



Girlguiding North Yorkshire North East County



International Virtual Escapades – Brownies





Welcome to Girlguiding North Yorkshire North East's International Virtual Escapades badge, Brownie edition.

Due to the covid pandemic in 2020/2021, all Girlguiding international travel and international opportunities came to an abrupt stop. We now need to start again and build up enthusiasm for international travel and opportunities within Girlguiding North Yorkshire North East.

In order to do this, we want to raise awareness of international Guiding and opportunities for all our members from Rainbows upwards and what better way to do this than have a special badge!

To really spark interest in international opportunities, we suggest you try and find a member who has been abroad with Girlguiding to come and talk to your unit about the amazing time they had. Hearing experiences first hand is often the best way and wouldn't it be amazing if a current Brownie joins an international opportunity in a few years' time after she was inspired by someone coming to talk to her unit!

International Virtual Escapades is a badge for all sections with the idea that girls can complete the badge in each section they are in. We have linked the badge to the programme as much as possible to make it easy for units to complete.

We appreciate units have a limited amount of time but if your unit is looking for a residential idea, why not use this badge and run a virtual international event for your unit from some venue in the UK? We challenge you to be as adventurous and realistic as you can be from the comfort of your unit meeting place/holiday venue. There are all sorts of virtual city tours/tours of buildings etc on the internet to help give the girls a realistic virtual international trip!

How to complete the badge

Your Brownie unit is challenged to plan a weekend virtual international trip to a European city. You need to think about everything you need to do to make this trip happen

To complete the challenge, as a minimum you have to complete the two compulsory challenges, two other gold challenges and then any four other activities to fit in with your programme.

How to buy the badge

Please use the badge order form at the back of the pack. There are round centre badges and a badge with your section name to buy.



The Challenges



Compulsory Challenge - Where Are You Going To Go?

As a Brownie pack you need to decide which European city you are going to visit. How you choose this is up to you, perhaps each six could choose a different city, promote why their choice is the best and then take a vote?

Compulsory Challenge - International Guiding

Investigate if there are Brownie units in the country you have chosen. What are they called? Find out about their uniform, promise, badges, programme etc. Check out the WAGGGS website - <https://www.wagggs.org/en/>

Trefoil Trivia (Know Myself UMA - Guiding Traditions)

Take part in a fun team quiz and win points to create your own colourful World Trefoil.

Guiding in a Bubble (Know Myself UMA - Get Guiding)

Explore where you fit into the wider guiding family with a fun and messy experiment.

How Are You Going To Get There?

You need to think about all the possible ways you can travel to your chosen city - for example - coach, train, aeroplane, boat. - Think about how long it will take to get there and what is the best method of travel.

Transforming Travel (Know Myself UMA - Time Travellers)

Transforming travel - how would you travel 1,000 miles. Would you go by plane, train or another way? Discover how you might have travelled if you lived in a different era.....

Ship Shape (Skills for My Future UMA - Magnificent Machines)

Bon Voyage! As ships set off to sea, they need to have everything onboard. Discover what

Cost of the Trip

How much will your trip cost? Challenge the girls to find out how much different parts of the trip would cost - they should be able to find this on the internet. Think about the cost of food and spending money.

Does the country use the Euro or do they still have their own currency? What is the exchange rate? Work out the equivalent values to our currency. Can you show the girls the currency?

Groups often fundraise when planning an international trip. Talk about ways you could fund raise for your trip. Why not try out one of your ideas and hold a fundraising evening and donate the proceeds to the World Thinking Day Fund or a local charity of your unit's choice.



Communicating

Learn some essential words for the country you are visiting like hello, goodbye, please, thank you, help, my name is.....

你好

Bonjour





Mapping It Out (Have Adventure SB - Stage 2 Explore)

Maps help us explore cities and countryside but only if you know how to read them. Discover what they look like and how to use one.

Navigate To Treasure (Have Adventures SB - Stage 2 Explore)

Make your own sextant and find the code to unlock your way to the treasure.

Travel Tickets (Have Adventures SB - Stage 3 Explore)

There are lots of different ways to travel. You might get stuck trying to get a boat down a motorway! Explore the best ways to travel across the world.

