Here are the API endpoints that will be needed for the group travel calendar application, aligned with the functionalities described in your process flow:

1. User Onboarding and Authentication

New User Registration

```
• POST /api/auth/register
```

```
o Request Body: { "name": "string", "email": "string", "password":
    "string" }
o Response: { "message": "Registration successful. Verification email
    sent." }
```

POST /api/auth/social-register

```
o Request Body: { "provider": "google|facebook", "accessToken":
   "string" }
o Response: { "message": "Registration successful." }
```

• POST /api/auth/verify-email

```
o Request Body: { "email": "string", "verificationCode": "string" }
```

o Response: { "message": "Email verified successfully." }

Existing User Login

• POST /api/auth/login

```
o Request Body: { "email": "string", "password": "string" }
o Response: { "token": "jwt-token", "user": { "id": "string", "name":
    "string" } }
```

POST /api/auth/social-login

```
o Request Body: { "provider": "google|facebook", "accessToken":
   "string" }
o Response: { "token": "jwt-token", "user": { "id": "string", "name":
   "string" } }
```

POST /api/auth/forgot-password

```
o Request Body: { "email": "string" }
o Response: { "message": "Password reset link sent." }
```

2. Calendar Integration

Connect Calendar

• POST /api/calendar/connect

```
o Request Body: { "provider": "google|outlook", "oauthToken":
    "string" }
o Response: { "message": "Calendar connected successfully." }
```

• GET /api/calendar/providers

```
o Response: { "providers": ["google", "outlook"] }
```

3. Group Creation and Management

Create New Group

• POST /api/groups/create

```
o Request Body: { "name": "string", "description": "string",
    "travelDates": "date-range" }
o Response: { "groupId": "string", "invitationLink": "string" }
```

Join Existing Group

• POST /api/groups/join

```
o Request Body: { "groupId": "string", "invitationCode": "string" }
o Response: { "message": "Joined group successfully." }
```

4. Availability Visualization

Fetch Calendar Data

• GET /api/calendar/events

```
o Request Params: ?groupId=string
o Response: { "events": [ { "userId": "string", "events": [ ... ] } ]
}
```

Display Combined Availability

• GET /api/calendar/availability

```
o Request Params: ?groupId=string&dateRange=optional
o Response: { "availability": [ ... ] }
```

5. AI-Powered Scheduling Suggestions

Analyze Availability

• POST /api/schedule/analyze

```
o Request Body: { "groupId": "string", "preferences": { ... } }
o Response: { "analysis": { "optimalSlots": [ ... ] } }
```

Generate Suggestions

POST /api/schedule/suggest

```
o Request Body: { "groupId": "string", "preferences": { ... } }
o Response: { "suggestions": [ ... ] }
```

6. Collaborative Itinerary Planning

Shared Itinerary

• POST /api/itinerary/create

```
o Request Body: { "groupId": "string", "itinerary": [ ... ] }
o Response: { "itineraryId": "string", "message": "Itinerary created successfully." }
```

• PUT /api/itinerary/update

```
o Request Body: { "itineraryId": "string", "updates": { ... } }
o Response: { "message": "Itinerary updated successfully." }
```

Communication and Decision-Making

POST /api/chat/send

```
o Request Body: { "groupId": "string", "message": "string" }
o Response: { "messageId": "string", "timestamp": "datetime" }
```

• POST /api/polls/create

```
o Request Body: { "groupId": "string", "question": "string",
   "options": [ ... ] }
o Response: { "pollId": "string", "message": "Poll created
   successfully." }
```

7. Travel Booking (Optional)

Integrate with Travel Platforms

```
• POST /api/travel/search
```

```
o Request Body: { "groupId": "string", "criteria": { ... } }
o Response: { "results": [ ... ] }
```

• POST /api/travel/book

```
o Request Body: { "travelId": "string", "paymentInfo": { ... } }
o Response: { "bookingId": "string", "message": "Booking confirmed."
}
```

8. Notifications and Reminders

Send Timely Notifications

• POST /api/notifications/send

```
o Request Body: { "groupId": "string", "notification": { ... } }
o Response: { "message": "Notification sent successfully." }
```

9. User Profile and Settings

Manage Profile

• PUT /api/user/profile

```
o Request Body: { "userId": "string", "profile": { ... } }
o Response: { "message": "Profile updated successfully." }
```

App Settings

• PUT /api/user/settings

```
o Request Body: { "userId": "string", "settings": { ... } }
o Response: { "message": "Settings updated successfully." }
```

Additional Considerations

- **Error Handling:** Ensure that all endpoints return appropriate error messages for validation errors, unauthorized access, and other potential issues.
- **Security:** Implement JWT authentication for securing endpoints, and enforce role-based access control where necessary.

This structure should cover all the core functionalities for your group travel calendar application, with clear and consistent API endpoints for frontend-backend communication.