



# Travel with GSEIWI

*Nation's Capital  
GSUSA National Convention*





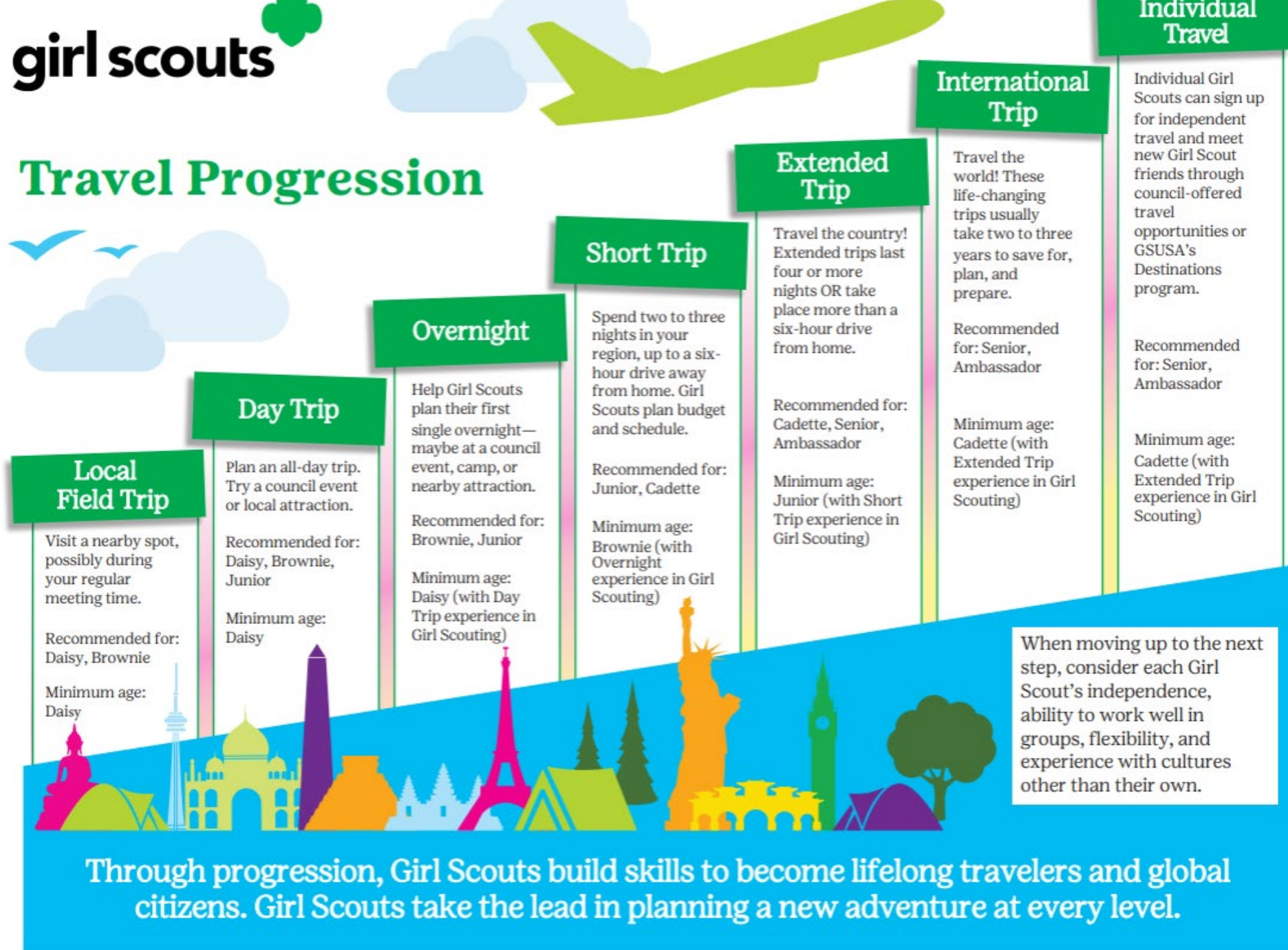
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## Senior Girl Experience Manager for GSEIWI (6.5 years)

- Planned/Hosted Approximately 6 trips with Girl Scouts
- First out of country trip: Girl Scouts Wider Opps (Now Destinations Travel)
- Beyond Girl Scouts travel: Scotland, Tanzania, Canary Islands, Amsterdam, Mexico, Canada, Bahamas



## Travel Progression



**Not  
JUST a  
trip!**



## **Learning through travel:**

Saving and Budgeting

Problem Solving

Taking responsibility for your actions

Break Stereotypes and Learn new Cultures

Spark new interests

Understand global impact of studies

Learn to adapt to life outside comforts of home



# **Life Lessons Learned through travel...**



**Life Lessons Learned  
through travel:**

**Everything  
does not go  
according to  
plan!**





Life Lessons Learned  
through travel:

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Travel allows  
you to make  
some of the  
greatest and  
most unique  
friends.





Life Lessons Learned through travel:

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Don't knock it if you  
have never tried it!



## Life Lessons Learned through travel:

Patience is a  
virtue,  
flexibility is  
key



Life Lessons Learned  
through travel:

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Doing  
something out  
of the ordinary  
helps you grow  
as a person.





