

**Event:** Explorer Belt 2019

**Location:** Scandinavia

**Dates:** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**Info Day:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January

**Training Weekend** (Mandatory attendance): Easter Weekend: Thursday (evening) 18<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 22d April

**Cost:** €950

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**Who:** Rover Scouts registered with Scouting Ireland

### **What is it?**

The Scouting Ireland Explorer Belt is the challenge of a lifetime that is available to Rover Scouts aged over 18 on the day of departure and 25 or under on the 31<sup>st</sup> August of the year of departure. It is a chance to undertake an International Expedition over ten days that brings a real understanding of a different country, its people and way of life. It is designed to help Rover Scouts develop this understanding of another country by traveling through that country, working as a small team to complete a series of projects, and, most importantly, by meeting local people.

The basic elements of the Scouting Ireland Explorer Belt Expedition are as follows:

1. Ten to twelve days of travel covering a minimum of 290 km of countryside through towns and villages
2. A minimum of 200 km must take place on foot, and an additional 90 - 100 km must be traveled using certified public transport
3. Keeping a log of your journey and experiences
4. Completing a number of Prescribed Projects assigned to you by the Expedition Team
5. Living on a limited budget

The event is for teams of two. Participants can sign up as a team or as an individual and every effort will be made to find you a partner.

Teams will be dropped off at an undisclosed location and only then provided with your end destination.

The ten day expedition will culminate with teams meeting at base camp. The assessment team will arrive to base camp shortly afterwards and will read the projects and logs the teams have submitted and will meet the teams over a number of days to determine if the criteria of 'The Explorer Belt Award' has been met.

### **Payment Schedule:**

<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
30.01.2019	€300 non-refundable deposit
28.02.2019	€250 installment
30.03.2019	€200 installment
30.04.2019	€200 final installment