



Girlguiding North Yorkshire North East County



International Virtual Escapades – Rangers





Welcome to Girlguiding North Yorkshire North East's International Virtual Escapades badge, Ranger 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 Ranger joins an international service project, volunteers at a World Centre or even leads an international trip in the years to come 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 Ranger unit is challenged to plan a virtual international trip to a country of your choice. You need to think about everything you need to do to make this trip happen.

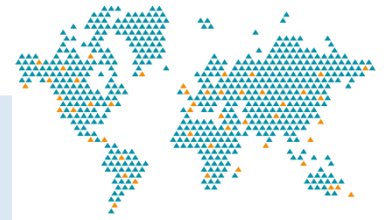
To complete the challenge, as a minimum you have to complete the two compulsory challenges, two other gold challenges and then any four other activities to fit in with your programme.

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?

Where do you fancy going, a hot country, a cold country, could you visit a world centre, could you carry out a service project in an underdeveloped county or volunteer at a world centre? As a group look at all the possible opportunities and then make your decision.

Bon Voyage (Have Adventure SB - Stage 6 Explore)

Get your thinking caps on to plan an adventure with your group. Once the plan is ready, put it into action.

Travel Like A Pro (Have Adventure SB - Stage 5 Explore)

Places to see, people to meet and food to eat, make the most of your trip and know how to be a respectful traveller.

Leave Only Footprints (Have Adventures SB - Explore Stage 6)

Take only photos and leave only footprints. Find out about sustainable tourism so you can be a tourist without leaving a trace.

Compulsory Challenge - International Guiding

Investigate if there are Ranger 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/>

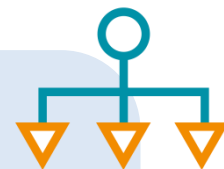
How Are You Going To Get There?

You need to think about all the possible ways you can travel to your chosen country - for example - coach, train, aeroplane, boat - Think about how long it will take to get there and what is the best method of travel. Would you need to organise the travel or if you joined an organisation, would they arrange the travel. Do you need a visa, injections etc.

What about Luggage?

When you have decided where you are going to go, decide on the sort of luggage you need rucksack, suitcase, holdall. Will you be limited with weight and size of your luggage?

Prepare a kit list of everything you are going to need, are you going to have a group clothing - if so you would need a logo but make sure it meets Girlguiding branding requirements - why not send your designs to them so they can check? Can you pack everything you would need within the size and weight restrictions for your method of travel?



Root Out the Way (Have Adventures SB - Explore Stage 5)

Do you realise you can use trees as a compass? Put the maps away and find out how to follow nature's signposts.

G.P. Yes! (Have Adventures SB - Explore Stage 5)

It's time to get technological! Use GPS to navigate your way and know your longitude from your latitude.

Tech-NO-logy (Have Adventure SB - Stage 6 Explore)

Hit a signal dead-spot? Battery ran out? No problem! Know how to navigate without technology and you'll always know your way.

Decipher the Direction (Have Adventures SB - Explore Stage 6)

Have you got it all mapped out? Plot out a route for others to follow and see if you can follow theirs too.



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.

Wild Cooking (Have Adventures SB - Camp Stage 5)

Most campsites don't come with an oven but that doesn't matter - you can build your own.

Broken Wild (Be Well SB - Stage 5 First Aid)

Usually in a medical emergency, you can get help easily but what if you are somewhere where it might take time for help to arrive? Find out what to do with broken bones in the wild.

Risk Assessing

The more adventurous you are, the greater the risk of things not going quite to plan. Check out risk assessments on the Girlguiding website and write risk assessments for different parts of your trip.

Trip of A Lifetime (Have Adventure SB - Stage 6 Explore)

Pack your bags; you're off to see the world! Make a board game to explore how to stay safe and have a trip to remember for all the right reasons.





What Are You Going To Do?

Plan your itinerary for while you are away. What are the famous sites to see? Why not try 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? If you are volunteering, what will you be doing?

Climate Control (Have Adventures UMA - Survival Skills)

Exposure to extreme climates can be dangerous, find out how to recognise problems before you start to feel the negative effects.

Wash It Off (Have Adventures SB - Explore Stage 5)

Ever thought about taking a bath in a muddy swamp? Probably not! Discover how to stay clean while you're exploring.

Communicating

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

Cost of the Trip

How much will your trip cost? Think about group clothing, activities you are going to do, travel in the county, the cost of food and spending money etc.

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. Think about the best way of taking money with you.

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 to an international charity.

Donation Stations (Take Action SB - Influence stage 5)

Toolkits at the ready! There are all sorts of different tools and tactics that you can use to help you fundraise successfully. Try some out and see if you can influence for the greater good.

Budget Builder (Skills for My Future SB - Live Smart Stage 5)

Managing your time and money can be tricky. Take part in this competition to see if your team can manage money well enough to build a skyscraper.





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?

International Impact (Take Action SB - Make Change Stage 6)

Think you can only take action on issues close to home? Think again! Investigate ways to make an impact on an international issue you care about.

Rain Collector (Have Adventure SB - Survival Skills UMA)

Collecting rainwater can help you to survive in the wilderness. Take on this challenge to design and make the most effective rainwater collector you can.

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

Make your trip as realistic as possible, if you planned a service project could you do something similar at home. Bring your luggage, be as adventurous as you can and have lots of fun on your virtual trip. Why not send postcards home? Check the internet for videos of where you are going.

Explorer's Handbook (Have Adventure SB - Explore stage 5)

From early explorers documenting new lands and discoveries to vloggers sharing their travels - join the tradition of recording your adventures.



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:	
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