

12-16 Months Prior to Your Trip

Money Makes YOU Go Round the World

Before you go money-earning crazy, you'll need to know how much money your trip will cost. Fill in the boxes below to create a budget. Remember to check exchange rates—the rate at which the U.S. dollar may be converted into another currency—when creating your daily expenses.



Travel Budget

Expenses	\$ for Group	\$ for You
Passport	\$ _____	\$ _____
Airfare	\$ _____	\$ _____
Lodging	\$ _____	\$ _____
Food	\$ _____	\$ _____
Event fees	\$ _____	\$ _____
Souvenirs, gifts	\$ _____	\$ _____
Local transportation	\$ _____	\$ _____
Miscellaneous	\$ _____	\$ _____
Emergency money	\$ _____	\$ _____
Admission fees (museums, theater, etc.)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____	\$ _____

*Note: See the appendix for a full-page printable version of this budget work sheet as well as a work sheet for individuals.

Help Yourself and the Community at the Same Time!

A Massachusetts Girl Scout spent almost three years collecting cans and bottles to redeem. The action she took not only helped the environment, but also covered the full cost of her trip to Australia.

think about this...

- Where are you going to stay?
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- What will airfare cost?
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- Will you be attending events?
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- Are there registration costs?
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- Will you sightsee?
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- How much will you spend on museums, performances, etc.?
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- How much will you need for food?
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- Have you included personal expenses: souvenirs, film, post cards, gifts, etc.?
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- How much for local travel: trains, buses, taxis, airport shuttle, etc.?
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- What do you need for emergencies?
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- Have you considered the cost of tips for tour guides, taxi drivers, etc.?
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Earning & Saving for your Trip

Now that you have an idea of how much the trip is going to cost, how much do you need to earn?

If you're traveling with a group, decide how much money each girl and her family can contribute. Then determine how much you can earn and contribute on your own. What's left is the amount you'll need to raise through money-earning projects.

Establish a group goal. How much will your group need to earn together? Everyone needs to agree on who does the work and who benefits. For example, what if someone decides not to travel with the group after she helped earn money? How will money be managed? The group must create a team agreement in advance. Be money smart. Consult with your adult adviser about ways to keep money safe.

Here's the cool thing about working on money-earning projects: You'll not only be working towards your trip, but you'll be building skills like budgeting, goal setting, marketing, and working with customers. You'll also learn good business practices you'll own forever!



Cool Ideas

for Earning Money

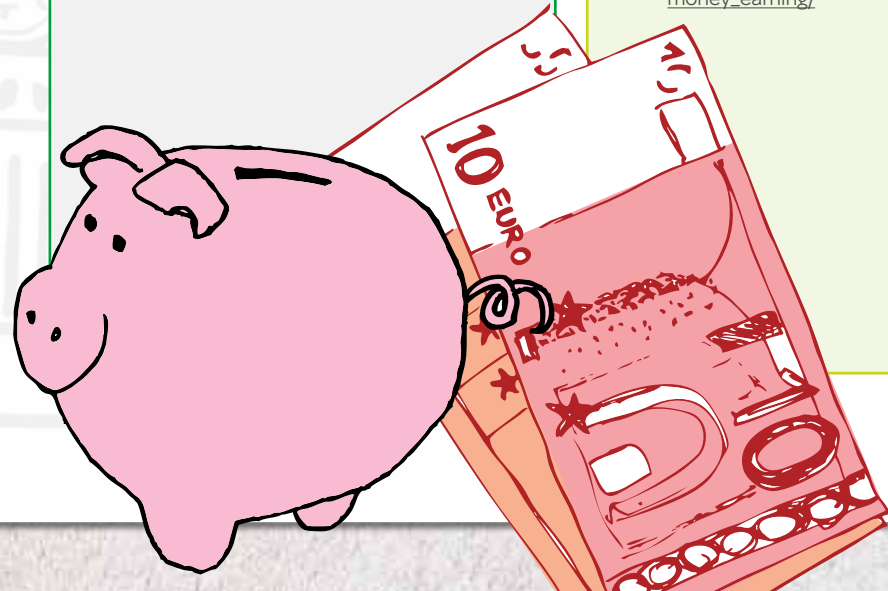
- Participate in the Girl Scout Cookie program
- Provide childcare at an event such as a community meeting or celebration dinner
- Pick up litter after sports events
- Organize a car wash
- Do face-painting at a neighborhood event
- Hold a can or bottle drive
- Teach dance or cooking
- Care for pets
- Create your own product or service

