

LIONS AREA 2021 INTERNATIONAL TRIP BUDAPEST & KRAKOW

When is the trip?

Approximately 2 weeks, July 12-26, 2021. Please note these dates are subject to change.

Who can participate?

- Eight (8) girls aged 15-17 years as of December 31, 2021.
- Girls must have completed their 3rd year of Pathfinder, 1st, or 2nd year of Rangers or the equivalent in Trex by the time of the trip.

In order to qualify, participants must:

- Be active members of Girl Guides of Canada (GGC)
- Have a minimum of two (2) nights camping experience at the Guide level or higher and preferably five (5) or more nights of experience being away from home in a Guiding (such as SOAR, Guiding Mosaic, camp, etc.) or another youth oriented program
- Be physically fit (walking up to 20kms/day), be prepared to complete the GGC Swim Test, be comfortable riding a bike.
- Be continuing as a Trex, Ranger or Transitioning Member in the Guiding year following the trip (2021-2022)

What will you experience?

Our adventure begins in Budapest, Hungary. Hungary is one of the oldest countries in Europe, 896 AD. Budapest was one of the forerunners of WAGGGS in 1922. Guiding started in Hungary in 1919, but was stopped in 1948 due to the governments ban of youth organizations. It was relaunched in 1989, now having 477 current members. With Hungary being an old country, there are many historical places we will visit: castles, museums, cathedrals as well as WWII memorials. Thermal baths are a very popular activity with a few to choose from. We will experience local food dishes such as Gulyas (goulash), Langos (flat bread), sausages, Kurtoskalacs (chimney cakes). While in Budapest, we will be assisting in making meal care packages for the homeless as well potentially visiting the Humane Society to walk and play with dogs.

From there we will travel to Krakow, Poland via rail where they will be met with another country rich with history. Also one of the forerunners of WAGGGS in 1910, Guiding had to operate in secret as it was not originally allowed in certain parts of the city. In the summer of 1932, the 7th World Conference took place in Poland where Lady Baden-Powell was one of the many delegates in attendance. During WWII, Scouts and Guides were active on the home front against the German occupation and Guides helped as nurses, liaisons, munitions carriers. Despite many years of difficulty for Poland during the communist regime, Guiding continues to this day. As of 2018, Poland is the home to more than 60,000 members. While in Krakow, girls will have a chance to visit many historical sites, castles, churches, and museums. Our accommodations for both cities will be in a hostel where we may meet other travelers from around the world.

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What is the cost?

The total estimated cost of the trip is \$4000 per girl. As this is a trip sponsored by Lions Area, each successful applicant will receive a \$1200 subsidy towards her trip costs, making the **net estimated trip cost \$2800 per girl**. Each girl will be required to pay a minimum of \$400 towards the cost of the trip, and the remaining \$2400 may be fundraised. Please note a minimum of 25% of monies fundraised must be through the sale of Girl Guide Cookies.

The trip cost includes:

- Transportation (air, train, bus, on the ground local transit, etc.)
- Insurance (health, trip cancellation)
- Accommodations (hotel, hostels, etc.)
- All meals (eating out, prepared by group)
- All activity costs (sightseeing, tours, entertainment)
- Administration (phone, mail, photocopies, etc.)
- GGC International shirt and scarf

The final trip cost may vary, depending on any extraordinary fluctuations in the exchange rate, programming, transportation, or other costs. While we have done our best to create a reasonable budget and anticipate costs in advance, families will be expected to pay for any additional costs incurred on the trip beyond the estimated costs. If there are excess funds remaining after the trip, families will be reimbursed.

Additional personal costs girl members are responsible for:

- Personal spending money
- Purchases to meet kit list requirements
- Notary and passport fees (passports must be valid until March 1, 2022)
- Additional group t-shirts, crests and/or hats (to be determined)
- Cost of meals before arriving at YVR and landing at YVR and personal snacks
- Required immunizations

How do I apply?

Each girl applicant must complete the entire application, including references, by the application deadline. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. Application and reference forms can be found at:

<https://lionsareagirlguides.ca/resources/international/>

1. Girl Member application

Form to complete: *2021 Girl Application Form – Lions Area International Trip*

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In Part H of the girl application form, please answer the following trip specific question in detail:

What does being a good team member on a trip mean to you? What do you think might be the greatest challenge you will face during the trip and how might you deal with it?

2. References

Girls will need to have two (2) references submitted to the selection committee. One (1) reference should be from Guiding and one (1) from non-Guiding. References can not be family members. References will need to be sent directly to the selection committee by the referee.

Form to complete: *2021 Girl Reference Form – Lions Area International Trip*

3. Application Deadline – Friday, November 15, 2019

Applications and references must be received by November 15, 2019. Please electronically submit to: lionsareainternational@gmail.com

Notes for all participants:

In order to provide as many members as possible with the opportunity to attend an International Event, members may be selected to participate in one Area, one Provincially sponsored and one Nationally sponsored domestic and international event as follows:

- Once as a girl member
- Once as a Guider
- Once as an adult participating in a WAGGGS event or GGC determined endorsed event
- In a designated role as determined by the Board, such as: Chief Commissioner, International Commissioner, CEO, etc.

In addition:

- The trip will be led by two selected Guiders from Lions Area.
- This is a uniform event and by submitting an application, you agree to the uniform guidelines that will be established by the trip Guiders.
- As GGC is committed to the health and safety of its members at all times, GGC reserves the right to cancel and/or reschedule trips, as required.
- If participation is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, GGC Lions Area Council will not accept responsibility for expenses incurred in preparation for this event.

Who are the leaders?

Debbie English and Tammy Tsang will be leading the girls on the trip with Sara Bishop as the alternate leader.

For more information, contact **Debbie English** at 570debbie@gmail.com