

European Scout Jamboree

Gdansk, Poland 2020

Context

After a gap of nearly 15 years, since the UK hosted the last European Jamboree in 2005, the upcoming European Scout Jamboree will take place in Poland in July/August 2020. Building on the fantastic programme developed as part of their World Scout Jamboree bids the Scouts and Guides of Poland invite you to join them for 11 days of activities, combining the chance to develop new skills, make new friends from across Europe and experience Poland's beautiful countryside. Based on its own island close to the city of Gdansk, the purpose built site is within walking distance of beautiful sandy beaches, pine forests and a short bus ride from the bustling city.

For more information on this fantastic event visit: www.ej2020.org

We have been listening hard to your feedback on participation in international events, particularly your concern at rising costs and increasing complexity. For the European Jamboree 2020 we will be doing this differently, empowering you to build the experience that is right for your local area.

Agility

For the European Jamboree 2020 we will be introducing a simpler, more agile model, enabling you to make more decisions at local level. Each county in England will be allocated 4 Patrols of 9 Young People and 1 Leader each at the European Jamboree as well as up to 5 IST spaces.

You may choose to take up all four patrols you are allocated or only a smaller number of them. Similarly you may choose to take up all 5 IST spaces you have been allocated or less.

Please confirm to the UK European Jamboree Coordinator at europeanjamboree@scouts.org.uk how many of your allocated places you would like to take up by 30 September 2018. If you would like more than your allocated places please do indicate this as well as we will do our best to allocate you these after the deadline for expressions of interest closes.

How you select Young People and Leaders to be part of your group attending the European Jamboree 2020 is your local decision. You may choose to invite Young People to participate as part of their local Explorer Unit or you may decide to organise a county wide selection and allocate places as you would have done for the World Scout Jamboree.

Flexibility

We recognize that you would like to have more flexibility around how you build an international event for your Young People. For the European Jamboree 2020 you will pay your participation fee directly to the organizers and be responsible for organizing your travel to Gdansk and any kit and equipment that you need (food costs will be covered as part of your participation fee). You are free to organise pre or post event travel to make this an experience of a lifetime for your Young People. You will complete a visits abroad notification to attend the event locally in line with normal process.

Unfortunately the Scouts and Guides of Poland have already indicated that due to their limited capacity they are unable to offer Home or Hosted Hospitality around the European Jamboree.

Scout Store will be supplying an exclusive range of European Jamboree Merchandise (including a branded UK Necker) for you to purchase before the event. We recognize that you may have most of the equipment you need locally and this will be completely optional for you and your Young People.

The International Scout Support Unit will be on hand to provide advice and support on travelling to Europe and organizing visits aboard, particularly if this is the first time your leaders will have participated in an event like this.

Lower Costs

We have listened hard to your concerns about the rising costs of participating in International Events. The total cost to attend the European Jamboree 2020 is significantly lower than the attendance fee at the World Scout Jamboree. We hope that by giving you the flexibility to build your own package this will allow you to include more Young People who would not normally be able to attend an international event due to cost. We will be supporting those from Low Income backgrounds through grants from the International Fund. Details will be provided on registration of your patrols.

The participation fee for the UK at the European Jamboree

1850 Polish Zloty (approx. £376) for Leaders and participants
1250 Polish Zloty (approx. £255) for IST.

The Payment Schedule to the Jamboree organisers (Poland) is as follows:

31 January 2019 - 185 Zloty (Participants/ Leaders), 125 Zloty (IST)
30 September 2019 - 740 Zloty (Participants/ Leaders), 500 Zloty (IST)
31 March 2020 - 925 Zloty (Participants/ Leaders), 625 Zloty (IST)

Event Information

Event Dates:

Participants/ Leaders: 26 July 2020 (Arrival) to 6 August 2020

IST: 24 July (Arrival) to 7 August 2020

Location: Gdansk, Poland

Nearest Airport: Gdansk International Airport. The organisers will arrange transfers from Gdansk airport to the Jamboree site.

What's included in the participation fee? Transfers to/ from Gdansk Airport or Central Railway station, participation in the European Jamboree Programme including off site activities, food during the European Jamboree, opening and closing ceremonies.

What should I budget for? Travel to/ from Gdansk, Travel Insurance, Kit and Equipment, Spending Money, any pre/ post event activities you may organise.

What Next?

We will be holding a Webinar to explain more and answer your questions on the 23 August 2018.

There will be a central allocation to Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland where each of the country offices will manage places.

The Scouts are currently recruiting a volunteer European Jamboree Coordinator (applications close on 30 July 2018). Please visit <https://scouts.org.uk/about-us/volunteering-vacancies> for further info about volunteering vacancies.

Once you have decided how much of your allocation of 4 Patrols and 5 IST places you would take up please email europeanjamboree@scouts.org.uk. All expressions of interest must be received by 30 September.

If you would like help planning your visit to the European Jamboree the International Scout Support Unit would be delighted to support you. They can be contacted at enquiries@issu.org.uk.