



International Opportunities 16th - 18th March 2018 BLACKMORE (members born before 22nd July 2005)

Where could guiding take you...?

There's a world outside your window, just waiting for you to come and discover it! Now is your chance to explore new places and cultures, sample foods and languages, make new friends from around the world, challenge yourself, put your promise into action, and be the person you aspire to be. There are a whole range of international opportunities available through guiding.

In 2017 members of Girlguiding Worcestershire travelled to:

- Canada to join Spirit of Adventure Rendezvous (SOAR), an international camp with Girl Guides Canada, in beautiful British Columbia. After camp they had the opportunity to soak up the sights in Vancouver.
- Malawi to work with local volunteers on a variety of service projects and explore this wonderful county
- Denmark to participate in Denmark's largest jamboree with over 40,000 Danish and international Scouts and Guides
- In December 2017/January 2018 members are travelling to Australia to take part in an 'Aussie Adventure' - exploring, sight seeing and meeting with local Girl Guides

In 2018 we will be travelling to:

- Austria to attend HOME, an Austrian jamboree set the Austrian Alps. Before joining the camp the girls will travel throughout Europe by train, exploring as they go.
- Iceland with 50 members of Girlguiding Midlands to enjoy an amazing Icelandic Adventure including white water rafting, whale watching, and exploring the beautiful Icelandic countryside.
- Taiwan to participate in service projects with local volunteers and experience Taiwanese culture.

"Canada was truly the most amazing experience. I could not have guessed how much I'd treasure the time I spent trying new things and meeting new people who I hope to keep in touch with for years to come. I can't express how lucky I feel to have taken part in this trip." - SOAR 2017 participant

If you will be 14+ in 2019 (born before 22nd July 2005) and are interested in finding out more come along to our INTOPS weekend. Take part in a range of activities and challenges, make new friends and learn more about international guiding and for the chance to be selected to take part in an international adventure!

What next:

1. Complete the application - available from your unit leader/Division International Rep/County International Advisor (international@girlguidingworcs.org.uk)
2. Return the completed form by 27th March 2017.
3. The International Opportunities weekend will be held at Blackmore Campsite (WR8 0EE), 16-18th March 2018 and costs £30 - cheques payable to 'Worcestershire Guide Association'.
4. Join us for a fun weekend!
5. We aim to feedback to all participants within 6 weeks of the weekend - unfortunately it is unlikely that we will be able to offer all participants the chance of an international opportunity at this time.

Costs

It is impossible to say at this point how much international trips will cost, as there are many factors which impact cost, including:

- Destination
- Flight availability
- 'In country' costs (which can vary considerably)
- Type of trip - service project, international camp etc

In 2017 the trips cost between £1500 - 2500.

Please note that financial support may be available from units, divisions, county etc, as well as non-guiding sources and fundraising is an important component of any international opportunity.

Questions

Contact Lindsey Carruthers (County International Advisor) on 07788150746 or international@girlguidingworcs.org.uk



International Opportunities Application Form

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Please complete this form electronically.
(If you are completing by hand please use capitals in black ink)

PERSONAL DETAILS

Membership no:	
Surname:	
First Name(s):	
Preferred Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone no (in full):	
Mobile no:	
Email address:	
Date of birth:	
Age (at time of INTOPS):	
Nationality:	
Do you hold a current passport?	

GIRLGUIDING CAREER/EXPERIENCE

Role(s) in guiding:			
Unit name:			
2nd unit name (if applicable):			
District:			
Division:			
Nights away (total no):		Nights under canvas:	
Camping Qualifications:	Camper badge	Camper Advanced	Camp Permit
	Senior Section Permit		
Other Guiding Qualifications or Experiences (e.g. Baden-Powell Award, service projects, outdoor activities)			

OTHER EXPERIENCE (NON-GUIDING)**School/College/Uni:****Subjects studied:****Work (full or part-time):****Languages (if any):****Hobbies + Interests
outside of guiding:****INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE - Countries you have visited****Country****Year****Type of trip? Who did you travel with?****ABOUT YOU - Please tell us a little more about your self (300 words or less)****INTOPS - Please tell us why you would like to travel abroad with Girlguiding (200 words or less)**

REFERENCES - Please provide the names and contact details of two people who have agreed to act as your referees and who we can contact in relation to this application.

GUIDING REFERENCE

Name:	
Role in Guiding:	
Membership no:	
Telephone no:	
Email:	
How do you know this person?	

NON-GUIDING REFERENCE (must not be related to you)

Name:	
Telephone no:	
Email:	
How do you know this person?	

I would like to attend Girlguiding Worcestershire International Opportunities weekend and be considered for an international opportunity with Girlguiding Worcestershire/Midlands in 2019.

If I am successful I will commit to the trip, before, during and after. This includes attending team briefing/debriefing events, payment schedules (and fundraising), responding to communications promptly and working with the rest of the team to create a memorable experience for all.

I am happy for photographs/videos to be taken of myself/my daughter during the weekend and used in local Girlguiding publicity, communications or digital channels (e.g. websites, social media)

Signature:		Date:	
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PARENT/CARER SUPPORT

Name:		Date:	
Signature:			
Email:			

UNIT + DIVISION SUPPORT

Unit Leader:		Date:	
Signature:			
Email:			
Division Commissioner:		Date:	
Signature:			
Email:			

Electronic signatures are acceptable. Please forward this application form to your unit leader, who will then pass it on to relevant local commissioners.

Forms should be returned via email to international@girlguidingworcs.org.uk or posted to County International Adviser, Girlguiding Worcestershire, County Office, Acre Lane, Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire WR9 9BE before 23rd February 2018.