Life Lessons Learned  
through travel:

It's about the  
journey, not  
the  
destination.



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Life Lessons Learned  
through travel:

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Don't take  
anything for  
granted.

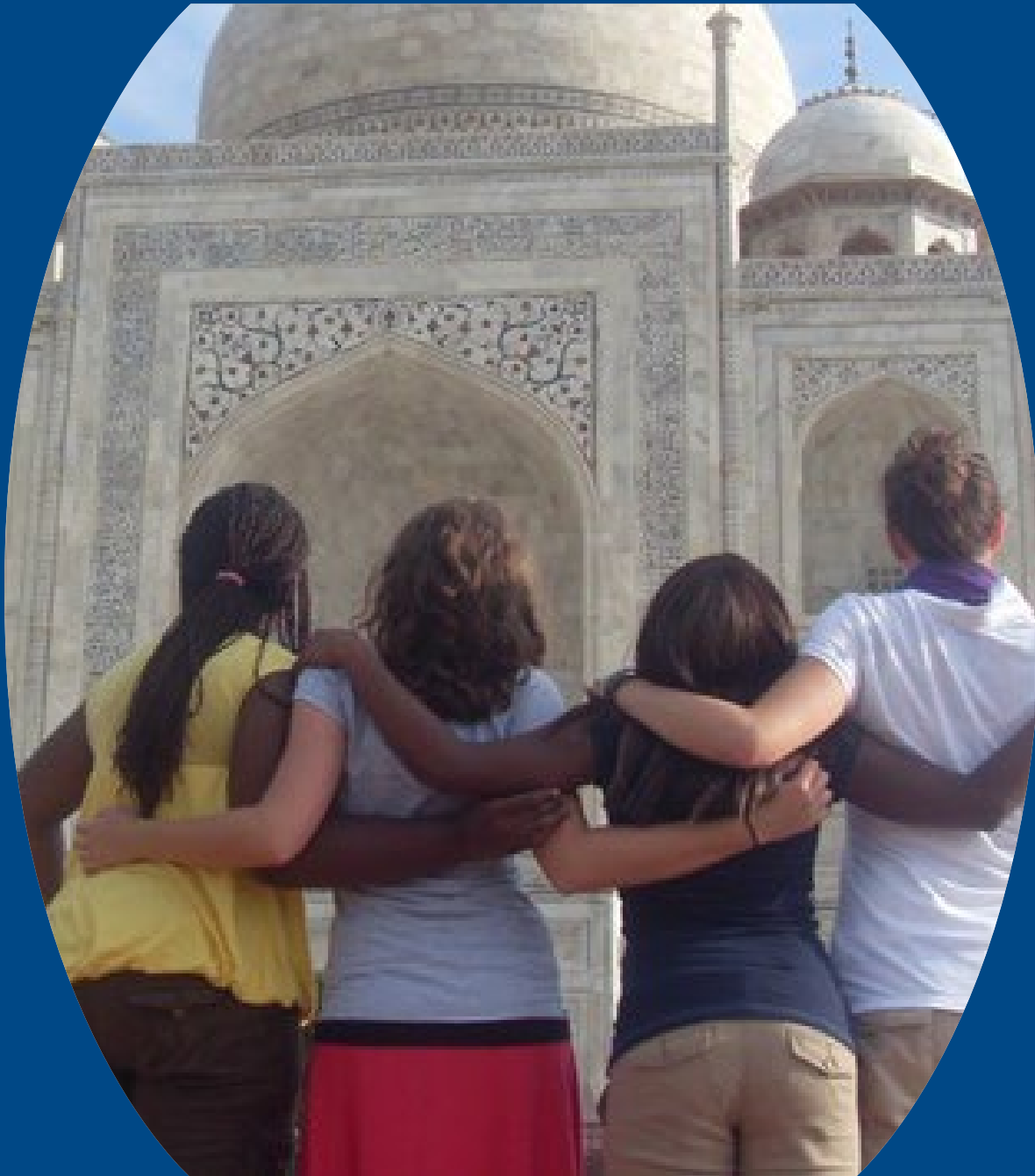






# Global Citizenship

*A global citizen understands their place in the world and how the decisions they make in their day-to-day lives can impact people everywhere. Girl Scouts are determined to make the world a better place and we can do that by developing knowledge, skills, and values that help us actively make our planet a better place for all.*



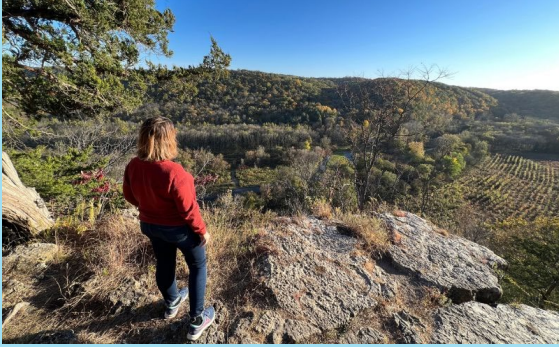
# Destinations



# Independent Travel

[Girlscoutstoday.org/travel](https://girlscoutstoday.org/travel)





