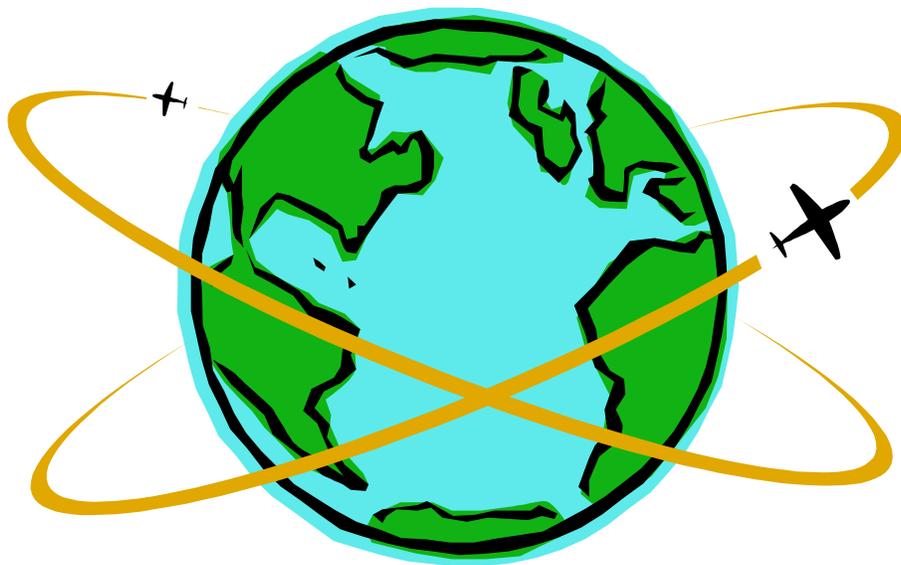
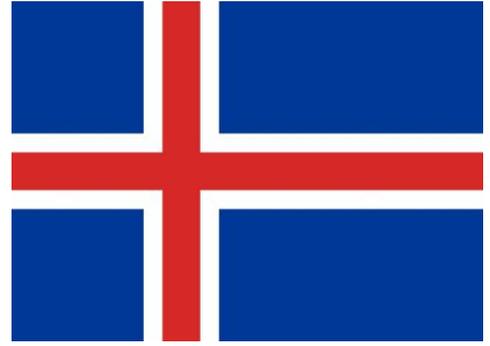




International Opportunities for Girls - 2018/9



Iceland 2018



Dates & duration: 6th August 2018 -8 days / 7 nights

Participants: 50 - selected - we will be looking for approx. 4 per county with reserves

Trip budget: £1400.00 pp

Age: Guides & Senior Section

This is the **ultimate adventure**, offering the girls chance to combine exciting activities with some of the most striking and awe-inspiring scenery imaginable. Crashing waterfalls, rich turquoise lagoons and erupting geysers await the group.

The trip will allow a large group, of selected girls to work together as one to complete and enjoy a weeks' camping at the Úlfljótsvatn Scout Centre.

In addition to camping there will be the opportunity to visit many of the local sights and enjoy a thrilling journey through a totally unique landscapes as planned by the group.

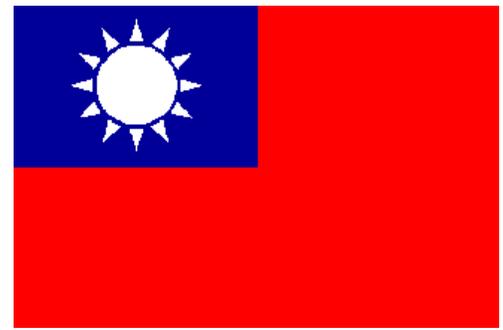
All food will be provided but the group will need to do their own cooking. All camping equipment will also be provided.

The trip fee will cover the cost of flights and baggage / insurance / accommodation / activities and uniform top and international neckerchief. Additional costs incurred will be for the get togethers prior to the trip for the group to make their plans and get to know each other.

Selected girls will ideally have an enjoyment of camping and a love of the outdoors



Taiwan 2018



Dates & duration: Approx 12-14 days August 2018

Participants: 20 girls - 1/2 per county (with reserves)

Trip budget: £2500

Age: 14+

The group will be heading to Taiwan to complete a service project in conjunction with the volunteering company Concordia and Taiwan VYA (Vision Youth Action).

The project is focused on agricultural work and intercultural exchange with the local children and students who use the local church for their after school activities.

Volunteering work is about 4-6 hours per day. The work will be carried out outdoors and takes place in an urban setting, within a building where the church and the social enterprise share their premises.

Following a 10 day project the group will have the opportunity to spend a few days in the capital of Taiwan, Taipei.

The girls will need to be able to cope with hard work in hot temperatures. The food will be varied and may be very different to what they are used to. They need to have an interest in volunteering on a community project and be happy to work with children. There will be free time available for the group.

