



International Opportunities in Guiding

Now the world has opened up again there are International Opportunities available to all Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Young Leaders and Adult Members to travel abroad with Guiding. These opportunities could be with your Unit, County, Region or even Country.

With exceptions in the last couple of years due to covid, every year groups from across Hampshire East go abroad with Guiding. In the last few years we have had groups go to France, Switzerland, Croatia, Cyprus and India, to name just a few.

Recently we have had an Adults Members help lead Region trips to Romania, Switzerland and Mexico. Activities on these trips have included visiting World Centres, snow sports and service projects in an orphanage and conservation of turtles.

We have also had Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders represent the County at Region level on trips to Iceland, Kenya, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Canada and Mexico.

Travelling internationally with Girlguiding is always a fantastic experience, perhaps to countries you would never otherwise visit, attending jamborees, completing service projects e.g. conservation, teaching, building schools, being hosted or visiting local Girl Guides or Girl Scouts - the possibilities are endless and often end in lasting friendships across the World.

How can I go on an International guiding trip?

- We have some AMAZING trips lined up for 2024 and are in the planning stages of an 'en masse' trip to Disneyland Paris in 2025 which units can book to join. Watch this space in future newsletters for more info!
- Put yourself and girls from your unit forward for selection for County and/or Region international events. Selection events are held annually for adults and girls wishing to join trips.
 - **Adult** International Opportunities - is 22-23 April 2023 at Foxlease. For more details and to apply keep an eye out in the County and Region newsletters. There are Region plans for zoom call in the new year to find out more about what this will involve. Alternatively, if you would like to find out more about or speak to someone who has taken part previously please contact Sarah Woodman, IA, who will be able to put you in touch with someone.
 - **Girls** International Opportunities
 - County Intops day is Sunday March 12th 2023 at Sandy Acres for girls who will be under 19 by the time they travel in 2023/2024.
 - Girls will complete a variety of different activities during the day and find out about the County International trips planned for 2024.

- Some of the girls will be given the option to represent the County at the Region Participants INTOPS weekend to be held on 30 June - 2 July 2023 at Foxlease which could lead to them being selected to go on a Region international trip (likely to be in 2024 or 2025).
 - Grants are available to support adults and girls on international events and trips and fundraising is always supported
 - ICE - International Community Experience, organised by South West Region. There are two selection events each year and open to girls from across the Region. These are advertised on the Region website (girlguidingsouthwest.org.uk) and girls can apply independently. ICE trips tend to be closer to home (previous trips have been to Belgium, Ireland, Holland) and include a community service project.
 - Go For Gold - look out in national newsletters for details of Gold events and trips which will be going ahead again from this year. Applicants need to be 18 -30.
- Plan a trip with a unit/district/division group from your local area. Switzerland and Euro Disney are popular destinations and there are multiple travel companies to support such trips for groups. Please speak to your commissioner and international adviser before planning begins.

Adult Members who would like to gain the international section of the Going Away With Scheme or would like to know more about travelling internationally please speak to your local Commissioner or Sarah Woodman, the County International Adviser, on HantsEastIA@outlook.com