Look around your community and note what needs there are to be filled and how these needs match up with interests the girls in your group have.

MONEY-EARNING Guidelines

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- Get council approval for all money-earning projects.
- Always check with your council before requesting funds from local organizations, foundations, or businesses. Imagine if they gave you \$50 when your council could have gotten \$5,000 if you had coordinated the request?
- Present travel plans to potential contributors—but leave the “ask” to adults. In other words, share your excitement about your goal, but let the adults ask for donations.
- Set up a group travel bank account overseen by a designated adult.
- Review the money-earning information on the GSUSA Website: www.girlscouts.org/program/gc_central/money_earning/



Been There, Done That



Girl Scouts have traveled everywhere, so why not benefit from their experience? Here are ways Girl Scouts have earned money for travel:

"I know of troops in small communities that have put on big money-earning dinners and breakfasts. The key is to sell tickets ahead of time, so you only buy enough food to feed those who RSVP. Otherwise, you are out the money for extra food."

"We sell roses for Mother's Day. We partner with a flower wholesaler who sells us roses for \$9 a dozen and we sell them for \$20 a dozen. There is no out-of-pocket expense, and we get money from the customer at the time of the order. Then, we pick up and deliver the flowers the day before Mother's Day. The girls prepare nice boxes and each rose has a water vial on its base, so they are really fresh."

"We made and sold 'Jolly Jars,' jars with layered ingredients to make cookies or hot chocolate."

"We collect pop cans. Of course, Oregon, which is where I am, has a five cent deposit on pop cans, so it pays off. A garbage bag full of pop cans is worth about \$10. So, we collect cans from friends and neighbors all year long."

"We run the town Father/Daughter Square Dance and Spaghetti Supper."



Your Adult Network

Your network of trusted adults includes your parents or guardians, Girl Scout adviser, volunteers and council staff, friends or relatives who have traveled, and others. Perhaps your doctor, teacher, or guidance counselor can offer information, hands-on help, or advice as well.

Parental Buy-In

If you want to go on a trip, you'll have to partner with your adult adviser and let your parents or guardians in on your big plans. Once you have figured out the trip basics, organize a meeting with families and Girl Scout adults to discuss details, timelines, and finances. Put a professional spin on it by presenting your trip like a business plan. Use PowerPoint, for example, to make a slick slideshow. Include your purpose, itinerary, budget, money-earning projects, and more. Consider holding family update meetings every two to three months.

Besides the group meeting, you'll need to talk to your family individually. Review your council's guidelines and qualifications for trips together. Talk to your parent or guardian about the trip—where you want to go, why, the cost, etc. Once you have their approval, use your timeline to keep you moving full steam ahead, adding dates for completing applications (for *destinations*), earning money, etc. Give yourself plenty of time to get references and review your application.



