets of the Old Town while taking in the architecture of its diverse places of worship.

Free Time

Sarajevo Afternoon

Explore the enchanting capital of Bosnia.

Private Vehicle

Belgrade – Sarajevo 7h-8h

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

Optional Activities - Day 18**Latin Bridge Visit**

Sarajevo

Free

The Latin Bridge is worth a visit as it is a direct link to history. This is the sight where the Archduke of the Austro Hungarian Empire, Franz Ferdinand, was assassinated, leading to the beginning of World War I.

National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Sarajevo 1h-2h

10-30BAM per person

Founded in 1888, the National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina is one of the oldest cultural and scientific institutions in the country.

Times of Misfortune Tour & Tunnel Museum

Sarajevo

54BAM per person

Walk in the footsteps of Sarajevans who endured the Siege (1992-1995). Visit many historical sights including a stunning viewpoint over the city, a cemetery where the defenders of Sarajevo are buried, and Sniper Alley. Learn about the Siege and absorb interesting stories about daily life.

Gallery 11/07/95

Sarajevo 1h-2h

12-15BAM per person

This gallery space aims to preserve the memory on Srebrenica tragedy and 8372 persons who tragically lost their lives during the genocide through photography, video and interactive documentary.

Svrzo's House

Sarajevo

3BAM per person

Get a glimpse into the life of an urban, 19th century Muslim family in Sarajevo. Built by Munib effendi Glodo, famous for his involvement in Bosnia's struggle for autonomy within the Ottoman Empire. This house is a typical example of architecture from the period.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation

Hotel Hecco (or similar)

Hotel

Day 19 Sarajevo

Take an included tour of the 'Tunnel of Life' to get a better understanding of the tragic recent history of this captivating city. Spend some free time exploring the Stari Grad section and looking for 'Sarajevo Roses'.

Tunnel of Life Tour

Sarajevo 1h-2h Morning

Visit the "Tunnel of Life," which played a crucial role in the survival of the people of Sarajevo during the fairly recent civil war. Visit the airport and the house of a brave Bosnian who allowed the smuggling of supplies. Hear firsthand accounts of the horrors of war and the resilience of the people of Sarajevo. Drive into the mountains and learn more about the sombre history.

Free Time

Sarajevo Afternoon

Explore more of this gorgeous city.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation

Hotel Hecco (or similar)

Hotel

Day 20 Sarajevo/Mostar

Travel through beautiful countryside to reach charming Mostar. The city's symbol, a beautiful reconstructed Ottoman-style bridge, is a reminder of the tenacity of Bosnians in recent times. Wander the old city and visit the new, taking in the many reminders of what the people of this region have survived.

After visiting the bridge, wander through the small streets and opt to sit in a café, enjoying the laid-back atmosphere.

For a sobering look into the city's recent history, wander through town, passing buildings still riddled with bullet holes. Visit a bank that was completely destroyed during the war and past houses in shambles. While life continues and progress is made, these sights remain as reminders of the evils of war.

Private Vehicle

Sarajevo - Mostar 2h-3h 130km

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

Free Time

Mostar Afternoon

Explore this beautiful riverside town.

Optional Activities - Day 20

Koski Mehmed Pasa Mosque & Minaret

Mostar

Take a visit to Koski Mehmed Paša Mosque, built in 1618 and take a wander around the garden courtyard. Climb up the minaret to amazing views of Mostar.

Stari Most (Old Bridge) Visit

Mostar 1h-2h

Free

Visit the city's symbol; a beautiful, reconstructed Ottoman-style bridge. The bridge was constructed in the 1600s and was meticulously rebuilt after its destruction during the war. It's a reminder of the tenacity of the Bosnians and is a gorgeous sight to behold. Wait at the bottom for daredevils to dive into the icy river below.

War Photo Exhibition

Mostar

6BAM per person

Immerse yourself in a collection of photos that give visitors a sobering glimpse into the Balkan War of 1912.

Meals included: Breakfast
Accommodation
City Hotel Mostar (or similar)
Hotel

Day 21 Mostar/Kotor

Continue on to Montenegro and arrive to the Bay of Kotor, a World Heritage-listed region. There is free time here to relax or explore as desired.

Arrive in time to start exploring this gorgeous area.

