

Explorer Belt – Denmark 2024

14th – 26th July 2024



The Explorer Belt expedition

It's a 10-day expedition that will bring you a deeper understanding of one of our European neighbours, its culture and way of life. It's an independent exploration of a foreign country in a small team. It's one of Scouting's most challenging Top Awards.

Denmark is a small country with a population of approximately 5,8 million. It is one of the three Scandinavian countries, and Denmark also shares border with Germany. You might have heard that Danes are some of the happiest people on the planet.

Your Explorer Belt expedition

- You'll travel through Denmark as a small team of 5 to 7 Explorer Scouts for 10 days.
- You'll meet local people, talk to them and complete a series of projects. These will help you gain a deeper understanding of this area of Sweden, its people, culture and way of life.
- During your expedition, you'll select your own route which will include walking and public transport. You will be backpacking and camping each night.
- The expedition will be remotely supervised by an in-country support team and we will have a location tracker and meet you as needed.
- You will complete 1 major project and 10 minor projects set by yourselves and the leadership team.
- After your expedition you'll make a presentation on your experience to gain your Explorer Belt.

Find out more about the Explorer Belt

- Watch this video - [Explorer Belt in ten minutes](#)
- Look at the [Explorer Belt requirements](#) on the Scout website
- [Register your intention](#) to complete the award

Previous expedition members have said the Explorer Belt is the best thing they did as part of Scouts.

Expedition dates

You will need to be available on the following dates to take part in this expedition:

Date	What?	Where?
Sun 14 January 1930	Introduction Zoom Call (Optional)	Zoom
Sat 10 February	Planning Day	Winchester
Weekend 22-24 March	Training Weekend	Tadley, Basingstoke
Weekend 21-23 June	Mini Explorer Belt in UK	To be arranged, will be via train from Hampshire Rail
Sat 6 July	Pre-leaving check day	TBA
13 - 26 July (exact dates TBC within this period)	Explorer Belt - Denmark	
Sun 15 September	Explorer Belt presentation	Zoom

Important pre-requisite

- You need to be an Explorer Scout aged 16+ before the start of the expedition, those who are 18+ could be included with a group they know if all the various safeguarding requirements can be met.
- As a guide you need to have hiking, lightweight camping and expedition experience at a similar level to Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award or Chief Scout Diamond.
- You need to be available for all the training dates listed above.
- You need to hold or obtain a minimum of a First Response certificate of First Aid.
- Please note if you have additional needs, please let us know and we will do our best to make reasonable adjustments to meet your needs. We will arrange a time to chat to you and your parents before offering you a place on the expedition.
- This expedition will initially only be open to members of Hampshire Scouts who is responsible for governance and approval. The Explorer Belt will be run in line with the Scouts' safety policy and rules.






Cost


- We expect the cost of the expedition to be in the region of £1000, which can be paid in instalments. We can supply information about grants to support people with

financial hardship. This will include all training weekends, flights, travel insurance, UK necker and food for the expedition. It will exclude spending money.

- Final cost will be calculated on the numbers attending and will be confirmed when we formally offer places on the expedition, after approval of the expedition by our county.

The Expedition Leader Team

Name		About them	Contacts
<p>Mike Expedition Leader</p>		<p>Mike is the Explorer Lead for Hampshire and has been involved in a number of international expeditions including Suisse Adventure and Project 23</p>	<p>mike.baxter@hampshirescouts.org.uk 07979 334679</p>
<p>Chloe Asst Expedition Leader</p>		<p>Chloe is the Network Lead for Hampshire. She has completed her Explorer Belt in Poland, attended the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan. Chloe has also been a unit Leader on Project 23.</p>	<p>chloe.foster@hampshirescouts.org.uk</p>
<p>Peter Expedition Support Team</p>		<p>Peter is an experienced adult volunteer and has helped manage large international Scout events and has travelled extensively.</p> <p>Peter says 'The Explorer Belt is an amazing opportunity for young people to travel and learn about different cultures all on their own while having the comfort that there is always support and guidance close by if they need it.'</p>	<p>peter.knott@hampshirescouts.org.uk</p>
<p>Archie Expedition Support Team</p>		<p>Archie has been to Peru in 2010 as a participant to help renovate a special needs school. Archie lead an expedition to Tanzania in 2017 to help rebuild a national Scout campsite.</p>	
<p>Grace Expedition Support Team</p>		<p>Grace has helped lead an expedition to Tanzania 2017 where they built a medical centre. Grace has got 2 teenagers and has supported them going on their own international trip within Scouting.</p>	

Adam Youth Rep		Adam is be the youth representative for this event. He will be responsible for making sure the event is youth lead and that participants' concerns are voiced. He has taken part in many youth lead events in the past as well as running County Chaos Camp (an entirely youth run event).	adam.richardson@hampshirescouts.org.uk
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Groupings

We will be putting people into groups of 5-7 Explorers to complete the Explorer Belt. If you already have a team of people interested, please ensure you state this on your application so we can ensure this is taken into account when allocating teams.

Expressing an interest in attending

If you are interested in attending - please discuss this with your parents and complete the appropriate forms.

- [Register your intention](#) to complete the award
- Complete the [Expression of Interest form](#)

Questions

If you have any questions before/during/after applying, please:

- Email explorerbelt2024@hampshirescouts.org.uk
- Add the questions to your expression of interest and we will email you a response
- Call us for a chat - Mike Baxter 07979 334679