



Rome to Home frequently asked questions

What is Rome to Home?

Inspired by the popular TV show Race Across the World, Rome to Home is a challenge event where we will journey through Europe completing challenges, experiencing new cultures, meeting Scouting and Guiding friends and earning points.

Teams will begin in Rome with a scavenger hunt-style challenge before beginning their way across Europe. Each team will plan their route allowing them to complete as many challenges as possible before returning to the Midlands for a celebration

When is Rome to Home?

Rome to Home is a 10-day adventure beginning in Rome on Wednesday 29 July 2026 and ending in the Midlands on Friday 7 August 2026

What is the structure of the event?

Day 1	Wednesday 29 July	Opening event (Rome)
Day 2 -7	Thursday 30 August – Wednesday 5 August	Team planned travel in Europe completing challenges
Day 9	Thursday 6 August	Return to the Midlands for closing event
Day 10	Friday 7 August	Closing event and depart

How will the “race” element work?

Unfortunately, it's not possible to follow all the rules of the original television show format in this event. We recognise that there are many challenges of travelling through Europe on a limited budget and a time limit. We have updated some rules to make the event more suited to Girlguiding Midlands members.

During the event teams will earn time bonuses (points) for completing challenges. These time bonuses will be added together at the end of the event and the team with the most time bonuses will take home a prize (sadly not the £20,000 from the original show!)

Who can take part?

This event is for teams of 6 to 10 Guides and Rangers with 2 or 3 adult leaders.

Guides should be aged 12 plus to participate.

We will also accept Inspire, Trefoil Guild and adult leader teams of maximum 10 people.

Teams can be made up of members of individual units, divisions and districts. Counties are also invited to put teams' forwards

For the competition element Guide/Ranger teams will compete against other, Inspire, Trefoil Guild, and adult leaders will compete in a separate competition.

How many people in a team?

This event is for teams of 6 to 10 Guides and Rangers with 2 or 3 adult leaders. Adult teams are a maximum of 10 people.

How much will this trip cost?

Participants will pay a £250 event fee per person to Girlguiding Midlands.

Each team is responsible for setting their own travel budget based on what they would like to experience on their challenge. We have calculated that most teams will be looking at a price of £1550 –£2000 per person on top of the event fee to region.

What is covered in the payment to region?

The payment to Girlguiding Midlands covers the following costs:

- Opening event
- Closing event
- Event badge
- Event administration costs

This will cost £250 per person.

Will there be a payment schedule for this payment to Girlguiding Midlands?

Deposit	due 28 days after booking	£50 per person
Balance	due 1 October 2025	£200 per person

When do I need to pay a deposit for this event?

A £50 per person deposit will be required by Girlguiding Midlands within 28 days of booking.

What additional costs will the participants have to cover?

The teams will have to cover the following costs:

- Travel to start line (Rome)
- Travel throughout challenge (e.g bus tickets, interrailing pass, UK based travel)
- Accommodation
- Activities
- Food
- Group kit
- Travel insurance

It is up to each team to set their budget, but we calculate that this will be between £1500 and £2000 per person although this will depend on what you plan to do on your adventure.

How do we sign up for the event?

Sign up for the event will begin in February 2025 and close at the end of July 2025.

To confirm your place on the trip you will need to complete an online form on the Girlguiding Midlands website.

You will also need to pay a deposit of £50 per person. The deposit will need to be paid within 28 days of booking.

What qualifications do I need?

The leader in charge of each team will require:

Going away with qualification (including the international module and programme modules for relevant section)

A safe space levels 1, 2 and 3 or safer guiding

At least one leader in each team will require:

1st response

All leaders will require:

- Girlguiding membership
- DBS
- A safe space levels 1 and 2 or safer guiding

Can I use Rome to Home to earn my travelling abroad module?

Yes!

One leader per team can work towards their travelling abroad module. You must hold all other modules of the going away with scheme before the final Rome to Home event. These can be gained in the run up to the event.

You will be given a mentor through your county who will support you in earning the qualification.

When is the first briefing event?

The first briefing event will be in June 2025.

In July 2025 there will be a session dedicated to supporting you completing the residential event notification forms.

Will I have to travel to briefing events?

All the briefing events for this event will be held online.

What support will I get as a trip leader?

Throughout the run up to the event we will hold regular briefing sessions this will allow you to learn more about the event and ask any questions you may have.

The event team will also support each team with completing their REN forms with online workshops and one to one support.

The event team will work alongside county international teams to ensure that trip leaders are able to complete any necessary qualifications such as travelling abroad, 1st response or a safe space or safer guiding qualifications.

On the trip the event team will provide remote support and guidance.

Will there be a badge?

Absolutely!

Sign up additional FAQs

How do we sign up for Rome to Home?

Sign up for the event is through the [Girlguiding Midlands website](#).

When is sign up open?

Sign up for the event is open from February and will close on 31 July 2025.

When do we have to pay?

A deposit of £50 per person will be required within 28 days of booking – we'll send you an email to let you know how to do this.

I need to organise completing my travelling abroad module – how do I do this?

Once you have completed the sign up form we will contact your county team to support you in finding a mentor and beginning the travelling abroad process.

Can I begin to complete my permission to plan and residential notification forms?

Of course! These forms are completed through GO.

If your team is a division, district or county team you may need to be given an “event administrator” role at that level on GO.

If you need any additional support with this you can speak to your county international advisor. Our first briefing session will include a session on how to complete REN forms.