

ADVENTURES IN...

BUDAPEST 2027



INFORMATION FOR LEADERS



What is Adventures in Budapest all about?

Adventures in Budapest is a Girlguiding North West England international event. On 7th August 2027 Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Young Leaders and Leaders and Trefoil Guild, will take part in a huge wide game around the city. This is a non-selection event and we hope many leaders will use this opportunity to take their unit abroad for the first time and complete their Travelling Abroad module.

All units are welcome to join in with this exciting opportunity, whether they have travelled abroad before or not. Our aim is to have as many Girlguiding members as possible in Budapest on the same day for this fantastic gathering.

Where is Budapest?





When will it be taking place?

Adventures in Budapest will be held on Saturday 7th August 2027. The day will involve a wide game across the city centre during the day, culminating in a gathering for all participants in the evening. Further details of the event will be sent to all groups registered in due course. Please note that event information will be distributed to the person who applies on behalf of the unit. Groups will travel to Budapest in the days before the event, and/or stay in the city afterwards. It is the decision of each individual group how they arrive at the event, but all groups will need to be available for the whole day on 7th August 2027, including the evening. The Adventures in Budapest Core Team will be in Budapest for a few days before and after the main event date to provide support to groups while they are in the country. Full details about where and when you can find the support team in Budapest will be provided nearer the time.

In the meantime, you may find the Budapest tourism website useful – [Budapest Info – The Official Tourist Website of Budapest – Budapest – Official tourist information](#)

How much will it cost?

The price for this event is £35 per person plus a booking fee of £1.70. This will cover the cost of the production and mailing of information to participants, the planning stages of the event, a badge for each participant and the event both during the day and in the evening on Saturday 7th August 2027. This fee is non-refundable.

In addition to the above, your group will need to pay for its own insurance, travel, food and accommodation costs for the trip, plus spending money whilst in the country. How you travel to the event and where you stay will be up to you, but there are some suggestions later in this booklet.





Who can attend?

This event is aimed at Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Young Leaders and Leaders and Trefoil Guild. Groups of leaders are also allowed to participate in the event, should they wish to. If you're taking part as a Rangers group, why not speak with local Guide units and invite their older members to show them what Rangers is all about? You could then travel as a district or division group. If you are a Young Leader and do not attend Rangers, why not speak to your county team to see if there is a group you could travel with?

The size of each group is their own decision, but all adult:child ratios must be adhered to, as per the requirements of the Guiding Manual. Please note that places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Members of Girlguiding North West will be given the opportunity to apply first, then bookings will be opened to other countries/regions, should places be available.

What qualifications do the leaders of the group need?

The Leader in Charge of each group must hold the necessary modules of the Going Away With Scheme (Modules 1–7 or 8 of the previous scheme) appropriate to the type of accommodation chosen for the trip, as well as the age of participants in the group **OR** the core modules of the current qualification (new). In addition, they must hold, or be working towards, the Travelling Abroad module from the old GAW scheme – the new scheme will require an Additional course (launching 2027/28). Please note: if more than one section forms your group, the Leader in Charge must hold the relevant programme modules of the old Going Away With scheme or complete a programme top-up course – this applies to those with both the old and new GAW scheme. For leaders who do not currently hold the Travelling Abroad Qualification, it is strongly recommended that you attend a Travelling Abroad Training.

As a leader in charge, please ensure you meet the following deadlines:

- 29th November 2026 – permission to plan and REN Part 1 is submitted on GO
- 10th April 2027 – proposed activity plan and updated risk assessment is sent to the international team (internationalteam@girguidingnwe.org.uk)
- 7th July 2027 – REN 2 submission



Travel Arrangements

Each group is responsible for organising its own travel arrangements and accommodation. For security reasons, we will ask you to give full details of your travel arrangements to the Adventures in Budapest planning team in advance of the event. Remember, the earlier you book, the cheaper you will be able to travel.

What forms are required?

The booking form link is now available from the Girlguiding North West England website – [Adventures in Budapest – Girlguiding North West England](#). The closing date for applications is 29th November 2026. Every group will also be required to complete Residential Event Notifications as per the deadlines above.

Once you have received approval of your REN, you should arrange travel insurance prior to paying for travel and accommodation. Don't worry if you don't know all the details at that stage, you can add to the REN form as time goes on and arrangements are confirmed for your group.

Your group members will of course need to complete an Information and Consent for Event/Activity form and Health Information for International Travel form (please be aware this is a different form than UK based Health Information forms).

You will also need to prepare a risk assessment for your adventure; please refer to the Information for Volunteers for some top tips and a blank risk assessment form, should you require one. We would advise that you use the Going Away With book to help you with planning your trip.



General Information (you may find helpful to start planning your adventure)

Travel Documents

Your County International Adviser (CIA) or County Commissioner (CC) will be a key source of information and support whilst planning your trip. They will either have personal experience of what documents will be needed, or will know of other people who can help.

Passport Travel Documents

British citizens need a passport, valid for the proposed duration of your stay. You do not need any additional period of validity on your passport beyond this. Each member of your party must have their own passport. British passport holders don't need a visa to enter Hungary. Citizens of other countries outside the EU must check their passport and visa requirements for Hungary in advance, as well as the visa requirements for returning to the UK. More information can be found here: [Hungary travel advice - GOV.UK](#)

Travel Advice

Check out the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's website for the latest traveller tips and information on safety and security when travelling to Hungary or any other European country you may visit on the way to Adventures In... Budapest – [Hungary travel advice - GOV.UK](#)

Insurance

It is important to book your insurance before paying for any part of your trip, e.g. flights and accommodation. Don't forget, you can easily get competitive insurance for all group members from Girlguiding's insurer, Unity Insurance: [Unity Insurance Services: Girlguiding Insurance](#)

It is extremely important that all members of your group disclose any medical conditions which exist before or at the time of a trip overseas, both to those signing off trip forms and to the insurer. If pre-existing conditions are not disclosed to the Leader, the insurance contract is



negated. The impact of this is that the required medical service may not be provided by the insurers, leaving both the Leader and the young members who are in her care at risk. In addition to the insurer, those approving the trip must know the potential risks and ensure that sufficient mitigating actions have been taken to keep the girls safe.

We recognise that some individuals may have their own annual travel insurance policies, but leaders must have a copy of all policies before accepting them. It is important that leaders also check that any existing medical conditions have been declared with the insurer, as above. Whilst it is possible for members of the group to use their own insurance policy, it may be easier for all members of the group to have the same insurance policy for the trip, so that the leaders will only have one insurance company to deal with if there is a problem.

Uniform

Members should attend the event in official guiding uniform, including international necker. This will make you more visible when in Budapest. When travelling, uniform or trip kit should be worn, together with the international necker.

Keep in Touch

If you would like to keep up to date with updates from the Adventures In... Budapest team, as well as sharing information with other groups coming to the event, make sure you 'follow' the Girlguiding North West England International team socials –

[Adventures In Budapest \(@adventuresinbudapest\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

[Girlguiding NWE International \(@girlguidingnwe_int\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)



Publicity

If you do anything exciting, unusual or adventurous to raise money for your trip, the Region PR team would love to hear about it! Contact Abbie and Fran at HQ – northwesthq@girlguidingnwe.org.uk

Further Help

We hope that there is sufficient information in this booklet for you to plan your trip, but if you have any further queries, please get in touch with the team by emailing us at internationalteam@girlguidingnwe.org.uk

You could also contact the Region Headquarters on 01772 791 947 or via northwesthq@girlguidingnwe.org.uk

We hope to see you at Adventures in Budapest!