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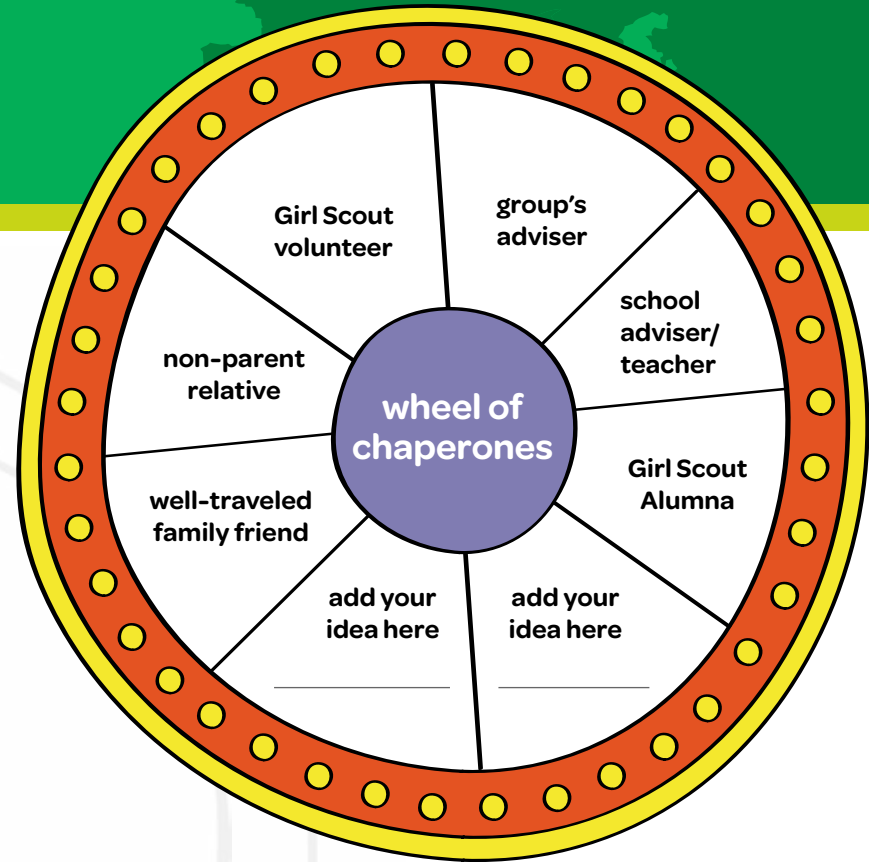
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Outside of giving you moral and financial support, you'll need adults to accompany you on your trip. These individuals might be Girl Scout volunteers, relatives, teachers, or someone completely different. Chaperones can have a big impact on your traveling experience, so make sure you have a say. Check with adults to make sure you have the right number of adults for your group.

Check out the Wheel of Chaperones. Think about each person (and add two of your own). What are the pros and cons of having each person chaperone? Who do you think would make the best chaperone? Consider age, travel experience, safety skills, temperament, level of responsibility, and familiarity with Girl Scouts.

Take it a step further by writing the name of at least one person from each category who could be a potential chaperone.



Who do you know in each category?

Girl Scout Volunteer

Group's Adviser

School Adviser/Teacher

Girl Scout Alumna

(Your Category)

(Your Category)

Well-traveled Family Friend

Non-parent Relative

5 Things to look for in a Chaperone-

Quality/Characteristic

Sets a positive example

Has prior traveling experience with girls

Is someone I could trust/turn to for help

Is knowledgeable (or willing to be) about Girl Scout travel

Handles pressure and stress well

Potential chaperone

Maritza (a part-time volunteer with your group)

She is a great role model.

She's been on local trips with our group before and she went on a trip to Our Chalet with another group last year.

I went to her when I was having that problem with Morgan. She gave me good advice and kept it just between us.

Definitely! She's already helped our group learn about the world centers.

When the bus never showed up for our whale-watching trip, all the girls freaked out, but Maritza calmed everyone down and figured out a way to get us to the boat in time.

Sounds like Maritza would make an excellent travel chaperone!

