

## Merseyside Explorer Belt 2019 - Croatia

### What is the Explorer Belt?

**The Explorer Belt is a challenge of a lifetime.**

A ten-day expedition that provides an understanding of:

- a different country, its culture and way of life.

Travel through the chosen country and working as a team

- you will complete a series of projects and most importantly meet local people.

### Who Is Eligible?

The Explorer Belt is open to:

- All Explorer Scouts aged 16 or over on the start date of the expedition
- Scout Network members.
- All adult leaders under 25 at the start of the expedition.

### What does the Expedition Involve?

- Undertake a 10-day expedition as part of a team outside of the UK with a minimum travelling time of 50 hours over the 10 days, by foot, cycle, horse, canoe, boat or dinghy.
- Complete one major project selected by the team which is undertaken throughout the expedition.
- Complete at least ten minor projects which may be chosen by the team, leadership team, peers or a mixture of these.
- The use of public transport is acceptable as part of the travelling time, where opportunities to meet people would otherwise be missed.
- The minimum team size is three, in the event of a drop out during the expedition, a minimum of two per team is required to complete the expedition.

### What Do I need to do During the Expedition?

- Expedition budgeting – manage food and accommodation expenses from a given budget.
- The funds will be distributed on the day you start your expedition in country.
- Any additional costs for transport in country will need to be budgeted and self-funded by the teams and agreed with the leadership team.
- Log book/Diary  
Keep a personal logbook of the expedition which records places visited, the route taken, project work undertaken and personal thoughts.
- The logbooks will be reviewed by the leaders on the completion of the 10-day expedition and used in your debrief.
- These will be yours to keep and used for the final presentations in the UK.

### Projects

- Complete your team major project.
- Complete the ten minor projects given to you by the leaders/peers/assessment team

**Most Importantly.**

**HAVE FUN**



## What Happens After the Expedition?

- Debrief
- Prepare to set off for the end of Expedition R&R

## Summary

The Explorer Belt is NOT a holiday led by a tour guide.

From the outset, teams are expected to:

- Be self sufficient
- Plan their chosen project, route, financing and expedition in detail
- Achieve their chosen major project along with the minor projects set by leaders and peers
- Manage themselves as a team within an agreed budget
- Conduct themselves in accordance with scout Policy and Organisational rules
- Observe, respect and comply with local in country culture, traditions and laws

The EB Leadership team will:

In the UK:

- Provide support and training in the lead up to the expedition
- Facilitate the end of expedition presentations

In Country

- Manage the initial acclimatisation
- Provide in country support to all teams as required whilst maintaining and respecting each team's independence
- Manage the end of Expedition debrief and R&R activities

Above all:

**It is an experience and an achievement to be remembered for the rest of your life.**

When? - 27<sup>th</sup> July – 10<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Cost? - No more than £600 plus transport costs

Still interested?

If so then fill in the attached form and bring it with a £50 non-refundable deposit to a meeting in the Hornby Room, Marriott Hotel, Queens Square, Liverpool L1 1RH, on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 19:30.

Book here: - <http://explorerbeltevening.eventbrite.co.uk>