If relaxing is more your style, the beach of Kotor offers a great escape.

Private Vehicle

Mostar – Kotor 3h-4h 190km

Cross into Montenegro. Border crossings in the Balkans are typically pretty easy but there can be some delays. Ensure you have any necessary visas to speed up the process.

Free Time

Kotor Afternoon

Explore this gorgeous seaside town.

Optional Activities - Day 21

Sea Kayaking

Kotor

20EUR per person

Head out by sea kayak to fully appreciate this gorgeous area. Start just outside the Old Town walls and explore the coast. Stop at a beach bar for a break or a swim.

Kotor City Exploration

Kotor 15m-30m

Free

Take some time to explore this picturesque town surrounded by a walled fortress built by the Republic of Venice. Kotor has a Mediterranean feel to it and the bay offers a stunning backdrop for photographs.

Kotor Maritime Museum

Kotor

4EUR per person

At the Maritime Museum, explore the history, culture and living artifacts that connect modern Kotor with its centuries-old naval traditions. Learn about the Boka Marines, a fraternity of sailors and navigators who helped shipbuilding flourish in the Balkans.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation

Hotel Marija (or similar)

Hotel

Day 22 Kotor

Enjoy a sea kayaking tour before free time to relax or explore. Wander the streets of the walled city of Kotor or relax on picturesque beaches.

Sea Kayaking

Kotor 5h Morning

Head out by sea kayak to fully appreciate this gorgeous area. Start just outside the Old Town walls and explore the coast. Stop at a beach bar for a break or a swim.

Free Time

Kotor Afternoon

Get active or get lazy— the choice is yours.

Optional Activities - Day 22

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Perast Visit

Perast

Visit the small seaside town of Perast for a taste of the quaint in Montenegro.

Risan town and Roman Mosaics Visit

Risan 2h-4h

10EUR per person

Risan, once the capital of Kotor Bay, is a lovely town. Its most famous characteristic is the archaeological site known as the Roman Mosaics. The mosaics are found in what remains of an ancient Roman villa, built sometime between the 2nd and 3rd century BC.

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Day 23 Kotor/Dubrovnik

Travel to Croatia and experience the 'Pearl of the Adriatic' in Dubrovnik. Visit the G Adventures-supported Deša project, a non profit dedicated to empowering and employing women in the community. Then, choose to relax in one of the many cafés, explore the old town fortifications, or take a boat trip to one of the nearby islands.

The red roofs of the old city make for spectacular photos and the seaside cafés serve up tasty seafood.

Private Vehicle

Kotor – Dubrovnik 2h

Cross into Croatia. Border crossings in the Balkans are typically pretty easy but there can be some delays. Ensure you have any necessary visas to speed up the process.

Free Time

Dubrovnik Afternoon

Explore this picturesque city.

Your G for Good Moment: DEŠA Women's Centre Visit

DEŠA is a women's non-profit, founded during the homeland war in Dubrovnik. It is dedicated to empowering and employing women in the area. From their headquarters in Dubrovnik's Old Town, DEŠA runs victim support for survivors of domestic abuse through computer classes, language lessons, cultural preservation activities, and other inspiring programs. During your visit, you will learn about the powerful work undertaken by the women of DEŠA and their network across Croatia working to preserve traditional foods and handicrafts.

Optional Activities - Day 23

Sea Kayaking

Dubrovnik 8km

36EUR per person

Head offshore by sea kayak to gain a different perspective of Dubrovnik and fully appreciate this gorgeous area. Tour around the city walls and take a loop around Lokrum.

Rector's Palace

Dubrovnik 1h-2h

70HRK per person

Originally built in the 12th century, today's Rector's Palace is a cultural history museum with an intriguing past. A mix of Renaissance and Gothic architecture, it began as the seat of Dubrovnik's rector, becoming a place for merchants and citizens of the republic to gather by the 16th century. In the atrium, you'll find a statue of Miho Pracat, one such merchant who bequeathed his wealth to the city. Wander the galleries and admire paintings, sculptures and furniture from Croatia's past. Today the courtyard is a venue for music and cultural performances - and is often used as a filming location for shows such as Game of Thrones.

