

Explore Poland's Historic Cities



Find Hidden History Nestled a Stone's Throw from Bustling Communities



A Cultural Experience That Will Stay With You Forever



Spend a Day Visiting the European Jamboree:



Teams are encouraged to meet local Scouts:

Scouting in Poland

Scouting in Poland was founded in 1918 and has a rich history throughout the 20th Century. With around 150,000 members in their last census, there will be plenty of opportunities for participants to meet with local scouts and find out about their way of life in Poland.

Following the Explorer Belt, there will be the opportunity to go as a day visitor to the European Jamboree that is being hosted near Gdansk.

What previous participants say:

"I was a bit unsure about signing up, but I'm very glad I did: after two weeks of fun and adventure I'd wholeheartedly recommend the EXB to anyone"

"The Explorer Belt gave me the experience of exploring a whole new culture with a group of friends whilst having the safety and security offered by the Leaders on the ground able to respond to when we needed them"

Any Questions?

For further information on the Explorer Belt, please refer to the factsheets on the [scouts.org.uk](https://members.scouts.org.uk/explorers/resources/ExplorerBelt.htm) website - <https://members.scouts.org.uk/explorers/resources/ExplorerBelt.htm>

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Scouts Hertfordshire Explorer Belt



2020

Poland

18th July

-to-

2nd August

Why Poland?

Hertfordshire Scouts have in the past completed Explorer Belts centred around Liechtenstein, Swaziland & Lesotho, Morocco and most recently in Croatia. Each location has offered its own unique challenges and we believe that Poland will be no different. On the fringes of Western Europe, Poland has a very different culture to that of Britain and other familiar holiday destinations. Poland also offers the chance to explore both historic cities and breath-taking countryside with far more remote locations than Hertfordshire! In addition Poland's unique language will add to the adventure.

What is an Explorer Belt Expedition?

The main part of the trip consists of an expedition completed independently in teams of 3-5. The teams plan their own route around the country, with a series of tasks, as well as a major project, to complete. Scout leaders on the expedition will be present in the country at all times, and will routinely check in on the team's progress.

In the past, minor tasks have included riding a camel, finding out about traditional crafts, trying local delicacies or even meeting local dignitaries.

The expedition is open to all members of the Scout Association (Explorer Scout / Scout Network) who will be aged 16 to 25 during the expedition dates. After the expedition each team makes a presentation before being awarded their Explorer Belts.

It is best to form a team from your own Unit or District, as it will make planning easier, but we will attempt to make teams from individual applications

Travel

To add to the experience, we're planning to travel to Poland by train; with an opportunity to stop off in another country along the way. Once the expedition begins the teams can travel by train, bus, taxi, boat, foot, donkey, or whatever takes their fancy.



Finance

The total cost of the expedition shall not exceed £1000, unless there is a significant change in air fares. Exact costs will be confirmed once numbers and definite travel arrangements are known.

I want in!

Good, you'll have the time of your life! To secure a place on the expedition please send the form on the reverse to:

Explorer Belt 2020
Hertfordshire Scouts' County Office,
Well End Activity Centre,
Well End, Borehamwood,
Herts, WD6 5PR.

Please enclose a £50 deposit to secure your place on the trip. Future payments may be made by BACS transfer, but please send the initial payment by cheque

The closing date for applications is the 31st December 2019.

Application Form

Name: _____
(As Appears On Passport)

Unit: _____

District: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Other team members: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email (of parent if under 18 - one or both if over 18):

If under 18, signature of leader:

(By Signing, you indicate your approval that the young person possesses the appropriate skills to complete an Explorer Belt Expedition)

I/We enclose a cheque (payable to 'Hertfordshire Scouts - XB20') for £50 to secure a place on the expedition.

Signed: _____