



## THE EXPLORER BELT



The Explorer Belt is the challenge of a lifetime. It is open to all members of the Scout Network and Explorer Scouts over the age of 16. It is your chance to undertake an international expedition over ten days that will bring you an understanding of a different country, its people and its way of life.

### **Requirements:**

- Plan and train for an international expedition as part of team of 3-4 people
- Travel to another country of your choice and travel through that country over ten days
- Complete a self-selected major project
- Complete ten smaller projects, five of which are surprise projects which will be decided by your assessors
- Keep a notebook or diary of your expedition
- Take part in a debriefing after the expedition
- Make a presentation about your expedition to a suitable audience

Most Explorer Belt expeditions are undertaken on foot, but you could use canoes, bicycles or even horses. You can use some public transport as part of the expedition, just as long as you still meet and talk with local people. Please remember that members of the Scout Association are not permitted to hitchhike.

Your expedition should last ten days. During this time, you should spend at least 30 hours travelling from place to place, visiting at least four different towns or villages. Aim to travel approximately 100 miles on foot, although this will depend on the route, weather and the physical ability of the team.

Your route should pass through towns and villages and not through challenging country requiring Activity Authorisation. Your project should involve meeting local people and should help you understand their way of life. It should be unique, as should your smaller projects.

### **Assessment:**

You will be assessed on how your knowledge of the country has developed and how you have developed personally. You will also be assessed on the quality of your expedition. Your notebook or diary will not be assessed.