Suss Out the Symbols (Have Adventures SB - Explore Stage 3)

Don't get lost. Sort out the map symbols and know what they mean, so you can find your way.



What about Luggage?

When you have decided how you are going to travel, the Brownies need to think about the best sort of luggage to use - rucksack, suitcase or holdall. Will you be limited with weight and size of your luggage? Prepare a kit list of everything you are going to need - don't forget teddy!

Custom of Customs (Have Adventure SB - Stage 2 Explore)

Think you are a holiday packing pro? Get your suitcase ready and find out!

Get Packing (Have Adventures SB - Stage 2 Camp)

How quickly can you get organised? Think fast to decide what you need to go camping and race to pack your bag!

Waterproof (Have Adventures SB - Stage 3 Camp)

It's raining, it's pouring! Can you keep your bedding and kit dry or will your trip be a washout?



Global Action

Think global - act local. Global travel is exciting and full of adventure but as with everything we do, there is an environmental impact. Can you think of something to do locally to off-set the carbon emissions given when undertaking international travel?

Run Your Virtual Trip during Your Meeting or At a Residential Event

Make your trip as realistic as possible. You could make tickets, passports, perhaps you can set up a departure lounge, virtually fly, bring luggage - you could have a game with the luggage, has anyone forgotten anything essential, you may be able to watch some virtual visits to some of the famous sites in the city. Be as adventurous as you can and have lots of fun on your virtual trip. Why not





What Food Will You Eat?

You need to plan a menu for the time you are away, don't forget to think about food while you are travelling. Include as much local food and menus as you can - taste some food from the country you have chosen.

Local Munch (Take Action UMA - Save the Plant)

Exotic flavours are fun but where do they come from? Get snack planning and discover where your treats come from.

Fajita Fun (Skills for my Future SB - Stage 2 Live Smart)

Get your chef's hat on! Create your own delicious snack using different techniques and tools in the kitchen.

Sauce up Your Life (Skills for my Future SB - Stage 3 Live Smart)

Cook up a delicious sauce you can make time and time again. Explore your creativity and fill your tummy!



What Are You Going To Do?

Plan your itinerary for while you are in the city. What are the famous sites to see? Why not try to find some free virtual tours of the famous sites which you can watch during your unit meeting? What are you going to do in the evenings? How much can you fit in but still have some free time?

Happy Feet (Have Adventure SB - Explore Stage 2)

Don't let tired feet or being wet and cold stop you from exploring! Find out how to stay cosy and comfortable on your adventures.

Naughty Elephants Squirt Water (Have Adventure SB - Explore Stage 2)

If you don't know which way you're going, then you'll get lost. Make a compass and lead the way.

A City Walk (Have Adventures SB - Explore Stage 3)

Cities aren't just bright lights and hustle and bustle. Look deeper to explore the heart of city life.

Ray of light (Have Adventures SB - Explore Stage 3)

Don't get hot and bothered! Find out how to keep your cool and stay safe in the sun.

Arrange a Visitor

Find a Girlguiding member to come and talk to your unit about an international trip she has been on with Girlguiding.





Badge Order Form

Leaders Name:	
Unit Name:	
District/Division:	
Total number of circular badges at £1.00 each:	
Total number of section name badges at £1.00 each:	Rainbows: Brownies: Guides: Rangers:
Total cost of badges:	
Delivery Cost (please tick the correct number of badges, circular and section name added together)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 badges - £1.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 26- 50 badges - £1.25 <input type="checkbox"/> 51 - 100 badges - £1.50
Total cost of badges and postage:	
I paying the above amount (please tick the correct box): <input type="checkbox"/> Via bank transfer to Guide Association NYNE Sort code: 20-56-74 Account number: 20390712 Reference: International VE. Please email a copy of the order form to admin@girlguidingnyne.org.uk before transferring the money. <input type="checkbox"/> Via a cheque payable to Girlguiding NYNE. Please send the order form and cheque to: Ali Hampshire, Girlguiding NYNE Administrator, Nun Bank, Oswaldkirk, York, YO62 5XT	
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