Museum of Croatian War of Independence

Dubrovnik 1h-2h

20HRK per person

Hop in a cable car to the top of Mount Srd and take in a bird's eye view of the walled city of Dubrovnik. Admire the vistas surrounding this ancient fortress perched above the Adriatic Sea, then make your way to the Croatian War of Independence Museum housed in a wing of Fort Imperial. Built to commemorate the war which lasted from 1991-1995, find artifacts such as documents, photos, military equipment, maps and other everyday objects from Croats who lived through the siege. Pause for a moment at the memorial plaque, engraved with the names of those who died defending the city.

War Photography Museum

Dubrovnik 1h-2h

40HRK per person

The War Photo Limited gallery displays exhibits from leading photojournalists who cover recent and present conflicts across the world. Curated by photographer Wade Goddard, who covered the Balkan wars in the 1990s, the gallery is spread over two floors and aims to raise public awareness on the injustices and effects of war.

Dubrovnik City Wall Walk

Dubrovnik 1h-2h

150HRK per person

Opt to take a walking tour or head out on your own to explore the city's ancient walls. A trip to Dubrovnik isn't complete without doing this 2km (1.1 mi) walk. See highlights along the way that include Fort Minceta, Fort St. John, Fort Lawrence, Fort Revelin, and St. Luke's Tower. There are three main entrances to the city walls, the principal one located by the Inner Pile Gates.

Franciscan Monastery & Museum

Dubrovnik

30HRK per person

Take a wander through this Franciscan Monastery complex. Originally constructed as a public pharmacy in 1317, the Friars Minor pharmacy is the third oldest functioning pharmacy in the world today.

Cable Car Ride

Dubrovnik

150HRK per person

Get an amazing view of the rows of red roofs of Dubrovnik and the sea on a scenic cable car ride. While you slowly creep up the side of the mountain, look down on the winding streets and out to the nearby oceans. If you run out of time during the day hop on the cable car near sunset to see the tints of pink, red, and orange spread across the sky.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation

Hotel Ivka (or similar)

Hotel

Day 24 Dubrovnik

Enjoy a free day to explore the Dalmatian Coast.

Free Time

Dubrovnik Full Day

With so much to see and do, get going.

Optional Activities - Day 24

Lopud Island Visit

Lopud

Escape the city on a ferry ride to Lopud Island, part of the Elafiti Islands and home to one of Croatia's most stunning beaches, Plaza Sunj.

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Day 25 Dubrovnik/Hvar

Head to the island of Hvar. Enjoy amazing beaches, nightlife, and water sports.

Filled with sunshine, the beautiful island is known for its lavender fields and vineyards in the interior and detailed Venetian-inspired architecture in the towns.

Ferry

Dubrovnik - Hvar 3h

Hop on a ferry from Dubrovnik to beautiful Hvar.

Free Time

Hvar Afternoon

Don't waste a minute—get exploring.

Optional Activities - Day 25

St. Stephen's Cathedral

Hvar

10HRK per person

Originally constructed over 400 years ago, St. Stephen's Cathedral still plays an important role in the lives of local residents. Located in Hvar's main square, step inside the cathedral to admire beautiful altar paintings and bas reliefs made during the Dalmatian Renaissance.

Hvar Fortress Visit

Hvar

6EUR per person

Explore the 16th century fortress that looks over the city of Hvar. Tour the interior and see some of the artifacts on display like the canon. Climb hundreds of stairs to reach the top for an incredible panoramic view of the city, nearby islands, and the ocean.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation

Hotel Pharos (or similar)

Hotel

Day 26 Hvar

Soak in the scenery and relish the calm on a boat ride around the Pakleni Islands.

Pakleni Islands Boat Ride

Pakleni Otoci

Enjoy a scenic boat ride around the famous Pakleni Islands, offering a great escape for those wanting to spend a day relaxing on a quiet beach.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation

Hotel Pharos (or similar)

Hotel

Day 27 Hvar/Split

Ferry back to the mainland and arrive to Split. Take a guided tour of the UNESCO site at Diocletian's Palace. Enjoy free time to explore this charming seaside town.

Opt to visit the local market and gobble up some Croatian delicacies. For a little more activity, visit Marjan's peak with gorgeous views over the city or hit up some of the hiking and biking trails in the area.

