



destinations 101

Are you ready to explore the world?

Girl Scout destinations, travel experiences that range from two days to three weeks for Cadettes and older, can whisk you to the far corners of the world where you will meet remarkable girls, develop leadership skills, gain confidence, and enjoy valuable learning opportunities to take action.

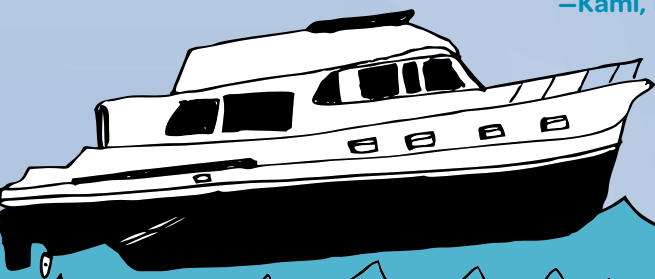
With destinations, you can:

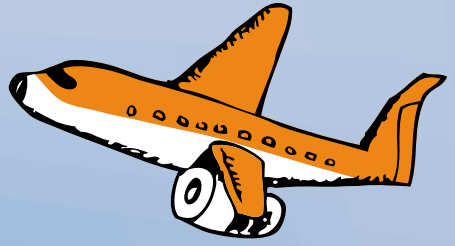
- ✈ Explore the Galápagos Islands
- ✈ Become an Aerospace Career Explorer
- ✈ Learn the ins and outs of Broadway with leading directors, composers, and producers
- ✈ Sample life at a World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Center in London, India, Mexico, or Switzerland

And much more...

If I had to pick my favorite part of the whole destination, it would be just being with the other girls. We came to San Diego as strangers, but made lifetime friends.

—Kami, 16





But that's not all.

Think you can go back to your life the way it was pre-destination?
No way! You'll leave your destination feeling inspired and empowered, and through Girl Scouts, you can turn this inspiration into action in your community.

So, what's stopping you from having the time of your life?

Which destination is Right for **you**?

destinations fall into six categories.

If you...	Try this category...	Because...
Dream of going global	International	Traveling outside the United States is one of the best ways to learn about other cultures. How about camping in Austria, exploring Peru, or soaking up the culture of India— one of the world’s oldest civilizations?
Love the outdoors	Outdoors	You can explore Alaska’s Kenai Peninsula in sea kayaks or visit Hawaii’s Mauna Kea Observatory and Volcanoes National Park. Or maybe you’d rather go canyoneering in California, biking through Michigan, or trekking through the Colorado Rockies on horseback?
Have science on the brain	Science	Maybe you’ve dreamt of being an astronaut. If you have the “right stuff,” then Space Camp® at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, is for you. More interested in marine or aquatic biology? Then hop aboard a schooner with real-life scientists and learn about weather, waves, and zooplankton. Be warned— you’ll take your turn at night watch!



If you...	Try this category...	Because...
Embrace people and culture	People	Traveling from New York City to Washington, D.C., you'll trail the history and future of women in leadership, community activism, and advocacy. Or maybe you'd prefer exploring the Mall of America in Minnesota—home to more than 500 shops, the country's biggest amusement park, and the largest underground aquarium!
Are focused on the future	Apprenticeships	You'll have the opportunity to survey Alaska's Copper River Delta, ancestral home of the Eyak people. But perhaps your desired apprenticeship runs more along the lines of training with special education professionals to become a counselor at a camp for girls with disabilities. Whatever your specific interest, all budding biologists, anthropologists, geologists, and archaeologists will find something here.
Are up for short trips where you can meet other Girl Scouts	Getaways	These two- to four-day events take place all over the country and don't require a Girl Scout destinations application. A Getaway can be anything from a Broadway career workshop in New York City to a home-building project with a local Habitat for Humanity group. Age requirements and length of event vary but with all the choices of Getaways you're sure to find one tailor-made for you.

Before I knew it, I had explored, become a friend, been seen as a leader, taken part in a group, and become stronger.

—Breanna, 17



Applying for a destination?

Five Steps that Will Change Your Life

1. Log on to www.girlscouts.org/destinations. Select your top four choices.
2. Download the application form and complete it. You'll need to fill out an application for each event you want to attend.
3. Print out two copies of the reference form and ask two people who know how awesome you are to fill them out. You can use the same letters of reference for all your applications.
4. Send your application to your local Girl Scout council—by their deadline, of course! If you have questions, call or e-mail your local Girl Scout council.
5. Go on your destination. Bon voyage!

I had a wonderful time on my destination. I experienced different cultures and styles of living while staying at one of the four world centers.

—Chelsea, 17

Concerned About Cost?

Yes, some events are more costly than others. But many individuals and Girl Scout groups complete money-earning projects to pay for parts of their trip. Remember to ask your council about travel scholarships, too.



destinations and the Girl Scout Leadership Experience

By participating in destinations, you'll experience the Girl Scout leadership keys to:

Discover

Destinations are your passport to new adventures and a new you. As you zip-line through rainforests or navigate amazing new landscapes, you'll find an inner strength you didn't know you had.

Connect

As you traverse the Golden Gate bridge, rock climb the Appalachian Mountains or mingle with legislators, you'll work towards a common goal with girls your age. You'll also become fast friends with girls who share a unique experience with you.

Take Action

Going on a destination will inspire you to step even further outside your comfort zone—and take action to make the world a better place. Whether you're inspired to educate others about your experience or motivated to solve problems in your community, destinations will take you to places you've never been before.





Make the Most of Girl Scout Travel

- ✈️ Visit the Girl Scout destinations Web page, www.girlscouts.org/destinations, for trip descriptions, applications, and current offerings.
- ✈️ Check out Explore It! Your Guide to Girl Scout destinations. Packed with information about specific trips, and tips for filling out applications and writing essays, you can download a copy at www.girlscouts.org/destinations.
- ✈️ Get a Girl Scout Travel Log, designed especially for you. In this journal, you can record pre-, mid-, and post-trip reflections. Log on to www.girlscouts.org/travel to download a copy of the Travel Log.
- ✈️ Pick up Exploration: The Girl Scout Guide to Global Travel if you are going international. Filled with tips and tricks for traveling abroad, the Girl's Guide takes you through the steps of planning your own international group trip. Girl Scout adults may want its handy companion, Adult Guide to Girl Scout Global Travel. Download the Girl's Guide by logging on to www.girlscouts.org/travel.