



GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

ADVENTURES ABROAD
A GS NORCAL COUNCIL'S OWN BADGE PROGRAM

CADETTES, SENIORS & AMBASSADORS
TO EDUCATE GIRLS ON THE FABULOUSNESS
THAT IS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL.



PURPOSE

Can't wait to spread your wings and travel to an international country? Become a traveler. Before you leave, find out what you need to do to prepare for your trip. Study the country and learn helpful behavior and customs of the country so you can appreciate the differences among people of the world. Be an ambassador and explore new places, new foods, new cultures.

REQUIREMENTS

To earn an Badge patch, you must complete at least seven activities as follows:

- Two Skill Builders activities
- One Technology activity
- One Service Project activity
- One Career Exploration activity
- Two activities from any category that you choose

All members of Girl Scouts of the USA are eligible to earn the Adventures Abroad Badge. The Adventures Abroad Badge is an official award and should be worn on the front of the vest or sash.

ORDER INFORMATION

To order the Adventures Abroad Badge please visit www.girlscoutsnorcal.org and purchase the items online. Please note that shipping and handling will be added to all online orders.

Members of Girl Scouts of Northern California will not be charged for shipping and handling if they use the GS NorCal Council's Own Order Form and have badges shipped to the closest GS NorCal store in their area for members to pick up.

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SKILL BUILDERS

1. As you travel abroad, you will change time zones. Find out how many time zones you will cross and how that will affect your arrival time to your destination and the time on your watch. Find out if you will cross the international date line and whether you gain or lose a day and what happens to the date when you come home. When you travel north or south, the number of daylight hours changes. Explain how you will plan activities based on the number of daylight hours.
2. Learn about the everyday customs of the places your are visiting. Learn some everyday words and phrases like hello, goodbye, please, thank you, and where is the bathroom. For example, do the people shake hands, bow, hug or kiss on the cheek as a greeting? What gestures would be inappropriate for your country? Would the people be offended if you took pictures? Who should you tip?
3. International travel requires a passport and sometimes a visa. Find out how to get a passport, and get one if you don't already have one. Find out if a visa is required and obtain one if necessary.
4. Every country has its own money. Learn what the money of the country is called. What is the exchange rate? Will you need to purchase local currency or will they accept American dollars? Learn how to count their money so that you can make sure you are getting the correct change when you make a purchase. Learn how to carry your money safely. Find out about the various types of money belts and purchase one if necessary.
5. Different climates require different kinds of clothing. Is your destination humid or dry, hot or cold? Select the appropriate clothing for your trip.
6. Learn about the flora and fauna of the country. Are there any endangered species? Find out what is being done to protect them.

TECHNOLOGY

1. Some countries also require that you get immunizations. Using the internet, find out if immunizations will be required for your trip and arrange with your doctor or clinic to get them. Find out how long you need to take them before you leave and if you need to continue taking them after you return.
2. Visit a camera store or website. Investigate the various kinds of cameras that are available, such as digital, disposable, 35mm, and waterproof. Compare the costs of the cameras and the costs of film possessing to help you decide which camera would be most appropriate for your trip?
3. Investigate how the country has developed their technology. Do they have electricity, TV, computers? Would your cell phone work?

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SERVICE PROJECTS

1. Find out about the needs of the community you will be visiting, such as school supplies, medical supplies, blankets, batteries, or a computer. Collect the supplies and make arrangements to deliver them. Make sure that any electrical devices will work with their power.
2. Exchange information with the local people by arranging a home stay. Find out about their schools and home life and tell them about yours.
3. Teach a song, dance, or game to a group of school children of Girl Scouts or Girl Guides. Then have them teach you one of theirs.
4. Prepare a visual presentation of your trip and present it at a Senior Center.

CAREER EXPLORATION

1. Many American companies have divisions in foreign countries. Find out if there are any American companies and how those companies are impacting the local economy and ecosystem.
2. Learn about the industry of the country. Discuss the kinds of jobs that are available to the local people with your troop or group.
3. Brainstorm five career choices involving travel. Choose one of them and find out what kind of education or special training is needed.
4. Write an article about your trip and submit it to a local newspaper or magazine.

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