Ferry

Hvar – Split 1h

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

Diocletian's Palace Guided Walk

Split 2h-2h30m

Take a guided walk around Diocletian's Palace, one of the most imposing Roman ruins in Europe. It took over 10 years to construct and is built of white stone imported from the island of Brač. Visiting this UNESCO World Heritage site is a perfect way to learn more about the history of Split.

Free Time

Split Afternoon

Head out and explore.

Optional Activities - Day 27

Bacvice Beach Visit

Split

Free

Head to this local hot spot to soak up some rays or play in the calm waters. The sandy shores are often packed with rows of lounge chairs and umbrellas, but it's still a great place to spend some time if you're looking to cool off. Visit some of the cafes along the waterfront, wade out into the shallow water, or rent a lounge chair and relax.

Marjan's Peak Visit

Split 3h-4h

30EUR per person

For spectacular views of the city, make sure to visit Marjan's Peak. The area has nice hiking and biking trails for those that want to embrace nature and escape the port town.

St Dujice Cathedral Visit

Split

15-40HRK per person

The Cathedral of St Dujice is said to be the oldest cathedral in the world, built around 305 AD. Climb up the bell tower for excellent views of Split and the surrounding port area.

Mestrovic Gallery

Split

30HRK per person

Filled with the incredible sculptures of Croatian artist and architect Ivan Meštrović, this gallery is beautiful inside and out. The gallery is housed in a villa designed by Meštrović as a summer home which overlooks a wonderful garden where you can view more sculptures and enjoy the breeze from the sea.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation

Hotel Corner (or similar)

Hotel

Day 28 Split

Depart at any time.

We recommend staying an extra day or two to fully experience all this lively city has to offer.

Optional Activities - Day 28

Trogir Excursion

Trogir 4h-6h

15-41EUR per person

Take an excursion to the historic city of Trogir, where the Old City core is a listed UNESCO World Heritage site. Found in the centre of Dalmatia on the eastern coastline of Adriatic sea, this pretty seaside town is a great place to walk and explore.

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Meals included: Breakfast

What's Included

Your G for Good Moment: Magdas Hotel, Vienna

Your G for Good Moment: Nem Adom Fel Café and Bar, Budapest

Your G for Good Moment: DEŠA Women's Centre Visit, Dubrovnik

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

Your Discover Moment: Berlin

Your Discover Moment: Budapest. Auschwitz entrance and guided tour (Krakow). Orientation walk of Prague. Vienna walking tour. Petrovaradin Fortress visit. Kalemegdan Fortress visit (Belgrade). "Tunnel of Life" tour (Sarajevo). Mostar stay. Sea kayaking trip (Bay of Kotor). Beach time in Hvar. Scenic boat ride around Pakleni islands. Diocletian's Palace guided tour (Split). All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

Highlights

Wander beautiful medieval cities, opt for a soak in a thermal bath in Budapest, kayak the Bay of Kotor, marvel at the ancient Roman palace of Diocletian in Split

Dossier Disclaimer

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

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.

Itinerary Notes

Departures in April and October may run with different transport times than noted on the itinerary due to seasonal ferry schedules.

Important Notes

1. CLIMATE

Weather in all countries visited is similar in May - October period. Summer is warm but rainy with 8 - 9 hours of sunshine.

2. YOUR CEO

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

3. LUGGAGE

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

4. RAMADAN

Please note that Ramadan is a month of fasting observed by Muslims throughout the world, during which time the followers of Islam should not eat or drink between sunrise and sunset. There may be some limitations to services and disruptions to schedules during Ramadan in Muslim areas, but generally our tours still operate effectively during this period and food is available to non-muslims throughout the day. It is very important to display increased cultural sensitivity during Ramadan. Please wear loose fitting clothes, that cover knees and shoulders, and try to avoid eating, drinking or smoking in public out of respect for those who can't at that time.

5. COMBO TRIP

Please note that this tour combines with other G Adventures tours. As such, the staff and some travel companions on your tour may have previously been traveling together with G Adventures, prior to Day 1 of your tour. Likewise, some staff and travel companions may be continuing together on another G Adventures tour, after your trip concludes.

6. ACCOMMODATION NOTE:

Please be aware that properties we stay in with only two stories may not have elevators installed and climbing the stairs with your luggage will be necessary.

7. OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES NOTE:

During high season in Europe (May-October) we highly recommend booking reservations for any popular optional activities/museum tickets etc. in advance to avoid encountering sold-out activities on the ground while on tour.

Group Leader Description

This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our CEOs (Chief Experience Officer). The aim of the CEO 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 in Auschwitz 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.

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Group Size Notes

Max 16, avg 12.

Meals Included

27 breakfasts

Meals

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

Transport

Train, long-distance bus, local bus, ferry, walking, private vehicle.

About our Transportation

Intercity transport on this trip will be by local bus, and long-distance train and bus. The bus and train systems in Central Europe are generally good, but inevitably travelling by public transport can involve delays and frustrations, and we ask you to keep this in mind.

This tour includes some long travel days, but we believe those hours of travel are more than worth it for the reward of seeing so much of this breathtaking region in a short space of time, so unfold your map, pack in your mp3 player and your phrase-book and get ready to enjoy some beautiful landscapes with your Polish or Slovakian neighbour.

Between transport and hotels you may be required to carry your luggage short distances (up to 20 mins walk).

Local Flights

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

Solo Travellers

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/pensions (27 nts).

My Own Room

Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room" option for this tour, you will receive your own single room for all night stops.

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

About Accommodation

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

Note that most accommodation in Europe does not have air conditioning units in rooms. Air conditioning is not routinely installed in European homes and workplaces. However, nearly all hotels will provide a standing or desk fan for your room on hot nights. If you do not already have one in your room, please ask your CEO to organize one for you with reception.

Our accommodation in Krakow is a comfortable and modern hostel with double, twin or triple rooms, bathroom facilities may be shared. In the Tatras mountains, we use a simple pension. Rooms may be triple-share and are not all ensuite. However, the location and the homely welcome are unbeatable!

Joining Instructions

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

Directions:

Arriving at Berlin Airport take the regional train RB23 or RE8 (costs 3.80€ - you can use this ticket for the whole transit) until Ostbahnhof. From there it's only a short walk.

From Schönefeld Airport, follow the signs to the train station, buy an ABC ticket and take a train to Ostbahnhof.

To arrange an arrival or departure transfer, we recommend you book through our preferred transfer provider - HolidayTaxis - by copying the link below into your web browser:

<https://partner.holidaytaxis.com/?ref=GADVE>

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

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

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

Please note that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned on this day.

Once you arrive at your Joining Hotel, look out for a Welcome Note which will be left at reception with all of the necessary information regarding your Welcome Meeting, along with the meeting time (usually between 5pm and 7pm). This is when you will get a chance to meet your CEO and other travellers, receive information about any general and specific aspects of the trip and learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

If you arrive late, s/he/they 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.

Emergency Contact

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

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER

G Adventures Berlin office: +44 7817 262559

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

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

Finishing Point Instructions

Several taxi companies offer flat-rate fares to the airport for approx HUF5000 (EUR20) - ask at the hotel for assistance
Alternatively, Airport Shuttle (www.airportshuttle.hu) offer fixed-rate minibus pickups.

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. You must be prepared to carry your luggage up and down stairs, on and off transportation, and to hotels (max 15-20 mins.)

Packing List

Conservative Dress:

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)
- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

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:

- 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

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)
- 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 is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

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

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

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

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

Spending Money

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

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

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

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

Please note that in all countries visited except for Croatia, Germany, Austria and Slovakia (EURO), you will need local currency. Below are listed the currencies for each country with an approximate exchange rate.

Czech Republic - Czech Republic Koruny (CZK)- 1 EUR | 25 CZK

Hungary - Forint (HUF) - 1 EUR | 288 HUF

Poland - Zloty (PLN) - 1 EUR | 4 PLN

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

Emergency Fund

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

Tipping

While conventions can vary from country to country, tipping is customary in Europe. A general rule is 10% of the bill for wait staff, and a smaller amount (€1 or €2) for other service providers.