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The You Factor

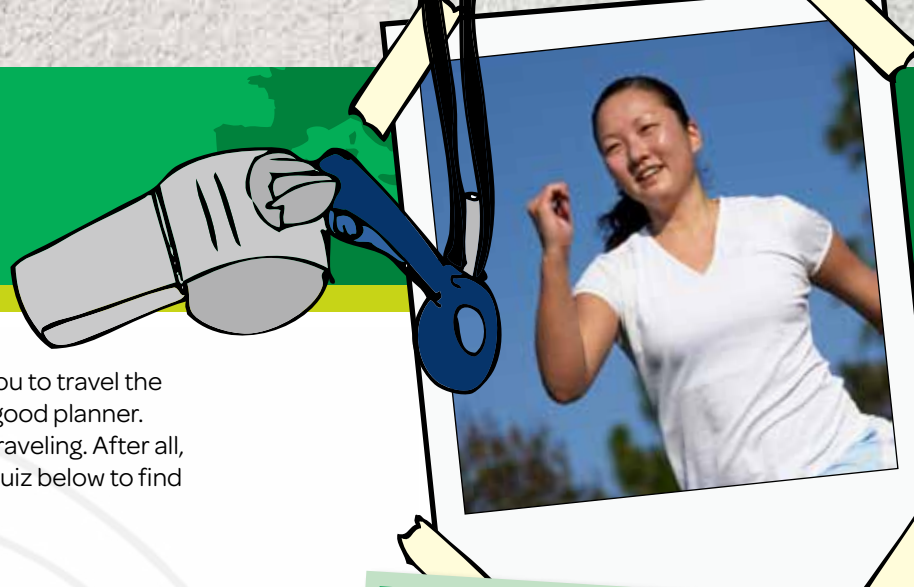
Take a break from trip planning and focus on you planning. How ready are you to travel the globe? Readiness means more than just packing the right shoes or being a good planner. It's about having the maturity to handle situations that arise when you are traveling. After all, being a globetrotter doesn't just happen overnight! Take the "R U Ready?" quiz below to find out how much readiness you have and how much you have yet to attain.

What's Your R (Readiness) Quotient?

Read each statement. Rate yourself on a scale 1–5 in terms of how true each statement is to/for you, with 1 being nothing like you and 5 being totally like you.

ARE YOU READY? *Super Quiz*

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| 01 I have visited another country before. | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| 02 I am interested in other cultures. | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| 03 I've been away from home for more than one week. | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| 04 I'm open to trying new things, even foods. | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| 05 I've traveled without my family. | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| 06 I adapt well in new situations. | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| 07 If I got separated from my group, I would be able to stay calm. | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| 08 I have a positive attitude. | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| 09 I follow the rules. | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| 10 I get along with different personalities. | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| 11 I communicate my frustrations and fears openly. | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |



RESULTS

Your Readiness Quotient

If you scored 16 or less— your R quotient is on the low side.

Discuss with your family if traveling internationally is right for you. You may need to get a little more travel experience under your belt. Check out the tips in the "Up Your R Quotient" box. There's plenty of time before your trip to up your level.

If you scored 17 or 27— your R quotient is somewhere in the middle.

Being in the middle means there's room to improve! Which statements did you rate yourself low on? Focus on turning those statements into 4's and you'll be "ready" to go in no time!

If you scored 28 or more— your R quotient is high.

You are so ready to travel the globe! Not only will you make a great leader for your group, but you'll be a great role model as well. Reach out to a girl in your group who could benefit from your high R quotient.

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Save lots of money, plan to do a lot of stuff, and get help planning from someone who's familiar with where you are going.

— Catherine, 17

Work hard to earn the money for your trip. It'll be worth it!

— Alexandra, 14

We promised to pay for the trip ourselves. We worked hard to earn the money. With the help of our community (through our bake sales), we were able to go!

— Ruth, 15

- Talk to Girl Scouts who have traveled. Ask about what worked and what didn't with their money-earning projects.
- With council approval, talk to local organizations and media outlets about your travel plans. Planting seeds here and there can bring an unexpected and happy harvest of financial support.
- Remember, you have a great money-earning project you're already a natural at: the Girl Scout Cookie program. Put a lot of effort into this year's sale!



Checklist

Before you move on to the next phase of planning your trip, did you:

- Determine costs and create a budget?
- Decide which money-earning projects you're going to do?
- Identify potential chaperones?
- Present the trip to your family individually and as part of a group?

Notes & Ideas

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