Iowa Backpacking  
August 2025



Washington DC  
July 2026



Ecuador and  
Galapagos  
June 2026



Belize  
June 2027

# Nation's Capital GSUSA National Convention 2026

July 22-July 27

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# Nation's Capital GSUSA Convention

## **July 22<sup>nd</sup> Day 1:** Flight from Cedar Rapids, IA to Washington DC

Get settled in hotel

Hotel Block determined by GSUSA- January 2

Teambuilding

Dinner

\*Meals during travel participant paid

\*Rooming 4 youth per hotel room

\*Rooming 2 adult per hotel room



# July 23-25 Days of National Convention

Famous  
guest  
speakers

Representati  
ves from  
WAGGGS







## **National Convention July 23-25, 2026 Hall of Experiences**

Hands on Activities from country wide partners to explore.  
Past participants include NASA, US Parks and Wildlife, SETI, Padi scuba  
Lots of Girl Scout SWAG to pick up!



# Walter E. Washington Convention Center

Meet and hang out with  
5,000+ Girl Scout Sisters





# Explore Washington DC for 2-3 days!

Participants will choose  
sites to see and itinerary  
4 months prior to travel.

What do **YOU**  
want to see?



Smithsonian  
Museum of  
Natural  
History

# Pre-travel Virtual Meetings

Begin Feb. 2026  
Meet other  
participants

Design itinerary  
for additional days  
in Washington DC



Tour the White House or Nation's Capitol



# Explore Washington DC



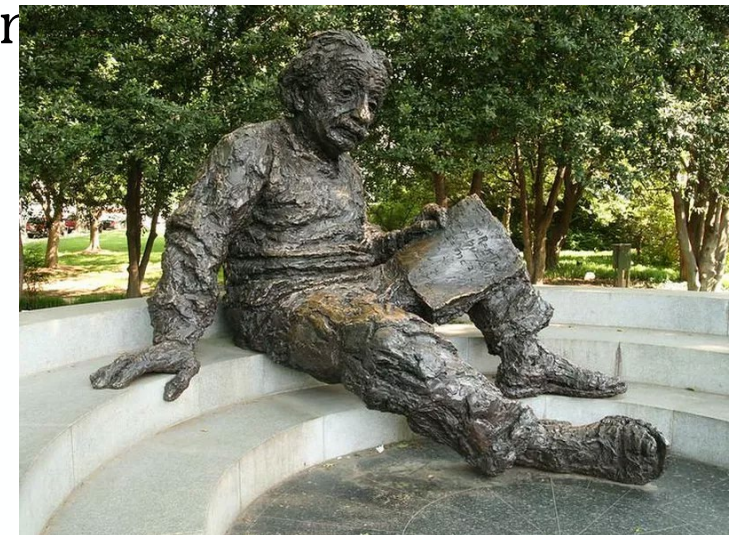
Smithsonian National Zoo

# Explore Washington DC



Explore and Shop in Georgetown

Or Albert Einstein Memorial





Cost: \$2650/youth  
\$2775/adult

ONE OF A KIND trip  
because  
YOU plan the activities!

**The travel cost includes:**

- 2-3 days of activities and special guests at the Girl Scout National Convention
- 2-3 days **Youth/Adult** planned exploration of Washington DC sites and activities
- Roundtrip Airfare from Cedar Rapids, IA to Washington DC and hotel transfer
- 3 Day Multi pass for the Metro Train and Bus
- 5 Night/6 days Dinner and Lodging
- Youth patrol with young alum chaperones
- Adult only patrol - Adults will have plans separate from the youth)
- GSUSA Convention Patch
- 5 Pre-trip virtual planning meetings with all travelers
- **Paid by Travelers:**
  - Breakfast/lunch
  - Spending money

**ENROLL NOW!**

Girl Scouts entering 6th grade the fall of 2026  
are eligible for this experience!

# Can Adults Attend too?

## YES!

You want to have an adventure too.

You desire to meet new adults and experience the world with them.

You do not want to hang with your child to supervise them.

Your goal is to check in with your child at meals and support their growth.

## Please Consider NO!

Your goal is to have a great mother/daughter, father/daughter bonding experience.

You do not feel your child is ready to take on this challenge and you want to help them.

It isn't safe for them to go anywhere without me.

My child doesn't want to room with someone else.



# Chaperones

- Young Alumni in 20's
- Lifetime Girl Scout Member
- Child Abuse Prevention Trained
- 1 Chaperone will be certified nurse
- Experience Travelling with Girl Scouts
- Experience with Teenagers
- Attends all pre-trip meetings
- Application Process

## Tips for Paying for a trip!

Plan early to begin to save! Trip is approx 2 years out

Payment plans spread out cost: enroll early for best price

Talk with family about value/cost and how to include in budget

Ask for family donations in lieu of presents on family holidays

Bank program credit from Fall Product and Cookie Sales

Volunteer in Travel Fundraisers at Halloweekend/Journey the World events

Get a job: like babysitting, mowing lawns

Forgo “special” purchases for the 2 years

$\$2650 = 3,533$  boxes of cookies!







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