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

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

Optional Activities

Berlin

- East Side Gallery Visit Along Berlin Wall (Free)
- Judisches Museum Visit (8EUR per person)
- Television Tower (Fernsehturm) Visit (13-23EUR per person)
- Brandenburg Gate Visit (Free)
- The Berlin Wall Memorial (Free)
- Checkpoint Charlie Museum Visit (17.50EUR per person)
- Pergamon Museum (12EUR per person)
- Schloss Charlottenburg Palace (10EUR per person)

Krakow

- Rynek Underground Museum (19PLN per person)
- Old Jewish Quarter (Kazimierz)
- Wawel Royal Castle (3PLN per person)
- Bar Mleczny (Milk Bar) Meal
- Horse and Carriage Ride

Wieliczka

- Wieliczka Salt Mines Visit

Prague

- Mucha Museum (240CZK per person)
- Old Town Visit
- Prague Ghetto (Josefov/Jewish Quarter) Visit (10-20EUR per person)
- Petřín Hill Hike (Free-30CZK per person)
- Prague Castle (Hradčany) Visit (250-350CZK per person)
- Letná Beer Garden Visit (Free-3EUR per person)
- Kafka Museum (200CZK per person)
- Old Town Hall and Clock Tower (110-440CZK per person)
- Charles Bridge Visit (Free)
- Museum of Communism (150CZK per person)
- Malá Strana Visit

Český Krumlov

- Jewish Synagogue Český Krumlov Visit (Free)
- State Castle and Chateau Český Krumlov Tour (360CZK per person)
- Biking (5-10EUR per person)

Vienna

- Saint Stephen's Cathedral Visit (Free)
- Belvedere Gallery Visit (19EUR per person)
- Vienna State Opera House Visit (8EUR per person)
- View Lipizzaner Horses at Spanish Riding School of Vienna (14EUR per person)
- Hotel Sacher Visit and dessert (30-50EUR per person)
- Vienna Boys' Choir Visit (56-200EUR per person)
- Schönbrunn Palace Visit/Tour (11-15EUR per person)

Budapest

- Buda Castle Visit (1500HUF per person)
- Thermal Baths Visit (4200-5000HUF per person)
- Budapest Bike Tour (28EUR per person)
- Hungarian National Museum (1600HUF per person)
- Hungarian State Opera House (2900HUF per person)
- Great Market Hall Visit (Free)
- Chain Bridge (Free)
- Budapest History Walking Tour
- Parliament Building Visit (5200HUF per person)
- Danube River Cruise

Novi Sad

- Stari Grad Visit (Free)

Sarajevo

- Latin Bridge Visit (Free)
- National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina (10-30BAM per person)
- Times of Misfortune Tour & Tunnel Museum (54BAM per person)
- Gallery 11/07/95 (12-15BAM per person)
- Svrzo's House (3BAM per person)

Mostar

- Koski Mehmed Pasa Mosque & Minaret
- Stari Most (Old Bridge) Visit (Free)
- War Photo Exhibition (6BAM per person)

Kotor

- Sea Kayaking (20EUR per person)
- Kotor City Exploration (Free)
- Kotor Maritime Museum (4EUR per person)

Perast

- Perast Visit

Risan

- Risan town and Roman Mosaics Visit (10EUR per person)

Dubrovnik

- Sea Kayaking (36EUR per person)
- Rector's Palace (70HRK per person)
- Museum of Croatian War of Independence (20HRK per person)
- War Photography Museum (40HRK per person)
- Dubrovnik City Wall Walk (150HRK per person)
- Franciscan Monastery & Museum (30HRK per person)
- Cable Car Ride (150HRK per person)

Lopud

- Lopud Island Visit

Hvar

- St. Stephen's Cathedral (10HRK per person)
- Hvar Fortress Visit (6EUR per person)

Split

- Bacvice Beach Visit (Free)
- Marjan's Peak Visit (30EUR per person)
- St Dujce Cathedral Visit (15-40HRK per person)
- Mestrovic Gallery (30HRK per person)

Trogir

- Trogir Excursion (15-41EUR per person)

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 and Culture Shock ratings for trip specific information. G Adventures reserves the right to exclude any traveller from all or part of a trip without refund if in the reasonable opinion of our CEO they are unable to complete the itinerary without undue risk to themselves and/or the rest of the group.

Safety and Security

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Couple of Rules

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

Travel Insurance

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

Planeterra Foundation - the non-profit partner of G Adventures

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

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

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

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

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

Feedback

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