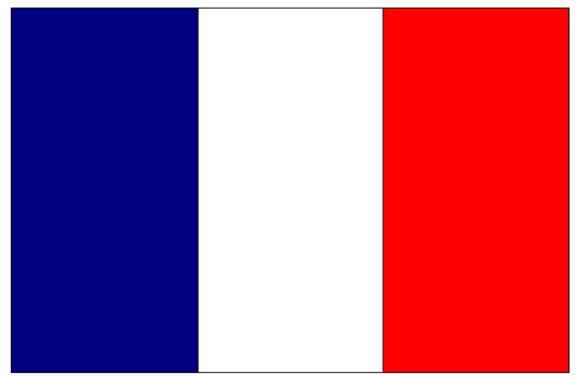
They need to be happy to promote cultural awareness and global understanding.

They will be staying in bunk type rooms and all meals will be provided, although they will have to help with cooking and cleaning.

The trip fee will cover the cost of flights and baggage / insurance / accommodation / activities and uniform top and international neckerchief. Additional costs incurred will be for the get togethers prior to the trip for the group to make their plans and get to know each other.



Le Chateau - France 2018



Dates & duration: August 2018 - 4-5 days

Participants: 250

Trip fee: TBC

Age: Brownies & Guides

Following on from the success of the previous region trip we are going to be organising a 'book and go' adventure to Le Château d'Ebblinghem in France.

More details will be available shortly, but to give you an idea:

Le Château d'Ebblinghem is a spectacular 19th century country house. During the groups stay they will fill their days with trips to the local bakery and chocolatier, trying new activities like yachting along the beach and getting to know each other whilst undertaking fun filled onsite challenges and activities.

They will get a real taste of the French culture without even leaving the grounds of this impressive château, as on-site staff can organise a crêpe making evening activity or even snail tasting.

Travel will be by coach and ferry. The cost will be confirmed shortly but will include travel, accommodation and activities.

This will not be a selected trip but will be an opportunity for groups - leaders and their girls, to book their places directly with region. This is an ideal first time international adventure for groups.



European Challenge

Dates & duration: August 2019 - 9/10 days

Participants: 100+ Teams of 10 girls plus 2/3 leaders per county

Trip budget: Approx. £1600 TBC



This is an opportunity to see various European cities in 2019. The groups will compete against each other in a 'Monopoly' style challenge whilst travelling throughout Europe.

The event planning team will organise exciting, exhilarating challenges, arrange locations and accommodation, and coordinate a range of activities that will lead the groups across Europe.

As part of the groups challenges they will need to make their own travel arrangements. The groups will arrive at the given points on the dates given and undertake the challenges and do some 'tourist /sightseeing' activities along the way. The teams will be given a budget to work to and will spend approx. 2 days in each location.

The plans are in the very early planning stages at present but we can guarantee an adventure that will keep your girls talking about it for many years.

The girls will need to be able to cope with lots of travel by different methods, be able to pack lightly and carry their load from destination to destination and be able to cope with a lack of sleep!

The trip fee we will be for each team member and will cover the cost of travel and baggage / insurance / challenges and uniform top and international neckerchief.

World Scout Jamboree 2019

- Dates & duration:** July / August 2019 - approx. 16 days
- Participants:** 1 / 2 per county
- Trip budget:** TBC - Approx. £2600
- Age:** Born 22 July 2001 and 21 July 2005 (no exceptions)



As a region we will be invited to put one / two patrols forward for the 2019 World Scout Jamboree, which is to take place in the USA in summer 2019.

The Summit Bechtel Reserve, a world class, sustainable, Jamboree site, will be the site of the 2019 World Scout Jamboree. The Summit Bechtel Reserve is located in West Virginia, USA, and is comprised of more than 14,000 acres of beautiful forested mountains adjacent to more than 70,000 acres of national park in the scenic New River Gorge area of West Virginia. For the first time, a world jamboree will be hosted by three national Scout organisations: Scouts Canada, Asociación de Scouts de México, and the Boy Scouts of America. These three distinct cultures will join together to host the world Scouting community in a celebration of cultural exchange, mutual understanding, peace, and friendship.

Girlguiding members, as a patrol, are invited to join the scouts by forming a unit and will work with them to provide an amazing, life changing experience.

The WSJ is a truly once in a lifetime opportunity - participants will only ever get one opportunity to attend due to their age.

The girls will need to have the commitment of time as the planning for WSJ takes two years. They need to be organised as many will have their GCSE's during this time.

They need to be prepared to travel throughout the region as the patrol will be linked with a scout group that may be some distance away. They have to have a positive attitude, the scouts do some things very differently and this can be a challenge.

They need to enjoy all aspects of camping and love the outdoors.

In addition to the trip fee they will need to raise additional money to cover the cost of the get togethers' with their patrol and the scout unit, along with any unit kit and unit items needed for the jamboree, approx. £200-300.

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