

FAQS

When is the event?

The selection event is on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 of March 2025. It is an overnight event, and you will be expected to attend each day and stay over.

What if I can't make it?

We are sorry; this is the only opportunity you will have to be selected for a Girlguiding Midlands International trip in 2026.

We are unable to offer alternative or virtual selection events.

Does it cost to attend the selection event?

Yes, there is a cost of £20 per participant to attend the selection event, this will cover the cost of food, building hire and activity costs.

If cost is a problem speak with your unit, district or county teams who may be able to support you or point you in the direction of funds to support you to attend this event.

How old do I have to be apply?

You should have been born between 01/09/2007 and 18/07/2012

I am not a Ranger can I still apply?

Yes – As long as you are a Girlguiding Member born between 01/09/2007 and 18/07/2012 you can apply , this includes, older Rangers and young leaders

What can I expect?

During the 2-day event we will be taking part in lots of different activities, looking at your teamwork, communication, and sense of adventure. We will be looking at how you work with other people to allow us to match participants together and build teams for each trip.

The trip leadership teams will also be at the event giving you the chance to ask questions and find out about each of the trips.

What trips can I be selected for?

We have 3 international adventures that we are looking for participants for:

Adventure	Cost	Date
Costa Rica – an environmental volunteering adventure in a Central American paradise	£3600	July 2026
Sangam – a journey to a Girlguiding World Centre in India, a chance to learn about Guiding around the world	£2900	July/August 2026
Rome to Home – a chance to be part of a team at the Girlguiding Midlands “Race Across the World” style event travelling through Europe.	£1980	July 29 – August 7 2026

Am I guaranteed a place on an international trip?

This event is a selection event, not all people who attend will be offered a place on an international trip.

As part of the event, we will be building teams for each trip that work well together and are made up of a combination of different personalities, age ranges and participants from different counties that will be best placed to represent the region.

Unfortunately we cannot guarantee you will be offered a trip but if you aren't successful, we will put you in touch with your county international advisor who may be able to support you finding an international trip.

How many people will be at the selection event?

We have spaces for up to 80 participants at the selection event.

If we receive more applications than there are spaces at the event, we will run a ballot to allocate spaces:

- Each Guiding county will be allocated an equal number of places.
- Applications will be placed into a ballot for their Girlguiding county. For each of the 11 counties, entries will be drawn to fill their allocation.
- If there are fewer applications for a county than the allocation, those applications will be allocated a space.
- If a county does not have enough applicants to fill their allotted spaces, all remaining applications (from all counties) will be placed in a ballot for the unfilled spaces, plus any additional spaces not allocated to a county.

Does it matter that I don't know anyone else attending?

Absolutely not – most people will be attending selection as individuals so won't know anyone. This is a great opportunity to meet Guides, Rangers and young leaders from other parts of the region!

Any advice for how I can be most successful at the selection event?

Just be yourself!!

We aren't looking for a particular kind of person, just people that work well in a team! You don't need to have completed every badge ever or been in Guiding since you were 4, just have a sense of fun and adventure and want to go on an international experience!

We know the best teams are made up of people with different skills and personalities!

What will happen once I have submitted my application?

Once your application form has been received, we will contact your unit leader to let them know you have applied for this opportunity.

After the closing date we will let you know if you have been successful in obtaining a place on the selection event. This will be via email.

Once you have received a place at the selection event, we will ask you to pay £20 to attend and complete a health form for the event.

I think I need some extra support to attend the event – what should I do?

In the application form, we will ask you what additional support you may need to help you attend this event. This could be a physical or mental health needs, an allergy or intolerance, a food intolerance, a religious need or anything else.

Please be honest with us – this will not impact your chances of attending the selection event or international trips but will help the international team to support you best.

How long do I have to apply?

Applications to attend the selection event will close on Wednesday 5th March at 21:00 pm.

Applications received after this time may not be considered.

Any other questions?

If you have any questions that we haven't answered here please email international@girlguiding-midlands.org.uk